

## **Teloepa 63-68 – Newsletter #25, 12 October 2012**

Welcome to newsletter #25. If you missed any of the earlier ones, or would like to re read them, you will find them [here](#). I got a lot of responses to the last one, lots of kind words, I thank you for those. As I said to one person that is one of the joys that come with this gig.

Now, I'll start this one with an apology to any people receiving this email who don't want to get it. I had a (minor) disaster when I accidentally deleted my group/ bulk email address list. Frustration and wasted time but hopefully I've learnt something and won't do it again! Maybe now is a good time to update your location, email address, phone and street address (not to be published). Read on.

### **Winners.**

My last emails were sent at 10.39 am (the newsletter) and 10.47 am (the fundraiser).

First response:

From Jennie Fenton, partner of Nigel Murray-Harvey at 10.59.

First expression of interest in the Christine Harris trip to Tibet:

Ian Kerr at 2.21.

First wine order:

Steve Hills at 5.22.

Well done and thank you.

Sorry, no prizes.

### **Gary Dowthwaite.**

Here is some good news from him:

"Just a short email to let you know I have been let out of hospital. My blood pressure and blood glucose levels, although low, have been stable for the last few days and the doctors felt that staying in hospital would not be of benefit to me. They had me booked into a respite care unit down here but I was not too keen on that. I am staying with some friends at Nelligen for a few days before returning home. I can receive emails and my mobile number is 0402578870. The doctors want me to get out in the sunshine and fresh air, do a bit of walking and generally build my health up again. If there are any changes or my condition worsens I am to return to hospital. I then have a couple of appointments, in Canberra, with my cardiologist, Peter French".

I spoke with Gary yesterday. He was in Sydney at the [Wooden Boat Show](#). His plans for bringing a boat home from the US are still on hold (as you might expect). He told me that he was pleased to have heard from some of you. Others may like to contact him.

### **Fundraising.**

Sales to you and to Bill Andrews' Rotary connections have raised over \$2000 for a very good cause. This is a lovely story which now involves Ian Hill and people he works with at NSW Rail. I am hoping to accompany Bill on one of his next trips to West Timor/ Flores to see the project and help if possible.

### **Canberra 100/ Reunion event next year?**

From the official website:

When is Canberra's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday?

Canberra's actual 'birthday' is celebrated on 12 March, the day the foundation stones were laid for a "Commencement Column" in 1913, and the new Australian capital was officially named "Canberra" by Lady Denman, wife of the then Governor-General. However, it should be noted that

while 12 March 2013 will be a centrepiece for Centenary celebrations, the program of events and activities will run throughout the entire year.

<http://www.canberra100.com.au/calendar/2013/march/?page=2>

Things are hotting up, you should see the list of planned activities. Lots of international sport happening here.

The key event commemorates the official naming of Canberra on 12 March 1912.

Do we want to do something to coincide with this? Expressions of interest please from anyone who would like to help organise and/ or be involved. Any ideas?

### **Telopeans getting together.**

Deborah Macfarlane and Elizabeth Martin got to the Basement performance of Ian Kerr's choir, including new member Ian Hill.

You can find the photographic proof [here](#).

You will find other get togethers there too. Please send any records that you might have and wish to put there.

Simon Downie visited Christine Harris in Verona but no photo (yet).

### **Yarralumla.**

Many of you grew up living in Yarralumla. As far as I know there are now three of us here - my wife and I, and Ross Bain. We haven't moved far - from Mawson, Curtin and Garran respectively. Those of you who have been here recently can't help but notice the changes. There are few weatherboard cottages left, lots of new houses and townhouses and it is very fashionable/ desirable. Its proximity to the lake and so many of Canberra's attractions make it a great place to live. But I'm curious; can you remember if there was much wildlife here back in the 1960s? A couple of weeks ago my wife was sitting at her desk and saw a kangaroo bouncing up the street. I often see foxes at night but came out one morning recently and saw a fox less than 25 metres from me, he was being attacked by magpies. There are many rabbits and kangaroos in Stirling Park, opposite us. They call Canberra "the bush capital" with good reason.

### **John Walsh/ children.**

John and I have been riding around the lake quite a bit, usually from Yarralumla to Kingston for a cup of coffee and then back. This is now on hold because he is again in Alice Springs with wife Judi's Flying Doctor work. I mention this because last Sunday I was watching the Channel 9 news and there was a report from Florence on the four sisters recently sent home to their Italian father after their Australian mother lost her family court case. The reporter in Florence was John's daughter Sophie.

The story is here:

<http://www.smh.com.au/national/sisters-moved-from-fathers-house-20121007-2774t.html>

As you can see, Sophie gets her looks from her Mum (luckily).

It caused me to wonder ....

Many of us have raised families and now have the joys of being grandparents. At least one of us (Jan Nelson) is a great grandparent. Have we produced any other prominent people? Any well known artists, writers, sportspeople?

### **Robert Somosi**

I found Robert. Hopefully some news of his colourful story in the next newsletter.

## Teachers.

Since my last newsletter I have found two more teachers who some of you have been asking after. Mrs Hinder is spending time between Griffith, NSW and Canberra where her son [Jayson](#) is an ALP candidate in the local House of Assembly election on October 20.

Mrs Hinder can be contacted on [colleen.hinder@bigpond.com](mailto:colleen.hinder@bigpond.com)

Mrs Rehak is part of a group called the Heartbeats which entertains some of Canberra's (more) senior citizens.

## Rodney Plows.

I mentioned my newsagency connection with Rodney and his talent for fixing wrapping machines. Showing what a small world it is I received this brief note from Bob (Pup) Allen, now a newsagent in Nowra:

Brett,

I know I'm not an active 'member' but I appreciate the news you send and I'd like to thank you for the great community service you provide. Rodney did my wrapping machine also.

## Call for recipes for TPHS cookbook.

I've been asked to see anyone is able to help with this. Originally pasted on Facebook, there is already one contribution. Thank you Patrick Britten.

You have until October 26 to get your recipe to [telopeacookbook@gmail.com](mailto:telopeacookbook@gmail.com)

### Mignon Est Merveilleuse

"A call out to former Telopea Park students!

In honour of Telopea Park School's 90th birthday, 30th anniversary of the signing of the bi-national agreement with France and the Centenary of Canberra in 2013, the current Telopea Park School P&C will be publishing a cookbook to celebrate the diverse history of the school. We are calling for all former and current students of the school to submit a family recipe. The book will be beautiful and professionally produced and ready for purchase in early 2013, with all proceeds going back to the school.

Food is a wonderful way to come together, so please share your culinary skills and memories with us and be a part of this special project! Please submit recipes with the following details:

- metric measurements and easy to follow instructions
- category (starter, main, dessert, etc.)
- your full name and a brief explanation of your relationship to Telopea (including graduating year group)
- the story behind the recipe and its country of origin.

Recipes can be emailed to [telopeacookbook@gmail.com](mailto:telopeacookbook@gmail.com) by Friday, 26 October 2012. We look forward to hearing from you!

Well, that's all for now. Planning is under way for another lunch in Sydney and for the next lunch in Melbourne. Stay tuned. Please feel free to use this newsletter - send in contributions, ask questions, help me to fill in the missing gaps on [this page](#) of photos and stories and locations. The master list shows 354 people who were at Telopea at some stage as our year moved through the school between 1963 and 1968. There are 328 photos of us from the 1960s, 145 more recent photos, 92 stories (mostly contributed, some Googled), locations for about 216 and 183 email addresses.

Best wishes,  
Brett