

Newsletter no 10 – 7 July 2011

The website www.telozea68.org is humming.

It is being updated almost daily. See the latest photos and stories. There is a lovely entry in the Guest Book from Mrs Aitkin. Under MEMORIES I have written about an event that I believe happened but I can't find any corroboration. Under NEWS Jan has put all nine earlier emails for those who came later and missed some (or for those who might want to revisit them and see where we came from).

On Monday I added Diane White, the 350th person on our list. She was identified for the first time in two class photos (3M4 and 4M4) by Penny Watson. I never knew Diane and I have no idea where she is. Then tonight I was given the 2 F - G photo where I found three more (Anne Bradley, Stanley Hunt and Helen Tyszkiewicz)) - can anyone help me find these people?

Receiving the 2 F / G class photo means that we now have six class photos for the first three years at TPHS. 4M1 to 4M4 are there - was there a 4M5 and/ or 4M6 and can anyone supply them? We have 5E1, 5E2 and 5E3 - how many more classes were there in fifth form? I know there were at least five classes in sixth form because I have 6E1 to 6E3 and I have 6E5 - does anyone have the missing 6E4?

As I mentioned above there are now 350 names. Remember, you didn't need to be at Telozea for the whole period 1963 - 1968 to qualify. You just needed to be in the progressing year at any stage from when it started in 1963. Telozea attracted many children who were part of families that moved (armed services, public service, diplomats both Australian and foreign, academics) as well as those who called Canberra home. There may be some who weren't in our year - tell me. Some names may be wrong - was there a Carol Byrne and a Carol Burnett or is she the person identified as Janette Burgess? Please help. And there are still some missing names.

There are 313 individual photos from the 1960s. We now have 79 photos of what some of us look like now. There are 16 contributed biographical stories of what has happened to some of us since we left Telozea. Please send me a recent photo of yourself and a summary of your journey.

Another favour. There are almost twenty people in our group who don't have email addresses (see that column on the Telozeans 63 -68). I have posted them a letter requesting that they team up with someone on the list who does. That way they can stay informed. Maybe you can contact one and offer to pass on updates by phone. I have contact details if you need them.

One of the last people to come on board was Sara Brown. Someone told Sara about our website and she made a comment in the Guest Book. I contacted her and she has been a wealth of information. She put me in contact with Jim Knox who told me that Colin died in a car accident on the M6 in England two years ago. She asked about Vicki Brooks who had not been found. Sara mentioned that Vicki's father Wal had done some sports reporting. Jackpot! I had played golf with Wal before his death, not knowing he had a daughter at Telozea. Coincidentally Wal was a regular partner with Mr Burnett. I play bridge against Wal's widow who is also a golfer and a member of my golf club. I rang Mrs Brooks and asked if she had a daughter named Vicki. I was dumbfounded when the answer was NO. It transpired that this Mrs Brooks was the second and happily I found Vicki who is now also on board. Sara has also researched at the National Library and found Cheryl Carn's death notice (from May 2003).

VOLUNTEERS. At our last committee meeting we made progress on the organising and the pricing of the events. For the next step we need volunteers to make final decisions on the catering for our drinks and nibbles at the Methodist Hall after our school visit on Friday 14 October. The Forrest Bowling Club doesn't offer catering but we can use their kitchen for our Saturday night event. We intend to buy in finger food and employ people to handle that but we need volunteers for those decisions. We need volunteers to decide what we supply and how we do the brunch/ barbecue at Manuka Pool on Sunday 16 October. I hope we get a number of volunteers to share the load. We also need a volunteer(s) to do name badges. Has anyone done that in their working lives? It would also be wonderful if someone had spreadsheet skills to record acceptances, receipts and payments. Who wants to do that?

Jan has set up a Telopea 63-68 Facebook Group for those who are into that. Here are the details:

http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_206057272767189&ap=1

I can't help thinking of October as I try to sleep. My latest idea is to replicate the idea in this photo copied from an art gallery in New York. Would it be a good (or a BAD) idea to group people in the same order as in class photos?



I am in contact with many of you by phone and/ or by email and it is a very interesting and satisfying project. There is pleasure, excitement even and also a little bit of anticipation. One particular person told me a while ago that she was determined to lose five kilos. When I last asked she had not lost even one.

Finally I want again to publicly thank Jan Nelson (Skorich) for all the work she has done. She enters all of the information on the website and all of the updates and corrections. I am retired but Jan is still working full time. Without her this wouldn't be happening. Thank you also to those who have contributed via the committee, and to all those who have sent in photographs and stories. And to those of you who are about to send in photos and stories - soon? Don't forget to visit the Guest Book and leave a message for all to share.

My parting thought is that there is now less than a hundred days till we meet again. And don't forget to volunteer.

Best wishes from a wintery Canberra where we are expecting minus 6 tonight. But I heard today that a survey says we are the happiest capital city in Australia,

Brett