

Newsletter no 3.

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Subject: Reunion - we have a date

Our committee met on Thursday and we decided on the weekend of Saturday 15th/ Sunday 16th October next year for the 'official reunion'.

A number of people had asked me not to make it during the winter months. We were influenced by how wonderful Canberra has looked in October this year. Although we have had lots of rain the weather was pretty good then. Consequently, as those who live here know, the town is looking particularly lush and the flowers have looked amazing. You should see the bottlebrushes. Recently we have had so much rain that the dams are now full – 100%. I remember seeing low 40s% earlier this year.

Now, as financial advisors always warn, past performances don't necessarily predict the future but we will cross our fingers for good weather.

I have started a Picasa photo album entitled Telopeans Now. Here is the link:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/Brett.Yeats/TelopeansNow?feat=directlink>

The people who turned up here are in the album plus a few extras. Send me a picture of you (or any others from our list) and I will add you to the album. The link won't change but the content will so check back in from time to time. While you're thinking about a photo please consider a biography, as long or as short as you like.

The reunion will comprise many events.

Here are some that we are considering:

1. A dinner on the Saturday night. We are thinking of finger food that allows people to circulate and catch up with the maximum number of people. Venue to be decided.
2. Barbecue at Telopea Park and/ or Weston Park and/ or Manuka Pool (still run by a Taverner).
3. Evening at the Services Club (near Manuka Oval) with house band starring some of the following – Stan Bakker, Archie Vanderglas, John Walsh, Brian Starke on guitars; Col Curran on drums, Ian Kerr on keyboards and Steve Bisset and Steve

Maitland on clarinet/ trombone. Contact band leader Stan if you want to know more. Other instruments/ players? Vocalists?

4. Tennis afternoon at Forrest Tennis Club (Friday?). Non players can gather there for chatting and drinks. Barbecue available. Dinner/ drinks at Bowling Club if you wish.
5. Tour of TPHS after students leave (Thurs. Fri. 4 pm).
6. Tour of Old Parliament House (any day). I am a volunteer guide at OPH and should be able to get people into parts not normally available to the public. I've been surprised by how many of us had connections with this place.
7. Breakfast at the Southern Cross Yacht Club (Sunday).
8. Tour of Old Bus Depot markets (Sunday). Award winning business (<http://www.obdm.com.au/>) inducted into the Australian Tourism Hall of Fame. Run by Peter Thompson's wife and her partner.
9. Random coffees and lunches at Manuka/ Kingston.
10. Golf tournament at Fairbairn (Sat./ Sun.)
11. Open to suggestions.

Obviously, it depends on demand – how many of you want events like this?

October is a long way off but the reunion is already happening. Various people are catching up with each other in person, on the phone and by email. Sadly, some will meet at Alan Bacon's funeral. I intend to let people know when any of you outoftowners might be in town and we will offer opportunities for people to get together. For example, Rob Nicholls will be in Canberra from Melbourne this weekend to visit his parents. I have arranged to meet Rob and his wife Jenny at the Southern Cross Yacht Club in Yarralumla at 12.30 on Sunday. They do a pretty good fish and chips there that you can have in the public area beside the lake. You can BYO drinks, you can bring a picnic or eat/ drink in the club. If the weather is inclement we can go inside. We intend to stay till 2.00. Those who wish to can catch up with us there – come anytime between 12.30 and 2.00.

Many of you Sydney/ Melbourne people also still have parents here and visit, I'd love to see John Pumpurs and Steve Maitland (just to name two) in Canberra before October. And I'm hoping that Steve Bisset will get to Canberra in June/ July and we can do something similar then.

We still haven't solved the IT situation and the format of a website. You may have noticed that I forgot to Blind Copy the notice about Alan Bacon. That shouldn't be too much of a problem – I don't think that I sent out anything that people had privacy issues about. So today I'm attaching a list of email addresses and phone numbers and broad locations for those we've found. I have street addresses for most of the people that we've found – ask me for any you need. Please let me know if there are any problems (privacy, errors) or if you can help find the missing. Feedback welcomed.

Best wishes till next email, I hope some of you can catch up at the Yacht Club on Sunday.