

Newsletter no 6

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Subject: www.telopea68.org

Exciting news! Yes, we have a website www.telopea68.org. Early days, still under construction but visit now and keep checking.

My thanks to Jan Nelson (Skorich) and Barry Ballard. Barry registered our domain and Jan has put her experience from Dragons Abreast (dragon boating for breast cancer survivors, see Jan's story) to filling it out. She has loaded over 200 photos and some stories. Please supply more photos and more stories.

Where does time go? It is almost two months since I sent Email No. 5 so there is much to report. This one is now being emailed to 153 people and posted to others.

1. Privacy.

I have decided to list, where I have them, your email address and general location. This allows you to contact someone by email so you can get a phone number and/ or postal address from them. Alternatively I have many of these details and you can contact me. If you have concerns please contact me, i.e. if you ask I will remove your email address/ location.

2. A number of people have met for dinners/ lunches/ coffees and some have been recorded on cameras. You can see these on Teloceans Now:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/Brett.Yeats/TeloceansNow?feat=directlink> (also accessible via our website under Gallery). There are now 39 photos in that album.

I have also been provided with a number of class photos which have been scanned and added to Teloceans Then:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/Brett.Yeats/TeloceansThen?feat=directlink> There are 35 photos in that album.

Please help me with missing and wrongly identified/ spelt names, there have been some disagreements – it was a long time ago.

Do you have any of the missing class photos or other sporting groups? Either scan and email, or if you post them to me I can scan them and I promise to return them. The school historian is also keen to collect these historical treasures.

3. I've been thrilled to hear that many people are already committed to coming in October. I've been asked about accommodation. I did visit the Hotel Kurrajong and The Brassey to talk about having a function there. I also asked about special rates. The prices I was given were higher than is available on wotif. Some are talking apartments – I spoke to Pinnacle Apartments and they had better rates than wotif for two/ three and four bedroom apartments for those who want to share. I know some people want to lock in something now but I am hoping that we might be able to organise billets. My local golf club managed to provide billets for players who wanted them during an international tournament recently. There are considerably more Canberra residents in our group than 'outsiders' and this will probably translate into twice as many locals involved in our reunion. We have time so can people contact me with offers and requests? More to follow later on this.

4. Now is the time to get some feedback on numbers. Can you please indicate your current feeling as to how likely you are to participate? Definitely/ definitely not/ possibly/ unlikely? And would you have a partner with you?

5. The format that the committee has discussed is for a Saturday evening function with finger food which will allow people to sit/ stand and circulate to catch up with as many people as possible. On the Thursday and/ or Friday before (subject to numbers) we will be able to visit the old classrooms between 4.00 and 6.00, after the students have left and before it is locked up for the night. We will also organise a barbecue at either the Manuka swimming pool or Telopea Park. Other events are planned, details later.

6. Missing persons. I've attached a list of people who I have not been able to find. Can anyone help me with these?

7. Committee meeting - time for our second. I'm away from Monday 21 February, back on Wednesday 2 March. How does Tuesday 8 March suit those who came the first time? Would anyone else like to join us?

That's all for now.

At least ten people on our list live in Queensland. I hope none of you have were hurt by the dreadful flooding and cyclones, and the same for anyone living in other parts of the country experiencing this unusual weather.

And I hope 2011 has started well for you all and I wish you the best for the rest of the year.

Brett