

Newsletter no 7.

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**Subject:** Happy Canberra Day

Canberra was named at a ceremony on 12 March 1913 by [Lady Denman](#), the wife of the then [Governor-General Lord Denman](#).

Now to the reunion, more to report.

The website [www.telopea68.org](http://www.telopea68.org) is operating and attracting good comments.

We have a GUEST BOOK (you can link to it from our website) ready and waiting for your comments. This will allow you to share your thoughts, your news with the rest of us.

One lovely little incident, I received an email out of the blue from Penny Watson. I've been looking for Penny without success. I had been told that she had been seen in Canberra and was probably still around. About a month ago Penny Googled "Telopea 1968" and found a website under construction. She checked a few times and then found all the pictures and info, quite a surprise without any of the history. Turns out that Penny moved to Brisbane 31 years ago but still has a sister and a daughter here. Penny also supplied a missing class photo and has organised for Telopea to now be on YouTube (film of a head of the lake rowing regatta).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9nzYhqvHDjg>

You can find it on our new website feature – Videos. Judy Bullock has a DVD with early film and Stan Bakker has more rowing film. Len Whyte has offered to edit these down to bite sized packages with subject headings and we'll get them there as soon as we can. Any other film would be gratefully accepted.

Penny's class photo unearthed another name for the list. We now have 319 people who qualify. At last count there are 244 'Then' photos of you and 58 'Now' photos. More stories have arrived. 35 people have told me that they will be coming to the reunion in October. This email is going to 161 people and more by post.

I have class photos for 1A, 1C, 1D and 1E. Marilyn is sending me 1B and I'll have that up soon. Was there a 1F?

I have 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D and 2E – was there a 2F?

I have 3M1 – 3M6, a full set.

I have 4M1, 4M3, 4M4 – can anyone provide 4M2, was there a 4M5?

I only have 5E1, 5E2 and 5E3 – surely there were more. Anyone?

Finally, 6E1, 6E2, 6E3 and 6E5 are up there – 6E4 please?

Still missing some names and still some spelling confusion – Paul McDonald or Paul MacDonald for example. Thank you to those who have sent in corrections.

Despite our best efforts we have ended up with the weekend when Floriade finishes, during school holidays, and when Manuka Pool is closed! Disaster I thought, people have booked accommodation and even flights. I can't change the dates. After a few deep breaths and further investigation the benefits are that you can visit Floriade while you are here (if you wish), we can still get into the school and the classrooms and without schoolkids around, and we will have Manuka Pool to ourselves. How's that?

Our committee meeting has made lots of progress, mainly in reining in some of my extravagant ideas for a week full of events. So we are firming up on the following program.

### **Friday.**

Access to the school including classrooms from 3.30 till 4.30. This will be followed by nibbles/ drinks/ get together in the Uniting Church hall opposite the front of the school. This is the old Methodist Hall where the church held Cabarets or was it the Tangerine Teapot? Not surprisingly, back then we were not allowed to consume beer or wine at these dances. We still can't bring beer but I will be able to get dispensation for us to drink wine with our nibbles if you choose instead of/ as well as coffee, tea, juice.

That evening people can then go off to Manuka/ Kingston/ home visits or your accommodation in your own reunited groups.

### **Saturday.**

The big reunion. We have booked the Canberra Services Club. There will be plenty of tables and chairs in the main room for moving around. Finger food available in a separate room which we can pass around. A tab at the bar for drinks. At some stage of the evening we hope to have a band playing with lots of familiar faces.

<http://canberraservicesclub.com.au/Contacts.html>

Some history: <http://canberraservicesclub.com.au/History.html>

### **Sunday.**

Brunch/ barbecue lunch at Manuka pool.

<http://www.manukapool.com.au/history.html>

<http://www.manukapool.com.au/index.html>

<http://swimmingpoolstories.blogspot.com/search/label/John%20Taverner>

John Taverner, an ex Telopean like us (but a bit younger) is the manager and will give us a great welcome. His family started as managers of the pool in 1947, what a history.

As I said, not officially open then so you won't be able to swim but it means that we will have the place to ourselves. John will offer tours with the history of the place.

Rather than sharing the public barbecues which are much smaller and less efficient we will have the excellent large hotplates at the pool.

That is the basic framework around which you can break into smaller groups doing your own things. We might still offer tennis at Forrest (for players and spectators), maybe golf if there are enough participants. We will put together costings, it should be quite modest. Early days but please send me an indication – YES/ NO/ MAYBE and we'll worry about partners later. Numbers affect the open day tour of the school (we may need to offer Thursday as well if possible or extend the times) and choice of venues (the Services Club should be big enough).

Memories.

Terry Woollcott has done a terrific job with her reminiscing and I've given her the task of chasing more. Bill Williams has made a terrific contribution. Please send anything you would like to add to [trancewhizbang@gmail.com](mailto:trancewhizbang@gmail.com) or you can send it to me.

This is your reunion and it is happening now so please participate where you can (photos, stories, memories, missing details). For example, I know that about 90 people are in the Canberra/ Queanbeyan area and roughly the same number aren't. If I don't have a location for you please notify me.

Accommodation. I'm still hoping that we can organise a lot of billeting. Canberrans, let me know if you can provide a bed or two. Non Canberrans, let me know if you would like me to help. Or talk amongst yourselves.

Emails from me will become less frequent as the website takes over. Please look for news and changes there. Don't forget to send me a current/ recent photo.

Thanks for your help.

Brett