

Newsletter no 9.

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Subject: Telopea reunion October 15 - June update

A reminder, our website is www.telopea68.org

It is now less than four months to the big event.

Since we last communicated Jenny and I have had a lovely dinner with Lois Carlson and her husband Michael in their apartment on the 46th floor of a Chicago skyscraper. John Walsh has had lunch with Ian Barnes in London and Barry Ballard has had lunch in Melbourne with Ruth Ingram, Sue Cranston, Rob Nicholls and Marilyn Beaumont (and partners).

The first Telopean I saw when I returned from the US was Archie Vanderglas at Bruce Stadium where his son Henry had his first run on game for the Brumbies (he had been on the reserve bench in previous games). Today I went to Parliament House for a refugee function and heard my name called by one of the security people - it was Phil McAppion. And this week I've had two visits to Sandra Whichelo (nee Shumack) who taught at Telopea for 21 years.

The reunion.

I paid the deposit today for our Saturday night function at the Forrest Bowling Club. Thank you for all your responses, I think we have approximately 90 acceptances including partners plus another ten maybes. I keep hearing that others are coming, please tell me. Check your status on the website (right hand column under Attending?) - if we have the wrong information please send me a correction.

Committee meeting.

Time to get together again. We need to discuss catering and costing. Could those who have been before please come again? John Walsh in London is excused. Newcomers are welcome. Suggested time - next Wednesday (29 June) at 7.30 pm at my place in Yarralumla.

Your story.

I've been asking for your story in any format you like to give. I hadn't set a good example until now. My story is now up there. It's not as painful to do as you might think - have a go!

Photos - I need some help with the class photos (click on Telopeans Then in the Gallery section).

Can anyone confirm how many class photos there should be?

Last night I got 1F (thanks Michele).

We have 1A to 1F; 2A to 2E; 3M1 to 3M6; 4M1 to 4M4; 5E1 to 5E3; 6E1 to 6E5 but missing 6E4.

Surely we now have all the first and third form classes but was there another second form class? Were there only four classes in fourth form? If there were five classes in sixth form there must have been more than three in fifth form.

Is there anyone out there with any of the missing photographs?

Missing names - I'm missing one name in each of these classes (1B, 1C, 2C, 2E, 5E2), two names in 3M6 and 6E2, three names in 3M3 and 4M4, four missing in 2B, six from 3M4 and a lot of 1F. Send me your suggestions (and corrections) and apologies if you have already done this but I missed your email.

Recent photos of YOU - come on, send them in and let's fill more of those gaps. Don't be shy.

News/ guest book.

The guest book isn't working as I had hoped. I thought more people might make entries that all could read directly. Is there a better way to share news out there?

Missing names.

Still quite a few. It is unrealistic to expect to get them all but I'm sure we can find a few more. People I remember that I feel we should be able to get are Craig Clayton and Viviane Lowden (both appear on Friends Reunited but that doesn't help), I hear that Christine Harris is in Italy. I've heard some vague information about Gabrielle Prindl, Alan Hamilton, Renate Rudowski and Greg Rees. Any leads?

Finally, since I last wrote I'm aware that three of you have lost a parent. Not surprising really but sad nevertheless; as we enter our 60s then our parents are in their 80s and 90s. Condolences to Robert Nicholls, Judy Smith and Colin Curran. It is a time to reflect.

Best wishes to you all,

Brett