

## Newsletter #30 – 10 April 2013

Who would have thought back when I sent the first newsletter on 17 October 2010 that we would still be going strong now. This one will go to 180 ex students and 16 teachers. The history is [here](#).

### Nigel Murray-Harvey

The catalyst for this newsletter is the big event happening on Saturday, the naming of the new Black Mountain Rowing Club racing eight in honour of Nigel Murray-Harvey. It was mentioned in the last newsletter. Many Telopeans will be there and it is not too late for you to join us. Contact me, or Stan Bakker on 6295 9821 if you want more details or just turn up. Peter Wright, the main contact, is on 0417 430 577 or [PWright@ccontrol.com.au](mailto:PWright@ccontrol.com.au)

Peter has been very successful in promoting this event via the Canberra Times. Here is an interesting story written by Ian Warden on Wednesday, complete with a wonderful photo of Nigel:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/coaching-them-to-the-line-20130409-2hjjg.html>

Peter tells me that an interview that Nigel recorded with Tim Gavel will be played on ABC 666 at 2.30 this (Friday) afternoon.

Stan tells me that many rowers will be there including Peter Harris who is arriving in town today.

No doubt people will kick on for other activities after the naming ceremony. See Stan on Saturday about where people will gather for dinner.

Here is a reminder of the details:

***Date and Time:*** The boat naming will be held on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013** commencing at 9:30am

***Location:*** The boat naming will be held at the Black Mountain Rowing Club boatshed in Rusty Robertson Place which is located on Black Mountain Peninsula off Lady Denman Drive.

***Refreshments:*** Coffee, tea and breakfast will be served.

### Henry Kark

One of the quiet supporters of our reunion venture is Henry Kark. He has helped me a lot with photographs in the past. Recently he forwarded me this story from the Canberra Times:

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I am in contact with Esther Davies, Telopea's historian and archivist. There will be school events later in the year. Stay tuned.

### Jan Nelson

This amazing woman is not only the busiest [Facebooker](#) I know, still working full time and a great grandmother of three but she is also in hard training for the [National Dragon Boat Championships](#) which will be held in Sydney next week. Jan is competing in two

different teams - the ACT team and the Dragon Flyers. She tells me that she is determined to beat NSW and Queensland. She is hoping to qualify for the World Championships in Italy next year. I'm sure you all join me in wishing her the best of luck. [Here is a reminder](#) of her story. And she is still the person who updates our website. (Thank you, Jan).

### **Christine Harris**

I've also been speaking with Christine Harris in Verona, Italy. As you may have gathered, the proposed trip to Tibet this year will not happen. I am still hopeful that we may get it off the ground next year. A number of people have told me that they are interested but the timing was wrong. Please let me know if you would like to know more if we can get it to happen next year.

Christine has just returned from taking a group of eight to Jordan. She was overwhelmed by what she saw at Petra so maybe that is another possibility.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Petra>

We'll see ....

### **Mrs Barbara Brinton/ Miss Barbara Wells**

The reunion still provides me with delightful surprises. Last night I received an email from Barbara and so I rang her. I don't remember her (I didn't do art) but I'm looking forward to seeing her on Saturday. Here is some news of Barbara, now living in Rivett.

*Great to stumble across your site. Lots of old friends!*

*I taught Visual Arts, with Nigel Murray Harvey, at Telopea from January 1967. I replaced Colleen Hinder. I left Telopea in 1971 (?), moving with Alec Macpherson to Weston Creek High to open the Art Department there. (I went on to teach in Early childhood, then to lecture at UC for about 5 years and, from 1984 to 2003 was at the National Gallery of Australia, Manager of Education). I served on the Board of Studies Visual Arts Panel for about ten years.*

*Barbara Brinton (nee Wills)*

### **Teachers.**

I haven't spent a lot of time on chasing up teachers - until now. I do have email addresses for many teachers ([see here](#)). You will find seven 'current' photos and stories about three of them on that page. I would be grateful if any of you teachers out there receiving this email could help me with this project - a recent photo, a bio as brief or as long as you care to write. And contact details and news for anyone not on my list. Thanks.

Finally, it was good to hear from John Ewing updating me with a change of email address. John is now living on the Gold Coast, nice to know that he wants to keep in touch.

Best wishes to you all,

I hope to see some of you on Saturday,

Brett