

Newsletter 22 – 16 March 2012

Canberra get together from 10.00 am on Saturday 31 March.

At Nara Park in Yarralumla, off Flynn Drive, opposite the back entrance to the Hyatt Hotel.

See [here for location](#).



Melbourne has had their two lunches and are planning the third one, and Sydney has had their first. Other less official gatherings have occurred in various places.

So it is time for something for local Canberrans. We decided a brunch/ barbecue was the casual answer. We decided to meet from 10.00 am onwards at Nara Park, Yarralumla.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lennox_Gardens

There are a number of tables and benches and a barbecue that we anticipate won't be in great demand at that time. BYO sausages/ cakes/ coffee/ other drinks/ maybe fold up chairs and blankets. No costs so no charges. All welcome, maybe let me or [Jan](#) or [Sara Brown](#) or [Judy Smith](#) or [Bill Andrews](#) or [Patrick Britten](#) know so that we have a feel for the numbers. All welcome, including non Canberrans of course. Kaye Hargreaves is one Melburnian who will be there.

Ring me on 6281 7684 with any thoughts and/ or questions.

Debrief.

At long last we had a small debrief of the big October reunion. All agreed that it was successful and we wouldn't change too much with hindsight. The feeling does seem to be to do it again in 2016, in another five years when the excuse is that we will have reached 65.

There will be something in 2013 when Canberra celebrates the centenary of the official naming of this place as the capital city. It is also 90 years since the opening of Telopea and it will be 50 years since our year started high school. Stay tuned.

For those of you interested in statistics, there are 215 faces in the six first form classes and approximately 350 people listed on our website. I haven't calculated how many of those went all the way through. Who wants to do that exercise?

We also discussed the frequency of newsletters. I was inclined to send one each month but we have decided to do this less often, more on a needs basis. If you have something you would like sent out please get it to me.

End of the Taverner era at Manuka Pool.

Manuka Pool was a big part of many lives in the 1960s - see the [videos of swimming](#) carnivals on our website.

John Taverner, known to all as Tav, has announced his retirement. Tav started working at Manuka Pool in 1980 under his father Owen and took over as manager from his father in 1990. Owen started as a lifeguard there in 1947 and became the manager in 1956. For the mathematically challenged that is a 65 year family commitment and well worth celebrating. Tav is having an open day farewell on Sunday 25 March from 10 till 4.

For more read this:

<http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/taverner-ready-to-lap-up-life-after-manuka-pool-20120215-1t7e5.html>

Other Telopea reunions.

Some of you have siblings in other years or may have other reasons for being curious about what other Telopeans have been doing.

Those who finished in 1962 are getting together this weekend. Here is their website:

<http://tphs1962.blogspot.com.au/>

http://tphs1962.blogspot.com.au/2011_05_01_archive.html

Those who finished in 1969:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/telopeaparkhighschool/page1/>

And the one for those who finished in 1971:

<http://www.wix.com/michelehall/tphsreunion40years1971>

Canberra Centenary.

Those of us living in Canberra had a public holiday on Monday - Canberra Day. 99 years since Lady Denman officially named Canberra on 12 March, 1913.

There is a very interesting Wikipedia entry on this event here:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gertrude_Denman,_Baroness_Denman

Some of the events planned to celebrate the centenary were announced, read more here at the official website:

<http://www.canberra100.com.au/>

If you are feeling nostalgic, have a look at these 15 photographs of Canberra in earlier times:

<https://plus.google.com/photos/108979565804729735010/albums/5716491084386506417/5716491363415862178?banner=pwa&gpsrc=pwr1#photos/108979565804729735010/albums/5716491084386506417/5716491207090354674>

Missing gaps.

Still looking for more people, more photos, more biographies. A big prize for anyone who can find a copy of the one and only missing class photo. 33 were taken and we have [32 of them on the website](#). The only one we don't have is 5E5.

Since last email I've had contact for the first time with Renate Rudowski, Janice Franklin and Viviane Lowden - welcome on board.

We've also found that Helen White is a celebrity in Hall. Check [here](#) and [here](#). Well done, Helen, I will take up that offer of coffee one of these days.

That's all for now.

I'll be at Nara Park on Saturday 31 March, I hope to see many of you there.

Best wishes,

Brett