Hello fellow Telopeans,

Fancy being up to Newsletter No. 23. The first went out on October 17, 2010. If you missed any or want to remind yourself of the journey you can re read them under <u>NEWS</u> on the website <u>www.telopea68.org</u>

Do go back from time to time because the website is being updated, although more slowly these days. Still looking for more photos and more stories. Recent photos since the last newsletter from Peter Berents (in Sydney) and Ross Clarke (in South Africa). Thanks Peter. I think this makes 143 'now' photos. I would love to get more.

A new story soon from Bev Carron Maybe Christine Harris in Italy? Maybe Michael Kidd?

As you know, I get a kick when we find someone new. The most recent find was Craig Clayton (with help from Rob Willoughby) - read his story <u>here</u>. Still very recognisable, Craig is dividing his time between the Philippines and the US.

Other news to report is that we had a small gathering in Canberra just before Easter attended by 14 Telopeans (Terry Woollcott, Phil Freeman, Brett Yeats, Jennifer Hendy, John Walsh, Kaye Hargreaves, Andrew Wright, Elizabeth Martin, Leonie Skinner, Judy Smith, Stan Bakker, Len Whyte and Gary Dowthwaite. Sara Brown left before the photo was taken) plus a few partners. Here is a photo. The surprise was Gary's arrival. Gary had sent me an email from Cairns at 5pm the day before, regretting that he couldn't join us. A late decision saw him on the last plane to Sydney. He borrowed a car in the morning to get to Canberra. I hope he wasn't expecting the 100+ we had in October but Gary was pleased to see so many Yarralumla kids and he caught up with Guenther, Archie and Howard at the Easts footy later on. Gary's big news is that he plans to fly to the US to buy a boat and then sail it back to Australia. Good luck to him.

The next Melbourne lunch has been scheduled for Saturday 2 June at the NGV. The following notice has already gone to the Victorians but all are welcome.

Dear Telopeans,

Ruth and I have organized our next happy gathering to coincide with Brett and Jennifer's return from serious adventure travels to South America. We will have the pleasure of hearing about their trip 'hot off the press' over lunch on Saturday 2nd June at 12.30 pm.

The venue is The National Gallery of Victoria, Persimmon Restaurant, 180 St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

There will be two menu options to choose from:

Menu 1 - A choice of three main courses, choice of three desserts and a glass of red, white or sparkling wine - \$ 40.

Menu 2 - An entrée sharing plate for two people, a choice of three main courses, choice of three desserts and a glass of red, white or sparkling wine - \$ 55.

Side dishes are available - shoestring fries, mixed leaf salad or spinach – at an additional cost of \$ 9 per dish.

As the restaurant is currently refreshing its wine list we will forward this closer to the time.

Please let us know if you would like to come along and a gentle reminder regarding mentioning any dietary requirements.

Looking forward to seeing you very soon.

Best regards from Ruth and I,

Valda.

Please contact Valda on 0403 197 035 or Ruth on 0422 092 389 or you can email them (or anyone else) by clicking on their email addresses in the right hand column of the <u>Telopeans 63 - 68 page</u>.

Jenny and I will be there and hope to see many of you.

Please send any news to me, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,

Brett