

## **TELOPEA PARK HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963-1968**

### **NEWSLETTER #26 - 24 NOVEMBER 2012**

Lots of news and events. I apologise for the lack of warning for some of them. I'm driving to Melbourne in the morning to attend my elder son's engagement party and to see him before he leaves for New Zealand, the home of the bride to be. I'm back next Wednesday night.

Remember, your contributions to this newsletter are encouraged and welcomed.

Best wishes to you all,

Brett

#### **1. Website**

You may be interested to learn that the website has been running for over two years now. And it will run for at least one more year because we've just extended it for another twelve months. As I write we have had 3278 hits. Keep checking [www.telopea68.org](http://www.telopea68.org) for news of your fellow students, their locations and stories. You know you can find 32 of the 33 class photos taken between 1963 and 1968 [here](#). Exciting news is that Jeff Pollard was in the missing class photo and he thinks he might have it at home in Darwin. But we have to wait until 2013 to find out. Jeff is the latest person to send in his story and Tricia's is almost here.

#### **2. Jeff Pollard**

I had the pleasure of catching up with Jeff and Tricia (Goodwin) Pollard this week. Jeff will be at the Forrest Bowling Club on Friday (23rd) at about 6pm with Stan Bakker. Others expected there are Peter Thompson, Archie Vanderglas, Howard Duffy, Guenther Ploy, Phil McAppion. You can ring Jeff on 0419 809 926.

#### **3. Melbourne lunch this Saturday (24 November)**

Deborah Macfarlane has organised a Telopea lunch at Sirens Restaurant, Williamstown for 1pm. Jenny and I will be there and look forward to catching up with a few of you.

Still time to add your name to the list by emailing Deborah at [deborahmacfarlane@gmail.com](mailto:deborahmacfarlane@gmail.com) or ringing her on 0432 498 639.

#### **4. Sydney lunch**

Elizabeth Martin is hoping to organise a Sydney lunch to coincide with the next visit from Italy of Christine Harris and a time when Gary Dowthwaite is in Sydney visiting his son. It is likely to be in January. If you would like to know more please email Elizabeth at [lizziehow@gmail.com](mailto:lizziehow@gmail.com)

#### **5. Peter Thompson**

Recently I spent two days with Peter Thompson at his farm out near Boorowa. What an experience it was and what an inspiration he is. He has 1000 acres and 1500 sheep and he does it almost on his own. From a wheelchair! It is a beautiful property with a wonderful house and garden and Peter is a terrific host. At the end of our working day we dined well and enjoyed some wines. We are talking

about organising a lunch combined with a working bee, probably next year. Who would be interested in this?

One project that Peter is considering is creating nesting habitat for the [Superb Parrots](#) in his area. Cute birds, watch one on [youtube here](#).

## 6. Bill Williams

Bill has been doing the Camino in Spain, the pilgrimage walk to Santiago de Compostela.

Are you back yet, Bill?

I have been lucky enough to read his witty descriptions of his venture.

I recommend that you write to Bill at [miloscz@yahoo.com.au](mailto:miloscz@yahoo.com.au) and ask him if you can read his brilliant prose.

Here is a taste:

Why ....

...did the chicken cross the road. There I was, stepping through a village called Rootland or something like that, population eleven and a half, when a chicken did exactly that. It tried to cross the road. Unlike me, it was a sensible fowl and turned back just before it got to the other side.

Today I was ready to come home. I had walked 38 k yesterday because I got lost and when I eventually made my destination everything was closed. So I had to walk on until I found somewhere to stay. It was a municipal Albergue in a village the size of Major's Creek and just as remote. Municipal albergues are like drop in places for the down and outs. I slept with a Russian, three Germans and a Chinese girl all squashed into a room the size of a caravan. Everyone snored, except maybe the Chinese girl. The Russian started folding his plastic clothes at about 6am, just after he'd finished playing all of Rachmaninov's concertos through his nose. He kept folding and unfolding for an hour and a half until he had woken most of northern Spain.....

## 7. Barbara McGann

The arty Barbara McGann has recently opened a small gallery which she has named The Tiny Gallery. Last weekend I visited her and saw the gallery at her house in Downer and I saw the pieces that she has made plus pieces from Terry Woollcott. I took these photographs to give you a flavour of what you will see.

Here is her story and I encourage you to call in. Read on .....



## THE TINY GALLERY

Since reconnecting in September this year, after a lapse of 48 years, Terry Woolcott and I, (Barbara McGann), .... class of 1963, ..... have opened up a TINY GALLERY together to showcase and sell our artistic creations.

We have on display....

1. Nature illustrations
2. Collage work
3. Decoupage glassware
4. Necklaces and earrings constructed from recycled paper
5. Beaded earrings
6. Pendants constructed from vintage fabric, hand sewn sequins and decoupage buttons
7. Framed artworks.

(Terry had a career as an illustrator for many years, and I frequently exhibit at the Belconnen Arts Centre Art and Craft Market...the next being the "Christmas Twilight Market" at the BAC on Saturday December 1 from 3pm - 7pm).

Each piece is unique, and our prices range from \$5.00 to \$70.00. (Our prices do not reflect the time and effort we devote to our pieces).

We will be offering discounts to ex TPHS students.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. PLEASE VISIT AND BROWSE.

### DETAILS:

ADDRESS: 5 BANFIELD ST. DOWNER. A.C.T.

OPEN TIMES: SATURDAY and SUNDAY...10AM - 4PM.....OR..... give me a call on 62411355, and I can open at your convenience to browse. (Please do not feel compelled to buy. You would be most welcome to just visit and have a look).

We both look forward to seeing you, Barbara McGann and Terry Woolcott.

## 8. Recipes

You might recall that we were invited to submit recipes for a TPHS cook book. While I didn't get any (apart from Patrick Britten's as mentioned) I did get a letter from four ladies in their 80s who attended Telopea Primary School in the 1930/ 1940s (before going to Canberra High School because Telopea didn't have high school classes then). I'm still not sure how this happened but it was a pleasant surprise. The editors have been disappointed with their responses so they are still accepting recipes if you have any to offer. Email to [telopeacookbook@gmail.com](mailto:telopeacookbook@gmail.com)



## 9. Yarralumla.

Recently while Googling I found this document of Yarralumla (or Westridge) residents from 1967. It shows names of the adult residents, their street address and their occupations. There are many Telopea names that I recognise (Brown, Megee, Cusbert, Dowthwaite, Whitelaw, Lee, Mundy, Wright, Bakker, Joyner, Dukic, Sedaitis, Fenton, Pechey, Rudowski, Britten, Ploy, Pomroy, Lightbody) and I'm sure you will find more if you are interested:

<http://hiddencanberra.webs.com/1967%20Electoral%20rolls/1967%20YARRALUMLA.pdf.pdf>

## 10. Arlo Guthrie at Southern Cross Club Woden on February 28

Earlier this year I organised a table of Telopeans to Ralph McTell's concert in Canberra. It was such a successful night that I'm intending to get a group together to see the legendary Arlo Guthrie, son of Woody and performer of the famous Alice's Restaurant.

For a taste of what Arlo does or a reminder there are 72 Youtube videos here:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvMS\\_ykLiIQ&feature=list\\_other&playnext=1&list=AL94UKMTqg-9C-50TjzwbY0PH6NB1rWJ\\_L](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TvMS_ykLiIQ&feature=list_other&playnext=1&list=AL94UKMTqg-9C-50TjzwbY0PH6NB1rWJ_L)

The support act is his daughter Sarah Lee with her husband Johnny Irion. Here they are doing some delightful kids songs (not typical of their work):

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CZJmfW1Zzn8&feature=related>

Tickets are \$55 and dinner is available in the club beforehand. Jenny and I and Moira are starters, who else would like to come?

## 11. Christine Harris

Christine will be visiting her mother in Sydney between December 19 and January 25. I have talked her into coming to stay with me in Canberra January 1 - 5. We have many plans including a lunch and/ or dinner here in Yarralumla. If you would like to catch up with her please contact me or Christine at [crihar@gmail.com](mailto:crihar@gmail.com)

We are still working on our Tibet itinerary. The latest version commences in Kathmandu on July 10 and lasts about 19 days. Stay tuned.