

February 2013 - Newsletter 29

Greetings.

1. Let's start with the picnic. Here is a message from Terry Woollcott.

Hi everyone,

Dana Breese will be in Canberra soon and would like to catch up with some Telopeans. We'll be having lunch in Nara Park on Thursday 7th March at lunchtime...round midday.

If you can make it please bring a picnic and join us there.

Looking forward to catching up.

Cheers,

Terry Woollcott

I know Kaye Hargreaves is up from Melbourne and will be there. I'll be there, too.

Terry can be contacted at trancewhizbang@gmail.com or on 6235 0110.

I hope to see you there.

2. Derek Weise.

I've received the following sad news from Derek's wife Julie.

Hi Brett,

Sorry to say, Derek is not doing very well. He has been at Clare Holland House Hospice in Barton since 7th January unable to get pain under control.

We are facing a downhill battle, so unfair .

Doctors say he has only weeks ????

It is Derek's birthday tomorrow (23 February) and all the family are going in.

Hopefully it will put a smile on his face to see and know how much he is treasured, he has always been such a caring, loving wonderful family man.

Regards

Julie Weise

There is not much I can add to this except that my sympathies are with Derek and his family. Julie (and Derek) were hoping to contact Christopher Hunter. I have not been able to find any lead on Christopher - if you can help here please contact me.

3. Nigel Murray-Harvey.

I've been contacted by Peter Wright of the Black Mountain Rowing Club to invite you to attend the naming of the club's new racing eight, The Nigel Murray-Harvey.

It will happen at 9.30 on Saturday 13 April. All the details are in the attached document. Nigel will be present and he is looking forward to catching up with old friends.

Peter is on 0417 439 577 or email PWright@ccontrol.com.au.

There are RSVP instructions in the document. The Black Mountain Rowing Club evolved from the original Telopea Park High School Rowing Club, which was founded in 1964. The Club had great success for the next 10 years with Nigel playing a major part in that success.

4. The Mildenhall Collection.

Stan Bakker has sent me this link to the Mildenhall collection of photographs of early Canberra:

http://mildenhall.moadoph.gov.au/photos?sort_order=asc&search=&from=1+Jan+1921&to=31+Dec+1935

Definitely worth a look.

5. Canberra Centenary.

While I'm on the subject of Canberra I received an email about all the things happening here in the next few days: [Try this link](#).

Lots to see and do. (But I'll be in Batemans Bay playing in their annual bridge congress). Especially [Enlighten](#).

6. Robert Somosi.

I finally caught up with Robert at the Old Bus Depot Markets on Sunday. It was good to see him. I knew that he had had a severe stroke (in July 2011) but I didn't realise how life threatening it had been. Robert has made an amazing, brave recovery. I've heard Robert's life described as "colourful" and it was interesting to

spend some time with him. Peter Jansen also called in to say hello. Robert is there on the first Sunday of each month plus he will be back again on March 17.

7. Michael O'Ferrall

From Mike Burns (in Western Australia).

Hi Brett

I think a lot of our group would want to know about the passing of Michael O'Ferrall, a notable figure at ANU in the late 60s and early 70s. He ran the poetry club, blues and jazz clubs and organised a lot of the bands at the student union, notably during the Aquarius Festival. He married Ilse Alps (sister of Anita) and they spent some years in Northern Territory Aboriginal settlements before settling in Perth.

He was the curator of the Aboriginal and South East Asian Collections at the West Australian Art Gallery for decades, and ran a few exhibitions after his retirement.

He was an extraordinarily knowledgeable man, passionate about arts, politics and history, and I was lucky enough to enjoy their company on many occasions. Ilse carved out a fine career in the Health Department, initiating many important projects in women's health. They have two lovely daughters, Elvira, who has three children, and Christine.

I imagine notices will go out this weekend.

Regards

Mike

There is [more on Michael here](#).

8. Gabrielle Prindl.

I received an email from Peter Crick last week. He is currently doing some IT work for David McIlrath at [Maca's Camping Ground](#) at Mullumbimby. This led to the email below:

Hi Brett,

I found your name while doing a search for Gabrielle, and I see you have had the same luck as I in regards to making any contact. I was at CGS in 1968 and met her and went out with her at times from then until 1971, when she married a guy working at a brewery in Sydney. Since then I have heard nothing of her, and every now and then I think about her and wonder what has happened in her life. I would love to see her again if that ever were possible.

Regards,

Peter Crick

Isn't it a small world? While at Canberra Grammar School Peter also went out with the girl who became my wife. His parents were customers of our newsagency in Garran from 1978 - 1987. If anyone has news of Gabrielle I would be thrilled to hear from you.

And finally

9. Judy Horacek

Judy Horacek is a cartoonist who lived in Canberra for many years. I've admired her work for years and I'm on her newsletter mailing list:

<http://horacek.com.au/topic-of-the-month/mar2013/>

She always brings a smile to my face. You might like to join it too after looking at this month's effort.

It is always terrific to hear from you. I'm getting regular updates from Andrew Wright who has been in Malmo, Sweden for over a month after an extensive trip around Europe and the UK. He won't be back before June. Thank you Ian and Lib Dodsworth for your information on the [Coast To Coast](#) walk in England which might be the way that my wife and I celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary later this year.

Best wishes to you all,

Brett

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