Telopea Park High School Reunion 1963-1968

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A few of us are meeting at my place in Yarralumla this Friday at midday. We will try to finalise catering details for the three planned events.

I need to know this before we set prices, then we can invite payments to our bank account and get a better idea of final numbers. If anyone else is able to come you will be most welcome.

When did you last visit our website? There have been 1365 hits since we started counting on March 18. Look at Memories, News (all newsletters in case you missed any), Videos. Have you found Ian Kerr playing and singing the school song? Ian would like you to record yourself singing along and he would like to put together a version like a school assembly. In Gallery, click on *Telopeans Then* and you will find 31 of the 33 class photos taken of our year between 1963 and 1968. We are missing 5E4 and 5E5 - can anyone find these?

But the highlight is our Telopeans 63 -68 page.

I want to thank all the people who have sent in their story. There are now 26 contributed pieces plus what I have found via Google. If you haven't read them, all you have to do is click on the link next to the photos. I'll make it even easier, here are the contributed stories:

Bill Andrews, Barry Ballard, Ian Barnes, Kathleen Belgrove, Peter Berents, Patrick Britten, Roger Brown, Sara Brown, Dinah Clark, Esther Cutts, Ian Dodsworth, Phil Freeman, Michael Guppy, Margaret Hanfield, Merrin Howe, Ruth Ingram, Ian Kerr, Lesley McKay, Barbara Meech, Jan Nelson, Chris Slater, Judy Smith, Roslyn Woodyer, Len Whyte, Brett Yeats, Richard Emery

Also check out contributions from Jan Aitkin and Nigel Murray-Harvey.

I think there are now 87 'now' photos. Thank you if you have contributed yours. Some I have ambushed. Probably better to send me one rather than be caught unawares.

A number of you have promised to send in something. If you have sent something and it isn't there, I hope I haven't lost anything, please resend. The earlier the better, time is running out.

The reunion continues to roll along and more and more people are deciding to come. Over the weekend Richard Swan told me that he is another one making the long journey from USA.

There are quite few people who are proving very elusive. I think we might have found Christine Harris in Italy, Deborah Macfarlane is looking into that. From a look at the list you can see who is missing. Some of those that either I am curious about or I've been asked about are Craig Clayton (USA?), Alan Hamilton, Sue Hosking, Renate Rudowski, Viviane Lowden, Val Clark, Judy Bowman and Gabrielle Prindl. If you have a lead on anyone please share it with me.

I've also been asked about how some of those who are listed as deceased died. Can anyone enlighten me there - especially Pat Morant, Valda Krastins, Judy Streatfield?

On this subject, again, since the last email I have learnt of the death of Mrs Hanfield, Mr Meech, Mr Riess and Mr Duffy. My condolences to Margaret, Barbara, Lothar and Howard. It is to be expected but I have been struck by how many of us are in this situation in the last year or so. I'm also aware that many are caring for parents with varying degrees of dementia. On the other hand many are delighting in the presence of grandchildren (even great grandchildren, Jan). I guess that's life.

Accommodation

See vou soon,

I mentioned before that I may be able to help with billets. Test me.

Otherwise, some are staying at the <u>Forrest Inn</u> who still have some availability. The Hotel Kurrajong and Brassey House aren't too far away. The Diamant in Acton is pretty swish. <u>Angus Hall</u> does bed and breakfast and so do a couple I know from my bridge club (<u>David and Romayne Ash</u>).

The school archivist/ historian (Esther Davies) has your records. I've seen mine, there isn't a lot to them but I found it interesting to see what was recorded. We won't have time to look at them but if you would like a copy it might be possible for either me or Esther to photocopy what is there. BUT, it is 2011 and in this modern world privacy concerns mean that your permission/ request is required. If you want me to pursue this for you please post a letter to me stating that you give permission.

Looking forward to the event, to seeing people from a long time ago and some who I never met. I hope Canberra turns on its best weather for you.

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