Plan for the membership drive

Judy Hill, our membership co-ordinator, has been developing the plan for the membership drive and part of the diagrammatic representation of the plan, below, sets out graphically, how it will work. Go to http://www.mullumbimby-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/ for the full graphic.

However, if you think you can sign someone up, please let her know. Let’s not leave it all to just these four intrepid volunteers. We look forward to getting some updates on their progress in due course.

Here is the Association’s inaugural team of four people who are prepared to be local contacts. This map shows you that they range from Canberra to the Sunshine Coast, and inland to Toowoomba. Thank you to Lyle Robb, who is on the organising committee for a reunion coming up in October this year; Nerida Dean (Siwicki) in Canberra who is also playing a lead role in organising a reunion plan for next year; Ian Vagg on the Sunshine Coast and Carol Erskine (Gilmore) at Nowrybar. If you are within their zones, click on the link to make contact.

The guidelines to the role of local contact have been approved by the Association’s Committee and agreed to by these local contacts. We have tapped into the collective experience and wisdom of some informal networks successfully built up over the last fifty years.

In this process, the Secretary is available to provide names of local people and advise on Association events.

The four volunteers will start with people they know, and ask them to contact others. They will use the internet opportunities provided by Facebook and Friends Reunited, and they will also refer to the White Pages.

Names and addresses of new people and details of planned events will be provided to the Association, and new members can then be recruited. Social activities can be promoted through the Association newsletters and Facebook page.

We expect these efforts to yield more members, creating more resources and leading to a stronger organisation. There will be better communication between local groups and more opportunities for social events.

The Association is important as the ongoing mainstay of these contacts.

Association Committee
2011

President: Neville Marks
Treasurer: Letitia Towers
Secretary: Robyn Gray (Harkness)

Committee:
Judy Hill (Mackney)
John Robinson
Gill Lomath (Archer)

School Representative:
Ben Williams

Membership Coordinator:
Judy Hill (Mackney)

Voting membership is open to all ex-students and staff (teaching and non-teaching) who have spent one year or more at the Mullumbimby High School. Membership opportunities are also available for others.

For more information about your choices, contact the Secretary, or Judy Hill, on email j.m.hill@tpg.com.au

We aim to provide social opportunities for ex-students and staff, and to support the school with special projects.

See pictures on: www.facebook.com/search/
FEEDBACK

Thanks to those who have provided feedback from recent newsletters.

Meg Thomas’ story of her life as a pediatric physiotherapist was inspiring to readers (May) and a rather cold clue was provided for the track back to Lynette Allen (June). Thanks to Ed Wilson, we know that she was an alumnus of Sydney University, listed as having graduated in Arts/Law in the 1960s. Any advance on that?

TREES in the playground

On reading the story about the ailing jacaranda tree (below) in the last newsletter, and the reference to the camphor laurel that was such a fixture for generations (below right), Ray Musgrave called to talk about another big camphor laurel tree that had a sticky end.

As Ray relates, there was another big one somewhere (he can’t fix the location exactly) that was taken down, and the experts, Hepburns timber merchants, were called in to assist.

Apparently they took the butt of it to the mill at Kyogle where it was turned into veneer. Ray remembers the time when camphor laurel veneer was a very popular finish for domestic furniture such as bedroom suites.

Thanks for sharing the memories, Ray.

For those wanting to make a donation or pay subs, you can make a direct deposit to the Mullumbimby High School Ex-Students Association through the Mullumbimby branch of the Commonwealth Bank, BSB 06 2578 A/N 1022 4915.

And don’t forget to identify yourself so we know the deposit was made by you.

From Ray Linabury, the sad news that former Principal of the school Greg Rogers passed away on July 1 in John Flynn Hospital after a six week illness. There may be some members who would remember him, and we thank Helene Safajou at the school for passing this on to us.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please keep us in mind if there are changes to your contact details. Call or email the Secretary mh.exassn@bigpond.com

Notice Board

AGM
November 18, 2 p.m.
Dinner plans tba

20th anniversary reunion, 2012
Planning is advancing for this group’s reunion, so please contact Letitia Towers letitiatowers@yahoo.com.au
or check Facebook

40th anniversary reunion, 2011
years 1966 to 1971, this October
Saturday 1 - Monday 3
Contact Pete Dailhou, Phone/ Fax 02 6551 7525, mobile 0414 291 449 or email: dailhou.pete@gmail.com

40th anniversary reunion 2012
now being organised.
Contact the Secretary if you are interested in knowing more. mh.exassn@bigpond.com

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME

If you are doing some interesting work or project, or if you have changed jobs, or found a bunch of old mates in your area, let us know. Pictures are welcome, too.
Contact the Secretary mh.exassn@bigpond.com

Have you checked the Facebook site? It’s a good place to post information you want to get out quickly. There are new links there, too.