A TEAM OF FOUR
Expect a call, but feel free to make one.

Judy (Mackney) Hill’s plan for a little team of volunteers to strengthen the task of building the membership now has a team of four, strategically placed along the eastern strip from Canberra to the Sunshine Coast, and inland to Toowoomba. Many thanks to Lyle Robb, who is on the organising committee for a great reunion coming up in October this year, Nerida Dean (Siwicki) in Canberra who is also forging ahead with a reunion plan for next year, Ian Vagg on the Sunshine Coast and Carol Erskine (Gilmore) in the heartland of the northern rivers, at Newrybar.

Some guidelines for a plan of action have been mapped out by Judy, so as time passes, we hope to see some significant progress in both the social opportunities for ex-students to reconnect, but also for those names to be added to our membership registers.

This of course, does not mean that individual members cannot sign up new members. We would like to think that everyone will take the opportunity to be active in the membership drive.

If anyone is having a coffee catch-up with old school friends, let us know and we can include details in the newsletter, along with photos if you take them.

WHY JOIN?

There are many reasons advanced to support the idea of joining the Association. Not everyone wants to be reminded of school days that may have been quite painful. Not everyone comes through the experience with friendships they recall with pleasure.

In deciding if we will join, we tend to ask: what’s in it for me? It’s a fair enough question.

In recent times, it has become evident that there is another way of looking at it – one that takes the other person’s view.

Simply put, you may not be looking for anyone, but others may be looking for you.

Judy Hill, our membership co-ordinator would love to hear from anyone wanting to add their name to the list. Email her on j_m_hill@tpg.com.au

Looking for Len

Len Carter’s last newsletter was returned “address unknown”. Just in case he has moved and forgotten to tell us, does anyone know where he might be? His last address was in Toowoomba, and he was at school in 1949-50.

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
WHO IS DOING WHAT ..... REUNIONS

Ed Wilson’s good year

We have noted the achievements of Ed Wilson (1955-58) before, and he has let us know of his latest.

First, he will be having a joint professional painting exhibition (with Bruce Herps) at the Artarmon Galleries (Sydney), opening on 22 July (including a few Mullumbimby paintings).

Then, he is amongst the writers invited to the 2011 Byron Bay Writers’ Festival, in August.

Finally, his New Selected Poems can now be viewed/downloaded directly from the internet. – pdf format easily found with a search.

Thanks Ed, and well done.

Welcome to Valda

Valda Staff (Elliot) has just signed on and we welcome her to the fold.

Valda’s graduation year was 1958 and she was one of those responsible for locating everyone in her group. All but two people were accounted for. Lynette Allen (daughter of Art teacher Carmen Allen) and David Wrigglesworth escaped the net, so if anyone knows anything about them, let the Secretary know so news can be passed on to Valda.

Durrumbul...Spaghetti Circus? What’s that?

That is a highly accomplished troupe of circus performers who last year were the first Australians to perform at the London International Youth Circus festival.

Leonie Mills, a teacher living at Main Arm, thought the kids of Main Arm needed to redress the image that they were ferals, so she formed a group to teach circus performance and gymnastics. In 1994 they had their first public outing at the Chincogan Fiesta. Their home base was the mud brick Durrumbul community hall.

Since then, many school generations (including Mullum High) have passed through, and even moved on to the National Institute of Circus Arts, to make it their life work.

Home base is now the Mullum Showground where they have a building that allows trapeze and high wire to be developed as part of their repertoire.

TREES in the playground

This jacaranda tree near the library was very healthy when photographed in 2003 before the campus re-build. Now however, it looks terrible, apparently feels worse, has been declared unsafe and will be taken down. President Neville was approached by the Principal, Ian Graham for information about its age and historical value. He did some searching and talking. It seems that it was planted when the library was built in the 1970s, and it is hoped that the contact provided by Neville to Ken Staff, a noted local wood worker and ex-student, will provide the school with the right guidance to have it carefully cut and stored so that its timber can be used to memorialise it in some way. He was able to relate what happened to some of the timber salvaged from the beloved camphor laurel when it was removed.

If anyone has any stories to relate about this tree, let the Secretary know – mh.exassn@bigpond.com

Memories of George Sigley

28 April 1941-20 May 2011

As always, news of the death of an old school pal provokes memories and George Sigley was no exception.

He was one of a large Wilson’s Creek family whose members have attended the school from the 1930s – brother of Dorothy (dec), Frank (dec), Les (dec), Stan, Flo, Mary, Marion, Edith, Joan and Edna.

He was School Captain in 1958 and excelled academically.

One ex-student recalls that he was a kind and gentle person who listened carefully to other people’s views and opinions. Thanks to Gavin Sigley for family information.

Notice Board

40th anniversary reunion 2012, now being organised. Contact the Secretary if you are interested in knowing more.

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40th anniversary reunion, 2011
years 1966 to 1971, this October
Saturday 1 - Monday 3
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20th anniversary reunion, 2012
Planning is starting for this group’s reunion, so please contact the Secretary for more information

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