**AGM**

One of the matters that will need to be attended to at the committee meeting which will precede the AGM is the confirmation of changes to the constitution since the Department of Fair Trading revised its model rules and made a name change, to model constitution.

Many of the changes were cosmetic, for example changing all the references to “the model rules” to “the model constitution”. Others were more important, for example making allowance and provision for conducting meetings and doing business electronically. Although we had made some provision for this in our first constitution and used it for our Committee work, it is now part of the model.

Although all members are welcome to attend the AGM, your membership needs to be a voting membership if you want to vote. It’s easy to convert from an Associate to a Voting Membership, so please ask the Secretary if you would like to have a say in how things are done and how things will shape for the coming year. There is a process, but it’s not hard to do: [mh.exassn@bigpond.com](mailto:mh.exassn@bigpond.com).

Also, while we are on the subject of things to come, there will be an annual sub due after the AGM. Please don’t pay now, but there will be a call for subs renewal about that time.

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**It’s a date**

Despite our best intentions to have the auditorium sound system upgrade installed by now, it hasn’t yet happened. The hall has been in use too much, the painting and general refurbishment has had to be done, and now we are entering the exam/presentation season when it is not feasible to start the work.

This means that to stay clear of all this activity we have opted to go to the end of the year to do it. The weekend of November 20-21 has been set, fixed and agreed to by the Principal as well as our key people, so that’s when it will be wrapped up.

The AGM is on Friday 19 in the school library, and we’re planning a reunion dinner for that weekend as well, so please see if you can come and get involved in the final stage of the project we have been raising money for and the social side as well. Let the Secretary know if you can make it and we’ll plan a venue to suit.

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**NB CONTACT CHANGES**

Don’t forget to let the Secretary know if your email address changes. [mh.exassn@bigpond.com](mailto:mh.exassn@bigpond.com).

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**NOSTALGIA**

Is it only five years ago that the marvellous school reunion spanning over 70 years worth of students took place? Hundreds of us from all ages gathered to re-connect and remember. As well, we were able to inspect the renovations to the school campus and wonder at how things really had changed. From that reunion, an electronic sign was bought and erected at the front of the school (below, left). Other souvenirs of the day were produced by Trevor Richens who had some of the old camphor laurel tree from the playground to work with, and produced various things including bowls (below) as mementos of the place we knew so well.
BINGO MOMENT FOR MARK
Last month’s newsletter produced a bingo moment for Mark Howland (1970s) who recognised maths teachers in the photo included in the story. This is what Mark wrote:
“Thanks for the newsletter.
Reading this and remembering my school days at Mullum High...then thinking ‘I wonder what the 100 metre, long jump and triple record are at the moment!!!!?’
Seeing Ken Leighton in a photo...(second from left)
His son Greg is head teacher at Gloucester High and Ken and his wife Lyn were recently down visiting...always great to catch up...and talk about golf!!! As well as this Ken and Lyn are good friends with my mum and dad (Derek and Roma Howland howpit@westnet.com.au) ...so remembering Mullum high is easy! Derek and Roma live on the Gold Coast.
Richard Heazlewood Ross used to live in Gloucester so reading the newsletter had a real ‘Gloucester connection’.
I am teaching at Gloucester Public School and there are several people in town who have relatives in Mullum as well.
Cheers - Mark Howland.
FROM Ben Williams, school representative on the committee, answering Mark’s question about the current records: the 100 metre is 10.85 sec, the long jump is 6.36 m.

WHAT’S LORNA UP TO?
When Leon Brown (1963-68) told us about himself in the February newsletter, he said he would soon be joining the grey nomads and he wondered if he might catch up with any ex-Mullum students on his travels. Here’s one he might.
Lorna Virgo (Dixon,1950-52) wrote to explain why she hasn’t been able to make it to some of the functions that have been organised. “I’m enjoying your Newsletters and the different functions that are organised - despite only attending the Bowls a few months ago. They often clash with my ‘comings and goings’.
After my husband died I learnt to tow our caravan so I remain in the two caravan clubs that we had joined. By belonging to these clubs I am able every four weeks, in northern NSW or south east QLD, to see a lot of Australia that I would never know about.
The caravan clubs were really my ‘saving grace’ after his loss. I didn’t know what to do, for the first 3/12 (months) and it wasn’t until I looked at the caravan parked in the car-port one day and thought “Well, I either have to learn to tow it or sell”. That’s when I decided to ‘have a go’.
In 2008 I towed the caravan around Australia in the company of other friends. I was 70 years old then. In August we are all out at Peaks Crossing near Boonah in QLD.
Well, readers? mh.exassn@bigpond.com.

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS
Excursions today seem to be fairly major productions, with trips to Canberra to see the parliament in operation, to see the Sydney opera house and sometimes to even perform there, and to go to Jindabyne to experience winter conditions not possible here. Parents pay off these visits over a period of time but for some families it must be quite a challenge.

In simpler times, it was a great thing for the Biology class to take a day trip to Fleay’s wild life park at Currumbin where a variety of kangaroos and wallabies were to be seen and examined, right. It may have been no less a financial burden for some families than today’s excursions, but it does seem to be rather more modest.

NOTICE BOARD
If you think it’s time for a reunion, don’t just think about it. Do something, and let us know, too. mh.exassn@bigpond.com