Welcome Aboard

From the recent reunion of Methodist Comrades and Order of Knights at the Uniting Church which saw some new members signed up on the night, comes another new Voting member, Denise Batson (Lindsay). Welcome to Denise, who joins Trevor Richens and Mark Wagland whose Voting memberships will be confirmed when they pay the annual sub of $10. It is very good to see these new names on the membership registers.

From the ether this month has come a communication from Clare Foster (Williams) who was at the school from 1974-1976 and who has signed on as an Associate. Clare wrote that she was looking for class photos, and would appreciate, as she says, “a ‘shout-out’ for any class photos for those years – even if they aren’t my classes, it would still be nice to have some memories. Now that I have grandchildren who are asking about what it was like ‘in my day’ to go to school, I have realised that I don’t have a lot of physical stuff left over from those days.”

Clare says that she kept a pretty low profile at school, but spent a lot of time in Mrs Bruce’s music room so, she says “I’m not sure that there would be many people who would remember me!”

She does remember that her Commerce and Geography teacher was Jasper Kent, then fresh out of Teacher’s College, and now, still on the Mullumbimby High School staff, just weeks from retirement.

Clare has worked for the Queensland Department of Transport and Main Roads for the past 14 years and is now in the Information Privacy Unit. If any members have class photos, or school photos from that era, please let the Secretary know.

Whatever happened to...Kath and Ray?

Clare’s meander down memory lane provides an intro to a clipping found recently from an old paper (February 1956) about a local girl, which speaks for itself.

It’s not known if Kath Evans went to Mullumbimby High, but if anyone can answer that, and knows what became of her, share what you know with the Secretary.

Ray Clark is the only one from the class of ’62 that Malcolm Marks has not been able to find for their reunion in November. If you can help find him, please let Mal know.

For new members, don’t forget that membership forms are available from the school web site, so if you come across anyone who might be interested please pass it on


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Déjà Vu
From time to time in the school newsletters which can be followed on the web site,
we see references to the dress code, the words used today for those we knew, which are now not pc enough to be used – school uniform (explain why young people start wearing footie jerseys as babies, can’t wait to climb into a KFC shirt, but abhor the idea of a school uniform...). School principals, and others, try hard to encourage the wearing of a uniform for all sorts of good and practical reasons, but the battle seems never to have been won. It was ever thus. Here is a snippet from the Mullumbimby Star Advocate, from March 4, 1955.

Reunion ’62
The success rate for this November reunion has been outstanding, with only one person, Ray Clark, not yet located from the year. Malcolm Marks is confident of finding him, and if you can provide a lead, please let him know. A dinner dance is being organised at the Mullum Bowling Club, and with numbers filling, if you haven’t already done so, make contact asap to be sure of getting a spot.

Reunion ’72
Nerida Dean (Siwicki) has been successful in locating 21 of 51 graduates from that year. A great effort. If you are amongst those she has found, you will know that there is a dedicated email address mullumbimbyclass72@hotmail.com to make it easier for contacts to be aired and shared and there’s a Facebook page as well. Check out the MHS Ex Students Association FB page and see what’s happening.

Reunion ’92
Letitia Towers has achieved high success in locating people from her year, now having been contacted. The 20 year reunion is all set for the 29th September, with dinner at the Mullumbimby Bowling Club. The positive response from close to 100 people is a good start for a happy get together.

Badge
Our merchandising co-ordinator Keith Wood has made some progress with ideas for an emblem for the Association. Although not yet ready for the committee, he is looking at the options for items that could be included before presenting it for discussion. One suggestion is a pin, but others are shirts, and caps, handy for reunions. What do members think? Let the Secretary know your thoughts.