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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



For this edition of *Talkabout* I have included my Annual Report for 2016 for those who may not have received a copy.

How quickly does a year pass when you are retired? You get the chance to do what you like when you retire but fitting it all in is still a juggling act. It seems there is still a lesson in the statement of Theodore Roosevelt: "*Only do what you can, with what you have, where you are.*" When I look back on the 2016 *Talkabout* editions the committee has done what it can to continue and even build the links in relationships with those students who entered and graduated from the

WWTC. There has been continued support from our membership for the Foundation Scholarship Fund as well as allocating funds for other projects such as the digitalisation project at CSU Archives.

Reunions have been organised and held, many letters have passed through "The Secretary's Desk" and recounts of College and teaching days (with photos) have been submitted for the editor's perusal and inclusion in *Talkabout*. Sales of *South Campus ...A History* continue and from the 1965-1967 Reunion held in Wagga in May, a compendium called *Sliding Doors* details the journey of individuals in this group belonging to the final years of the Leaving Certificate. It is also a sign of the times when there is a section of *Talkabout* where we remember and pay tribute to those who have passed away. This section we all want to avoid.

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## EDITOR



Welcome to our first edition of *Talkabout* for 2017. As always I am sure that you will find some special moments in what others have written.

Again thanks to all who have sent through their articles, without such we would not have anything to *Talkabout*. In this issue we are beginning a number of longer articles to be spread over a number of editions throughout the year.

This being our 70th Anniversary Year I can think of no better reason to put your fingers to the keyboards, send us your story - past, present and future. Don't delay any longer.

When submitting articles please consider sending along photos. A recent photo of the author/writer would be very much appreciated as it helps when introducing the story or article.

**Brian Powyer**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Cont'd

This last year has seen reports in *Talkabout* from some of our scholarship recipients. They make for interesting reading when we compare/contrast our days as training teachers and early seconded appointments to western NSW or western Sydney.

**What do we have?** Here we are in 2017 and we have 1731 listed members of which there are only 677 financially active. This is only 39.11% for those who are mathematically inclined. Many non financial members at present have the privilege of receiving "free email copies" of *Talkabout*. I encourage these people to pay a subscription, wherever you are.

**What have we got?** The important event for 2017 is the "**70 Year Celebration of the Foundation of WWTC**". This event will be held in Wagga from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> October and will be subsidised by the WWTCAA and hopefully CSU. Wherever you are please make the effort to come to this event and help to

recognise the significance of the role of Tertiary Education in Wagga. The site of our campus is now "hot property" and it may be the last chance to revisit those grounds where we were so many years ago. Will it become a technology park or the playground for the developers?

The question now becomes: **What have you got?**

- Your Year Group Reunion or small group meeting.
- The contact address of another WWTC graduate.
- The "70 Year Celebration" date saved.
- Perhaps a *Talkabout* contribution.
- Memorabilia for CSU archives.

Finally in this report I would like to thank the committee members for their sage advice and attention to tasks throughout the last year. The attendance at meetings has been fantastic and with such a broad group of graduates from 1947 through to 1970 the alumni is well represented.

**Bruce Forbes**  
President

## INVITATION: WWTCAA LUNCHES - Winifred Wilcox

Members of the WWTCAA are invited to join with other members on 3rd Tuesday of February, May, August and November for WWTCAA Lunch. Meet at 12 noon, at City Extra, Circular Quay.

**Phone Mona Lynan 9345 14744 or Winifred Wilcox 9580 5916**

**ALL WELCOME**

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW DUE

WWTCAA members are reminded that your annual membership fee for 2017 is now due. Full details of membership categories and fees are included at the back of this edition. To ensure that you receive your copies of *Talkabout* this year please renew your membership NOW. Contributions to the Scholarship Fund and/or Digital Archives Project can be made at the same time. Thank You.

## ACROSS THE SECRETARY'S DESK - Lesley Forbes



**Gwen Ferguson (Roberts) Pioneer 1947-1949** On Reading the Wilcox report in the last *Talkabout*, I think I may have a couple of possible additions to make.

Firstly, I was a member of the cast of *The Gondoliers*, and can still sing most of the songs to prove it.

Secondly, somewhere, I have a programme for *Trial By Jury* in which I played the plaintiff bride. I recall Mark McLaughlan was the judge.

I will make an effort to find the programme in the next few weeks.

### **Doug Walker (1963-64)**

Thank you and your team for your efforts with this reunion and the WWTCAA activities. It is very much appreciated. Regards and best wishes for the festive season.

Thank you so much for your dedication to keeping some of us informed. Although distance pretty much excludes us from participating in the reunions etc. it feels good to be included by way of *Talkabout* and I for one am very pleased and grateful that you have taken on the job of "editor" and all it entails.

Have a lovely Christmas and every good wish for 2017.

### **Judith Old (Cole) 1962-63**

Thank you so much for the detailed advice re the 2017 Festivities. I will mark it in the diary. Once again the *Talkabout* edi-

tion has been wonderful and much appreciated. The work of all contributors is refreshing and most interesting.

**Judith Matheson (Baldry) 1965-66** When I arrived back in Australia recently my copy of *Sliding Doors* was awaiting me. What a lovely production - I have spent several very happy hours reading it and enjoying trips down memory lane - hard to believe it was so many years ago! Thank you for all the effort you put into getting it together and printed. I was so sad to miss the actual reunion but it certainly went a long way towards making up for that disappointment.

I see you are working on another one to take place in October next year. I will certainly try to make that one. With thanks and very best wishes for a very wonderful 2017.

### **Robin McKinnon (1952-53)**

Thanks again for all you do for the ex-students. I now live in Port Macquarie which is a beautiful place.

Our group 1952-53 meet at the Abbotsford Rowing Club on the first Monday in March (as that is when we all met at WWTC) and the first Monday in September but alas we are getting to be a smaller group each time.

Best wishes for a healthy and successful 2017 to you and your family.

**Paul Gallagher (1949-50)** As a fellow resident of the Camden Haven area I welcome you both to this wonderful district.

My first teaching appointment was to the Taree Relief Staff and in the course of the year I was relief teacher at Laurieton and at a couple of one teacher schools in this area. After many visits on holidays over the next 60+ years my wife (Pat) and I retired to a little shack in Laurieton township just four years ago.

**Rhona Morton (Southwell) 1953-54.** Keep up the good work. We "oldies" appreciate your efforts.

Just wanted to mention that some of the WWTC memorabilia is housed at the Museum of the Riverina. This is in addition to what is at South Campus.

In *Talkabout* Vol 7: No 1 March 2004 Michelle Maddison is on the front page. She is the curator. I donated to the Museum of Riverina my white graduation frock, my white satin mortar board and several craft items.

The mortar boards were made by the girls in sewing lectures. We had to make 2 - one for the boys!! At a reunion in 2004, my gown was displayed and I have a picture with Ruby Riach (my sewing lecturer) and myself looking at it and Mr Blake-more's photo behind. The organisers borrowed it through Michelle.

Thanks for your and Bruce's efforts on our behalf. Long live WWTC.

**Editor's note:** we borrowed this from the Museum for our reunion in 2016 and will do so, including Rhona's gown, for the October reunion).

## ACROSS THE SECRETARY'S DESK Cont'd

**Raelene Wilson (Nash) 1965-66.** Thank you both for all your hard work in organising the reunion this year and collating our stories for the book. You have done a magnificent job in this.

**Liz Farley for Ian Thomas (1947-49)** In reply to your information re the AGM, here is an update on my dad, Ian Thomas.

In October he was admitted to the dementia ward at Queen Victoria Nursing Home in Thirlmere. This followed 2 months in hospital after a fall - his second this year, a chest infection and a pacemaker operation which went well.

However, while in rehab, a week away from coming home, he suffered a severe stroke. He recovered enough from in time to share his 92nd birthday cake with family, including grandchildren and great grandchildren, who had flown back from overseas to see him.

Sadly he is now no longer recognising either my mum or myself or my sisters and is no longer mobile, mostly in a wheel chair or lounge chair. We are very happy with the care there, It is a small ward and everyone is very friendly.

My mum also has dementia but

mainly just as short term memory loss. She is still OK to be at home with my care, is mobile with walker or stick and reads and reads and reads...still mentally quite alert with her sense of humour .

I am sorting through dad's collections of all sorts of things and am putting aside many things for various archives, if useful. If I come across anything that may be of interest I will organise to take it to wherever it may be looked at.

I recently had a long phone chat with Barbara Fiala who was at WWTC with dad. She seems to have lost touch with your organisation and is keen to have some contact/information passed on.

Mum sends her best wishes. Please pass on her greetings to any who may be interested.

**Lynne Greenwood (Pudney) 1959-60.** I would love to contact Carolyn Pattenden. We were best friends 1959-60 but I have lost contact. On a trip on the boat Echuca down the Murray, I was delighted to meet Barbara Sawtell (nee Martin 1959-60) from Oak Flats and she forwarded me *Talkabout*. What a wonderful amount of work you put into it. Thank you.

**Karel and Liz (Meertens-Tuttlebee) 1961-62.** This mail will speak for itself but to each of you our love and best wishes! Lesley and Bruce, thank you. very much for all your work producing *Talkabout*

**PS.** In twee gevallen is dit ook bedoeld voor leden van het betreffende bestuur... Jacobien.... Marienweide.

**Ella Keesing (Redpath) 1950-51.** Thanks for the information on the meeting and reunion.

I am going to be in Sydney for the 1950/51 Ladies Get Together but this year it's the 1<sup>st</sup> of February at the Swissotel so I won't be there for the meeting.

I think Decima and Ron Pickles will be going to the big Reunion. I have a Primary School celebration at about the same time in Canberra. My old school will be having its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I found a few old slides of my classroom at Wagga Dem School. The archives people may be interested because the WWTC students went there to observe lessons.

Loved the article "Establishing 'Basic' or 'Core' Skills" in the last *Talkabout*. Thanks to all for your hard work.

## CSU REPORT - Stacey Fish

At CSU, we believe the contributions we make to the lives of our students and our communities are the most rewarding part of our work. It's fantastic to know that the WWTCA believes in the power of education and is just as passionate about the fu-

ture of rural and regional Australia as we are!

Your continued support directly assists the next generation of Australian educators and the students they teach. It's a strong legacy built on the foundations

of the Wagga Wagga Teachers' College and we thank you for continuing this important work.

### 2017 scholarship winners

What a fantastic response we had to this year's WWTCA Scholarship! A change in crite-



ria opened up the scholarship to any student studying Education at CSU (previously only final or Honours year students could apply). We had 58 applicants this time around – a big improvement on previous years.

This made the task all the more difficult for Chris and Jenny Blake, who assessed the applications and selected the top five for interview (sorry Chris and Jenny). Many deserving, high calibre students applied with the two \$4000 scholarships being awarded to Katelyn Rudd and Molly Spalding.

From Broken Hill, Katelyn is in the fourth year of her Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary) while Molly, who hails from Table Top near Albury, is in the third year of her Bachelor of Education (K-12).

Inspired by her own teachers growing up in outback Australia, Katelyn aspires to specialise in mathematics and return to a small rural community where she can help students less fortunate.

Molly has a passion for volunteering, especially in Indigenous communities. After university, Molly hopes to work in rural and remote areas.

We know Molly and Katelyn will work hard and go on to fruitful careers in the teaching profession. We congratulate them both.

### **WWTCAA Fund update**

WWTCA has nearly reached the magic \$100,000 in fundraising! As at the end of February, the WWTCA Fund stood at \$95,852.80.

The two \$4000 annual WWTCA scholarships assist students with

education necessities and opportunities that they may not otherwise be able to afford. Your scholarships not only enrich the lives of the worthy recipients, but also the communities in which they choose to live and work.

A huge congratulations on your continued fundraising efforts. I'm sure Chris and Jenny can attest to how valued the WWTCA Scholarship is to our Education students. Keep up the great work!

### **Leave a lasting legacy**

The WWTCA Fund has received a \$2000 bequest from Aileen Dawn Stewart (nee Andrews), who graduated from WWTC in 1951. This money provides a wonderful boost to the WWTCA fundraising efforts and the CSU Foundation Trust is forever grateful for Aileen's generosity.

As a WWTCA member, you may wish to consider leaving a bequest to CSU. Leaving a bequest to CSU is a simple, secure way to ensure you leave a lasting legacy for teacher education.

CSU is experienced in handling bequest pledges and acquitting bequest donations in various

forms including shares, bonds, property, personal effects and money.

If making a bequest is of interest to you, please contact Kirstie Grady who is equipped to guide you through your options and legacy interests:

[kgrady@csu.edu.au](mailto:kgrady@csu.edu.au)

### **The changing nature of handwriting**

New CSU research has sought to better understand the evolving imperatives shaping writing skills in the modern world. [Read more here](#)

### **Building a culture of gender equity**

Coordinated by the Australian Academy of Science, the Science in Australia Gender Equity (SAGE) initiative aims to lift the number of women in the fields of science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine (STEMM).

Read about CSU's commitment to addressing gender equity in pay, position, opportunity and culture [here](#).

### **Stacey Fish CSU Advancement Unit**



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## FROM THE ARCHIVES - DID YOU KNOW? Bob Haskew

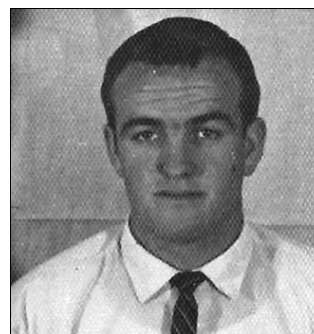
In the *Daily Advertiser* (Wagga Wagga) of Thursday 7 February, 1929 the headlines read **“TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE AT WAGGA”** The report went on “Wagga is easily the most important town in New South Wales outside a hundred mile radius of Sydney, from the point of view of the future extension of Teacher Training College facilities, said the Minister of Education, Mr Drummond in a recent interview. The growth of the town, which in the last 10 years has been astonishing, is based on agricultural development of a rising district. The population which will be affected by the establishment of a training college will be approximately 200,000. The government though is unable to commence the construction of a college until the recently established college at Armidale has fully developed, has purchased in Wagga one of the finest sites in the district, and in doing so has made a distinct step forward in the interests of the whole southern portion of the state, particularly the Riverina”.

On Friday, **3 May, 1929** the *Daily Advertiser* (Wagga Wagga) reported, “The government architects Messers Smart, Mostyn and Sletter inspected “Hillside Estate” on Willan’s Hill today with a view to preparing initial plans for the teacher training college which it is proposed to erect there. The architects who were met at the estate by Messers Cunningham, Blamey and Giltenen expressed themselves very pleased with the site, and tentatively fixed a location for the buildings, which will cover an area of 6400 square yards (5351 m<sup>2</sup>) on the crest of the hill.” (A rugby field is typically 8400 m<sup>2</sup>.) “A plan of the layout of the ground will also be prepared so that the students of Wagga High School can plant an avenue of trees down the main drive.” The article concluded, “The architects returned to Sydney yesterday after they spent a few days on the estate and plans will be forwarded *in a few days*”.

On the Saturday **13 July 1929** *The Sydney Morning Herald* came on board with the following.

**“TREE PLANTING DRIVE WAGGA** Friday. A meeting of citizens last night formed a committee to undertake the planting of trees and other means of beautification of the site of the teachers training college which the NSW Department of Education plans to erect at Wagga. The building will cost £200,000. The schools, municipal council, parents and citizens’ associations, the Australian Labour Party and other bodies will be asked to compete in tree planting in September. It is hoped the building will begin in the new year.”

The establishment of a teacher training college at Wagga Wagga certainly caught the imagination and hopes of the local community.



Robert Haskew (1960-61)

You may like to follow the links below to the numerous newspaper articles:

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/result?q=Wagga+Wagga+Teachers+College>

This one will interest the graduands of the Pioneer Session

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/145450731?searchTerm=Wagga%20Teachers%20college&searchLimits=>

But most important of all

<http://www.visitwagga.com/events/full-calendar/october-2017/wagga-wagga-teachers-college-70-year-celebration-of-education>

**WAGGA WAGGA TEACHERS COLLEGE ARCHIVES**

**Go To - CSU Regional Archives**

<https://csuregarch.intersect.org.au/items/browse?collection=2>

## MY TEACHERS' COLLEGE YEARS - John Maskey 1948-50

5th June 1948. It was my mother's 45th birthday but I wasn't anywhere near home to wish her a happy birthday. At 5.00 am, and in the middle of winter, I had my introduction to Wagga Wagga, a city of some 16,000 people – though in those days the population was somewhat transient. The Melbourne Express, which was scheduled to reach Melbourne at a reasonable hour, arrived in Wagga at anything but, especially in winter! At 5.00 am it would be pitch dark for at least another hour.

There were a couple of other first year teachers college students at the station and we made each other's acquaintance. My father had instructed me to take a taxi straight to the college, and I would have gladly obeyed him except there were no taxis! At least not when we arrived! We spent quite a few cold hours waiting and hoping that one would turn up. I rugged up in everything I could put on, and wore my travel rug around my shoulders to try and ward off the all-invading cold of inland New South Wales.

Finally, about 8.00 am, a taxi arrived. We made it to the college shortly after, only to find that the office did not open till 9.00 am. We sat around once more in the cold and waited. Although I was 16, I was missing the folk at home already!

Eventually my accommodation was organised in one of the dormitories and I had time to look around. Two other students shared my room. There were five rooms in our building, each with three beds, and three other similar buildings close by. Oth-

er male dormitories were scattered about like Brown's cows. The college accommodated about 150 male students and a similar number of females.

The girls seemed to fare much better than the boys, though I must admit I only once had a glimpse inside the girls' dormitories. The rooms were much bigger and centrally heated.

The college, having only started the previous year, was in a very rough state. There were no paths and no gardens. It had been an army hospital during the war. As a college, it left a lot to be desired. The largest building served as a gymnasium during the week, and a hall for concerts and the like at weekends for anyone who wished to rent it. At a later date, and in this very gymnasium, I was to play and sing the part of Ralph Rackstraw in Gilbert and Sullivan's musical *HMS Pinafore*.

Evidently I had a good singing voice, though I didn't realise it at the time. At our first music lecture, Miss Elvie Cornell and Mr Ray Pople assessed our musical ability. We were told to stand and sing a couple of bars of any song we knew. I was second on the list while the first person was my roommate Bruce Robinson. He really set the tone by rising to his feet and bellowing:

“In a canyon, in a cavern,  
Excavating for a mine  
Dwelt a miner, forty-niner,  
And his daughter Clementine!”

He was stopped in mid flight and thoroughly chastised by Miss Cornell, who was seated at the piano. How dare he make a

noise like that! She flew into a rage! I don't know why. I rather liked the song. Maybe it was the presentation!

Ray Pople then called, “Mr Maskey.” I had never been called “Mr” before, and now, in the midst of so much unfamiliar territory, I had to rise and sing!

I quietly got to my feet and sang as sweetly as I could,

“Down by the old mill stream,  
Where I first met you ...”

I was stopped and called out to the front. By now I was trembling and wondering if I was going to be caned! I didn't know if teachers college students got the cane or not. I knew that fifth formers at high school did. I had enjoyed that privilege in my final term there, just two months prior to leaving for college!

Ray Pople was smiling and asked if I had ever had my voice trained. I replied in the negative, at which point he forgot the rest of the section (as we were collectively called) and proceeded to get me to sing various notes that he hit on the piano. He said nothing, but looked at Elvie with a strange glint in his eye. I wondered what I had done wrong this time! Finally after about five minutes of embarrassment that seemed like a week, he said to me,

“You have just joined the tenor section of the College Choir.”

Then he added, “I want to see you after we have finished with the section.”

This was to be my introduction to musicals and Gilbert and Sul-



livan who were, to that point, totally unknown to me. On the spot I was auditioned for the part of Ralph Rackstraw (whose name I was assured was pronounced "Rafe"), and told to make sure I pronounced it correctly in the future. More of that later!

The cold weather really settled in and with it the biting frosts. I had never seen frosts like those on a Wagga morning. The days however were really beautiful, provided a fog did not creep in. When that happened we were really punished by the all-pervading cold. There seemed to be no place we could go to get really warm. To make matters worse, there had been a strike by the college maintenance people,

and that, coupled with power rationing, made us very miserable indeed. Heaters were banned from being used in the dormitories, and any that we might have had hidden in our rooms were confiscated!

Then it started to rain, and it rained and rained and rained. There was mud everywhere. We thought the rain would never cease. The college grounds looked like a quagmire. One doesn't need a lot of this to become homesick, and that is precisely what happened. When lectures and activities were over for the day, I would lie on the bed and listen to the trains as they raced towards Sydney, and freedom! They usually blew their long monotonous whistle in

the near vicinity, and this added to my misery. The whistle seemed to say, "Come hooooome! Come hoooooome!"

The boys' laundry arrangements were very satisfactory. Each week we bundled up our dirty clothes, and sent them to the town laundry at the Department of Education's expense. The girls had to do their own laundry, as there were laundry facilities in or near their dormitories. The girls were not very happy about the boys being so well looked after, and demanded equality of sexes. This was forthcoming, the boys were given coppers and tubs to do their own laundry!!

**CONTINUED NEXT EDITION**

## **REUNION: A POEM - Norma Fowler**

So many names, and so many faces  
Came from so far and taught many places in 1960 and then 61  
We were all so eager, but had such great fun...

When first I came to Wagga, there was no room for us  
We went to Mrs Westman down the road  
I'd been given a late scholarship, along with Pauline B  
I was 16, naïve and it really showed  
We rode our bikes to college, which really made us fit  
I really love the freedom it bestowed.

We'd only just arrived in town when they tried us out on Prac  
Sent us off in all directions, till we had teaching down sort of pat  
We sang and we played at so many sports  
In woop woop tracksuits, and also in shorts.

When I failed the half yearly as did most of us come late,  
Mrs. Westman felt sorry for me then, But...  
When I passed with distinctions by the ending the year  
Congratulations? No!  
"Bought the answers" was her immediate reply.

By second year, they'd found a space in Kambu Dorm up top  
Alongside Miss Bridges flat I was, with Judy Benson on the spot  
I loved the pace of college life; to me it was such freedom,  
I learnt to sing and paint and craft and college rules? I did heed them.  
An old Chevy bought for 50 pounds meant wheels without pedals

## **OBITUARY**



**Bob Chaplin** Former Young Public School principal, Mr Bob Chaplin, will be laid to rest this week after a long and successful career in education.

Mr Chaplin grew up in Kingsgrove before moving to Wagga Wagga to pursue a career in teaching. He attended Wagga Wagga Teachers College where he met his future wife, Joan Brown of Young.

The pair married at the Young Anglican Church in January



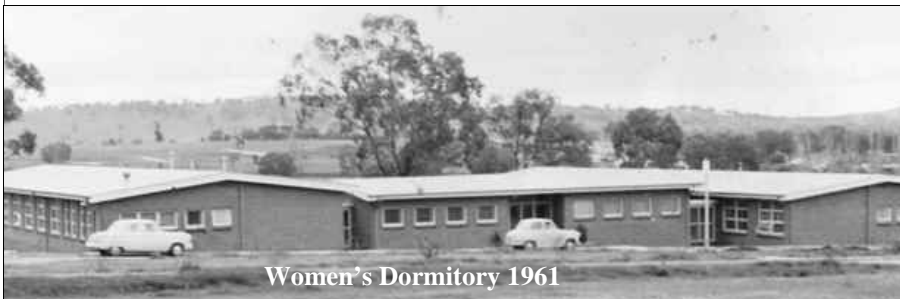
## REUNION: A POEM - Cont'd

Fitted half the Dorm into the rear; it smoked just like the devil.  
We learnt about psychology, philosophy and such  
Ate college meals which were sometimes rather tough  
We learnt to write some poems, and I remember mine  
How wide the streets in Wagga are  
When you're in the middle, you're on the side almost  
And they aint got no lines hardly neither.  
Mrs Coleman failed to see the sign  
That in the future this young thing to write poetry was destined.

There was movement at the College for the word had passed around  
That the football team was drinking down the road  
The word had passed to Maurie that the boys were heard to hic  
They all 'fessed up and all would share the load  
He packed them up, and fired them and put them on the train  
Their disappearance hardly even showed  
Where were the thirteen?  
Their partners had a fit  
The ripples of the act began to show.

Now fifty years have passed us  
We're all much older now and wiser,  
So the people try to say  
Some of us stayed teachers and some of us did not-  
But used the skills we learnt in other ways.

We've battled on despite it, raised families by the score  
Took spouses, and discarded, or never took at all  
Battled accidents and illnesses survived griefs and lots of joys  
Traveled the world over, or just stayed at home  
Gained or lost a fortune, never more to roam  
Learnt to use computers and ipods and such  
Mastered pagers and mobiles and printers-too much!  
We've memories a plenty of times long gone by  
Dreamed dreams or were they nightmares that hit us in the eye?  
We've gathered down at Broulee, the blind, the halt, the lame  
We've lost our hairs and greyed some, now what was your name?  
We bonded then disbanded after sixty, sixty-one  
But fifty years where has it gone? Our college days were fun  
We're glad that you could make it, to celebrate with us  
To golf and play and eat and share, thanks to Beth and Ross, no fuss!  
I really must conclude this poem my thoughts are winding up  
And toast our Wagga College, let us all just raise a cup...  
To Wagga!



Women's Dormitory 1961

## OBITUARY Cont'd

1957 and went on to have two children, Dianne and David. The following years saw Mr Chaplin work at several schools before becoming deputy principal of Grenfell Public School in the early 70s.

He went on to become principal at Murrumburrah High School, before taking up the position of principal at Young Public School - located at the museum residence - in 1977 until 1982.

Over the next five years the well respected and dedicated principal oversaw several major milestones, the most significant being the relocation to the school's current Bruce Street premises.

Here he continued to strengthen the school's reputation and continued to develop the music curriculum with great intensity, as highlighted in an extract from the book, "Young Public School 1861-2011" published by Andrew Ricketts for the school's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

In 1983 Mr Chaplin transferred to Corrimal Public School north of Wollongong, before taking up his final principal position at East Gosford Public School.

He retired in his early 60s and spent his time relaxing and doing what he loved best - fishing with his neighbour and brother-in-law on Brisbane Waters at Gosford.

Sadly Mr Chaplin passed away at the Port Macquarie Hospital on October 16 aged 80.

*The Young Witness*  
26 October 2016

## THE TWISTS AND TURNS OF LIFE - Noel Haberecht 1953-54

When a close school buddy suggested I choose teaching as a possible career, when we were considering our futures, I recoiled as my main vocational interest was civil engineering. This was my Plan A.

However, I agreed to nominate teaching as a contingency, on two conditions: I would teach littlies to read and write and I would also be a science master. (Plan B).

I was successful in winning a Commonwealth Scholarship to a University in Sydney, but my parents were unable to meet ancillary costs.

So Plan B was brought into action and I became a non-residential student at Wagga Teachers College, being only a three minute bike ride away from home or two minutes with a tail-wind. I completed my two years training including my 3 months national service training.

During the first two years in front of the blackboard I taught in two primary schools. I was ready to start on Plan C. So I drove in my little 4 cylinder car to Sydney Head Office in Bridge Street to see if the Director of Secondary Education could help me. He was sympathetic but the Director of Primary Education wouldn't release me from my three year service bond.

I drove back to my one teacher school, disappointed that Plan C would have to wait.

After a few weeks, the District Inspector in Deniliquin saw an opportunity for me at the Easter break, as a vacancy would be

opening up in Leeton. I moved there until the end of 1957. I did a few "experimental" things in the classroom, got a "new car" (a 1952 Holden), joined the local Methodist Youth Fellowship Group and with a group of friends formed the Beethoven Fan Club. Three different types of Primary School in three years: Ardlethan Central, Warragoon Provisional, and Leeton Co-educational Primary, Boys Department.

My big breakthrough to start the long journey to fulfil Plan C came in October 1957. The Russians put a dog into earth orbit and the Americans had an embarrassing failure on the launch pad. The West panicked and the space race was intensified. Suddenly, more science teachers were needed.

Plan C started with a bridging course at Sydney University for four weeks in January 1958.

My first school in Sydney was South Sydney Boys High at Maroubra Junction, where I taught maths and science for three years. I had enrolled in a part-time General Science degree at UNSW and had managed to get private board in Randwick. I needed an early meal before the evening lecture at 5pm after a tough day at school. One very elderly lady took on the challenge. In the last three or four years I would join with a friend, Peter, in our own tutorials after lectures where I had a large unpainted masonite panel, in my case, screwed to a spare bedroom wall, or in Peter's case, his garage wall in Sylvania, for use at weekends. While fresh in our

minds we would take turns to talk aloud through the worked examples given in our Pure Maths III class. These were long, hard days.

The Department gave us only time to do exams and evening lectures. Fortunately I was transferred to highly-regarded Randwick Boys' High School in 1961. I could do lectures occasionally in a free period if necessary, as the school was only a few minutes from the University and the Science Master was in charge of doing the staff timetable. A close friend, whom I had met in my first boarding place very close to the campus at the beginning of 1958, in my first year, was now a resident of Basser College, continuing his doctorate. Research students had to take night shifts on the main frame computer which was a dinosaur by comparison with today's machines. I completed my 7 year part time degree after 8 years. The extra year was caused by a long spell in hospital in 1959. I still have nightmares about this particular year.

My only secondary appointment was to Griffith High School as relieving Science Master at the beginning of 1966, a position I held for three years before resigning from the Department.

So did I achieve my goal? Yes, but once again not in the way I had expected!

The Wyndham scheme was coming in, and the Leaving Certificate was being phased out. South Sydney and Randwick schools had enrolments of about 500 and 800 respectively. Griffith had more like 1600 and 82

teachers! Only three other teachers were from WWTC: John Robinson 1952-53, Barry Olds (Sports Master) and Bill Ryan from 1953-54.

There were some satisfying achievements — notably the formation of a branch of the Road Safety Council of NSW and a community driving school based on a car donated by a local dealer. The development of a solemn Anzac Day remembrance ceremony, which my staff member John Robinson helped pull together and we had contributions from ex-servicemen and staff members. A branch of the NSW Science Teachers Association for MIA schools was formed and had amongst other things three successful weekend schools for chemistry, biology and physics were held for

schools, with separate lectures for the general community.

This concludes my summary of the first fourteen years of work in NSW Education. There were another twenty years in the Commonwealth Public Service, in the Public Service Board Training Section and the Commonwealth Department of Education working on new technology and its application to education.

Some personal notes:

I married Diana in Sydney in 1963. Diana had a long career in TAFE, training Home Science teachers, and teaching hospitality and home catering. We have lived in Canberra ever since 1969 and have three children.

Stephen was born in Griffith and is now a retired GP in Orange,

where he lives with his wife, Karen and their two children. Richard was born in Royal Canberra Hospital soon after we came here. He has a variety of skills and topped his year in Brewing at the University in Ballarat. He likes life in a smaller community and is now in Gunning with his wife Kerrie. Alison was also born in Canberra and loves her career as an Intensive Care Paramedic.

I had major heart failure in February 2016 and am in an aged care facility in Campbell, ACT.

I have found the twists and turns of life continue into the advanced years and no matter how old we are, while we are able to think clearly we can still learn something and help somebody every day.

## OAM: ELAINE'S WIN IS FOR HER AND THE CWA



**Elaine Armstrong (Etherington) 1960/61**, was awarded an OAM in the Australia Day Honours. The Award recognised Elaine's service to the community through the Country Women's Association.

Mrs Armstrong has given much of her time to the CWA over many years, serving as State

President from 2010-2013, State Vice President 2008-2009 and State Secretary, 2000-2003. She has also held roles in the Riverina Group as President, Representative to Executive, Secretary and International Officer as well as roles in her local Branch, Oura, as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Col Kohlhagen**

## WWTCAA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This year there were 58 applicants for the WWTCAA Scholarship for students studying Education at Charles Sturt University, a huge increase on the two who applied last year. The task of eliminating over fifty applicants before interviews were conducted was a challenging though enjoyable task.

Our hearts were touched by the difficulties faced by today's students. All who applied are deferring their HECS fees. The majority have at least one part time job, usually more, to help pay for accommodation, books and food. What a far cry this is from our days at Wagga where we were housed, fed and paid an

allowance!

Third and Fourth Year students on Practice Teaching placements are often in communities away from the colleges and have to stop working while paying a second rent while away. This extra expense was a serious consideration, though not the only

one, in awarding the scholarship this year.

While five students were finally selected for an interview up to twenty others would have been worthy candidates and three of those not interviewed were so impressive that they have already been contacted asking

them to apply again next year which augers well for continuing deserving recipients of the scholarship.

The five who were interviewed had excellent applications and handled the interviews very well making a final decision a challenge. Katelyn Rudd, a fourth

Year student from Wagga Campus and Molly Spalding from Albury have been nominated for the scholarships this year and will receive their award in May. They both are dedicated to teaching in rural areas and have skills that would make them an asset to any community.

**Chris and Jenny Blake**

## WITH THANKS: WWTCAA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Hi Chris and Jenny,**

Wow, thank you so much I am very appreciative and grateful. I will make sure I am there at the ceremony and look forward to meeting you both. Enjoy the rest of your week.

**Regards  
Katelyn Rudd**

**Dear Chris and Jenny**

It is hard to put into words just how grateful I am that you have chosen to offer me the WWTCAA scholarship. Thank you so much!

The generosity of the Alumni is so appreciated. Thank you for believing in me and supporting

me in the opportunities I wish to take in the near future to be the best possible teacher I can be. I am overwhelmed and grateful for your support, and excited for the opportunities that I can now take part in. I look forward to meeting you again on the 17th May.

**Kind regards,  
Molly Spalding**

## THE PIONEER YEARS REMEMBERED - Peter Debenham 1947-49

On reading over my previous contribution of July 2011 and subsequent articles by Win and Kevin Wilcox, a few more pleasant memories of my college days have come back to me.

As all cricket fans will recall, 1948 was the year of Don Bradman's 'Invincibles' tour of England.

So that we could listen to the Tests, five members of the College Cricket Team, Mac Yablesy, Jack Brewster, Alan Nilon and myself, raked together enough funds to buy a radio.

As Mac, John and Alan shared a room in a different dorm to Jack and me, they claimed the radio for their room.

As a result, at 8pm on test nights Jack and I would roll up our mattresses and bedding and lug

them across the forty yards or so to the other dorm where we would spread them out on the floor and settle in for a night's listening.

During the night, others, including Kevin Wilcox and even Griff Duncan on his nightly rounds, would squeeze in for a while.

As you can imagine things became quite rowdy at times. However, no official complaints were ever made.

One night as the radio station was closing for the night, Mac stood on his bed for the playing of the national anthem and went right through. As builders were still working on the college, he was able to borrow some tools the next day and make the necessary repairs before the damage was discovered.

Mac was a mad Don Bradman fan, so that when the Don made a duck in his final test, the radio was in danger of going out the window.

I clearly remember *Pygmalion*, with Tom Hodges as Professor Higgins, with his pipe that he never lit. (This fact was highlighted in the *Wagga Daily Examiner* (sic) the next day.

All the best for the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations. I have not yet managed to make it to a reunion, but Arthur Smith and I did have our plane tickets from Coffs Harbour to Sydney for the 1950 reunion which was called off at the last minute (thanks a lot, George!) In the early years, I did, however, attend a few informal reunions at the Hyde Park Hotel, in Elizabeth Street and the Mayfair Restaurant, in King St.



## IN MEMORIAM

**Enid Monaghan (Carter)** Pioneer 1947-49. Enid passed away on 23 July 2016 at Reynalds Court hostel at Bateau Bay.

Enid suffered with Rheumatoid Arthritis plus other complications. Enid only spent a few years in the classroom teaching, but family life and community activities used her talents and she was awarded an O.A.M. in 2013 for services to the community and in particular those suffering from arthritis.

**Ruth Chapman (Henze)** 1950-51 passed away 27<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Ruth and I began teacher training at WWTC in 1950 and got to know each other better when we shared a table in the common dining room in our second year. After a long courtship we married in Cowra in 1955.

We enjoyed so much of what WWTC gave us in the way of teacher preparation and in long lasting friendships. We enjoyed and appreciated *Talkabout* when we were students for keeping us in the know and again when we became chronically challenged.

Sadly, Ruth passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 after being unwell for a couple of years.

I hope the celebrations are a resounding success. Hopefully, I'll be in fine fettle by then and able to join the warriors.

**Maayu yanaaya,  
Vic Chapman.**

**Robert ('Bob') Chaplin** (1953-54) sadly passed away on 16th October, 2016. Dad had battled illness for more than 12 months, finally confirmed as Multiple Myeloma. He would have been

81 on November 28th, 2016.

Like many who met their future partners at WWTC, Mum and Dad formed life-long friendships, and have many cherished memories of their time there.

Mum and Dad also 'moved north' from the Gosford area, Saratoga to Port Macquarie almost 3 years ago. They unfortunately were not able to attend the local Teachers' get-together, as Dad was not well at the time.

Mum will continue to look forward to the *Talkabout*, and its interesting updates. Kind regards  
**Di Bridge (daughter)  
for Joan Chaplin**

**Graham Wilson** Pioneer 1947-1948). It is with great sadness that I inform members of the Alumni that the son of Graeme Wilson has advised us that his Dad passed away in the early hours of the morning, Friday 20 January, 2017.

Graeme was a big part of the pioneer group that established our Alumni group in 1997 and continued to support the current committee as we took up the reins.

He will be remembered by all as a gracious and humble man with a big heart. His financial contri-

butions to the Scholarship project have been enormous.

Graeme was diagnosed with cancer which he had kept to himself and maintained his wish to pass away in his own home in Killarney Heights.

**Lesley Forbes  
Secretary WWTC**

**Brian John Pettit 1959-60).** It is with a very sad heart I report that our great friend, Brian Pettit, passed away recently in Nanaimo, BC Canada, after a long battle with cancer

In recent years, after his retirement as Principal in Nanaimo, he wrote and published several books, some set in Australia and some set in Canada.

He showed great skills as a writer and his research was always very thorough. His commitment to publish was admirable.

Brian was what I regard as one of 'Nature's Gentlemen' and the world was a better place for his having been in it.

I feel honoured to have known him. He will be sorely missed by many.

**R.I.P dear friend,  
Joan Kirkham**



**Brian Pettit, Joan Kirkham (Robinson), Judy Morrison ( Noble), Bill Keast**



**Ian Thomas** - Pioneer 1947-48)  
My dad Ian Thomas died peacefully in his sleep last Sunday morning at the Queen Victoria Memorial Nursing home in Picton NSW where he had been living since partially recovering from a major stroke last September.

As one of the Pioneer students at Wagga Wagga Teachers College he and my mother had/have very special memories of their time in Wagga Wagga. My mum still talks with great fondness of friendships made during that time and good times shared.

Dad's professional life in education was in many interesting locations: Hardy's Mill, Meadow Flat, Hartley Vale, Hartley, Wilcannia, Lakemba, Padstow North, Canley Heights and Ruse. From Principals' Associations to P&Cs, Dad was involved and caring in his school, regional and State communities. In Wilcannia, for example, he was sometimes called upon to go and help tie down the small planes at the airfield due to incipient dust storms.

In 2006 dad received an Order of Australia for service to the many community groups to which he volunteered his services.

- Active participation in Ex-Servicemen, RSL, Naval and Barcoo Associations
- Pioneer student at Wagga Wagga Teachers' College and member of their Alumni .
- A successful career in NSW primary schools .
- Active in Teachers Federation and retired teachers group.
- A second career with Kumon, as *Grandfather of Kumon Australia*.
- Support for children's sport through the PSSA – past NSW and Australian President
- Lifelong involvement in Scouting.
- Involvement with the local Presbyterian/Uniting church.

**Elizabeth Farley**  
**Daughter**

**David Reid**, 1959-1960 was in the same year as Brian Pettit, recently passing away in Nanaimo.

I met Reidy at WWTC in 1959. Dave was an EXCEL-

LENT sportsman, excelling in cricket and rugby union.

We met again in Kamloops, Canada and shared an apartment until he married a Scottish lass, Irene in 1972. The wedding was in Dundee, Scotland and soon after they moved back to Australia and reared two girls in Wentworth, NSW.

After a stint in Cowra, Reidy and Irene moved to Canberra where his two daughters, Lindsay and Alison plus three grandchildren resided.

Dave and Irene revisited Canada a number of times, catching up with many friends along the way.

**Neroli Cooper (Bland)** 1953-54  
It is with sadness that we note the passing of Alumni member Neroli Cooper. Loved wife of Wal (dec). Mother of Louise and Clive, Andrew and Nicole, and Robyn and Kirsten, grandmother of four, sister of Sue Jones and Rosemary Moncrieff (dec) both of West Wyalong.

**Lesley Forbes**



Dave Reid, Ray Writer, Ross Hoskins, Barry Brown 2006

**Anne Smith (Broadhead)**

Thanks Everyone,  
We wish to extend our sincere thanks to all who offered friendship and consolation in our hours of grief. David Smith on behalf of the family.  
*Those we love are never really lost to us  
we feel them in so many special ways*

*through friends they always cared about  
and dreams they left behind,  
in beauty that they added to our days...  
in words of wisdom we still carry with us  
and memories that never will be gone...  
Those we love are never really lost to us  
for everywhere their special love lives on*

## WWTCAA: AGM 2017 TREASURER'S REPORT - Lindsay Brockway

### Wagga Wagga Teachers College Alumni Association Annual General Meeting 14th February 2017 Treasurer's Report

The Association's accounts for 2016 have been audited and found correct.

Support for the Association continues to grow and enabled the Association funds as at 31/12/2016 to hold a credit balance \$23,787.27. Total income for the year was \$24,726.33, which included membership contributions of \$5,252 (\$5,460 in 2015) and donations for the Scholarship Fund \$5,100 (\$2,546 in 2015) and for Alumni Projects \$1,560 (\$1,355 in 2015). General Funds received donations totalling \$2,095 (\$2,385 in 2015).

Expenditure totalled \$20,252.65. Major areas of expenditure included Audit Fees \$220, Postage including *Talkabout* \$1,323

(\$1,951.15 in 2015), Stationery \$255.06 and General Expenses of \$271. The Association's Committee approved donations to the Scholarship Fund of \$5,000, to Digitizing WWTC Archives \$3,000 and to the Teachers Federation for use of rooms for meetings \$100.

The Association is fortunate in that *Talkabout* continued to be printed through contacts at Abbotsleigh Girls School, on a cost for materials only basis. Total cost for three editions of *Talkabout* was \$245.38. In recognition of this support by Abbotsleigh to the Association, \$800 was donated to the Abbotsleigh Indigenous Scholarship.

The Committee approved that the accounting process for the 50 year Reunion of the 1965, 1966 and 1967 cohort be through the Association's accounts. The organising committee of the Reunion agreed that a surplus of \$924 remain in the Association's ac-

counts to be allocated to the 70 Year Celebrations in 2017.

The South Campus Book sales totalled \$750 in 2016. Forty five copies out of the 100 purchased have been sold to date (31/12/2016).

The Committee approved that from 2016, the Scholarship Fund should distribute \$8,000 per year. As at 31/12/2016 the Scholarship Fund had a credit balance of \$91,852.80. \$5,200 was received by the Fund in donations and \$4,000 was added through Corpus Income.

The Committee expresses its appreciation to the 206 members who were able to donate varying amounts above their annual subscription. Electronic payments direct into the Association accounts continue to receive strong support.

**Lindsay Brockway  
Treasurer WWTCAA**

## WWTCAA: AGM 2017 RECOMMENDATIONS - Lindsay Brockway

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) resolved that the Annual Membership Fees, for 2017, be unchanged, that is, \$10 to receive *Talkabout* electronically and \$20 for postal delivery.

After receiving and adopting the Annual Financial Report, the General Meeting approved the following recommendations:

- That \$3,000 be sent to Wagga Wagga CSU Archives for further research and digitizing WWTC material.
- That \$6,000 be forwarded to CSU Foundation for the

WWTC Scholarship Fund.

- While ever the Alumni is able to print *Talkabout* on a basis of cost of materials only, that \$200 per print run be donated to the Indigenous Fund at Abbotsleigh.
- That \$150 be donated to Federation House for use of rooms for meetings.
- That \$3,000 be made available to assist the organisation of the 70 year celebration of WWTC. That this amount include the surplus of funds from the 2016 Reunion of the

1965/66/67 group.

The Alumni Committee is appreciative of those alumni who have maintained continuous regular contributions and membership to the WWTCAA over many years.

The Alumni Committee also acknowledges those who have made substantial contributions in years gone by. The committee welcomes those members who have recently joined the Association. Thank you.

**Lindsay Brockway  
Treasurer WWTCAA**



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MAJOR DONORS 2016

The Alumni Association wishes to acknowledge the following members, who have contributed substantial amounts during 2016 and up to March 2017:

E. Armstrong  
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R. McNabb  
R. Morton  
J. Pankhurst  
K. Richardson  
A. Thompson  
S. Truin

## SCHOLARSHIP BEQUEST

The WWTCAA respectfully acknowledges the bequest \$2,000.00 from the estate of the late Aileen Dawn Stewart (nee Andrews). Aileen graduated from Wagga Wagga Teachers College in 1951. This is indeed a significant gesture and one that will continue to benefit the recipients of the WWTCAA Scholarship in the years ahead. All members are reminded that donations can be made to the Scholarship Fund by completing the form attached to the last page of this newsletter.

**Bruce Forbes, President of WWTCAA**

## BLOGGING WITH THE VICE CHANCELLOR - Nigel Tanner



In this age of electronic communication you can never be sure what and when matters of interest will appear. Recently this conversation was found on the Blog of the Vice Chancellor of Sturt University, Andrew Vann.

And, who is holding the conversation with the Vice Chancellor - yes, none other than one of our Pioneer, Nigel Tanner. Well done Nigel.

*netanner* says:

February 19, 2017

Very good to have this personal message from the Vice Chancellor. Many thanks, Andrew.

This is the 70th anniversary year of the opening of Wagga Wagga Teachers' College. A few of the first students (Pioneers) are still alive such as Mrs. Winifred Wilcox and her husband whom she met on the course, Mr. Kevin Wilcox. They are in the Wagga Wagga Teachers' College Alumni Association (part of the broader Charles Sturt University Alumni) which has reciprocally raised money for its scholarship fund and been substantially supported by the University, in particular by its Advancement Officer, Mrs. Stacey Fish. Mr. Bruce and Mrs. Lesley Forbes are the current President and Secretary of the Association. Nigel Tanner.

*andrewvann* says:

February 20, 2017

Hi Nigel, indeed it is the 70th Anniversary – I believe a dinner is being organised at the end of October to celebrate and I'm looking forward to attending. Regards, Andy.

*netanner* says:

February 21, 2017

Very kind of you to respond, Vice Chancellor. We will be honoured by your attendance at this event. Best wishes, Nigel.



# WWTC 70 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

## Wagga Wagga Teachers College Alumni Association “70 Year Celebration Teacher Training in Wagga Wagga” Program 27 – 29 October 2017

Registration Fee of \$15 per person to indicate intention to attend the Celebration is due for payment by Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017.

Balance for final payment is due on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 2017.

Please return this completed form to the Secretary (12 Silky Oak Rise KEW NSW 2439)

Day, Date and Time	Activity and Venue	Amount to Pay	No. Attending
<b>Friday 27/10/2017</b> 4.00pm to 6.00pm	Registration and Civic Reception Wagga City Council 4.00pm - 6.00pm	<b>Nil</b>	
Time as advised from 6.00pm	Session Dinners as organised by Session Coordinator <i>Or</i> “Cork and Fork” at Wagga City Beach	Contact Session Coordinator  Own Expense	Contact Session Coordinator  Not required
<b>Saturday 28/10/2017</b> 9.00am to 11.00am	Visit to South Campus Archives Walking Tour Morning Tea and “Wake”	<b>Nil</b> Bring own alcoholic beverage for toasting “The Wake”	
11.00am to 1.00pm	Bus Tour of Wagga and Environs to North Campus	<i>\$15.00 pp</i>	
1.00pm to 3.00pm	BBQ Lunch with Myrtle at Rotunda at North Campus	<i>\$15.00 pp</i>	
3.00pm	Bus Returns to South Campus	<b>Nil</b>	
6.30pm for 7.00pm (Until Late)	Formal Dinner at CSU Convention Centre North Campus	<i>\$60.00 pp</i> 2 x Wine Bottles / Table Supplied Cash bar operating	
<b>Sunday 29/10/2017</b> 9.00am	Rotary Club of Wagga BBQ Breakfast at Botanic Gardens	<i>\$15.00 pp</i>	
10.30am	Ecumenical Church Service at Music Bowl Botanical Gardens	<b>Nil</b>	
11.30am	Session activities and Farewells	<b>Nil</b>	Contact Session Coordinator
<b>Total Amount Due by 4/08/2017 (amount x no.)</b>			

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Registration: \$15.00 pp (Due 31/05/2017)      Balance: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Due 4/08/2017)

Electronic Fund Transfer: Name 70YC (e.g. “BForbes70YC”) BSB 062 329 A/c 10073789

Cheques payable to: WWTC Alumni Association *Secretary, 12 Silky Oak Rise, KEW NSW 2439*

(Full payments may be made at any time from receipt of this program and costing. Accommodation at own expense.)

## BOOK ORDER FORM

Copies of **South Campus: A History** by Nancy Blacklow can be ordered using the order form (opp) or by direct contact (phone/email) to the Secretary. If payment is by electronic transfer please include "NameBook" e.g. "ForbesBook" as reference and then email Secretary.

**NB: South Campus** was the site of WWTC.

## MEETING DATES - WWTCAA

### ALL WELCOME

WWTCAA quarterly meetings are held at 11.00am at Teachers Federation House, 37 Reservoir St, Surry Hills.

### Future Meeting Dates:

14 February 2017 (AGM)

9 May 2017

8 August 2017

14 November 2017

## HELP!!! CONTACT DETAILS

### Ex-Students of Wagga Wagga Teachers College

#### CONTACT DETAILS REQUIRED

- Margaret Jones (Trotter) 1961-62
- Robin Middleton (Deep) 1968-69
- Neil Clark 1964-65
- Rhona Miller (Johanson) 1953-54
- Rolf Mueller 1967-68
- Graeme Taylor 1962-63
- Bernie Body 1961-62
- Mavis Lupton 1963-63
- Jeanette Zurawaski 1966-67.
- Patricia Hansen, (her maiden name) probably from WWTC 1961-62? She taught at Turvey Park Demonstration School for four years and then was at Batemans Bay in 1967.

Send information to the Secretary:

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**South Campus: A History**  
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## REUNION ROUNDUP

### Ex-Students of Wagga Wagga Teachers College

#### NOTICE FOR YOUR DIARY

#### 70 YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE FOUNDATION OF WWTC

**27-29 OCTOBER 2017**

**ALL SESSIONS 1947-1970**

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# The Wagga Wagga Teachers Alumni Association

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS

To ensure the continued financial viability of the Wagga Wagga Teachers Alumni Association the following membership contributions and services will apply from 1 January 2017.

### a) Electronic Membership:

Receive all information and three (3) copies of *Talkabout* electronically. \$10.00 p.a.

### b) Standard Membership:

Receive all information and three (3) printed copies of *Talkabout* via standard mail.  
\$20.00 p.a.

In addition to either Electronic or Standard Membership members may choose to make additional contributions from the options below.

### c) Additional Contributions:

- i. general donation to the Alumni for ongoing projects e.g. digitise archives from \$10.00.
- ii. specific donation to the WWTCAA Scholarship Fund from \$10.00.

Opposite is a contribution slip for 2017.

## WWTCAA CONTRIBUTIONS 2017

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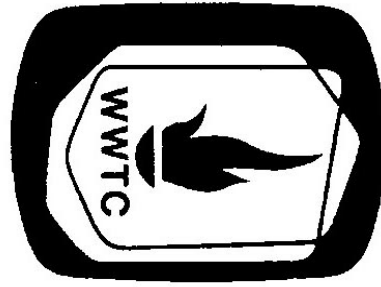
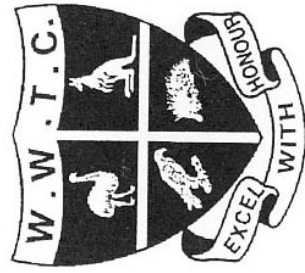
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