

NEWCASTLE BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL



1958 NBHS School Leavers
50 Year Reunion Dinner

Profiles Received

The Newcastle Club

on

SATURDAY, 18TH OCTOBER, 2008

Apologies

Winston Aslin
 Les Atkin
 Kandiah Balasingham
 Robert Barnes
 Jack Caldwell
 Ralph Gillon
 Gordon Hanna
 Paul Hannan
 Bill Harper
 Kevin Henderson
 Michael Hough
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 Peter Marroszeky
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 Ron Spiers
 Richard Temple
 Doug Timmins
 Robert Wilson
 Jim Wood

Known Deaths

Vernon Booth
 Gary Chadban
 Peter Coleman
 Des Curran
 John Delman
 Gordon Goffet
 Paul Harland
 Howard Morante
 Keith North
 Bob Richardson
 Geoff Stephenson

Robert Allan

1959-1964 BSc in Metallurgy, NUC Uni NSW, trainee at Lysaghts, Newcastle
 1965-1968 (Senior) assistant Metallurgical Engineer, Nchanga Mine, Zambia, copper extraction, electrowinning
 1968-1977 Research Officer Electrolytic Zinc Industries, Hobart: residue treatment, goethite process etc
 1977-1982 Postgrad work for PhD, Uni Queensland, incl. surveys MIM Qld, and CSIRO SEM work, composite particle modelling
 1982-1984 Mount Isa Mines, Research Metallurgist, flotation, future ores, fine particles, reagents
 1985-1984 Examiner Patent Office, Canberra in met/chem eng mainly
 1994-2004 Griffith Hack, Melbourne: Searcher Patents, Tradé Marks, Designs, business searches etc
 2004 March Retired (almost)
 2007 March 2008: Casual/PPTIME online searching/exam home based for IP Aust (Patent Office) in mech. eng mainly
 March 2008 Finally retired

Winston Aslin

Finished Pharmacy apprenticeship but did not finish uni;
 Pathologist Technician;
 Proofreader / copywriter / produced house magazine;
 Insurance claims / superannuation inspector;
 B.Ed (Industrial Arts) at Ncle. Coll. Adv. Education;
 Taught woodwork, metalwork, tech. drawing and maths at seven NSW high schools.
 The last 13 years before retirement I spent at Newcastle High School where I introduced successful courses in Model Engineering and Snooker (as a sport).
 I am happily married with two children and five stepchildren (all left home), and spend my time both with a share portfolio and building and flying model aircraft (as I did when I was at school with you lot!)
 All the best for the reunion.

Kandiah Balasingam

Since leaving NBHS I graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce degree and pursued a career in accounting/management.
 In 1980 I was admitted as a Fellow of Certified Practising Accountants. My career took me just about all over Australia.
 I retired in 1996 and relocated back to the city I love - Newcastle in 2000.

Tony Bale

Trainee Metallurgist Rylands. Overseas UK, Norway couple of years. Hitchhiked North Norway to India when father died.

Sulphide – Tech Staff

Pharmaceutical Industry-Astra Chemicals. Seconded to Novo Industry to start Novo Laboratories (Insulin Supplier). Started Novo Diagnostic systems. Introduced RCBF (Regional Cerebral Blood flow) measurement and bone density measurement by isotope.

Set up own business with NDS products and Poirer wheelchairs and other rehabilitation gear. Sold Sydney based business and returned to Newcastle. Bought Kitchen/Giftware business in Hunter St. Mall after Managing Sheltered Workshop.

Sold business retired doing bathroom, kitchen rebuilds with a builder.

Retired to Renovate home.

Sport – still sail 505-do OK. Play Badminton Won Australian Mens Doubles twice. Masters games at top Level.

Robert Barnes

Dr Robert Barnes. BA, MA, MLitt, PhD (Melb.). Spent 14 years with ICI (incl 5 years in PNG 1967-72), followed by 3 years as Director of Education with the Australian Society of Accountants. Over the 20 year period 1983-2003, CEO of the Australian Institute of Bankers, Municipal Association of Victoria and the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. Retired in 2003 and bought into a consultancy ProNed Australia Pty Ltd, which locates Directors for Boards, working 3-4 days per week. Have lived in Melbourne since 1972.

Interests include tennis, skiing and flying – pilots licence for 34 years, flying single and twin engined aircraft, incl. P51 Mustang. Freemason for 48 years, currently Past Deputy Grand Master. Justice of the Peace and Bail Justice. Member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne and President of the Nepean Historical Society (Sorrento). Recently wrote a book on John Hunter, 2nd Gov. of NSW, to be published next year by Sydney Uni Press. Spending 1-2 days a week at Sorrento.

Three children and 5 grand children.

John Beberidge

After Leaving Certificate results released received offer of Dept of Education Junior Farmer Scholarship to enter Hawkesbury Agricultural College. Three great years in residence. Learnt a little bit about agriculture, a reasonable amount about Rugby and a lot about life. Served. One year as Vice President and final year as President of S.R.E. and was honoured to receive Old Boys Association Prize on graduating (equivalent to Ross Mearns prize).

Six months after graduating began. Career in dairy industry which was to span 44 years. Dairy farmed with parents at Scone and at same time pursued involvement in Junior Farmer Movement, and in 1965 received Rural Bank Star Junior Farmer award, which included around the world travel for 7 months spending time with rural agencies and living with farm host families through Europe, Britain, Canada, USA and New Zealand.

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Following this trip I was offered a management position with Naroo Pastoral Co. (British Tobacco) at Jemalong Dairy, Forbes which at the time was one of the largest dairies in Australia. However, after two years the lure of small enterprise took me back to “hands on” dairying so purchased own dairy at Wagga Wagga. Pursued this career until 1991 when Family Law Court gave some directions which resulted in enterprise being sold.

Since then employment has been with Dairy Express (originally Dept of Agriculture) and more recently Agricultural Business Research Institute (University of New England) until retirement in 2006.

All this time have been deeply involved in the Holstein Friesian breed of dairy cattle, beginning at H.A.C. and culminating in the year 2000 when Australia hosted the 10th World Conference. I spent 3 years as Federal President, then sold last of stud cattle in 2000, and was awarded Life Membership of Holstein Friesian Association of Australia.

During involvement with Holstein Friesian cattle I served on many committees which included 2 terms NSW Branch President, 12 years National Board, 3 years Federal President, 4 years World Council, 7 years Advisory Committee Australian Dairy Herd Improvement Scheme, 7 years Vice President of Australian Registered Cattle Breeders Association, Australian representative at World Conferences in Budapest, Sopporo (Japan) and Sydney.

Remarried in 1993 and have since lived very happily in Wagga Wagga ~ a real “towny”.

Prof John Bloomfield (Ex PF Teacher NBHS)

Email from Wife

Bob,

I'm responding on behalf of my husband John, who was at Newcastle Boys' High at the time you mention. Since then we spent almost eight years in the USA, and have been at The University of Western Australia since 1968, where John is now an Emeritus Professor. I'm sure John would love to catch up with you on your next visit to Perth, with a little advance warning. This week he's facing surgery for a syrinx, which developed since he broke his neck over 4 years ago. The neurosurgeon will insert a shunt to drain the spinal fluid, which has been 'dammed up' above the break-point by scar tissue. It's a risky operation, but the risk of allowing the fluid to penetrate the brain stem is not good either. So I will show him your e-mail and he'll be delighted to know how well you have done professionally following on from your NBHS education.

Best wishes,

Noelene Bloomfield

Noel Blundell

As requested, here is a brief summary of my last 50 years.

1959 - Joined Commonwealth Bank and worked at local branches.

1964 - Joined NCR (National Cash Register Co) – Les Atkin was already there.

1966 to 1968 transferred to Tamworth depot but returned to get married.

2002 - Retired.

PERSONAL

Married Carolyn in 1968. We have two children, Stuart- born 10/10/71 and Alison - born 26/2/74. Our children have given us three beautiful grandchildren. From Alison we have Paige - born 2/5/99 and Matthew - born 11/9/2001 (exactly 12 hours to the minute before the first plane crashed into the World Trade Centre) Stuart has Andrew - born 6.26pm 26/6/2006. (I wonder what his lucky numbers will be?) A baby sister for Andrew is expected mid July.

Our time is largely spent helping out with the grandchildren whenever possible. This includes picking up Paige and Matthew from the bus after school and following their swimming, soccer and netball pursuits.

Terry Bryden

After time with BHP and Rutile and Zircon Mines I worked for Honeywell for 34 years in various industrial automation engineering and sales positions. I held a number of senior positions including national marketing management roles. I travelled Australia and the world for Honeywell including medium term assignments in India, China and the Philippines.

During my time with Honeywell I won the President's Club award, their highest award for service and achievement.

Since 2002 I have been self employed as a Consulting Engineer, working part time and loving it.

Jack Caldwell

After graduating from Newcastle University, I taught French, German and English at NBHS for seven years and Parramatta High as languages master for one. I had two years off doing a doctorate in French literature at Macquarie and in Paris before joining Newcastle CAE and subsequently Newcastle University in teacher education for 24 years, culminating in three years as Dean. In 1996, I joined Hong Kong Institute of Education as Director of Secondary, Technical and Special Education and am still currently there part-time as Adjunct Professor in the School of Continuing and Professional Education and also part-time at HK Central College as Deputy President (Special Projects), semi-retired and consulting externally from my home in the south of France.

Ken Clifford

From school to Newcastle University (Science Degree) to Newcastle Teachers College. Ten years teaching at Cessnock High School, followed by Seventeen years at Wallsend High School.

Has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Hunter Academy of Sport from 1989 to the present.

In sport, played a number of years of first grade cricket in Newcastle and toured extensively overseas for many years as an international basketball referee. Had long terms as President of the Newcastle Basketball and Cricket Associations.

Bob Cowan

Engineering Steel - (Stewarts & Lloyds), Motor Vehicles-Chrysler, Grain handling
More Recently – Consultant, Materials Handling, Irrigation Pumping,
Factory Equipment - Mitsubishi, Holden, Co-Generational Systems.

Phil Daly

Clerk for 6 yrs with Elders Woolbrokers

Spent 1964 in Mackay/Qld coaching basketball - coached women's state team at Australian Championships

Stationery rep at Anco for 30 years

Owned Oak Milkbar Greenhills for 9 years to 2003

Still work 36 hours and play 2 games of golf a week. Married twice have 3 great kids and 3 grandkids LIFE's GOOD!

Allan Elliott

After NBHS I worked at Comsteel for 6 1/2 years as a Metallurgist and Inspector. I then worked at Newbolds General Refractories for 5 years as a Scientific Officer. Following this I worked at the DMR(which became the RTA) doing field and laboratory testing. I was Lab. Supervisor till I retired in 1992. My career could be summed as Quality control.

As an early sideline, I played saxophone for 7 years in a 50/50 dance band in the 60's.

Prof. Phillip Foreman

I received a Commonwealth Scholarship to do law at Sydney but opted to do a 2-year primary teaching course. Later did part-time university study and became a school counsellor. From there went into teacher education and eventually became Professor and Dean of Education at the University of Newcastle. Currently Chair of the NSW Institute of Teachers. Married 42 years to Carolyn. Three children, five grand-children.

John Gardiner

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer ConnectEast Group

John Gardiner joined ConnectEast as Chief Executive Officer in March 2005 and was appointed to the Board in December 2007.

ConnectEast is a stapled entity listed on the ASX with a 39 year Concession from the State of Victoria to develop and operate the \$3.8b Eastlink tollroad in Melbourne's South west. John joined ConnectEast from Interlink Roads, Concessionaire of Sydney's M5 SouthWest tollway, where he held the position of general manager from 1997-2005. He has almost 40 years experience in engineering services, consulting and tollroad management. At Interlink Roads, John was responsible for the strategic direction and management of the business. Prior to joining Interlink Roads, he held the position of principal of Gardiner TQM (1994-1997), a business planning, strategy and risk management consultancy, serving clients such as Southern Sydney Area Health Service, the Australian Army and Ausaid. His earlier career included the role of chairman and co-founder of Gardiner Willis & Associates (1980-1994), principal and founder of JW Gardiner & Associates (1976-1980) and various roles in structural engineering in Australia and the United Kingdom. John has degrees in Civil Engineering and Arts.

Gerry Gamble

My life since school in two paragraphs!

Became an Accountant in public practice. Sold out to two employees and retired in 1997. Married 1965, two children and two grandchildren. Travelled overseas 1963/64 with old boys Ross Proudfoot and Keith North. Shared holiday property at Hawks Nest with old boy Des Curran and family for 35 years and became keen on fishing. Now life member Newcastle District Anglers Association. Gave up tennis 3 years ago through injury, still play golf and recently took up lawn bowls.

Caravanned around Australia 1998 and still a keen Grey Nomad. Have been on a few overseas trips since retirement. Now lead a quite life in Charlestown except when reunions come to town!!

John(Toby) Glass

On leaving school I attended the University of Sydney studying Medicine, graduating at the end of 1964. I completed my 2 year post graduate residency at Royal Newcastle Hospital. I then decided to train to be a Physician and became a Medical Registrar at the Royal, and later became a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians. I then decided that I would like to sub specialise in Rheumatology (Arthritis and inflammatory Connective Tissue diseases as well as other Musculoskeletal diseases). I then spent the next 3 years training at Royal North Shore Hospital, Guy's Hospital in London and at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. I finally returned back to Newcastle in 1976 and set up a Consultant Rheumatology Practice in Watt Street Newcastle, and have been there ever since. My work time has been spent between my private rooms and the Royal Newcastle Hospital, later John Hunter Hospital. As well as my clinical involvement at the hospital, I have spent time on various Hospital committees including a period as a member of the Hunter Area Health Board. I have also been involved in teaching as a Conjoint Clinical Lecturer at the University of Newcastle.

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My main extracurricular activities have been my involvement in Rotary, having joined in 1977. I was District Governor in 1992/93, and later Chairman of the District Youth Exchange Program for 4 years and am now Chairman of the Eastern Australian Region of Rotary Australia World Community Service program.

I married Patricia in 1968 and we have 3 Children and 6 grand children all living some distance from Newcastle.

Fred Goldsworthy

I retired as Head of School at CSU (Charles Sturt University former Head of School of Visual and Performing Arts,) but I still teach some of my old subjects there (as casual) I'm also still doing my weekly column for the paper and I teach a Boston U Summer School on Aust Film associated with the Sydney Film Festival so I seem busier than I've ever been. I really regret missing this auspicious event and wish all my old friends and colleagues the very best for a long and happy future.

If any photographs etc. are being circulated after the event I'd really like to be on the mailing list for them and I'd like to be kept on any permanent mailing list BUT at my: fgoldsworthy@bigpond.com address which is my primary address.

Bill Harper - post NBS

Where Lived: Newcastle 1959-1965, Sydney 1966- (7 months UK in 1971)

Family

Married Margaret Sales 1970

3 sons Simon, Ben, Nathan, 2 daughters-in-law, another imminent, Grandchildren – not yet

Academic

B. Sc (ChemEng) - part-time in Newcastle (Uni of NSW)

B.Sc (Psychol) - part-time in Sydney (Uni of NSW)

Career

6 years Chem Eng trainee, 3 years Chemical Engineer

1 year+ Science teacher (part-time), 1 year+ Warden Young Mens Hostel (part-time)

4 years Industrial Chemist/Consumer Studies

26 years Marketing Research

Companies worked for:

Newcastle Chemical Company, ICIANZ, Unilever, AMATIL, Colgate Palmolive,

2 marketing research consultancies

Recreational/Interests

Various sports including golf, cricket, table tennis, tennis, ten-pin bowling

Gardening, music, travel, chess

Retired 2001

Post-retirement activities include managing own super, voluntary work

Kevin Henderson

Despite my enthusiasm when we were speaking a couple of weeks ago, I find that I have double booked and will not be able to be with you all on 18th October. I will however be with you in spirit (maybe several spirits) and would appreciate a copy of any program or souvenir of the dinner. Please pass my regrets to those who attend.

As I am also a graduate of 1959 I may be there next year if they plan to have a reunion.

For interest of our cohorts, I have included a couple of paras of what I have been up to for the past 50 years, and also included my contact details below - I don't have any problem publishing them if you decide to put a contact list together.

All the best for 18th October. Please let me know how it goes, and pass my regards on to everyone (esp Clive, Mick Hough, Doc (Rob) Barnes, and Alan Elliott).

Having sat for another Leaving Certificate in 1959 (to gain two more subjects) Kevin joined the Air Force in January 1960 and graduated as a pilot in April 1962. Many of his fellow NBHS cohorts will remember Kevin started flying at the Newcastle Aero Club in 1957 while he was still at school. He became a very experienced transport pilot and flew most types of RAAF transport aircraft including Dakotas, Caribou and all types of Hercules aircraft up to the time his career moved from flying to staff duties in the 1980s. His flying career included being part of the first RAAF unit to see service in the Vietnam War - Kevin flew Caribou in Vietnam 1964-65, and then in Papua New Guinea late 1965 and early 1966. During his time flying C130 Hercules Kevin was an exchange pilot with the United States Air Force (USAF) in North Carolina 1970-72. He also was Commanding Officer of the RAAF's No. 36 Squadron 1979-81 which flew C130H Hercules. His flying career covered most of South-East Asia, the South Pacific, North America, the UK and Antarctica. Some may have seen Kevin on a Dick Smith TV program in 1980 flying from New Zealand to Antarctica.

Kevin married Meg in 1966. Service life saw them living in many locations in eastern Australia from Brisbane through to Melbourne, but mostly around Richmond and the Blue Mountains. They spent two years in the USA (North Carolina) 1970-72 where Kevin was with the USAF, and three years in Indonesia 1984-1986 where Kevin was Australia's Air Attache in the Embassy in Jakarta. Having spent over 33 years in the Defence Force, Kevin retired from the RAAF in 1992 with the rank of Air Commodore and moved to the Public Service. Initially he was with Department of Defence for five years and then moved to Department of Industry where he was Deputy National Marketing Manager of AusIndustry till retiring in 2002. Kevin and Meg have lived in Canberra since 1987 close to their two children and grandchildren.

Keith Hole – NBHS Reunion 1958-2008 – Résumé

Attached is a version of how I recall the last 50 years - most of it was the enjoyment of Rugby, and the extraordinary experience of watching and being involved in, the evolution of the world of computing!. Behind all that was the valuable and everlasting "lessons learned" and mateship that came from being a student at the old "alma mater".

Joined Stewarts & Lloyds as commercial trainee, did part time Commerce degree at Newcastle Uni. Graduated 1963

Held various positions with University Rugby Club 1959-1965.

1965 Left Australia and travelled to England. Married there (Kathy) and had our first child over there.

Worked in Data Processing (now called IT) with Osram-GEC at North Wembley until 1969 Returned to Australia and worked briefly back at S & L until joining the newly created Northern Computing Services in Newcastle. Had two more sons in 1969 and 1975.

Worked there as Systems manager/Director until 1980. Left and formed, in partnership, Phoenix Computer Systems Pty Ltd as Systems Director.

Formed K R Hole & Associates in 1992 and was self-employed there until I closed in 2006 when I retired. Involved in design, development and consulting in IT.

From 1972 until 1990 I was on the Executive of Newcastle Rugby Union, where I was Hon. Treasurer.

Other Rugby highlights:

1982 Life Member, Newcastle Rugby Union

Rugby Refereeing:

1977-1990 Referee Newcastle Rugby Referees Association:

100 First Grade Games

10 Grade Grand Finals

400+ Games in total

1991-2007 Member/Chairman, Newcastle RRA Coaching and Grading Board

1991- 2007 Member/Chairman, NSW Country RRA Coaching and Grading Board

1995 Life Member - Newcastle Rugby Referees' Association

1997- 2003 Member, NSWRRRA (Sydney) Representative Coaching and Grading Board

1997- 2002 Member, ARU National Panel - Referee Assessor/Coach

2000 **Awarded Australian Sports Medal for services to Rugby**

2000 Author – ARU/IRB "Referee Coaching in Practice" manual

2006-present Member of International Rugby Board's Training and Resources Working Group reporting to the Training Manager in Dublin.

2006 Obtained licence as an IRB Trainer of Match Officials, working mainly in Fiji

2007 Life Member – NSW Country Rugby Referees Ass'n

Professor Michael Hough Am Rfd Ed Ip

Dr. Michael HOUGH is a Professorial Fellow at the University of Wollongong NSW Australia, where he works in both the Graduate School of Business and in the Australian Centre for Educational Leadership. He is a visiting Professor to the University of Lincoln in the UK, and a fellow of the IC2 Institute of the University of Texas at Austin Texas USA. He holds degrees in both Mechanical Engineering (NSW), and Arts Majoring in Psychology (Macquarie), has a Diploma in School Administration (Armistide CAE), has Graduate Diplomas in Education and Industrial Engineering (Newcastle NSW), Masters in Education Administration (UNE), and Doctorate in Education (Georgia). He also has a Cert 4 in workplace assessment and training (TAFE Illawarra). He has worked as a Professional Engineer with the BHP Group, as a Maths/Science Teacher and Head of Science Department in NSW State High Schools, Lecturer and Senior Lecturer in Education at Riverina CAE, and Head of School and Professor at the University of Wollongong. He has lectured extensively in Dubai, Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong and his research and teaching interests are in new technologies and their impacts on schooling and on organisational behaviours, Quality Management and Business Excellence in the Professional Services sectors, and Project and Risk Management. He was the academic developer of the Australian Public Sector Management Course, the academic Co-Director of the NSW Police Command Development Program and he currently holds directorships of several public sector organizations – the Wollongong Conservatorium of Music and the Flagstaff Group; and he is Chairman of the Board of the Illawarra ITeC - which is a large regional organization providing regional development services such as long term unemployed skill development training, Work For The Dole and business incubation and development. He is Chairman of the Board of the Australian Historical Flying Museum at Albion Park Regional Airport. He is an active Rotarian (25 Years), is a member of Rotary Club of Wollongong, and a charter member of the Rotary Club Of Wollongong Central, he has been club President (twice), is a Paul Harris Fellow and has served on a range of Rotary District 9750 Committees. He has lead The Rotary Club Projects on the Restoration of the Wollongong Historic Cliff Road Gun Battery, and is The Rotary Coordinator of the very successful "Music At Mt Keira" summer concert series which has now run for 8 years and has successfully become a series of fund raising concerts which promote the talents of regional performers. He was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2006, has been awarded two military decorations by the Australian Government, and was Wollongong's Citizen of the Year in 2004. He chaired the committee which was successful in attracting federal funding for the establishment of the Australian Technical College (Illawarra) in 2007. He is the Coordinator of the Wings Over Illawarra (WOI) open days at Illawarra Regional Airport in 2007 and 2008, with WOI 08 attracting 30,000 visitors. He has commanded a Regiment in the Australian Army Reserve and holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (Retired). He has commanded both the University Of NSW Regiment-an officer training unit, and various 8/13 Victorian Mounted Rifles Armoured Corps Units at troop and squadron level. He served with the Australian Army Armoured Corps in South Vietnam (1969), and has been awarded the Reserve Force Decoration (RFD) and the Efficiency Decoration (ED) by the Australian Government. His hobbies include historic aircraft restoration, and vintage British cars and bikes. He has been National President of the Australian Council for Educational Administration, and is a fellow of the Australian Council for Educational Leaders, fellow of the Australian College of Educators and Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management.

Clive Hughes

In 1961 I commenced a long career in teaching and educational administration in NSW Public schools, having trained as a Primary teacher and graduating as a B.A from New England Uni. in 1968.

My appointments included Head Teacher Social Sciences Kurri Kurri High 1981; NSW Board of Studies HSC Consultant Hunter 1987 ; Deputy Principal Staying On Programs 1989 and Principal Cessnock High 1992 to retirement in 2000.

During the 1980's I moonlighted as a private Communication Consultant delivering courses in Public Speaking and Business Written Communications for the Australian Institute of Management and various Newcastle large industries.

In the 1970's I was involved in refereeing Rugby Union culminating in several Newcastle Grand Finals, Country Week Finals, Sydney versus NSW Country, and NSW Country versus Tonga.

Currently I am enjoying my three children and seven grandchildren, tennis, golf and bowls, good novels and the occasional glass of shiraz.

Jim Hugo

I had 32 years with The Public Trust Office in NSW rising to Manager of our Parramatta Branch with a staff of 32 to look after. Not an easy task I can tell you. I now live at a little village of Tanilba Bay on the shores of Port Stephens and am enjoying life. My main interest these days is in lawn bowls where I have been lucky to have been in a team which won the Newcastle Grade 5 Pennants in 2003 and 2007 and thus represented Newcastle at the state titles where we made the semi finals on both occasions but were beaten. I am vice president of our mixed travelling bowlers which occupies quite a bit of my time. I also do volunteer work for our local hostel and also the local community library. I am a member of the Port Stephens Family History Society and spend what time I can on tracing my family tree. Have managed to go back to early 1800's on all branches. I am also writing my life story for my grandsons and have recently finished page 41 but still have some to go yet.

Paul Jeans

Married to Wendy , 1s 2d 3gs 1gd

Graduated as Mechanical Engineer and spent 42 years with BHP living on Groote Eylandt, Wollongong, Newcastle, Melbourne and Sydney. Progressed to CEO BHP Engineering then returned to Steel Businesses, running both Newcastle and Port Kembla Steelworks. Finished career in Melbourne as CEO of BHP's ferrous minerals businesses - Iron Or, Manganese and H B I. Have been a Director of numerous BHP businesses & joint ventures in Australia and oversea, Forster's Group and currently Energy Australia, Newcastle Port Corporation [Chair] & Hon Governor of Warren Centre for Advanced Engineering at University of Sydney .

Interests; Travel, fishing [good], Golf [bad] and teaching grandsons bad habits [good].

Adrian Keggan

I currently live in Brisbane Qld and I am married to Liz Keggan and we have two daughters, Bronwen and Fiona, and currently have one grandson Dylan with another due in October 2008.

After graduating in Engineering from UNSW I worked for twenty odd years with a subsidiary of Mobil Oil Australia in the Construction Industry. I managed many projects across all the states of Australia including a dam in Tasmania that flooded Lake Pedder (Scotts Peak); sections of major highway infrastructure works in NSW, Victoria, South Australia), Queensland & Tasmania; most major Airport upgrades in Australia between 1969 to 1987; reconstruction of the collapsed Tasman Bridge in 1975-76 and surfacing of recreational area including the Tennis Centre in Melbourne. During the last twenty years I have worked as a self employed Consultant Project &/or Contracts Manager roles on Projects in NSW, Qld and Western Australia.

My main interests, other than work, are all family related and centre on gardening around our house, being a Norm and watching and enjoying most sports on TV, music and the live theatre.

Adrian Keggan

Owen Kilpatrick

1959 - 1966. Various jobs while obtaining the accountancy certificate.

1966 Started own accounting practice in Charlestown.

2001 Retired after working as a Consultant with Crosby Warren Sinclair for seven years.

Football

1960-1962 West Juniors.

1963 Merewether Carlton.

1964-1971 West Seniors

Other

Director at West Leagues Club. Have been there when club struggled to make \$25,000 in 1982. Making \$10 million in 2007.

2006-2008 President of West Leagues club.

1994 Trustee NS F super fund of \$28 million.

2004-2008 Chairman of the of Trustees in NSF Super Fund of \$430 million.

Brian Lobelock

Graduated from UNSW in Electrical Engineering (1963). Started work in the - then - new field of Electronic Data Processing in Melbourne. Married in 1965 (Irene Crowley - NGH5, '59); then lazed on Mooloolaba Beach for a few months, prior to emigrating to Canada, where we lived in both Toronto and Vancouver, before moving to the USA (LA, NY). Later, worked in the UK (London, Manchester). Returned to Oz in 1973 with two young sons and settled in the Northern Beaches of Sydney, where our daughter was born. In 1991 moved to Melbourne to take up a role with Telstra - returning to Sydney in the late 90's. Over the last decade was based around Asia (HK, BJ, BKK, JKT). My working life has been spent in IT, including Defence & Communications.

I don't use the 'R' word, but have been largely (& quite happily) unemployed for the last couple of years. We currently divide our time between Manly & Sunshine Beach (on the Sunshine Coast), where I work on my tennis game which, pathetically, shows little sign of improvement. Our offspring are scattered (Singapore, Brisbane, NY) and we enjoy catching up with them & also walking around interesting parts of Europe.

John Lundy

John Lundy 1958 to 2008.

December 1958:

Joined BHP Central Research Laboratories as a Trainee/Cadet.

Studied Metallurgy part time and graduated in 1967.

Continued at CRL as an Experimental Officer after completing my BSc.

August 1968-1971:

Transferred to Marketing at the Steelworks in Customer Division

June 1971-1979:

Transferred to Adelaide in Customer Service working direct with steel users.

1979-1982:

Appointed Coordinator of Task Force between BHP and GMH to improve operations and efficiency at GMH through selection of more appropriate steel for the application.

1982-1986:

New Product Development Manager for South Australia and the Northern Territory seeking potential highly marketable steel intensive products.

1986-1991:

Appointed Project Manager to the agricultural machinery industry with responsibility for Australia. Set up the industry association for agricultural machinery manufacturers which operated very successfully in the area of Government relations and developing standards for the industry.

1991-1994:

I was offered and accepted a redundancy package in July 1991.

Then appointed Executive Director of the Association which I held for three years before resigning in June 1994 to complete a Master of Engineering at the University of South Australia.

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1994 to Present:

Completed and submitted Thesis late 1995.

Assisted my wife with her IT contracting until 2001.

In 1996 I became a volunteer at Radio 5RPH in Adelaide reading newspapers on air, preparing programs to go to air, panel operating duties, and producing my own fortnightly interview program. I am now in my 13th year at the station.

5RPH, is Radio for the Print Handicapped offering services to those people who are unable to read for whatever reason, including one family on Kangaroo Island who have an allergy to newsprint and paper.

Family:

In 1962 I married Renee Groenhout, a former Girls High student, we have three adult children and five grandsons, with potentially more to come.

Ross Le Marchant

Studied at UNSW Bachelor of Commerce(Accounting) and FCPA.Went into family business-Dickens and Carey Group-until retirement. Married to Marie-3 children , 2 +1/3 grandchildren. Constantly searching for a Bad Red and the secret of Golf !!

David Mackie — a working life

After 5 very happy years at the old school I was fortunate enough to become an Engineering Trainee at the Broken Hill Propriety Ltd Company. After graduating I worked at Newcastle Steel Works as Technical Assistant to the Steel Making Superintendent.

In 1966 I joined Coal and Allied Industries Ltd, progressing to Group Chief Mechanical Engineer and was responsible, in this position, for new mines and infrastructure, and the maintenance and refurbishment of the company's assets including ship-loaders, railways.

In 1989 I moved to Queensland working briefly as Mechanical Inspector of Coal Mines in Central Queensland before joining South Blackwater Mines Pty Limited as Mechanical Engineer for their new Kenmare project.

Following the 1996 Moura No2 coal mine disaster I rejoined the Queensland Department of Mines becoming 'Deputy Chief Inspector Mines - planning and co-ordination', and in this position took a major part in the development and introduction of Queensland's mining safety and health legislation.

Following my retirement from the Queensland Public Service I worked for the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy as his mining advisor.

I am now retired.

Bill McCrea

Married well - a Stockton girl 44 years ago -wouldn't change for anything - 4 kids in 5 years(you would think a pharmacist could have organised that a little better) 2 of each.

Still able to move around a tennis court once a week-as for golf, well, I've stopped believing in miracles. Owned and operated 4 pharmacies in the Illawarra over 37 years successfully enough to retire at 57 and have been having a ball every since - many overseas trips which included Wimbledon & the final day at the Augusta Masters in 2002 - have seen a fair bit of Oz. as well. The only sporting miracles I can relate are a hole in one at Golf and a double hat-trick in 3rd grade Cricket. Luckily, Dawn and I enjoy good health thanks to a collection of various coloured pills which she has to regularly remind me to take, probably because there is no profit in them. I maintain a healthy cynicism about current affairs and love a good yarn still .That's enough grandstanding for one evening. Best Wishes & see you soon- Bill McCREA P.S. I'm looking for a photograph that makes me look 20 years younger i.e. before the face lift.

Jim Mortimer

1959 - Commonwealth Bank New Lambton,Wallsend,Moruya, Rozelle

1963 - Philips Electrical (Consumer Products) Sydney, Tamworth, Newcastle, Sydney(State Sales Manager).

1980 - Mariner Outboards-Sales and Marketing Manager. SE Asia,Australia and Pacific.

1984 - Heart Bypass

1985 - Service Station Business-Northern Beaches(Narrabeen) Sydney.

2000 - Retired (with 1st Wife !!) Northern Beaches.

Leo Newham

Living in Buckinghamshire since 1984. Educated Newcastle (NSW) Boys' High School class of 1958. Then at NSW Tech Colleges in Newcastle, Sydney (Mary Ann St) and North Sydney. Worked for Ampol Petroleum 15 years, and Meadow Lea Margarine 5 years. Married at Wembley Park 21 June 1969 (to English girl Anne Deacon). Settled back in Sydney for 15 years during which time we had a girl and, 5 years later, a boy. In 1984 returned to live permanently in the UK. Professionally: qualified as an Accountant in 1966; as a Company Secretary in 1973, and obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in Cost/Management Accounting in 1975. In England worked for Rothmans 9 years, and Pharmacia (now Pfizer) 7 years. Retired May 2007. Now researching my book. But need to re-learn how to write first; and also how to get something near the best from a PC (and adjust to becoming my own help-desk). Updated 1 July 2008

John O'Hara

Graduated Dentistry BDS 1964, Worked Royal Newcastle Hospital 1964, Practice in Kempsey 1965-1970, Practice UK 1971-1972, Practice Newcastle 1972 to Present. Married to Margaret.

Michael O'Neil

High School Maths teacher Tamworth High 1964-1971, U.K. 1971-1973
Lecturer in Maths Mitchell College of Advanced Education 1973-1988.
Lecturer in Maths Charles Sturt University 1989-1997.
1998 till present, Maths Tutor and Consultant.

Adrian Page

On leaving school took up a cadetship in Civil Engineering with the Hunter District Water Board and graduated in Civil Engineering from the UNSW. Then worked in consulting engineering and construction in Australia and Canada for 7 years. Joined the University of Newcastle in 1971 as a lecturer in Structural Engineering. Worked at the University until retiring in 2006 as an Emeritus Professor after holding several senior positions including Dean of Engineering, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Engineering and Built Environment) and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research). Still involved in research and other university based activities as Emeritus Professor.

Brian Harkinson

Brian graduated with a BSc Hons in Chemistry from Newcastle University College (UNSW) in 1965. In a career spanning almost 40 years with Monsanto Chemical Company Australia (later known as Chemplex and Huntsman) in Melbourne, Brian worked initially as a Research Chemist in adhesives and coatings technology and later as Senior Specialist - Industrial Hygiene, responsible for the company's occupational hygiene programs and product safety information. Brian served his profession as a Chairperson and member of both the Polymer and the Health, Safety and Environment Groups of the Victorian Branch of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. He was also a Full Member of Australian Institute of Occupational Hygienists and held Certified Industrial Hygiene accreditation with the American Academy of Industrial Hygiene. In 1992, Brian was awarded the Plastics and Chemicals Association T G Crane Safety Award. He retired from Huntsman Chemicals in October 2004.

Ross Proudfoot

After school I trained as an Accountant (with Des Curran and Gerry Gamble).

1958-63 I was employed by Stewart and Lloyds and Cambridge Credit.

In 1964 I travelled extensively (with Keith North) culminating with hitchhiking from Denmark to Singapore.

In 1965 I joined NCR and moved to WA in 1966. I met Merle on a cruise and we later married. Since 1968 we have travelled extensively overseas and adore the Kimberley coast (8th wonder of the world).

EMPLOYMENT - NCR, XEROX, TVW7, Allwest Security (my own business since 1979).

HOBBIES - swimming, badminton, bridge

Missing departed friends from school - Keith North, Des Curran, Gordon Goffet.

Graham Symes

2yr Trained Industrial Arts Teacher at Newcastle. Upgraded status by completing ASTC Uni NSW and Sydney Technical College while teaching Sydney. (Cabramatta, Asquith, North rocks School for the Blind). Returned to Newcastle, teaching at Newcastle Tech High for seven years. Then 10 years as lecturer at Newcastle CAE training Industrial Arts Teaching.

Returned to classroom teaching 7 years Eastwood High, 8 years Blacktown High as Head Teacher.

Took early retirement owing to my wife's medical problems.

Enjoying the lifestyle at Tuncurry the last 11 years.

Richard Temple

After graduating in electrical/electronic engineering from the University of NSW, I worked in Sydney as a development engineer on communications systems, such as microwave links and end to end mobile radio systems for iron ore trains in Western Australia. The best part was being posted for 3 years, accompanied by wife and two kids, to Antwerp, Belgium, to work on Australia's first computerised telephone exchanges.

On returning to Australia, I was involved in commissioning an exchange in Adelaide, but in 1976 jumped ship and joined TAFE SA as a lecturer in electronics. This became my long term career, lasting 23 years. During this time I also divorced and remarried. The monotony (of the the job, that is) was broken by 18 months in Indonesia on an Australian government aid project, accompanied by family, similarly 2 months in Pakistan, without family, and 2 weeks back in Indonesia mentoring some Australian university students doing a project there. Back in Adelaide, I eventually rose to head of school before retiring from TAFE in 1998. There followed a quiet couple of years where my only work was a month in, yes, Indonesia again, on an Asian Development Bank project. But in late 2000, I joined an SA environmental not-for-profit organisation as their information systems manager, which in reality meant technical dogsbody, everything from database programming to telephone systems and even air conditioners, which helps to keep the grey cells ticking over. I'm still working there.

Other interests have included a 10 year period flying gliders, the ones you sit in, and in recent years four wheel driving, especially trips to the Outback. We've crossed the Simpson Desert four times!

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Doug Timmins

Dear Bob,

Very nice to hear from you and that you are well and happy living in Sydney.

The class list was interesting, to be reminded of people with whom there has been no contact for so long but saw every day previously.

My father was transferred to Murwillumbah in the 3rd term of 4th year, so I did the leaving there and returned to Newcastle Uni and did civil engineering with Ross Barrett, John Gardiner and Bob Wilson.

I used to have dealings with Ross, he was a customer in Canberra and John as a consulting engineer from time to time, which was nice.

We were in Melbourne recently and saw John Gardiner on television in his role as MD of a new freeway; the last time I saw him he was doing the same in Sydney for the M5.

Brian Lovelock and I, and respective wives have remained good friends and are in regular contact, though Brian has spent a fair bit of time offshore.

After graduating I had 3 years with the NSW government before I joined Rocla, concrete pipes, poles, sleepers etc, for 36 years, 3 in England, late 70s and 6 in Melbourne, before and after England, the rest in Sydney.

My maths teacher in Murwillumbah was a Mr. Lloyd who had previously been at NBHS, but I can't recall when.

To the chase....

50 Year anniversaries are not uncommon as you can imagine and I had already committed to the Murwillumbah version which clashes with bookings we have made up there, so I will not be able to join you at the NBHS function.

My new school was mixed classes of course as a country school, and I am anxious to see if the prettiest girls in the class still are!

Best wishes and thanks for including me,

Doug Timmins

Peter Tonkin

Did Pharmacy in 1959 and still working one day per week. Own two Pharmacies each for 10 years. Opened 2 Fashion Boutiques which we had for 10 years, built houses and home units in Singleton which we had for 10 years. Built own home and have some investment properties. Still dabbling in real Estate and have become involved in making very expensive children's Rocking Horses and restoring antique Rocking horses for various people. We had 2 children and now have 5 grandchildren. We moved from the house we built back to Marilyn's parents home in Hamilton South which we have renovated extensively.

Jim Warland

I started work at Reid & Reid Solicitors Newcastle after leaving school - I studied Law & was admitted as a Solicitor on 12/2/65. I became a Partner at Reid & Reid and I retired on 4th July 2004. After a few locum stints & one of the shortest retirement periods on record I resumed practice as a Consultant (I always like that word - no-one knows exactly what it means...) with Michael (my son) in his Firm Warland Solicitors at Cardiff in May 2006. I have now managed to cut back to working 3 days/week & turn up after 10am on most days - so It's not too bad.

Bob Mines

Did Medicine at Sydney University then spent 2 years at Sydney Hospital. Then a year of Anatomy at Sydney University and 2 years as a Surgical Registrar in York, England. Then 2 years in Dublin training in Urology and Guinness!! After 2 more years in Urology at Prince Henry went into Private Practice and had Urology Consultant positions at Royal Prince Alfred, Hornsby, Ryde and Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children. In the process accumulated a wife (a Kurri girl) and four children.

Two of the surviving children have done Medicine, one an Orthopaedic Surgeon and one a Urologist. Had to retire early as I occupationally contracted Hepatitis C but have as a result had time for travel and some Medico-legal Work. Have acquired a Trakka Camper to take the six grandchildren camping and trout fishing. Live at Whale Beach. Golf with indifferent skill and luck.

Jack Wingrobe

Since I left school I played 15 years of 1st grade cricket in NEWCASTLE, winning premierships with Waratah and Newcastle City.

I played baseball for NSW and I am still playing! I have coached two Australian teams in the OCEANA games in GUAM, and a European tour to Austria, Italy and the Czech Republic.

I have owned racehorses for the last 34 years (with varying degrees of success!)

I am in semi retirement, but I have a contract until the end of 2009 to act as the Australian representative for a Taiwanese manufacturing company.

I will attend the reunion dinner in August with the usual regulars, Robert Barnes, Toby Glass, Rob Allen, Gary Ralph, and part timers Clive Hughes, Peter Tonkin and others.

Please keep in touch, and if you want I have accumulated plenty of good sporting stories suitable for such an occasion.

Regards John Wingrove.