

# NEWCASTLE GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL EX-STUDENTS' REUNION - 1980.

Students attending the School from First Year 1951 - Fifth Year 1955.

Those Ex-Students Present.

25th Anniversary

Janet Brice - Newcastle University Library  
Nita (Brogan) O'Shea - New Lambton.  
Rosemary (Buchland) Witcomb - Charlestown - 14 yrs in Portugal.  
Margaret (Campbell) - Sydney  
Vivien (Dalton) Todd - Bar Beach.  
Kary (Farrell) Talty - Whitebridge.  
Margaret (Gillon) Prestand - Grafton.  
Joeklyn (Green) Atkins - Melbourne.  
Margaret (Hogan) McNaughton - Merewether Heights  
Lyn (Howland) Donnelly - Charlestown  
Helen (Ingram) Manfield - Ryde - Husband President of Teachers' Federation  
Dorothy (Jenks) - Brisbane - Missionary work.  
Trish (Kett) Hilder - Kotara soon Valentine. - Aero-Pelican.  
Barbara (Kelso) Elkin - Adamstown Heights.  
Janice (McElwaine) Horne - Blacks' Camp, Glen William  
Janet (Moss) Reid - Lemon Tree Passage.  
Elaine (Orton) Street - Merewether  
Phyllis (Palmer) Sault - Adamstown Heights.  
Patsy (Powell) Taylor - Toronto.  
Eloise (Preston) Bryant - Shoal Bay and Kotara.  
Marilyn (Russell) Street - Arcadia, Sydney  
Robyn Wines - Sydney.

## DO YOU REMEMBER ?

### 1. Uniform

Box pleated tunic, black stockings, suspender belts - they're in fashion again!! Hats and gloves, PE tunic - potato sacks - especially over black stockings in winter! The 1st summer uniform designed for the school.

### 2. School Building

The front entrance, the "pews" in the foyer, the lino on the floor in the downstairs corridor, the hat rooms, the upstairs PE changeroom that became the art room, the pigeon loft used when painting stage scenery, the projection room at the back of the hall, the dressing rooms behind the stage, the hallowed garden plot.

Blackboards, operated like windows, the honour boards in the hall, the Joint Coal Board Plaque in the Hall, the writings on the toilet walls, pigeons dead and alive caught in the chimney outlets, ink powder to mix and ink wells, cleaners' cupboards in some rooms, lockers at the back of the classrooms, senior lockers in corridors, classroom fireplaces, double and single desks with lift up seats - screwed? to the floor



### 3. School Routine

Using & filling fountain pens; getting coke for fires in winter; assemblies and sitting on lab. stools around the hall in 5<sup>th</sup> Year; suitcases to be carried in hand away from the wall when using the stairs; lining up at each entrance and waiting for the mistresses to let you in, not having to do this in 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Year.

The "sea" of hats and heads on both footpaths in National Park St. at 3.30 pm to Bank Corner, the introduction of buses to pick up students & take them home, from school. 5<sup>th</sup> Year Farewell.

### 4. Activities

Clean buns from the "tuckshop" which was kept in the Hill family, Third year Shakespearean Plays directed by Miss McKenna; the 1st Education Week; the debating, sport trophies etc regularly won by the school, rivalry? with Newcastle Home Science High School; Annual Fete, Boys' High Fete; meeting The Boys at Bank Corner; School Dances - the dread of being wallflowers - dances - after fetes, both athletics carnivals (hot dogs) Spring Dances, Hostess Dances, etc; apprehension in the Hall during the Leaving Certificate; Showground visit by the Queen.

### 5. Unusual Activities

Sitting down on seats when they were tilted back;  
Ceasing of bookwork during heavy storms - no lights in room.

Making jaffles and toast in classroom fires

Chimney falling through the roof in Room 9.

The all girls football match for 5<sup>th</sup> Year farewell.

Prefects' initiation - snails & eggs !!! on the Hockey Field

The Petior Incident at the School Concert.

When the staff dressed as pupils.

The discovery of beer at a Boys High Dance.

The very old car "Yellow Rose of Texas" renovated by boys from Boys' High

That trip to Sydney to see the Shakespeare Play at the Tivoli (up in the Goals) when passengers on the Flyer took from 6pm - 6am to return to Newcastle.

### ⊗ b. Pupils who -

- were in 5<sup>th</sup> Year, especially captain & prefects, when we were in 1st year.
- had their plaits dipped in the ink wells
- hid in cleaners cupboards during the lesson.
- asked too many questions.
- had crushes on staff - namely Mrs Earle & Miss Pocock.
- had crushes on the cricket stars and wanted to go to Maitland to see them.
- threw san shoes up on the rafters of the hall
- hogged the washrooms, combing their hair and talking about boys.



1. Staff

- Physical Payne and Mental Payne.
- Wally and the Major. (Miss Wallent → Mrs Shuttleworth)
- The mouse that sneaked along the corridor. (Miss Tilse)
- Book Week Quiz and Mrs Davidson
- The driver of the Science machine for leaving Certificate Results
- Needed little encouragement to discuss the Royal Family (Mrs "Polly" Paradise)
- The tennis playing, way-out art teacher (Miss McGrilchrist)
- The French teacher who was married while we were students. (Mrs Earle)
- The "boomers" of the downstairs corridor, if you were out of bounds during recess or lunch. (Mrs Wiley and Miss Pollard)
- "Now watch the board while I go through it again" (Mrs Castledon)

Those unable to attend. -

- Judy (Cummings) Lumby - Victoria
- Fay Bennetts - Sydney (contact Marilyn (Russell) Street)
- Christine (Cole) - Bathurst (contact Noel (Blanchard) Mills)
- Jean (McCrum) Magill - Charlestown.
- Jean (White) Hanson - New Lambton
- Dianne (Campbell) Greenwood - Kotara
- Ina (McJanet) Cocking - Lambton North
- Sue (Nadin) Maiden - Cobar High
- Beverly (Hamilton) Fairdiga - Mayfield
- Betty (Conners) Gormlie - South Wallsend.
- Ruth (Towndrow) - Sydney. (contact Marilyn Street)
- Maree (Burns) Shilling - Merewether
- Judith (Mort) Hawthorn - Charlestown.
- Una (Lockart) Lewis - Dudley.
- Mary-anne O'Donnell - Toronto High.
- Ruth Fisher - Charlestown - seriously ill, now in Mater. -  
- visitors will help depression.
- Noel (Blanchard) Mills - Avalon, Sydney.
- Pauline (Donaldson) - America. (contact Noel Mills)
- Judith (Ley) Luck - South Australia
- Claire (Howarth) Smith - Lane Cove (contact Ruth Towndrow)
- Rosemary (Woolley) - Pubba - mother. Croudace Bay.
- Adele (McCormack) Young - Dudley.
- Marion (Gregory) Hannel - Mayfield.
- Denise (Leiberman) Davis. - Sydney (contact Rosemary Buckland)
- Pat (Morton) Lindsay - New Lambton.
- Roslyn (Howell) - Dural (contact Ruth Fisher)
- Muriel Brodie - Tel Aviv, Israel (contact Janet Brice)
- Barbara (Miller) Wilhems - Valentine? - architect. [help required]
- Beth (O'Connell) - Blackburn, Melbourne (contact Janet Brice)
- Janet (Slack) - (contact Judith Mort)
- Gail (McCauley) - (contact Judith Mort)

Any suggestions for Speakers in 1985? - See you all then!

(P.T.O)



<u>Those Ex-Students - Particulars Unknown</u>	<u>CAN YOU HELP?</u>
Julie Kierath	- brother a solicitor at Raymond Terrace.
Pat Ainsworth	- parents Kotara / Adamstown Heights
<sup>Pat</sup> Beth Ede	- parents Teralba
Ann Lloyd.	-
Lesley Paul	- NZ - parents Belmont.
Robyn Poyner	- 2 possible relatives - Nord's Wharf?
Narelle Thomas	- Head teacher at a Technical College in Needlework
Beverly van Epen	-
Lola Sharp	-
Judith Clinch	-
Judith Thorpe	-
Margaret Robson	-
Marion Coates	-
Marion Davies	-
Judith Bullerwell	- Paris, possibly Sorbonne.
Shirley Franklin	-
Ineke Schilling	-
Pam (Cusick) Petrie	- Canada.
Beverly Jurd.	-
Toni Pritchard.	-
Pat Jackson	-
Jean Lyall	-
Carol (Jones)	-
Rosemary (Gray)	- thought to be New Lambton.
Margaret Evans	- Canada.
Marcia Harris	-
Elizabeth Sweet	- thought to be married to a Professor at Sydney University - to check with Denise Leiberman
Margaret Steel	-
Carol (Steel) Chadban	- Whyalla.
Maureen (Hall) M <sup>c</sup>	- Sydney. (Pat Morton has lost contact)
Vina Stein	- last heard of Sydney.
Margaret Broughman	-
Janice Nichols	-
Billy Smith	-
Delma Herd	-
Janet Post	-
Maureen Taylor	-
Fay Keever.	-
Marty Malbon	-
Margaret Waugh (Dunlop)	-
Carol Roach (Pasco)	- Highfields
Nola Ainsworth	-
Glenys ?	- belonged to Salvation Army.

Any information or any other Ex-students not listed please let Elaine (Orton) Street know. "Thanks for the memories"  
 Many thanks for coming.