



FRANKSTON TEACHERS' COLLEGE
50TH REUNION 1960 ENTRANTS

SATURDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2010

SO WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING FOR THE LAST 50 YEARS?

Profiles of some of the 1960 intake of TPTC and TITC students at
Frankston Teachers' College

FOREWORD

A little over fifty years ago we sat at our first assembly in front of the old Struan house and watched with apprehension as details of Teachers College unfolded. Most of us were fresh from secondary school and excited at the prospect of embarking on a career. How hard will the course be? But I can't do maths! Will I have to teach music? Who's the guy with the long sideboards and the flowing black gown?

If we'd been asked what we'd be doing in fifty years time, we'd have said we can't think past tomorrow. It's all too unknown. Yet we'd have guessed that statistically some of us would not make it to 2010, some of us would remain teachers all our career, and some would change careers at various stages. In those days it was highly likely that most of the women would resign to have babies because the system was stacked against married women and there was an assumption that you got married to have children and if you had children you couldn't teach! After all, men were paid more than women for equal work because they were the "bread-winners". It was assumed that men would ultimately become principals and if a woman didn't marry she would become the feared Infant Mistress.

As the year progressed we developed new friendships, became influenced by dynamic lecturers, had our comfort zones tested and teaching rounds began to challenge our resolve. Extra-curricular activities increased and we became aware of those with extraordinary talents. While we would have guessed that Max Gillies would have continued his success on the stage, we could not have guessed that he would be impersonating the Prime Minister of the day on national television. Who would have guessed that the lad with the crew cut and the perpetual grin (Mark Skinner) might be removing our spleen in sunny Queensland! Or that Helen Thomson the Age theatre reviewer was the Helen Dimsey we once knew. As for Diane Haig being a Professor at universities here and in America - well, I'll leave you to read the rest! These four are just a selection of FTC graduates from the 1960 entry year who have achieved so much since our college days.

Sadly twelve of our intake of 135 have died (tributes to two of them are amongst the profiles). A few lecturers remain (two will attend our reunion), but most have passed on.

The less obvious successes of the past fifty years are the enormous influences that 135 teachers can have on generations of students. The ultimate compliment a teacher can receive is for an ex-student to comment many years later on the positive influence they have been. We know from experience that such compliments are the "tip of the ice-berg" and that we have influenced thousands more students in a positive way.

The following profiles reveal a diverse array of talents, not just in teaching. The TPTC and TITC encouraged us to be generalists and we have been able to contribute to our communities in a very broad sense. Most of us are retired, but we are still active community members (in between all the travel that we seem to do).

Thanks to the contributors for giving us some insight into your fifty years since our college days. There are some sad tales and some amusing ones, but the theme is one of self-improvement and achievement in providing quality education for future generations.

On behalf of us all I would like to acknowledge the hours of work that Orme Harris (Lind) has spent in collating the profiles. She says it was a very rewarding task, but I know it took a lot of her time. Thank you Orme!

Kevan Porter
For the Planning Committee.



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Profiles Booklet

FTC – 1960 intake

IN ORDER OF SURNAMES AS AT COLLEGE

1. Janice Anders (Trewavis)
2. Marian Auldist (Coulson) Lecturer
3. Glenda Bailey (Seebach)
4. Glenda Baker (Hanton)
5. Heather (Barker)Baillie
6. Kenneth Barker
7. Rosemary Bellamy (Callow)
8. Sandra Bradford (Parker)
9. Maureen Brady (Marshall)
10. Susanne Bruce (Gracie)
11. Wendy Burns (McDonald)
12. Jim Bussau
13. Judy Canterbury (Clarke)
14. Pat Clements (McPhie)
15. Bob Colbourne Lecturer
16. Kath Cotter
17. Murray Cowell
18. Leonie Creber (Gell)
19. Lorraine Curtis (Hinkins)
20. Dawn Davies (Cowley)
21. Helen Dimsey (Thomson)
22. Phil Dix (Barbara Forward –Joint Profile)
23. Brenda Dowey (Allen)
24. Peter Draper
25. Sandra Forbes (Adams)
26. Barbara Forward (See Phil and Barbara Dix joint profile)
27. Barbara Garner (Wallin)
28. Catherine Garrett
29. Graham Gaston
30. John Gibson
31. Max Gillies
32. Diane Haig (Bell)
33. Marilyn Harris (Laney)
34. Ann Harvey (Pether)
35. Sue Haynes (Whitehead)
36. Fred Heesh
37. John Hillyer
38. Bev Hocking (Doug Le Bas – Joint Profile)
39. Patricia Hogan (McColl)

40. Glenys Holland
41. Gary Hopcraft
42. Heather Jones (Bell)
43. Glenice Kingsley (Bust)
44. Margaret Kirkham (Smith)
45. Margaret Lardi (Gow)
46. Ken Launder
47. Doug Le Bas (See Bev Hocking and Doug Le Bas joint profile)
48. Anne Lee (Cook)
49. Ormé Lind (Harris)
50. Brenda Maslen (Weir) (Deceased)
51. Helen McLachan (Chappell)
52. Pauline Metters (Musgrave)
53. Gwen Morey (Leake)
54. Judy Morris (Callow)
55. Marian Murray (Chalker)
56. Tony Neville
57. Greig Peters
58. Jill Porter (Vickerman)
59. Kevan Porter
60. Susan Pott (Suzenne A'Neile)
61. Diane Ramage (Rae)
62. Marcia Richardson (Nelson)
63. Dianne Rigby (Seal)
64. Colin Robertson (Deceased)
65. Eve Sampson (Bolduan)
66. Glenda Saunders (Hackett)
67. Mark Skinner
68. Hugh Stevenson
69. Wendy Sutton (Dick)
70. David Swanson
71. Rod Tacon
72. Lorraine Taylor
73. Pam Townley (Booth)
74. Jillian Ward
75. Howard Wills – Harry

1. Janice Anders

now Trewavis

Leaving F.T.C. I was sent to the then newly-open Yooralla School for Crippled Children at Balwyn. Facing quite severely handicapped youngsters, some with little or no speech, was a daunting experience for a new chum without any special training or preparation. It did however, prove to be a most rewarding experience and after a year there I chose to go to the Orthopaedic Hospital for Children at Mount Eliza. Here I tutored secondary school girls who were long term patients doing school by correspondence. Two years at a normal primary school at Mount Evelyn were followed by a year at the school attached to the Austin Hospital at Heidelberg.

In 1966 I married Colin and after the arrival of our two boys I was very busy helping in his business which is focused on the manufacture and repair of surgical instruments. Both boys are now in this business and we are presently trying to distance ourselves from it and them by escaping into the horizon as grey nomads.

2. Marion Auldist now Coulston

I was lecturing in Infant school method in 1960 and 1961(I think) sharing an office with Pat Kennedy (not ideal!). I had had just three years as an Infant teacher before that and the ISM course was completely prescribed by Pat. I drove a Morris 8.

Two highlights were the central Australian trip with Kevin Mutimer as the other lecturer and the Gold Coast with David Boyd and a particularly great group of students.

The first year groups in my second year were also beaut groups.

I left to teach in a country infant room at Herne's Oak near Yallourn, then came back to Frankston Heights, got married and had our first daughter.

After confinement leave I went to Armata as Infant Mistress and then had another daughter, and several years of part time study leave to do an M. Ed.

During the that time I had fun working half time in the ministry on the Disadvantaged School's Report, and then on the In-service Education report for directors Alan Hird and Kevin Collins (which resulted in the Geelong In-service education centre being set up).

I then went to Karingal Primary School as Principal and spent more than twenty years in a great job during the day and being a mother the rest of the time.

I retired ten years ago when my husband –who was a Consulting engineer – went to work for Gippsland Water and we lived at Hazelwood North but still spent the weekends in Frankston or at our farm in Shady Creek.

He still goes back to work quite often for a few weeks and we run 150+ steers and bullocks on our farm; we plant lots of trees, and get involved with our local Land Care group and another group who are trying to become farmers who make a profit .

We also spend time with our neurosurgeon daughter and our two grandchildren in Sydney and our research scientist daughter and two grandsons in Brisbane.

It always rains when we are there!

Europe is our favourite place – Switzerland, Greek Islands, Turkey. We have been a few times but there is still a lot of the world we want to see – travelling with our wheelie cases and on public transport – no tours for us if we can help it.

Retirement is busy with the farm, and a place on the lake at Mallacoota and the grandchildren. Skiing is no longer on the agenda and it is hard to find time to sail the North Wind 7 with Land Care, Beef Cheque and cooking for the Frankston community breakfast once a month.

3. Glenda Bailey now Seebach

Current Location: Croydon, Victoria

Schools taught at.

Murrabit PS
Clyde PS
Kerang PS
Box Hill Salvation Army Boys' Home Spec. S
Mooroolbark PS

Career changes.

Student Melbourne Teachers' college – Special Education
Wife and Mum
External student Melbourne University – Diploma of Teaching
Library assistant Billanook College, Mooroolbark
Grandmother!
Office Manager

Family.

4 children, 4 grandchildren

Hobbies.

Reproduction porcelain doll painting.
Making dollhouse miniatures.

Travel.

Remote Outback Australia.

Favourite college memories

"The Gondoliers"

College tour – to Central Australia on the old Ghan

4. Glenda Baker now Hanton

On completion of the ITC course at Frankston Teachers' College, I was appointed to Overport P.S. in Frankston. I spent 4 happy years there. In 1965 I married Graeme Baker and our first home was in Towerhill Road, a few doors from Overport P.S. Time to move on! I was promoted to Frankston P.S. in 1967 and in 1970 to Belvedere Park in Seaford.

I resigned from the Education Department in 1971 when our first daughter was born. In 1974 our second daughter Kate arrived. I was involved with the usual activities with young children and often did relieving work at the Kindergarten and I also helped with my husband's business. In 1977 I developed Breast Cancer and this was a very difficult time, undergoing operations and treatment. When both daughters had started school it was time for me to get back into teaching and so for the next 7 years I was very busy with Emergency teaching, working most days and at many of the local schools. I decided that as I was doing so much work I should be back full time and so in 1985, I was lucky enough to be appointed to Red Hill Consolidated School. As this was a temporary appointment I was moved on in 1986 to Hampton Park East P.S. (In 1987 I separated from my husband and later divorced in 1995.)

In 1987 I was appointed to Baxter P.S. and I now had a permanent position which I held until retirement in 2003. I continued to do part time work as a Consultant at Cranbourne Christian College and Emergency work at Baxter. In 2008 I retired permanently.

My two daughters have kept me very busy over the years and more so in the past 5 years, as I now have 5 grandchildren under the age of 5. This includes a set of identical twins. I do a lot of baby sitting and often think that I have my own Prep Class.

I have enjoyed some lovely travel. We skied in Europe in 1979 and more recent holidays have been to New Zealand, Tasmania and Japan. This year I have been to England, Ireland and Scotland, followed by the Rhine/Danube Cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest.

My sporting interests over the years have been tennis, snow skiing and golf. I have given up the snow and now concentrate on golf at Rosebud Country Club. I enjoy going to the theatre, movies and orchestral concerts. I am a member of a very active Probus Club and enjoy many outings and activities with the members.

I still live in Frankston South and keeping a home and garden maintained as well as caring for family, I am never lost for something to do.

Life's good.

5. Heather Baillie now Barker

I took the 'one-way trip to the country' after one year in the suburbs (Osborne and Glenhuntly), taught 2 years at Childers near Thorpdale, married a local farmer, went to Bible College, did another 2 years teaching at Childers, spent 30 years in East Gippsland, initially working with a Christian mission, later doing some relief teaching, raised 3 children, and have now 'retired' to Yallourn North (nearer to the children and 9 grandchildren), and we raise goats and veggies on 2 acres.

My only school connection now is teaching CRE (RI) at a couple of the local schools. I enjoy that.

That's my life in brief. I am still well and pretty fit – so is hubby.

6. Kenneth Barker

Current Location: 30 Caldermeade Road, Caldermeade, 3984. (59975638)

College memories: In the chorus of "The Gondoliers

Schools taught at. Pearcedale Primary 1962. Kooweerup High School 1963-1982. Seaford Primary 1983.

Pentridge Prison 1984-1992, Dandenong TAFE 1992-1995

Career changes: Businesses: Tooradin Bakery, Tooradin Icecream.

Family: Married Claudia Marsella in 1964. 5 sons, 1 daughter.

Hobbies: Farming, grape growing, wine making.

7. Rosemary Bellamy now Callow

Current Location: Devenish (nr. Benalla)

Schools or Institutes (and Towns/Suburbs) at which you have worked and when:

Wendouree Primary School, 1963

Emerald Pre-School, 1965

Emergency teaching in various schools and pre-schools in the Dandenong Ranges 1966 – 1969

Kitwe, Zambia – running a pre-school in our own home (registered with the local council) 1970 – 72

Emergency teaching in the Dandenongs as above 1973 – 1975

Kallista Pre-School (part-time) 1976 – 1984

The Patch Early Intervention Programme, 1985 - 1995

Extra study – Dip. Tchg. (Early Childhood) back at FTC! which was by then known as State College of Victoria at Frankston.

B. Ed. (Early Childhood) University of Melbourne, Kew Campus

Career Changes:

2 years after graduating from FTC, I transferred to pre-schools. I really enjoyed my time in schools but pre-school was always my special interest. I found it a great advantage when teaching pre-school, to be so familiar with the school system.

In 1985 I transferred to Early Intervention.

8. Sandra Bradford now Parker

Following my training, I taught around the Dandenong/Berwick areas. Married Graham and had son Michael and in 1972, resigned and went to UK for 2 years. I returned to Migrant Education in Victoria, briefly, before heading to the Northern Territory, where we left a snail trail across the NT map as it included 8 years in remote Aboriginal Settlements, as well as the Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Darwin. In between came the birth of our second son, Bradley. My teaching career broadened considerably during this time to include executive positions primary, secondary, special and adult education, advisory travelling in NT, and valiant attempts at bilingual teaching – try a language with 364 different affixes sometime! I ended my career as a teacher librarian.

Retirement beckoned and in 1997, I left the bureaucratic humdrum. We had moved to Bees Creek in 1986 and 5 acres keeps us very busy. Although we have retained much of the natural bush, there are fruit trees and a veggie garden as well as the constant lawn mowing in the wet season and watering in the dry!

Writing and genealogy keeps me very occupied. I was appointed Palmerston City Council Poet Laureate in 1996, so with all that and 3 teenage grandchildren, I don't have time to notice time passing.

9. Maureen Brady now Marshall

First school after college was Red Hill Consolidated School.

Married Howard (Wills) in 1964 and lived in the Wimmera District teaching at Rupanyup and Minyip followed by Newcomb PS out of Geelong.

Family

Sharyn – 1967, Stuart - 1969 and Calvin - 1974

Further Educational Facilities taught at - with a focus in Special Ed.

EPIC Centre – RMIT Bundoora – Education Programme for Infants and Children

Western Autistic Centre as Visiting Teacher

Diamond Valley SDS

Imlay Special Needs Group – Bega, NSW – which began the “sea change” episode of my life with Lawrence Marshall

Retirement brought us back to Vic. to Nungurner (between Metung and Lakes Entrance) developing a love of the garden with three acres to play with, some great sailing experiences and camping to wider Aus.

Currently living at Rosebud where Lawrence and I both went to school.

Favourite College Memory

The friends I made and continue to see on a regular basis.

10. Susanne Bruce now Gracie

My short history of 50 years since Frankston Teachers Collage! Wow!!!! Whew!!!!

Odd jobbed @ Frankston Nth, Elsternwick, Collingwood and Prahran for 2 yrs then became permanent at Beaumaris.

Married Ron 1965 and we lived in Ferntree Gully. I then taught at Boronia P.S. till 1970. I resigned, after having twin daughters (now 40 yrs old).

Part timed, relief teaching in Toddler Groups from 1973. Retrained as a Pre-School teacher and spent the next 20 yrs Kindergarten teaching in Knox.

Lectured at Swinburne TAFE in Early Childhood Development.

Stopped work to "carry bricks" as full time Grandma to (now) 4 grandchildren. Still do reading groups at local school.

Hockey and archery were my sports along with continuous involvement with local footy, cricket and now golf clubs.

As daughters grew up we were involved seriously with ballroom dancing and travelled a bit. Folk art became a hobby then and now a passion.

11. Wendy Burns now McDonald

Current Location: South Melbourne

College memories: Wednesday assemblies- mass singing from the green songbook, standup comedy efforts on behalf of SRC, drama electives and remembering when having an Aids Case was mandatory!.

Schools taught at: Beaumaris North, Euroa, Haileybury College. I taught for 10 years prior to starting a family.

Further Studies: BA at Monash University majoring in English Language and Literature (1974); B.Litt (Hons) University of Melbourne (1994); Grad Dip Applied Psych., Monash University (1995); Master of Arts in Creative Writing, University of Melbourne (2010).

Career changes: Have been a psychologist in private practice for the last 15 years.

Family: Married 1969 to Hugh McDonald, had four children, widowed 2003, now married to Mike Tarant. We share four grandchildren.

Interests: Film, music, literature, human nature. Enjoy watching a movie, concert or opera on DVD each night. I am a keen concert goer, especially at ANAM (Australian National Academy of Music).

Travel: I have travelled extensively over the past six years to England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Hungary, Italy, Czech Republic, Greece, Germany, Spain, USA, Russia, China, Japan, Thailand, Turkey, and Singapore. Highlights include learning divining at Marlborough Summer School, teaching English to business executives in Spain, walking the Camino to Santiago, a myths and dreams tour of Aesculapian sites in Greece and immersing myself in the Spring Music Festival of Budapest earlier this year.

12. Jim Bussau

Schools or Institutes (and Towns/Suburbs) at which you have worked and when:

Wallup East PS 1963-1965

Rumba School 1966-1969 (Bougainville PNG)

Bendoc PS 1970

Longwarry PS 1971-1974

Boundary Bend PS 1975-1980

Nichols Point PS 1980-1994

Career Changes:

Quit teaching 1994 and became a 'Blocky' i.e. grew grapes in an irrigated farm in Mildura.

Family:

1 loving lovely wife: 2 sons 2 beautiful daughters-in-law 4 special grandkids.

Interests:

Travel, camping, woodworking, sailing, golf, bushwalking, bird-watching, classical music, gardening, reading, cooking.

A Favourite College Memory:

Playing Badminton & trips away. Also the personal interaction with some of the lecturers.

13. Judy Canterbury now Clarke

1962 - 1967 Taught at Bonbeach, Seaford and Beaumaris North State Schools and then promoted to Bennettswood State School

1964 Married John Clarke

1968 – 1974 Resigned to have children. Matthew, Melinda and Daniel

1976 - 1978 Travelled with family to Kimberleys in W A and worked on an Aboriginal Mission running a store with John

1979 Returned to Melbourne and found it too cold, so travelled to Noosa Heads and bought a home and Seafood /Takeaway business and worked with John

1982 Did an "Around Australia" trip with another family with children. All kids were on correspondence lessons for the 12 months

1983 Came down to Brisbane and bought a Speciality Donut Shop in Indooroopilly Shopping Town. I also studied to get my qualifications to suit Qld. Standards. Did extra units to obtain degree

1988 Commenced teaching at Westside Christian College. Taught there for 19 years. The last 14 as Head of Junior Primary Campus

1991 Youngest son Daniel was drafted to Melbourne AFL for 3 years. He then played VFL with Frankston Dolphins for 12 years (Normie Clarke) and with Seaford for 3 years. Hence we have had many trips to Melbourne following Aussie Rules Football and keeping in touch with life-long friend Dianne Rigby (Seal) and Frank

2007 Retired

2008 Moved to Bribie Island and now live on the surf-side at Woorim

2010 Enjoying life with family (6 grandchildren) friends and doing lots of travelling around Australia

14. Pat Clements now McPhie

Current Location:Warragul, Victoria

Schools or Institutes (and Towns/Suburbs) at which you have worked and when:

Red Cliffs, Merbein, The Lake (Primary Schools)

Mirboo North 1963, Terang 1964-66 (High Schools)

Career Changes:

Dairy Farmer from 1966 to present time.

Relief teacher from 1966 to present.

Family:

2 sons

2 daughters

5 grandchildren

A favourite College Memory:

Being fooled by Max Gillies and Co. on Day 1 at opening assembly 1960.

Great tours to Tweed Heads and Palm Valley. (A few of us left behind at Currumbin Bird Sanctuary – we weren't even missed!) Enjoyed Squash, Photography Club.

Was apprehensive about being posted to Mallee school (Red Cliffs) in 1962. I boarded in a guest house in Mildura and after a shaky start, I ended up having the best year of my life then – plenty of sport, dances, great friendly locals. (Parents supported schools 100%) All meals were prepared for me and had most of my washing done for me too. No worries and care-free. What a great life!

Became engaged to a Gippslander in 1963 so transferred to Mirboo North High School! Shock, horror! I was 19 years old teaching history to 14 – 15 year olds! Overcame that problem by loading them up with work. Transferred to Terang HS in 1964 – for 2.5 years. Decided to go dairying after that. Farm is a tie, but it is a great place to bring up children. Much prefer country life to the hustle/bustle of city life. Was bitten by travel bug in 2000 so now only “work to play” and will continue to do day relief teaching as long as I am able.

15. Bob Colbourne

FTC: 1960 – 1962 Lecturer in Science Education

CURRENT LOCATION: Bendigo (retired)

CAREER:

1963 – 1988 Bendigo Teachers' College
State College of Victoria, Bendigo
Bendigo College of Advanced Education (now LaTrobe University, Bendigo)

1988 Retired

FAMILY:

Married Dawn in 1961
2 daughters – Kim and Cate
4 grandchildren – Dujon and Sibon Fuzzard
- Tyler and Isabella Steel

INTERESTS: Sport especially cricket and golf
Member MCC
Carlton supporter

Tribunal Chairman Bendigo Football Leagues and Bendigo Cricket Associations

OTHER INTERESTS

Bendigo Theatre Company Inc.

Bendigo Polio Support Group (Convenor)

Uncle Bob's Club Bendigo – Royal Childrens Hospital Appeal

Gardening

Collecting –stamps and geological specimens

Travel

MEMORIES OF FTC

Max Gillies Reviews and stage shows (G and S)

College trips – Central Australia on 'The Ghan' – remember Palm Valley

Developing the gardens and sporting fields with student volunteers

16. Kath Cotter

Current Location: Have lived in Adelaide since 1972 and work as an education consultant.

After leaving FTC, I worked at Cranbourne North, Doveton West, Baxter and Tootgerook State Schools before leaving to live in South Australia.

I taught in a range of public schools around Adelaide; then became a Junior Primary Advisor (1986-97), then Advisor Early Childhood to the Minister of Education, Mr Greg Crafter (1988-90). I was appointed as a principal in the following Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS) schools in South Australia:

- Nairne Primary School, 1991
- Swallowcliffe Junior Primary School, 1992-94
- Swallowcliffe Primary School, 1995-98
- Prospect Primary School, 1999-2003

I then took up a position in DECS as Manager Teacher Quality and Development and managed 5 projects including the Australian Government Quality Teaching Program (AGQTP), the development of the South Australian Teaching Standards and the Beginning Teacher program, 2004-05.

Before my retirement from DECS I was placed in two schools in crisis to support the improvement of their curriculum, personnel management and administration: Elizabeth Vale Primary School 2006 (3 terms) and Rose Park Primary School 2006-07 (3 terms).

Currently I am working as an educational consultant and provide ongoing leadership support to DECS schools whenever there is a crisis of leadership and management.

I sit on the South Australian Non-Government Schools Registration Board as a Ministerial appointment. In this capacity we review all non-government schools on a 5 yearly rotation, visit the schools, assess their programs, write reports and provide feedback on performance.

Career Changes:

Once a teacher always a teacher!!!

Family:

I have 3 grown sons, Andrew, lives in Adelaide with Amy his wife and Scarlett aged 20 months. Geoff and Yvonne live in Carlton and have just had a baby son Henry. Matthew my youngest son is currently living in the Philippines

for 12 months; usually he and his family, Marie his wife, children, Hannah aged 11 and Isaac aged 8, live in Coburg. The children attend Brunswick North Primary School when in Australia. Andrew is a lawyer and both Geoff and Matthew work in the IT industry.

My mother has recently died, aged 89 and was living in BUPA Aged Care Facility Narre Warren North. My brother and his family live in Berwick and my sister and her family live in Perth.

A favourite College Memory:

The evening all the girls went to the end of year party wearing the same dress. I wonder if someone has a picture.

17. Murray Cowell

Following College I taught at the following:

Brighton Beach P.S. 1962

Hampton P.S. 1963-4

Highett P.S. 1965-6

Clayton South P.S. 1967-70

Hampton P.S. 1970-3

Mentone Park P.S. 1974-5

Wallarano P.S. 1976-82

Coomoora P.S. 1983-86

Maralinga P.S. – (Pr.) –1986-94

I took a Package at the end of 1994 and spent the next 12.5 years working for Parmalat thus carrying out a resolution that I would not finish my working days in the Education Department. It was a very refreshing change and I enjoyed going to work more than I would have believed.

I married my wife, Kaye, in 1966 and we have 2 daughters and 5 grandchildren. We have lived in Dingley for 40 + years and have been active in many local organisations over that time.

Kaye left the TAFE system just prior to my 'escape' and we have travelled, played golf, etc. as well as being closely involved in our grandchildren's care and development, as most grandparents seem to be in this time of 2 parents working.

Having watched many young people work part-time to put themselves through Uni. or similar, then pay HECS fees for years after, it seems to me that we were very fortunate to have been put through training and paid as well.

18. Leonie Creber now Gell.

After Teacher's College went to Heyfield Primary, then to Toongabbie for 1962. 1963 at Newborough East Primary. It was when in Heyfield I met my husband to be, possibly because I shared house with his sister. Married in 1964 and moved into the family farm at Glenmaggie where we still live.

Left the Department with no regrets.

Raised 3 children who are all married giving us 6 grand-kids. Because of many factors we established Paradise Valley Camping Park on the farming property in 1970.

We still operate this along with farming.

Interests are Genealogy, family, and Australian travel.

My best from Frankston days would be the continuing friendship forged.

19. Lorraine Curtis: now Hinkins

Current Location: 9 Culverlands Rd Heathmont Vic

College Memories

Probably my special memory of Frankston Teachers College is the opportunity and training it gave me to pursue a career I have treasured and enjoyed all my working life. Also the special friendships made and maintained for over 50 years. Pam Townley [Booth], Maureen Brady [Marshall], Helen Dimsey [Thomson], Val Gray, Lorraine Taylor [Griffiths], Sandra Forbes [Adams] and Cath Flynn [Moar].

The fun times we had on teaching rounds, sporting events, trip to Alice Springs and the various social events enjoyed together.

The thrill of the first teaching position Aspendale P.S where I had 57 preps and my class room was the corridor!! From Aspendale to Oakleigh then Pinewood P.S.

After marrying my special man [John Hinkins] in 1964 and starting a family I didn't want to work full time So returned to Frankston and studied for and gained my Early Childhood Diploma and from then to my retirement in 1997 I worked as Directress at Scoresby West Pre-School, Glen Waverley P.S. and Panoramic Heights Pre-School John and I have two daughters Kerrie and Jodie both married and both with 3 beautiful children. Our 6 grand children range in age from 20 to 14 and provide us with heaps of love and happy times. All are very keen on sport and we are never lacking in weekend involvement. Our eldest grandson Mitchell is in his second year of teacher training.

My hobbies include photography, wood-work, film and theatre, and travel. We have just returned from a lovely stay in Ireland which would be one of our favourite places; however, it is always good to get home. Travelling overseas makes you appreciate what a wonderful country Australia is!

Recently I have become a Puffing Billy volunteer and John and I man the Menzies Creek Station on a Friday. Catching up with friends is always something I look forward to.

Before closing off I would just like to thank those who instigated this 50th anniversary of our college year and express appreciation for the time and effort that has gone in to all the research and preparation

20. Dawn Davies now Cowley

Current Location: 27 Shanahan Pde, Newborough 3825

Moving to suburbia in 1960 as a rather quiet country girl I was filled with both excitement and nervousness. But the two years I spent at College have provided lasting memories - boring Friday afternoon Children's literature lectures, singing from the College song book at assembly, *Frantic* and *Frantic Too* (the revues) and trips to Queensland and Central Australia, to name just some. And of course it prepared me for the profession I loved. It was a time I really enjoyed.

My first teaching appointment was to Wonthaggi North, but a week after starting there I moved to Yallourn North where I taught for seven years. After a further year at a Morwell school, I resigned to raise a family. In 1965 I had married Grant, and our three children were born in the years following my resignation – Amanda in 1970, Grant in 1973 and Lisa in 1975. I became very involved in our community and the activities our family participated in, and did a lot of work at our kids' schools over the eighteen or so years we had at least one of them at school. I returned to teaching as an emergency teacher, and stuck at it for almost 10 years until I accepted a job as a Library Assistant at the local TAFE college where I spent a further 8 years.

In 1992 our family suffered the loss of our son Grant who died as a result of a motorbike accident at the age of 19. Naturally this turned our lives upside down for some time, and in 1995 we made a change of direction when

Grant and I both left the jobs we had and bought a small needlework and craft business (one of my long-time dreams). This was a great distraction for us both, as we incorporated a picture framing service into the business, which gave Grant an area to be involved in, and I ran classes and workshops in needlework on a very regular basis. In 2000 we decided to retire, though since then I have become a Civil Celebrant and really love the work involved.

I was a volunteer working at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006 and had a wonderful time. We love travelling and have done quite a bit of it, with our latest trip being to Kenya and Tanzania last April. Never having been a great sportsperson, the only 'sport' I participated in for any length of time was tenpin bowling – probably about twenty years of that. Along with needlework and patchwork, I have been a genealogist for over thirty years. I published a book on my Davies family in 1987, and was commissioned to write the history of the Yallourn North State School for the 75th anniversary of the school in 1993.

Life is busy, but we always make plenty of time to spend with our daughters, their husbands and our six beautiful grandchildren.

21. Helen Dimsey now Thomson

I wonder if I am the only 1960 FTC graduate who never taught in a school classroom? I went from college, on a studentship extension, along with Max Gillies, to Monash University. So we were in the second year of both FTC and Monash. There I completed an Honours degree, and was then allowed to teach out my studentship as a tutor in the Monash English Department. At that time 10 Education Department trainees a year were being seconded into the universities where there was an acute staff shortage as the baby boomer wave went through the system. A scholarship took me to the University of Kent where I did a Masters degree. I completed a doctorate many years later at Monash.

I taught at Monash until my retirement ten years ago. For much of that time I also worked as a newspaper theatre reviewer, first with The Australian, later with The Age. When I look back I wonder where I found the energy for a night job as well as a full-time day job that included research and publication as well as teaching.

By this time I had married Philip Thomson, who ended his academic career as Professor of German at Monash. We had two children, Miranda and Guy, who (finally) both married this year.

I am blissfully happy as a retiree who now never has to set the alarm clock. We travel constantly and divide our time between a flat in Port Melbourne and a house and garden at Moggs Creek, on the Great Ocean Road. I garden, and particularly grow food, with such huge enjoyment that I suspect I missed my true calling as a horticulturalist or botanist.

I still regularly see Max Gillies, Sandra Adams, Maureen Marshall (Wills), Pam Townley (Booth), Lorraine Griffiths, Lorraine Hinkins, and Val Grey.

22. Barbara and Phil Dix

Barbara's name at FTC was Barbara Forward.

We married in 1964 (now 46 years together and thank you FTC for being our meeting place).

Phil graduated from Monash Uni. in Economics and Education.

Phil's schools – Archie's Creek P.S., Mordialloc – Chelsea H.S., Chadstone H.S., Blackburn South H.S., Waverley H.S., Virden Collegiate (Canada) and Vermont Secondary College.

Barb completed a Graduate Diploma in Special Education.

Barb's schools – Healesville P.S., Carrum P.S., Rathdowne St. Carlton P.S., Coatesville P.S., Murrumbeena P.S., Syndal North P.S., Highvale P.S., Waverley S.E.U., and Nunawading South P.S.

In 1980 we moved to Canada as Phil had an International Teaching Fellowship in Manitoba.

Phil retired in 1996 and Barb in 1997. We lived in Mount Waverley and Glen Waverley but since retiring we've moved to Ocean Grove where we'd previously had our holiday house.

We have one son who is a physiotherapist and a partner in Peninsula Sports Medicine Group. He was Australian Aerobics Champion in 1989. He is married with three children.

In retirement we enjoy our family, travelling, volunteering and golf.

23. Brenda Dowey now Allen

Schools or Institutes at which you have worked:

Nambrok PS 1963

Red Hill Consolidated 1964-1966

Career changes:

Assisting administration of family business and home duties.

Family:

6 children- all females and all married...

12 grandchildren

A favourite College Memory:

I really enjoyed the College assemblies and in particular the colourful character of Bernie Carrigg and his musical skills.

24. Peter Draper

1962: First year as head of a rural school out of Traralgon. Met a girl working at neighbouring school who became my wife three years later. Pat is a teacher, world poet and has degrees in museum studies. She was responsible for the research for many displays at The Old Melbourne Gaol.

1963-1971: Head of two teacher rural schools in Geelong, Bairnsdale, Leongatha and Dandenong areas. During this time I married and we had two sons. In 1975 we adopted our daughter. Our eldest son died aged 14 in 1982. Our second son married in 2009.

1972-2001: Spent 31 years at The Peninsula School, Mt Eliza. Many years as Yr7 Co-ordinator and then as Senior Management and member of the marketing board.

2001-2007: Deputy Head of a UK primary school near Rochester, Kent, England. This is an area dedicated to Charles Dickens and we enjoyed the twice yearly festivals held in his honour. Pat also worked as a teacher while we were there. We returned to Melbourne because my mother was ill. I retired in 2007.

I was a former Senior Panel Victorian Football League Umpire under Alan Nash. Pat and I ran Professional Sports Coaching Clinics in Victoria in Cricket, Football, Tennis and Basketball using AFL, Test Stars from Australia and overseas and NBL basketballers for many years. I have been a Level 3 Cricket Australia Coach (Highest possible level) for 24 years and was Under16 Victorian Cricket Coach for over ten years. I coached Mornington Peninsula

Cricket Association Clubs professionally for over a decade and when we lived and worked in the UK I also coached professionally in Kent for six years.

I am now a tour guide at The MCG and work most week days in that capacity.

Pat and I started travelling quite early and caught the footloose bug. We have travelled to many places and loved them all. While living in the UK we managed to spend each Christmas in a different capital city and often managed to find snow. We got quite a lot of it in Kent as well, sometimes having a day off from school due to heavy drifts. We are still travelling, our most recent trip being to South Africa where we realised the dream of seeing wild animals in their natural habitat.

25. Sandra Forbes now Adams

Current Location: 24 Coreen Ave Beaumaris 3193

I enjoyed College and still meet regularly with girls from our group for lunch. Have happy memories of the trip to Central Australia.

1962 Chelsea PS

1963 Mordialloc PS

1964 Mentone PS Married to Bruce an Army Officer in December and posted to Puckapunyal

1965 Broadford PS then in June posted to Sydney where I taught at Lurnea PS and learnt many swear words from the grade 3 students and taught in a class room situated over an open drain. I decided to resign due to so much hepatitis in the school!

We then continued on many postings which were numerous at that time due to the Vietnam War. In fact we had 11 postings in 9 years! It was an interesting and sometimes difficult life moving house and state often with two little girls. The men were away on exercises for weeks and months at a time so wives had to learn to cope and we all relied on one another for support and friendship. It was impossible to continue teaching. Due to our eldest daughter having special needs I did not return to teaching until we were settled in Melbourne in 1971 and when our girls were at school. Then I relieved at Beaumaris and Beaumaris North for a few years.

In 1983 I began a new career at Bayside (then Sandringham) Council as Family Day Care Co-ordinator starting up the scheme. I had a special interest in ensuring the placement of children with special needs and providing the families with support. There has been a gradual increase in assistance offered to families over the last 40 years but of course more is still required. Our life with a child with a disability brought us much joy fun and heartache and we treasure our memories and the friendships that we made through her life. After FDC I then became Children's Services Manager before finishing up as Community Services Manager which also included Aged Services .The knowledge I gained was very useful as our relatives and friends' parents required aged care.

In our retirement we enjoy spending much time with our three grandchildren who are now 16, 14 and 11. We are fortunate that they live close by. They bring much happiness into our lives. We have caravanned to Far North Queensland for 5 years during winter but now prefer to travel overseas. Last year we took our daughter and 3 grandchildren to a family wedding in Paris. This was a very special time for us all.

We have a wooden boat berthed at Sandringham .and enjoy entertaining on it, as Bruce is a superb cook, it is great place to spend warm evenings with family and friends.

I play bridge twice a week and have met weekly with 7 friends for ten years when we enjoy friendship and needle work together.

I am looking forward to catching up with people I have not seen for many years.

26. Phil Dix (See No. 22 Barbara Forward and Phil Dix)

27. Barbara Garner now Wallin

Current Location: 86 Adrian Street, Palmyra 6157,Western Australia

I did the 3 year course at Frankston Teachers' College so graduated in 1962. In 1963 I was appointed to Hazelwood North, a 2 teacher school near Morwell. I was married in 1964 and moved to Western Australia. At first I didn't go back to teaching as I was too involved in being a house-wife. In 1965 I began Relief Teaching at local schools; in the 4th term I started back full time at a local school in a year 1. The next year I was appointed to another local school but this time to a year 3. The following 3 years I was appointed to another school. In W.A, married women could not hold permanent positions so appointments were terminated at the end of each year and I had new appointments most years.

In 1970 I commenced advisory teaching; I would visit the schools/teachers to assist them to implement Unit Progress, a programme to allow children to develop at a level suitable for their ability rather than their age. In 1972 I left the Department to become a new mother and our elder son Robert was born. In 1974 our 2nd son Mark was born. During this time I was a full time parent. I got back into teaching by accident; I had been assisting in the art programme in Robert's class when I was asked if I could do some relief work as the Deputy Principal was going on long service leave. I decided to see if I could manage full time teaching as well as family duties. I ended up doing a lot of relief for the next 2 years.

I was eventually asked to work part-time at a pre-Primary class in North Fremantle; I was there for 5 years. To get permanency I had to have a full time job so I applied and obtained full time work at another Pre-primary.and eventually gained my permanency.

After a number of Pre-primary appointments I retired in 1997 so I could have some time with my husband who had retired 6 years earlier. However it didn't work out very well as I found I missed teaching so I went back into relief teaching and I am still doing relief teaching! For a few years I did supervision of student teachers for Edith Cowan University, I found this very rewarding and learnt a lot from the students' teachers and it helped me keep up with changes.

Our sons are both married and live in WA; we have 2 delightful grand-daughters, aged 7 and 4. I visit my brother in Cranbourne South regularly now that he has retired too and manage to keep in touch with some friends from College days. My main hobby is antique dolls, I belong to a Doll and Toy group that meet once a month and I have made some great friends with similar interests. I have travelled overseas extensively over the years but now I prefer to travel within Australia.

28. Catherine Garrett

Family: Two husbands (not simultaneously) Four children (one inherited) Six and two - thirds grandchildren.
Semi- normal, slightly dysfunctional family

Career: Ten years country and city primary school teaching. Sixteen years teaching speech to hearing impaired children.

Achievements: Co-creator of concept of home product markets. Began Red Hill Community Market in 1975 and now part owner and director of Craft Markets Australia.

College memories: Immature, and slightly out of my depth. That said, I met many great friends some of whom I've kept and others I will look forward to catching up with at the reunion.

29. Graham Gaston

I matriculated in 1954 and went to work at the Chartered Accountant firm, Spy, Clarke, Tootel and Co. in Melbourne. Out of 50 employees, I was the only public schooled employee. Three years later, I took up a position as an accountant at Post Newspapers in Mornington. Despite teaching being my first preference and an offer from Melbourne University to train as Physical Education teacher, I chose accounting believing it to be more lucrative.

However, in 1960 I reverted to my chosen path, and entered Frankston Teachers' College as the only married student in the college and two children to boot! To support my new venture, I worked at a newsagent from 0500-0800 everyday, quickly showering and heading off to teacher's college. During the holidays, I worked fulltime at the Post Office. The lecturers that left the greatest impression on me were Monty Brown, lecturer in English who made you question everything and Peter Ladd, head of the Physical Education department who became a great mate.

From '62-'65 I taught as a temporary teacher in schools close to my home, which we proudly owned. From the 1.1.66 we headed for the country, Tatyoon. Great time! I played footy with Tatyoon and Peter Durkin made the trip each week to play also. Tatyoon was a one teacher school with 35 kids, three of which were mine. I was promoted to HT. at Ballendella near Rochester in 1969 through to 1972 and set up an adventure playground which the Physical Education Department obviously thought was great, as they offered me a job. I was promoted to Rochester Primary School 1973-1975, and worked with John Pearson in a grade of 62, grade 1, 2 and 3 with individualised programs. Mr Rowe, Director of Primary Education came to observe our program. We were leaders in this organisation of learning and many came to view our program. At this time, I entered Rotary and was heavily involved with exchange students for five years, on the District Committee looking after Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore which became a catalyst for my future travels and educational aspirations into Thailand.

I was then promoted to Spring Gully Primary School in 1976, the school underwent a rebuilding program and the construction won an Australian wide design award (My daughter is currently Assistant Principal at this school). We developed an open plan concept and the children were vertically grouped in each grade from 2-6 and also on individualised learning programs. We involved parents and grandparents in our daily curriculum, taking the Music, French Speaking Program and environmental studies and cooking. I was then promoted to Camp Hill Primary School in 1983-1987 and incorporated many team teaching ideas. I was then promoted to Kangaroo Flat Primary School as Vice Principal and prep teacher, promoted 6 months later to Principal of Castlemaine North Primary School. On 1/7/88 and resigned on the 7/3/91, taking an early retirement package.

Since then, I have managed a family Convenience Store, since sold and kept my hand in education through casual relief teaching, both Primary and Secondary. I travelled extensively overseas into Thailand and was involved in filming programs that were culturally significant for Thailand in promotion of trade and tourism; these were telecast on Thai television in the past and currently. As a result of my involvement in Thailand, we have developed online English programs which we are currently marketing in IELTS and ESL and proficiency English assessments tests at <http://teest.biz>. In the promotion of this, I have gained access to all the universities and International schools in Thailand, still waiting for the pot of gold for this time investment and commitment. One of the highlights of my time in Thailand was attending the then Prime Minister of Thailand daughter's wedding and being photographed with the Family wedding party. Another was a meeting up with the 2006 coup leaders at a party at Army Headquarters in Bangkok.

I am still a registered teacher and I am currently have been seconded as Project Manager for the merger of three primary schools in Bendigo until December, 2010, a \$16m project.

Still kicking!

30. John Gibson

Arrived at Teachers College straight from a private boys school to find GIRLS – heaps of very attractive girls and some not quite so attractive boys most of whom I still see regularly. After 8 years of teaching in the country – Dumbalk, Nagambie and Horsham, I arrived back at Melbourne Teachers College to attend a 12 month library course and consequently met my first wife .Two children later –divorced. I travelled overseas for 6 months and met my next wife who came back to Australia to live and help bring up the children.– divorced. After many trips to Qld. I decided to buy a holiday apartment to enjoy my retirement on the Gold Coast. Met my next wife in Qld.– returned to Melbourne –retired– divorced. Shortly after that I met my next wife and travelled profusely – returned to Melbourne – divorced which is my current state. Some of you may think I've been careless with my relationships; however, you are all partly to blame – private boys school to co-ed college how could I possibly be satisfied with one partner.– Oh if you are interested I spent the last 8 years as principal of Beaumaris North PS.and retired in 2000.

31. Max Gillies

Following TPTC at Frankston, a BA at the baby Monash University. Much thespian activity.

Classroom experience at Brunswick Boys' School was a searing character-building one.

Remained in Ed Department service as Senior Lecturer at the Secondary Teachers College (which like Brunswick Boys' and Ozymandias is long perished) In my thirtieth year, stopped pontificating in favour of pretending.

Became a full-time thespian. Still at it.

Married with offspring in their early twenties.

32. Diane Haig now Bell

Current Location: Finniss, South Australia

I taught at various schools in Victoria (Chelsea, Bonbeach, Dandenong), moved to NSW in 1965 and taught there for two years (Villawood, Turramurra), married, had two children, divorced, finished High School at night school

at Box Hill High (Vic) and taught part-time Clayton Tech; Monash University BA (Hons) 1971-5; PhD, ANU, anthropology, 1976-1981; 2 years fieldwork with my children in an Aboriginal community in Central Australia; worked for Aboriginal Legal Aid services and Land Councils on numerous land claims and court cases; consultant to Law Reform Commission; Anthropologist to the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Protection Authority, 1981-2; Private Practice as Diane Bell and Associates 1982-4; Research Fellow at ANU in Social Justice Project, 1984-6; Professor Australian Studies, Deakin University 1986-8, first woman professor on their staff; moved to the USA as Henry Luce Professor of Religion, Economic Development and Social Justice 1989-1999; Professor Anthropology and Director Women's Studies, George Washington University, DC, USA, 1999-2006; Professor Emerita 2005-; returned to Australia; Writer in Residence Flinders University; Visiting Professor, Adelaide University. Bought 18 acres on banks of Finniss River (80kms out of Adelaide). Have published 11 books including *Daughters of the Dreaming* about Aboriginal women's religious beliefs and practices – it has been in continuous print since 1983; *Ngarrindjeri Wurruwarrin* (1998) about the Hindmarsh Island Bridge dispute, won the NSW Premier's Literary Award (1999) for cultural criticism and was shortlisted for the Age Book of the Year, the Queensland History Award and the 2000 Gold Medallion Literary Award. I publish with Spinifex Press, Melbourne. My novel *Evil* was made into a play and performed at the Kennedy Centre in the USA. My articles appear in journals of history, art, anthropology, law. In the 2008 by-election in Mayo (Alexander Downer's old seat) I ran as an Independent on the water issue. It was a three week campaign run out of my kitchen. There were 11 candidates and I managed 17% of the primary vote and did well with preferences but the seat remained in Liberal hands. Currently I am Chair of the River, Lakes and Coorong Action Group Inc. and campaigning for the health of the Murray-Darling River system. This includes a great deal of political action and work with media. College memories: favourites include the Gilbert and Sullivan performances, Reviews and *Our Town*. Family: My daughter is also an anthropologist and works for Intel, the computing people, in the USA where she has pioneered a new field in technology. She owns a stone cottage in Terowie, SA. My son and partner live with their two children (my grandboys) in Jindabyne, NSW– he is great photographer and has a gift for languages. Looking forward to the reunion.

33. Marilyn Harris now Laney

Current Location:196 Glen Eira Rd Elsternwick 3185

I only went into teaching because of the fabulous holidays which I thoroughly enjoyed throughout my teaching career. I have often thought of Mr Giles, as a group of us came back to his Friday afternoon lecture and we were all the worse for wear because we had an enjoyable liquid lunch. We were so noisy and out of control in his lecture and he knew we were all under the weather but he never reported us to the higher authorities.

I taught at Greenslopes where the head was a lunatic and was dismissed by the Dept after I left the school. The only good thing about this school was I met a (to be) lifelong girl friend and we travelled Europe together. After she returned to Aussie I stayed in London for 3 years and taught there.

I only taught with the Dept for the mandatory 3 years and I was out of the Dept quick smart. I never went back to the Dept and taught at Mt Scopus at the Elwood Division and later at the Kew Division for the remainder of my teaching.

When I returned to Melb I married Peter Shaw whom I had actually met in London. Our first son was born and then to my surprise I was expecting twins. We lived in Kew for 15 years and then the final crunch came – separation and then divorce.

Life goes on and I remarried Richard Laney and currently live in Elsternwick.

34. Ann Harvey now Pether

Current Location: 674 Geographe Bay Rd., Busselton (by the sea), WA 6280

College Memories: Rather blurred, too long ago, too many moves & lifestyle changes since then to remember. However I do remember being very immature & feeling very unsure of myself. Everyone else looked amazingly confident & altogether.!!

One highlight: Trip to Alice - incredible! The beginning of a love for the Outback & its people.

Career Changes: FTC – 2 years

1 year extension Melb TC – Special Teachers' Cert

Ballarat Spec Sch – 2 years

Moorabbin Spec Sch – 1 yr.

Married a sandgroper so: Innaloo Occup Centre (WA)

Private tuition Wittenoom (outback WA)

Sir James Mitchell for C.P. (WA)

A.C.T. – relief only

Hamilton Educ Support Centre– SW Resource Teacher (Vic)–living in Portland 2 yrs

Back to Sir David Brand Spec Sch (WA)

4th year study Edith Cowan Uni (WA)– Aboriginal & Migrant Educ

Katanning Educ Supp Centre (wheatbelt WA)

Edith Cowan Uni Tutor (Katanning Campus) – Cross-cultural B. Ed – 5 yrs & Social Work Deg – 1 yr

Edith Cowan – 2 yr Bridging Course Tutor for Indigenous students – 6 yrs concurrent with above.

Family: One husband, 2 sons, 2 daughters -in -law, 5 grandchildren ranging in age from 6- 19 yrs.

Working in teaching (politics, economics, history, international cross-cultural training), vet nursing, management & small business

Grandson studying Sports Science at UWA

Richard & I running a small B&B opposite beautiful Busselton beach on Geographe Bay – involved in providing for Ironman

Music & Beach Festivals, Margaret River Surfing Ch-ships, Wine producing area with 120 outlets etc.

Hobbies: As well as the Hospitality Business (as above), bootscooting, gardening, Liturgical flag dance, beaching, reading, people

Travel: (1) INDIA: Part of international Community Development team – to Maliwada, Maharashtra

(2) BANGLADESH to meet World Vision sponsor daughter

(3) ASIA: Thailand, Hong Kong, China – holiday

(4) ISRAEL: with WA Eagles of Praise Dance group to participate in Feast of Tabernacles, Jerusalem (danced in main street & on old city wall – yay!)

(5)U.K. & EUROPE: "Tracing our family roots" holiday - touched base in each relevant place plus a few others

(6) OZ: Outback – Pilbara, Kimberly areas & Central Australia (including Uluru 3 times). Southwest corner of WA plus a few trips up & down Queensland coast when parents lived on Gold Coast, & occasional visit to Melb to see sisters & family

Reflections: Life – short, exciting, to be enjoyed making the most of every opportunity, not to be wasted. Can be fun!

People – fascinating

Family – like flowers - a mixed bunch
God –amazing!
Oz – the best place in the world - we need to take care of it
Study – keeps the brain alive
All in All – the unexamined life is not worth living; the best in life & love & happiness is still to come

Re-acquaintances: On the way. Looking forward to it! Yay!!

35. Sue Haynes now Whitehead

Current Location: Frankston

Taught Preps at Clayton North (49 students in class) x 2 years then after marriage to Max in 1965 transferred to Frankston North. Left teaching to work in our tour company.

Did some emergency teaching including a term at Naranga Special School which gave me the confidence to take a group of 30+ intellectually disabled adults on tour each summer holiday for the past 26 years! They and their parents/carers have become lifelong friends.

In 1960 went on FTC Red Centre Tour with Mr Carrigg & Mrs Kennedy and Bundaberg Tour in 1963 – both lots of fun.

In 1990 & 2000 I led tours to Israel, Jordan, Turkey including Gallipoli, Greece, Italy, France, Germany and the Oberammergau Passion Play performed every 10 years.

Each Queen's Birthday Weekend since 1969 – Brenda Penny, Joel Ricardo and I with our husbands travel to Wangaratta to stay with Wendy Salter. In earlier years we took our children, making the group 19 in number! Have had some great times exploring the beautiful north-east.

36. Fred Heesh.

Going to FTC in 1960 was hardly the realisation of a life time ambition to be a teacher! My friend Bill Barclay, whom some of you may remember, seemed to be having a wonderful time, so, when the recruitment crew came to Frankston High late '59, and asked "Now who is interested?" it seemed like a good thing to do, so I put my hand up and said that I would "Have a go!"

Good memories of college, perhaps the strongest one being that I was the only one for ages who could spring high enough off the trampoline to catch, and hang on to, the framework supporting the ceiling. I think that may be the only thing with which I really distinguished myself for the two years! (Although I have never forgotten that Doug Le Bas told me I was a very good runner!)

I lived out of a suitcase for the first two years going from school to school, often at two days' notice, before getting my first permanent appointment in East Gippsland, and then it was further country appointments. I reckon that those of you who spent time in the country found as I did, what a wonderful life it can be when you involve yourself in the sporting and social activities of rural life. I made lifetime friends in my country areas.

Then in 1968 I resigned and went teaching in Far Northern Canada, having replied to an ad in the Morning 'Sun'. What was originally intended as a one year stint turned into three, and I met, and married, Barbara, a Canadian teacher of rare beauty and talent (she will be reading this).

We moved back to Australia and after a short temporary posting in the city, we moved to Wonthaggi in 1971 and taught together. We immediately involved ourselves in sporting and community groups and also produced two magnificent daughters (they may read this too) We have been there ever since.

In 1990 I took a package but still did two days a week for eight years as a travelling music teacher in the district. At that time, I realised a lifetime ambition and bought an immaculate blue 1971 MGB. That and my love of playing and teaching instrumental music keep me very active, and claims much of my time. Looking forward to meeting you all again in November!!

37. John Hillyer

After leaving F.T.C. I remained in Victorian education for 35 years. Spent first 11 years specialising in P.E. (they were the good days) in Ballarat and Melbourne and then taught at Doveton North and Fountain Gate before moving to Mallacoota as Principal of Mallacoota P-12 College (13 years). I was so impressed with the quality of our lecturers at F.T.C. that I was inspired to do a few qualifications myself, gaining a Dip. Phys. Ed. from Melbourne Uni and B.A. and B. Ed from Monash while working full time.

Resigned from education in 1997 and changed to part time work with Mallacoota Health Centre as a welfare officer as well as casual work as an Ambulance Community Officer. I continue with this work during 2010.

I am married to Pauline – between us we have four sons and one daughter ranging in age 27 to 42. Whilst the family is located mainly in Melbourne with one in Adelaide, Pauline and I enjoy our home in Mallacoota where we have now been resident for 24 years (not considered locals until 25).

John is a Justice of the Peace and a Civil Celebrant and in spare time volunteers with Mallacoota Golf Club and Mallacoota Lions Club. Pauline is still waiting for a list of jobs to be started that she compiled when I resigned in 1997.

Many great memories of the College days so look forward to sharing some of these with those who I know.

38. Bev Hocking now Le Bas and Doug Le Bas

Bev and I were married on the first Saturday after finishing college and then lived for four years at Barkly in an Ed. Dept residence. There was no electricity or septic tank until just before we left. Hmmm.

Bev taught at Avoca, Landsborough and Landsborough West. Then we went to Christmas Hills (Bev was my Sewing Mistress) before I went to Frankston as a Rural Training School teacher there. Bev went to Frankston Forest and Monterey.

Bev then retired to care for our three children. I then obtained study leave to do a B.A (Hons) being part-time at Noble Park and Greenslopes (as the Teachers' Centre secretary). I taught at Frankston East and Gladstone Park while studying for an M.Ed. Then I went to Curriculum and Research for several years. I began what became a ten year period of teaching evening classes for Deakin University while here.

During this time we hired a campervan for seven months and travelled around Europe with our (now) four children.

On return I worked at the Frankston Regional Office before obtaining a principal's position at Moorooduc. Bev was now heavily involved in starting a toy library at Frankston whilst working as a relief teacher. I returned to running again and was pleased to run a marathon in 2.26 at the age of 41. After this I went to Chelsea Heights, re-entering the classroom after many years.

My final position was as principal at Frankston Primary and I often thought of our college days when student teachers came.

Bev, meanwhile, had developed the Frankston Toy Library into one of the largest in the world. She has received recognition for this with a Federal Centenary medal - and a star at the Karingal Star Zone.

We have five grandchildren in Glen Waverley and Stuttgart.

39. Patricia Hogan now McColl.

My FTC exit appointment to Port Fairy changed to Trafalgar over January.

However, when the dust settled I had two main areas of work: suburban schools including Valkstone, Hampton, Sandringham, Brighton and urban schools such as South Melbourne, Merri, Westgarth and North Melbourne.

Early on I married; we had two children and planned to move to Paynesville when my husband was diagnosed with a terminal brain tumour. With medical bills and the tough times I was quite grateful to have a job that worked in so well with raising my children.

Panel selection was experienced from both sides. However the classroom provided my best returns, so the retirement option beckoned enticingly as an alternative to getting squeezed out.

The first year I supported myself making and selling homemade preserves. This was a very different experience and heaps of fun. Consequently, I moved to Geelong to set up a backyard orchard, choosing the onset of the drought with an uncanny accuracy. Setting up some young trees means I've developed the shoulders of a stevedore from hoicking round buckets of grey and tank water. Like every gardening saga there have been successes and failures, and if you have any hints on the eradication of kikuyu and buffalo grasses I'd love to hear them!

The car has recently been bumped from the garage for work on some sculptural mosaic. Wonder if I'm going down the path of those concrete boats you used to see going up in backyards? Loved them myself.

40. Glenys Holland.

LOCATION: Frankston

Following my three years training at FTC I was appointed to Glengarry Primary School in Gippsland. After two years I transferred back to the Frankston area and taught at Frankston Forest, Bonbeach, Frankston Heights and Ballam Park. In 1977 I took a year's leave and travelled extensively overseas before returning to teaching at Cranbourne North Primary School, Chandler and then back to Cranbourne North. I retired from full time teaching in September 1997 and took a year off before returning to teach part time as a Reading Recovery teacher, first at Baxter then at Overport PS for a number of years before retiring completely.

Among my memories of FTC are trips to Queensland and WA with the College. The wonderful College shows and musicals starring Max Gillies. When Max comes to the Frankston Cultural Centre in a Show I am among the first to book a ticket. Who could forget the college assemblies and some of the guests? Remember all the lectures with Sam Fry on the Married Women's Act. The year after we graduated the Married Woman's Act was abolished. The final exams for our ITC Groups were held in Struan. Unfortunately it poured with rain and as the roof leaked we had to keep getting up to shift our desks to keep our papers dry. Great days.

My interests include Travel, Photography, Reading, Politics, Gardening, Walking, Musical Shows and of course family, including my brothers, two nieces and two nephews, and one great nephew about to celebrate his first birthday.

I am a member of the Zonta Club of Frankston, an International service organisation working to raise the Status of Women. We work with woman and children mainly, Victims of Domestic abuse, Young single mothers, older women needing help coping with depression, Refugee Groups. We fund Education and Health Programs both in Australia and overseas.

A few years ago I joined a Probus Group. When I asked what they did the answer was "We just have fun" and that's exactly what we do.

On the 22nd of May this year Glenda Baker (formerly Hanton) and I travelled overseas for five weeks. We went to London first and spent two weeks travelling around England, Ireland and Scotland. Then we flew to Amsterdam and joined a cruise down the rivers and canals to Budapest. To finish our trip we then flew to Paris for four days before returning home. A great trip which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone. Will we need name tags do you think? After all it has been fifty years.

41. Gary P J Hopcraft.

Location: Tatura

Memories of Frankston Teachers College

An exciting time. Everyone, including lecturers, was eager and keen.

Friendships were formed.

Walking from Frankston Station to College with Peter Jack (unfortunately deceased many years ago) and Ken Launder. He can't attend as he had just booked a week house boat for November when I rang.

Our dedicated lecturers.

Our parents who had to act as assurances for our 2 year "Bond".

Their generation never borrowed so this was a tremendous impost on them.

62 Physical Education Mentone Inspectorate.

63/65 PE Shepparton Inspectorate. My friends from FTC goaded me that I was just an apprentice but I was able to observe outstanding teachers in diverse settings which provided a foundation for me as I developed my own teaching /learning strategies and philosophy.

66/69 Real teaching. Tongala P-10 Home of condensed milk. I met my wonderful wife Helen who set high standards in teaching. She has been my organiser and mentor. My inspiration! We married in 67.

70/72 Threw our 2 week old baby boy Brent in the back of the Holden and drove in 40 degree heat to our first home in Bundoora. Second son Matthew born 71 Taught at Glenroy North. Broadmeadows teaching was tough but those kids respected fairness and consistency.

73 Exchange to Mt Pleasant a Perth suburb. My most rewarding teaching year!

74/75 Greenwood Primary Bundoora. Enjoyed working with young teachers. Our third son, Simon was born.

76 Selected for International Teaching Fellowship London Ontario Canada. A wonderful experience for us all. We relived some of those memories 34 years ago when we reunited in Ontario in August 2010.

77 Returned to Greenwood Bundoora.

78/84 Principal Mansfield Primary and Mt Buller Annexe during the snow season. What a steep learning curve these years were. Enjoyed my first 2 years playing footy for Bonnie Doon "Ah the serenity". Must have been the cold climate because our daughter Katie was born in 79.

85/94 Principal Tatura Primary School Enjoyed an outstanding staff and community At the start of 1989 I appointed a male CRT to the Infant Section. This was then an all male Infant Staff.

I was passionate about my teaching and relished the rewards that such a noble profession provided.

A Melbourne colleague convinced me to take a Jeff Kennett redundancy package

which then set me off on a different direction.

For the next ten years I worked with Tatura Engineering. Documenting their quality management ISO: 9001 and completed training so that I could be their internal auditor. Planright, a surveying company and whole farm planning company also requested my services for ISO and a consultant had me assisting fruit growers prepare their system SQF 2000 to meet the requirement of supermarket standards.

I am indebted to Tony Neville, my ski and bike riding mate for the inspiration and spark that initiated our much anticipated 50th reunion.

I anticipate we will all show our appreciation for our proud 50 years by singing with gusto our College song "Gaudeamus".

42. Heather Jones now Bell

From Teacher's College I took an extended course and completed a B.A. at Melbourne University with a double major in Psychology. My aim in doing this was to work in the Psychology and Guidance Branch after being encouraged by Kevin Mutimer. I taught for a year each at Overport and North Melbourne Primary schools. Then I spent a few years with Psychology and Guidance in the western suburbs, before the birth of our first son.

With my husband Roger we have four sons born between 1972 and 1982. Between the boys I had a variety of jobs mostly of a research nature in the era when there was so much funding available for various projects from the Whitlam Government. From 1980 until my retirement in 2007, I worked in various psychology positions in the field of early childhood, again in the western suburbs. I started with the Health Department which after various name changes was at the time of my departure the Department of Human Services.

Roger and I have lived in Carlton North all of our married life and are still in the same home where we have been for the past 36 years. Over the years we have travelled quite a bit in Europe, Australia and China. Roger worked for a number of years in China, so I had regular trips there to be with him.

Three of our sons are married and we are grandparents to four beautiful little children. As two of our sons live interstate we travel regularly to be with them and spend considerable time with our two Melbourne based sons and their families. In retirement I have taken up Botanical drawing, and we fairly regularly go away for various trips and have a great deal of enjoyment in this stage of our lives.

43. Glenice Kingsley now Bust

1963 Mt Eliza Primary. Preps

1964 Davey St Frankston. Prep group (4.5 yr olds / brilliant/learnt to read by end year). 1965 50chn in grade. Peritonitis then Hep. A, (from a child) 16 wks off. Supervisor - Frankston Teacher's College Hostel. Ray Giles and Tom Wells were the two male staff members on the boys' side.

1967 Late Feb resigned for 3 yrs study at Melbourne Bible College, Kooyong Road Armadale. L.th, Dip R. E.

2nd Yr part time work as a nurse aide at Margaret Coles Maternity Hospital through '68.

1969 Allowed two days per week work. Library Branch gave me Toorak Central, sharing the library as an untrained Teacher Librarian.

1970 Library full time. Lived and supervised at Larnook Domestic Arts Teacher's College Hostel.

1971 TTLC at Melbourne Teachers College. Much loved decade in Libraries. Lectured at library branch. 1972-73 Permanent position in new architect designed library at Middlefield.

1974 As above, acting Teacher Librarian Advisor for Box Hill Inspectorate – a promotion position I would have gained in 1975. Library Branch facilitated a compassionate transfer as my father was terminally ill and I was given Lakes Entrance, another brand new library, Began July 1974, Dad died Sept of that year. Parents had just moved there from 10 yrs at West Rosebud close to foreshore.

Jan – Spent a month with friends in Manilla ... my only overseas trip.

July, 1974-1978 Lakes Entrance, teacher librarian, school councillor, camps, building yachts, canoes. Helped set up darkroom starting my love of photography.

1975-1979 Guest lecturer, school of librarianship at GIAE (now Monash) Churchill, whilst undertaking BA studies. Majored in Psychology/Sociology.

Left Lakes at the end of '78 to marry Jan 20.

1979-1981 Promotion to Library Advisor for Carlton. Three fabulous years, based at Debney Meadows; schools such as Baltara, Turana, Travancore, Children's Hospital, Police Academy, Correspondence School and West & East Melb. Fitzroy and Nth Fitzroy, all the Carlton schools ... one high rise one would have to have been the worst in the state ... Merri, Flemington etc.

Helped many schools get funding and have their libraries re-catalogued. Worked with many untrained teacher Librarians – great bunch.

Husband was teaching at Essendon Grammar but seeking Counselling positions so we moved to Hoppers Crossing July 1980.

Auditioned for Brigadoon before we moved and sang one of the leads at Werribee Park in the old theatre ... now closed. The following year I was the nurse in Pirates of Penzance. Upgraded my TTLC to a Graduate Diploma in Librarianship. Melbourne.

1982 Footscray Inspectorate as TL Advisor, based at Kingsville. Separated. Stayed in home. Live in month long course at Institute of Education, Geelong. Led to Master of Ed. Melb. Uni. Seeing the writing on the wall for Librarians I took promotion at Mossfiel here in Hoppers Crossing.

1983 Prep Grade & Department Leader at Mossfiel.

1984 Term 1 Preps then Department Leader of 12 infant classes.

1985 Acting Deputy Pr. for the second largest school in the state. Department Leader 5/6

1987 Beginning of chronic pain for 7 yrs. Unable to walk freely.

1988 Grade3/4 Term 1, then Dept Leader 8 Grades. Choir 2 years.

1989, 90 and 91 Integration Teacher – 4 Integration staff .

School Council Secretary, Principal selection panels, involved in VTU.

1991 Ill health retirement at end of year.

1992-1996 Computer company, accounts/sales.

Council of Heathdale Christian College. Board representative on all interview panels.

Hip replacements 1993 and 1994. Knees in 2004 and 2007.

From '96 I was a volunteer announcer on Christian radio. 96.3fm Rhema in Geelong.

Lay preacher, pianist, song leader, youth leader– H.C. Uniting Church for many years. Now involved in Werrilbee Baptist church.

Gardening/quilting/reading.

Blog: <http://five-minutes-of-fame.blogspot.com/> Write under ozjane.

44. Margaret Kirkham now Smith

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After I finished my Infant Teachers" Certificate, at FTC, I was appointed to a position at the Horsham West P.S where I taught Preps for 2 years. On receiving promotion to a Class 3 position at Horsham North P.S, I taught Grades 1 and 2 for a number of years. Then two boys were born and I resigned to look after them. (No 7 year leave in those days) During that period I worked as an Emergency Teacher until a girl was born in 1975. The call to return to ET work came and I would take my children with me when I taught in rural schools because there were very few staff to fill in the day if a teacher was sick etc.

Then in 1985, I applied for a position at the Karkana Disability Centre and when the Min of Education, took over from the Health Dept. I was able to transfer to the education system. I then studied for a Graduate Diploma in Special Education and worked as an Integration Teacher at Horsham PS 298 for 12 months. After that, I became a Consultant for children with Physical and Intellectual Disabilities (working out of a Regional Office). I remained in that job for 6 years and then received a placement to teach at the Horsham Special School where I remained until I retired. In 1996.

My husband's name is Russell and he is a Dry land Agriculturist. We built a new home in Horsham 4 years ago and now enjoy a life of looking after grandchildren, playing golf, bowls, walking and exercising. We have travelled extensively around Australia and overseas.

45. Margaret (Margie) Lardi now Gow

Hard to believe we started our careers at Frankston Teachers College fifty years ago. And even harder to believe they entrusted us with teaching their children when we were barely past childhood ourselves. In retrospect, I did some terrible things and continue to do so – but hopefully not at the expense of innocent young children.

I can't even remember the first school I was sent to. Maybe Chelsea PS or was it Carrum? I lasted about three weeks and was told one Friday that I was to report to Montague Special School on the following Monday. "A special school? What's that?" Someone said that it was where "retarded" kids went. (Everyone was politically incorrect back then) "But I only like bright kids!" I went home and cried for the whole weekend.

I survived Montague and a couple of other special schools and was subsequently quite glad that I had been pushed onto that path. I loved Travancore Special School with all its "unusual" and emotionally variant kids. I hated Kew Cottages and used to cry every Thursday when we had to join the rest of the inmates for an afternoon of what was euphemistically called "sport". Somewhere around here I married David, who was a teacher at Bayswater Boys Home.

A short break and two daughters later, I came into my own when I landed at Winlaton Youth Training Centre where I learned very quickly how to engage with my delinquent self. I loved it. Those girls were so naughty and funny while their stories were tragic. I started a magazine called "The Rave" that captured their lives and gave them some sort of creative outlet. And it also encouraged me to enrol in a Grad Dip Media Studies.

By now I was totally hooked on delinquency and decided to follow my young lawbreakers on their journeys to adult institutions – so in 1985 I started work at Fairlea Women's Prison Education Centre. I had found my true calling! I set up another magazine "Behind Closed Doors" and settled down to twelve enthusiastic years behind bars. Along the way I completed a Grad Dip Social Science (Drug Dependence). I was released when Fairlea was closed in 1996 and I decided not to become part of the private prison system at Deer Park.

Since then I have had a variety of occupations – adult literacy, employment consultant, Women's Return to Work Co-ordinator. And right now I am working as the Giving Manager for Somebody's Daughter Theatre Company – a non-profit community theatre group working with women in prison and post release, and with marginalised youth in north east Victoria.

I don't think I have written that much about myself since I "made up" my last resume! Maybe I should have submitted that?

46. Ken Launder

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After T.P.T.C. I was granted an extension to study science at Melb. Uni. After I failed botany in second year I spent 1963 "in excess" at Bentleigh West S.S. and King Street, West Melb S.S. I transferred to secondary division in 1965 and finished my degree (with part-time study leave) in 1968. I taught science, maths and biology at Brighton H.S. (1965 -1966), Hampton H.S. (1967-1969), Moorabbin H.S. (1970-1983 when Jeffrey closed the school)) and retired from MacRobertson Girls' H.S. (corner King's way and Albert roads (1984-early 1997). At Moorabbin I was also science coordinator and gained a promotion to senior teacher. At MacRob I taught year 11 and 12 biology and science and was year 10 coordinator for five years and daily organiser for my last eight years at the school. I feel I was very fortunate to be in the right place at the right time particularly in being able to gain my degree and to progress then to teach in some very good schools.

Career changes:

After I retired from teaching I spent over 3 years as a laboratory technician at Vaucluse College in Richmond before retiring in 2000. Since then I have been a volunteer with several organisations. Currently I am in my third year as

treasurer of our Probus Club and a member of life activities and national seniors clubs in our area. I am also a member of the Melbourne walking club.

Liz and I travelled to Canada and Alaska two years ago and this year visited the UK and Italy.

Family:

My wife (Liz) and I have 3 children – Robyn (40) is married with Joshua (5) and lives in Kialla near Shepparton, David (38) is single and has just bought an apartment on the 55th floor of the Eureka Tower and Michael (34) is married with 3 boys, Jack (6) , Jordan (5) and Jed (3) and lives in Seaford

A favourite college memory:

Gary Hopcraft, the late Peter Jack and I would travel to Frankston together by train and walk up to college each morning. We would sometimes play table tennis before the day started.

Other memories are the trips to the Gold Coast and Central Australia and being a cast member in “The Gondoliers”.

One other teaching memory I have is as a music elective students, Kevan Porter and I gave a lesson around G&S Mikado at Frankston S.S. My job was to place the needle on the “tit willow” track but I was so nervous and my hand was shaking so much that I kept on missing the track – it took many attempts to do it, I am sure much to Kevan’s disgust!!

47. Doug Le Bas (See No. 38 Bev Hocking and Doug Le Bas)

48. Anne Lee now Cook

Current Location: Glen Waverley, Victoria.

From Frankston I went to Melbourne. T.C. to do the Trained Teacher Librarian’s Certificate.

I worked as the school librarian at Williamstown, Bentleigh East, Newcomb (Geelong) and Glendal and moved into classroom teaching at Glendal.

Last year I started a Diploma in Writing and Editing at Holmesglen Institute, part time.

Bill is my husband of 41 years and we have a daughter Katrina who travels interstate and overseas facilitating seminars on work-place safety.

Hobbies – Reading, craft work, socializing with family and friends. The writing course is pretty full on at the moment.

Memories – Walking to the college from the station on the first day and Sandra Forbes and her mother giving me a lift. The walk was further than I thought. There were a lot of tests in grammar, maths, swimming etc. at the beginning. Miss Kentish conducted ‘girls only’ assemblies.

There was the college trip by train up to Currumbin. The night we arrived a group of us walked around the cliff path to the town and the next day those of us at the beach got badly sunburnt. I remember sitting at the local cinema suffering from sunstroke. We went to Giltrap’s car museum and Lorraine Curtis held a fish for the seal to jump for at Seaworld. Wendy Baskerville and I went to see ‘The Naked Maja’ (a film on the life of the painter – Goya) while everyone else went to the drive-in in the bus to see ‘Rock Around the Clock’.

Second Year as group of us went to Central Australia on the Ghan and visited Palm Valley etc.

At the end of second year our group had a hayride that ended up at Harkaway where one of the other groups was celebrating. Two of us developed terrible hay fever! I also have photos of the Point Leo Picnic.

When college was over Sue Lawrence and Wendy Sutton came around to my place with a Christmas present. We have stayed in touch over the years and along with some of the others- Bev, Fran, Eve, Narelle and Lorraine meet for lunch several times a year and often talk over college days.

College song sung in the corridors by some of the men:

'Frankston, Oh Frankston's a wonderful place,

But the organisation's a shocking/flaming disgrace. (depending on your gameness with language!)

There's Sammy and Trudie and Tom Dignam, too,

With their hands in their pockets with nothing to do.

49. Ormé Lind now Harris

Current Location: Albury NSW

Varied career Fawkner North (2 years, '62 and '64), Essendon Raleigh Street ('63) and then Northern Territory to Yuendumu 1965 and Warrabri 1966. Back to Vic. to Bendigo – Violet Street and Girton C of E Grammar. Married Ken Harris and had my first of 5 wonderful, creative, artistic children at this stage. Then on to White Cliffs Opal Field in 1969 where Ken found the famous opalised White Cliffs Plesiosaur in 1976. I taught there for 4 years fulltime of the 12 years we were there)and between 1971 and 1978 had a further 4 children, Winters were in White Cliffs from 1978 to 1982 and the rest of the year on Mt Hotham or in Mt Beauty as Ken mined (and still does) the Red Robin Goldmine. Kids and I went to Albury where my career blossomed after doing Special Education. Taught in that arena in high and primary schools, finishing up as AP at Wewak Street Special School for 3 years and then 7 years as Principal. Retired March 2001 after a 32 year career. Spent another 4 years as Coordinator/fulltime teacher of CWE (Special Needs) at Wangaratta's Goulburn Ovens TAFE 2001-4. And another 3 years doing HSC/ VET work placements across 11 secondary schools from an Albury office; involved travel across two districts. Studied Editing/Proofreading for 14 months and now work for two publishing companies at home. Do volunteer work for Wewak Street School. Been learning piano for 6 years. Live with Tony, my musician partner of 13 years. Spend a great deal of time with my 5 children and 3 grandchildren in Melbourne. (Very proud.) Memories of college: Bernie Carrigg and Peter Botsman particularly. Especially fond of Warwick Eunson and kept in touch until his death. Remember loving Max Gillies' humour and talent. Playing table tennis to get out of sport. Community singing with gusto. Eating coffee scrolls. Attending VTU Council Meetings. Avid Union member all of my life. Wonderful friendships (which became lifelong) with Brenda Maslen (Weir – sadly died when 59) and Wendy Devenish (Sanders). Crossed paths with Kevan Porter and his wife Leslie several times; friends for several years.

50. Brenda Maslen Brenda Weir (Married Name)

I met Brenda on my first day at college – and clicked. We had so much in common. Little did we realise that we would be lifelong friends. Brenda's family and my family had great respect for each other and our fathers were strongly linked politically. Bren would stay frequently at our home in Dandenong and I was often a guest at her home, getting to know her siblings well, in Somerville. My Dandenong friends became her friends and I came to know her Somerville friends also.

Brenda was exceptionally creative. Painting, poetry writing, drama, singing (you would all remember her renditions of Eartha Kitt and Peggy Lee songs at the College Review) and eventually gardening and Land- care, would all be her passions throughout her life.

My memory is hazy about her first years directly after college although I know that some of the time was spent in Bendigo. She successfully answered an advertisement for a nanny/jillaroo position on Darcoola Station on the

Maude Road out of Hay NSW where she cared for/taught the children of Bob Weir as well as working for him on the station. Bren and Bob married a few years later and they had a son, Sholto. (We recently attended Sholto's wedding to his beautiful bride Teresa and caught up with all of Bren's family.)

During the following years Brenda taught in a variety of roles: She was the sole teacher at Maude for some time; she did casual teaching at both Hay Public and High Schools (students with learning difficulties at the latter) and for some time she taught at a two-teacher school at Yoogali, near Griffith.

Because Bren and Bob had a passion for the environment and ecology (and Brenda – horticulture) they became involved with Hay Landcare and Hay Trees on Plains groups from early on. Bob and she received an Ibis Award. Driving towards their property one saw what looked like a green oasis out there on the Hay Plains as they had planted trees and left in all of their "Old Man Salt Bush" as that was an ecologically sound move for their sheep station. I attended two meetings with Brenda – one in Griffith and one in Hay – where it was obvious that she was highly regarded as an authority on Landcare and environmental matters to do with farming.

Brenda worked very hard on the property. Bob sadly died five years before her and Sholto put his career on hold to run the property with his mother.

Bren's garden was like a miniature Botanical Gardens. It was her pride and joy, and whilst she was dying, she wrote copious notes about an Open Garden she wanted to be held there after her death. Family and friends made sure that this happened and people came from wide and far to admire her work of over 30 years (from scratch). Her family had designed a wonderful Saltbush Trail which highlighted the thirteen beautiful species of saltbush growing at Darcoola.

Brenda was also instrumental in the restoration of the garden, particularly the old roses section, of Bishops' Lodge, an amazing historical house in Hay. She also wrote the garden section in The Bishops' Lodge book, which is on sale to visitors.

She was a remarkable woman loved very much by family and friends. I return to Hay every year in October with friends to visit Bishop's Lodge to attend its Spring Carnival Fete and to sit on the bench that Bren donated for the garden (at the time of her illness) as I remember the wonderful times I always enjoyed with her and how much I miss her.

Written by Ormé (Lind) Harris

51. Helen Mc Lachlan now Chappell

Current Location:

4/65 Golf Links Rd Barwon Heads

In 1963 having T.I.T.C completed set off in my newly purchased Mini Minor for my first appointment at Bouchier Street Shepparton. Much to our delight my friend Marian (Murray Chalker) had adjoining prep grades our first year out. The next two years taught at Zeerust then moved to Geelong in 1966 teaching at Newcomb. At the end of '67 met the boss's son and we married in Jan '69. Our first home was in Leopold. With no family leave options and enforced early confinement leave retired in 1970. Three children Kerri, Peter and Michael had arrived within four years. When Michael was about two it was evident that he had learning difficulties and only in his twenties did we get the 'autism tag' which explained a lot. That has been a significant journey. Unfortunately have no grandchildren to report.

In the 80s completed B. Ed and Special Ed (thanks to Gough Whitlam making tertiary study so accessible and Deakin Uni offering Off-Campus study). This led to reentering teaching in 1985 at Wallington PS where I worked until 2004. I thoroughly enjoyed this second time around but was 'over' all the data collection etc by the end of this time. I continued as a CRT for a few years but think I have now finally retired.

Sport has been a big part of my life including squash at college and just about lived on the squash courts in Shepparton (remember when if you got to school before 8.30 and left much after 4.30 you were being too

conscientious!) I've played tennis and hockey but am now a fairly keen golfer. This year on the committee at Curlewis. I also enjoy yoga and have dabbled in reiki and healing touch and a bit of art.

A recent achievement has been to learn to swim- – can now do one lap! A college memory is of being pushed off the Frankston pier by Mr Gleeson? Supposedly to swim out to a marker and back. I remember screaming that I couldn't swim and desperately scrambling into a rescue boat.

A highlight of college was those wonderful college trips – Alice Springs, Perth and Tassie – the trip over on the POT and flying back in a DC6. Those wonderful paper folding skills we were give in third year – the 16 square fold, the daffodil etc. They don't get that sort of training these days!

52. Pauline Metters now Musgrave

Schools or Institutes (and Towns/Suburbs) at which you have worked and when:

Beaumaris PS 1963 – 1968

Seaford PS 1973

Naranga Special School 1974-1976

Frankston SDS, Yarrabah SDS, Oakleigh SDS, Cheltenham PS SEU 1977-1980

Krongold Centre Monash University 1980-1984

Pakenham Special Education Unit 1985-1988

Yarrabah SDS 1989- School Principal until retirement in 2003

Family:

Graham –husband – retired design engineer

Andrew – married with 2 daughters – Assistant Principal Mt Eliza SC

Nicholas – married with 2 daughters and 1 son – Intelligence Analyst Victoria Police

Amanda –3 children, 2daughters and 1 son – Manager Indoor/outdoor Archery Park and Function Centre Yarra Valley

Interests:

Voluntary Community Visitor and Independent Third Person, Office of the Public Advocate, Department of Justice. Board Member 5 years.

Community Representative School Council, Mornington SDS

Former Assistant District Governor and Past President Rotary District 9810

Past President and current member Dromana Bay Probus Club

Caravanning when time permits. Have promised husband and 2 Jack Russell Terriers that more time will allocated to this great activity in the immediate future

A Favourite College Memory

Gold Coast Trip 1961

Central Australian Trip 1962

53. Gwen Morey now Leake

College memories. Schools taught at. Career changes. Family. Hobbies. Travel. Reflections. Reacquaintances. Hobbies- reading, walking, sight-seeing, church activities, painting.

I taught at Yallourn North, Doveton West, Kerang Catholic School, Cohuna Consolidated School, schools in the Knox area as Emergency Teacher, also in kindergartens in the same area.

Travelled into many parts of Australia. Worked for a while in an office, a laboratory and herd testing.
Married with four children (3 boys, 1 girl) and one grand-daughter (aged 2).
Found it interesting being a teacher and pleased with the skills learnt.
I have only had contact with one other college friend over most of those years

54. Judy Morris now Callow,

Married (once) to John for 47 years. Two children Scott 44 Elizabeth 42. Three grandies Jackson 16, Lillie 15, Harris 13 years.

Teaching summary.

Parkdale 1 year, Mornington 1 year Boronia, 1 year, Lilydale High School 2 years

Resigned to be a "stay at home Mum" for 4 years. Returned for 2 years doing Emergency Teaching.

Trained as a counsellor. Worked in this capacity as a volunteer for Frankston Council for 8 years.

Joined John at the pharmacy to co-ordinate staff, buying and cosmetic sales and promotion, for 10 years.

Opened a gift boutique in Mt. Martha running successfully for 5 years.

Retired with John, now enjoying travelling, entertaining, and family, with lots of fruit of the vine.

55. Marian Murray now Chalker

Current Location: Brim, Victoria (20kms north of Warracknabeal)

Schools taught at:

Shepparton – St. George's Rd & Bouchier Street (1963) Mooroopna (1964) Glen Waverley (1966) Croydon North (1968 – 1972) Emergency Teacher in Croydon area (1973 – 1975) Ruskin Park (1976) Mansfield (1977 - 1988) Resigned January 1990

Career Change. 1988 (December) went to back-o'- Bourke with my husband, Tony, to manage a sheep station; took 12 months leave from teaching. At 46 I learnt to ride a motor bike and to muster sheep. Had some great experiences – people often ask us why we haven't written a book about our experiences. We managed 3 different properties & stayed up there for 11 years. The last property we managed for 5 years was 85,000 acres: just the 2 of us doing the work! In that time I did some teaching on a voluntary basis. Taught children one day a week at Ford's Bridge hall for one year in conjunction with teachers at Bourke School of the Air. I tutored other children at various times on their properties.

1999. Moved to Mandurama N.S.W. to work on cattle properties for same man. I had begun losing my balance in 1997 & was having occasional "attacks" which became more frequent. I got progressively worse & in September 2001 was diagnosed with Meniere's disease. I keep it under control with strict diet & medication.

We moved back to Victoria in June 2003 to be nearer family and bought our house in Brim near my brother. So I reregistered as a teacher and began Casual Relief Teaching in the Warracknabeal area. Am still doing it.

Family

Husband: Tony Chalker – been married just on 45 years.

We have one son Michael (aged 43) with one grand-daughter, Jessica (16). One daughter, Megan (aged 39), her husband Russell & 2 grandchildren, Monica (12), Kyle (9).

Travel

We have travelled fairly extensively in Australia. When we lived in Mansfield we had 3 American exchange students (1986, 1987, 1988). In 1992 we went to U.S.A. to meet up with the families. We were over there for 5 months & visited 25 states in that time.

Hobbies I have just taken up lawn bowls & golf. Yes, Brim has a country club with a 9 hole golf course with no bunkers! Other hobbies are: knitting, reading, crosswords, gardening & grandchildren.

Acquaintances I really haven't kept in contact with people; the exception being **Helen Chappell (McLachlan)**. We have been friends since about 1957 and have kept in contact over the years. Also **Gary Hopcraft** came to Mansfield as the Principal so he was my boss for a couple of years.

56. Tony Neville

My teaching began at Foster Street, Dandenong, then on to Mittyack in the Mallee, and to Allans Flat, near Yackandandah, where I met Angela. After a December wedding we left for a year's leave-without-pay, teaching in London and Perth, Scotland. We travelled home along the overland 'hippie' trail and settled in Geelong. Four children, and five grandchildren later we are still there. Teaching in Geelong schools, with stints in Werribee, Laverton and Williamstown, was always an enjoyable and satisfying challenge. Along the way we had a year in Trail, in beautiful British Columbia, on exchange, and I then had three busy years as a Community Education Officer at the Regional Office. Retirement came in 1997, after ten years as a Principal.

My memories of College are hazy. They include girls in twin sets, boys in sports coats, a lecturer with side burns, learning the recorder, singing at assembly, trying to cash our pay cheque at any bank, and The Gondoliers. Then there was our first day at Struan when a suave Tom Wells arrived in his red Karmann Ghia; watching Fred Heesh on the trampoline bouncing as high as the roof truss; a May holiday canoeing and camping along the Murray with Kevan Porter; Bernie Carrigg taking command of the Wednesday assembly from Brian Chalmers; Jeff Bapty taking our group out to a go-cart track for an adrenalin charged driving experience; navigating for Greig Peters in a car trial as members of the College Car Club and Peter Botsman announcing triumphantly that JFK had won the US presidency.

57. Greig Peters

Current Location: Phillip Island

1962 Wahgunyah – Head Teacher with excellent assistant Edna Holgate. 56 children. I taught Grades 3,4,5,6 and Edna taught Preps 1,2.

1963,64,65. Giffard West – 1st permanent position. Isolated but several fellows my age were there. Boarded with great parents. Met Merlene. Fond memories of Giffard West.

1966. Married Merlene.

1966, 67. Tally Ho Boys' Home. Ken Bapty Principal. All boys were court cases. Tough school but soon learned the ropes.

1968, 69 Huntingdale Grade 4 of well behaved middle class children. What a contrast with Tally Ho. 1970,71,72 Two delightful daughters. At Watsonia heights. 1,086 children. No Art room, no library.

1973. Ruskin Park (Croydon)

1974,75,76 Montrose. Senior Teacher, Vice Principal.

1978 Gained an International Teaching Fellowship to New York State, near Lake Pacid (Winter Olympics). Post-card picturesque under snow. Our best family experience ever.

1079. Mullum Primary. Started M.Ed studies at Monash.

1980,81,82. Koonung Heights

1983-1994. Healesville. Promotion to Healesville PS for my last 11 years. Took early retirement @ 53 years. Now into my 17th year of retirement. How did I ever find the time to work?

Hobbies:

Initially football and cricket. Injured at football and made no runs at cricket.

Member Woolamai Beach SLSC – surfed until my 50's.

58. Jill Porter now Vickerman

Schools or Institutes (and Towns/Suburbs) at which you have worked and when:

Westall PS 1962-3

Clayton South PS 1964

Clarinda PS 1965

Morwell PS – Crinigan Road 1966 on

Career Changes:

Married Terry in 1965 and moved to Morwell. He worked in local government and when he was moved to Hastings I could only get a job as District Reliever (Frankston).

Family:

We had 4 children in 4.5 years and finally settled in Frankston where 3 or 4 houses later we still live. We have one son and three daughters and now enjoy our six grandchildren. I spent many years as a Relieving Teacher and only retired last year.

A favourite College Memory:

Remedial recorder lessons with Mr Gleeson (It's hard to blow into a recorder when you are laughing!) "Harry" Wills at assemblies.

Hobbies now – still playing competition tennis twice a week. Enjoy two book clubs. Pastoral care work within our church. Walk one hour daily – then Curves three times weekly.

Have a passion for this wonderful country. We have done an outback trip into the desert and beyond each year for the past 20 years – 4WD and tent – bush camping, birds, flora. Rhine, Danube cruise and UK last year. A passion for Australian and indigenous art – no walls left at home! Our family and my beloved grandchildren.

59. Kevan Porter

Current Location: Albury (NSW)

I worked for a year in a bank before entering Teachers' College. A school friend who had applied to go to Teachers' College pointed out the advantages of: (a) being paid to study, (b) having 10 weeks holiday per year and (c) having a 70:30 ratio of women to men. My send-off from the bank was the night before Teachers' College started. I caught the train to Frankston but didn't have a clue where the College was. I was the one who arrived in a taxi late to the first assembly at Struan (the driver insisted on using the circular drive). My heavy head prevented me from realising how conspicuous I must have been!

My memories of FTC are now a little fuzzy (50 years is a long time). I do remember how impossible it was to resist Bernie Carrigg (Music Lecturer). In the Music elective we all had to sing a solo. I had never sung outside the shower, so when the moment of truth arrived I simply imitated the baritone who sang "Oh What a Beautiful Morning" on the record I had played ad nauseum at home. He said "OK, Kevan. You're in the Gondoliers and you'll be singing at assembly the week after next." This was my most terrifying experience. The size of the assembly audience grows each time I tell the story – it is now at 8,000. Whenever I have had to speak in public in the last 50 years, it has been a breeze by comparison. Bernie, I owe you a big thank you! Not that my audiences would agree.

An extended course in Agricultural Science immediately after FTC led me to spend most of my teaching years in secondary schools. My first school was Tongala Consolidated School where I met my wife Leslie. She taught the Preps and I taught in the post-primary section. I then transferred officially into Secondary Division and we moved to Mansfield where our three children were born in the three years we were there! (Cold climate, poor TV reception!) After three years at Blackburn HS and eight years at Dimboola HS I decided to be part of the “regionalisation” and “devolution” movement that was sweeping through the Victorian Education Department. This decision was influenced by my M. Ed Admin studies at the time and by two daughters who didn’t want to have their father as principal at Mount Beauty HS! I spent the next thirteen years in educational administration at Bendigo, Wodonga and Benalla.

In 1993 we both took advantage of the “termination packages” of the Kennett government and in fact escaped across the border to live in Albury NSW. Leslie worked in the TAFE system and had professional contact with Orme Harris (Lind). I decided to try something completely different and go into business. Our son and his wife now run the business and I have been active in the local Chamber of Commerce which led to a term in local government.

60. Susan Pott now Suzenne A’Neile

Current Location: Ardeer, Melbourne

Schools or Institutes (and Towns/Suburbs) at which you have worked and when:

On leaving FTC at the end of 1962 with my TITC clutched tightly in my hand, I worked for four years at the Mt Eliza Day Special School and Children’s Hospital Annex looking after the preppies and grades 1, 2 & 3 children who came to the school and annex for their treatment. Most of our teaching was done outdoors to help stimulate healthy children – not to mention the teachers!

Marriage, babies and a move to Lilydale saw a break from teaching, then during the 1970s I began work as an assistant Director at the Lilydale Kindergarten and then as Director of the new Lilydale North Kindergarten. The Education Department and I parted company.

Career Changes:

After a marriage separation I took a complete change of direction and worked for three years as a mail sorter on night shift at the Melbourne GPO.

By the late 80s I was back in education – sort of – with Stotts Correspondence College as a course adviser.

In 1991 another complete change saw me working close to the second great passion I have had all these years and I entered the theatrical atmosphere at the Princess Theatre, working as a front of house supervisor for shows such as Phantom of the Opera, Me and My Gal, and Sunset Boulevard. From there I moved to The Arts Centre as Stage Door Keeper, where I have been for the last fourteen years; and having only recently just taken out my first mortgage, retirement is a long way off yet.

Family:

I have three lovely daughters and five grandchildren (that’s quite enough to knit for) in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. I rack up a lot of Virgin frequent flyers.

A favourite College Memory:

A memorable beach picnic with a very unusual ‘bathing beauties’ parade. (I think I still have the pics somewhere.) The theatrical performances: G & S, The Frantic Revues.

My favourite sport – rifle shooting.

Staying at the Hostel on site, and being gated for a late return one night.

61. Dianne Ramage now Rae

After I left college I spent a year in a grade one at Emerald PS. I then applied for one of the four WA Class 4 Positions advertised at Traralgon. It did not take long after arrival to realise the reason for so many vacancies. It was the neurotic menopausal spinster infant mistress who had caused the exodus. One of her classic comments was "Oh no, I got rid of Miss S and now I've got you." Life at that school resembled living on a volcano edge and I began to wish my fairy god mother would send me a knight in shining armour and on a white horse to whisk me away to wedded bliss in his castle.

Regrettably the fairy god mother must have been a just an apprentice in training – She overlooked the bit about the charger, the prince and the castle. She provided instead a Scottish migrant with a little green Morris Elite and a commission house in Moe. I later asked for a little baby to make my life complete. Did she go overboard then – I got one in 1971, 1972 and 1974.

This put a halt to my teaching aspirations for a while but I later went on to become a mobile librarian travelling to small schools whose budgets did not run to either a library or a librarian. It was wonderful job which allowed me to indulge my love of literature (especially fables and fairy tales). I once told a class that I knew the author Margaret Clark (she is a friend) and Paul Jennings. One ten year old sceptic looked me in the eye and replied, "Oh yeah, do you know Roald Dahl as well?"

I ultimately took up Mr. Kennett's package and I really love this phase of our lives. Jim and I just celebrated our forty-fifth anniversary so I guess the apprentice fairy god mother appears wiser than I first thought.

62. Marcia Richardson now Nelson

Current Location: 89 St Andrews Drive, Heatherton 3202

Schools:

Broadford High School

Clayton West Primary School

Auburn Central School

Lalor Technical School (part-time)

Career Changes:

Worked in family Pharmacy after Lalor, until retirement.

Family:

Husband Peter, and three daughters – Melissa, Kirrily and Joanne.

Four grandchildren – 2 boys and 2 girls.

A favourite College Memory:

Dinner dances, lunch at the Tanti.

Hobbies

Motorsport, travel, canoeing, Phillip Island.

Travel

Everywhere around the world, and also Australia often.

63. Dianne Rigby now Seal

Timeline: Teaching---Marriage---Career Change

1962-1963 East Oakleigh P.S.

1963 Married Frank

1964 Bindy St Blackburn P.S.

1965 Bayswater P.S.

1970 Joined Catholic Education System
1970-1980 Emergency Teacher at schools in Mornington district
1980-86 St. Macartan's Catholic P.S. Mornington
1987-92 Career Change: Went into business with my husband as co-owner of Mornington Leadlight Studio
1994-95 Returned to teaching as specialist Art Teacher – St. Macartan's Mornington
1996-2004 Emergency Teacher – St. Macartan's
2004 Retired

Family: 5 children
12 grand children

Hobbies: Botanical watercolour painting/mosaics/craft/caravan touring Australia.

64. Colin Reginald Robertson 27.4.41 - 9.9.80

Teaching:

1962 T1 Phys Ed Dept. T2&3 Head Teacher Jamieson PS
1963 Head Teacher Seaspray PS
1964 Nth St Albans PS

1965-66 Head Teacher Boneo PS

1967 Chelsea Heights PS

1968-70 Parkdale PS

1971 Edithvale PS

1972 Overport PS

1973-74 Nepean Special School

1975 Study Leave Melbourne SC, Trained Special Teachers' Certificate

1976-77 Nepean Special School 1978-1980 Officer in Charge Frankston Special Education Unit.

After 10 years teaching in various primary schools, Colin transferred to Special Education, beginning at Nepean Special. Whilst there he became very interested in the planning for a new Nepean School – a school that would be more able to cater for the varied disabilities of its population, the variety of wheel chairs and other types of equipment needed. After a number of years of planning and building, the new school was officially opened in October, sadly just a month after Colin's death.

Colin undertook and completed at night school, two other courses. He finished and graduated at Melbourne State College with a Grad. Dip in Special Education in 1979. He completed and graduated a Grad Dip in Education Administration in early 1980.

During all this teaching, Colin joined the CMF (Reserve Army) in 1965 – beginning as a Bombardier – and, after a series of exams and passing through the ranks, Colin became an officer in 1972. He continued in the Army and was about to sit his Captain's exams at the time of his death.

Colin loved everything he did and he threw himself into life with gusto. Although most of his studies were at night school, the army one night a week, & 1 weekend a month, as well as 2 weeks annual camp, Colin still worked at the Pier Hotel part time. He still managed special time for his family – his three children were the most important people in his life – teaching them to swim, umpiring the boys' football teams, as well as playing cricket with Heatherhill team and basketball with the Lifesaving team.

Colin loved his chosen career and his family know he would still be in the thick of it still – probably as Principal.

This was written by his wife Nancy.

65. Eve Sampson now Bolduan

Family Son and daughter

My first posting was to Moorabbin P S. and the following year to Frankston East for 5 terms. After my marriage in August 1964 I was transferred to Norlane to join my husband who was working with Shell down in Geelong and then to Bell Post North.

I resigned when my first child was due and I settled down in the Geelong area doing some emergency work until 1971 when we were moved back up to Melbourne again.

Within weeks we were notified of another move (this time to Holland) where we stayed for 2 years. It was here that I had my first taste of the difficulties that many of the new arrivals to our country face as they try to conquer not just a new language but customs so when we returned I volunteered to work first with adult migrants and then in the child migrant program.

During this time I found that along with many others who graduated as primary teachers I was required to spend a good deal of time and energy updating my qualifications.

Our next move was to Surrey in the UK for 5 years where my children went to school and I was able to observe the English public school system at work.

This time when we returned home I followed up an interest I had developed in children with learning difficulties and after yet another year of training I joined Billanook College as a Special Education teacher. This was probably the most interesting and rewarding time of my teaching career.

I left Billanook when my husband was once again posted to Holland and when he chose to take early retirement in 1994 we set up a small vineyard in the Yarra Valley which put us on a very steep but interesting learning curve.

Since selling the vineyard we have joined the many Australians travelling the world.

66. Glenda Saunders now Hacket

After leaving College, I was sent to Valkstone PS (East Bentleigh); I then was transferred to Dandenong North - a new school in the middle of a muddy paddock, with very few amenities. For the first few months, all we had in the classroom were tables and chairs, blackboards and chalk, pencils and paper...it was quite an experience. I then spent some time at Dandenong West.

I married in 1963, had 2 children, and continued with Emergency Teaching for a few years. Then moved to Whitfield (in the NE), where my husband Don and I purchased a property, and raised a few cows, while Don was teaching at secondary schools in Wangaratta. I continued Emergency Teaching at 7 rural schools in the area, many of which were 1 or 2 teacher schools. At times I had a baby or toddler with me on the job ... unimaginable nowadays.

My husband and I both retired from teaching in the 80's, to spend more time in the vineyard that we had planted a few years earlier.

After 33 years in Whitfield, we sold the property and retired to Newmerella...a beautiful piece of East Gippsland, - and that is where Lorraine Taylor found me after some good detective work.

67. Mark Skinner

After FTC taught until 1966 at Yallourn, Clayton and Richmond Techs. Resigned from the Education Department.

Studied firstly Science and then Medicine at Melbourne University, graduating MBBS in 1974.

Thereafter worked and trained in Surgery in Australia, London and New York, being admitted Fellow of The Royal College of Surgeons (England).

Subsequently roamed the world working in Hong Kong, New Zealand, PNG and South Africa.

Finally settled in Queensland, here on the Sunshine Coast. Still doing Surgery though considerably less than a few years ago.

Married with a son at University and still hoping to win Gold Lotto!

68. Hugh Stevenson:

Current Location: Retired Gracefully!

Schools or Institutes (and Towns/Suburbs) at which you have worked and when:

Licola PS 1962,

Koetong PS 1963-4

Bobinawarra East PS 1965-7

Edithvale PS 1968-74 (inc 3 years P/T Study leave for Psychology degree at Swinburne)

Hawthorn Teachers' Centre, 1975-6

Counselling and Guidance Branch Dandenong 1977-82

Chelsea Heights PS 1983-9

Southvale PS Assistant Principal 1990-8

Retired 54/11 June 1988

Mondo Publishing, New York 1988-2000

Southvale PS and Hampton PS 2001-4

Career Changes:

After some 13 years of teaching, I became a lecturer in Child Development and Educational Psychology based at Hawthorn Teachers' Centre. These were qualifications to allow teachers to return to service or upgrade qualifications. I then worked as Guidance Officer at Dandenong CGCS for 6 years before returning to teaching at Chelsea Heights PS, where I later became Reading Recovery trained. As AP at Southvale, I coordinated the school's involvement in the Early Literacy Research Project being conducted by Melbourne Uni.

On retirement, I was asked by Carmel Crevola and Peter Hill to head up a similar research project in New York, Boston and Elgin Chicago. My wife Lorna and I left our kids at home and lived in Manhattan for 2 years: hard work but very exciting!

Family:

Married to Lorna for 40 years, living in Chelsea Heights, Victoria. Three kids, including twins, now 32.

Still see regularly a group from College after all these years! Mad keen lawn bowler and Saints tragic!

A favourite College Memory:

Apart from the Gondoliers audition (see Kevan's profile), a favourite college memory is The Laurie Flynn Insect Collection: imagine groups of young men (and women) flitting through the bush behind the college, armed with butterfly nets in pursuit of anything that flew or crawled!

69. Wendy Sutton now Dick

Career after TPTC at Frankston: I completed a BA on extension and then taught primary classes for three years at Coatesville and Rathdowne Street, Carlton. Travel called and my school friend and I did the big trip, book-ended by sailing around the world, and touring the British Isles and Europe. Our lecturer, Mr Wilson, was on the voyage over. London provided a short but wonderful teaching experience, with very undisciplined ten-year-olds where I literally could not hear myself speak for the first two days. But Frankston had taught a certain resourcefulness!! Staff and students became my firm friends and I made my farewell visit to them on the way to the boat train for the voyage home.

Two very different jobs followed in Melbourne – as a music therapist in psychiatric hospitals and then as a teacher of blind and partially-sighted children. At that time I married William Dick, an author, and accompanied him when he took up the Australian Stanford University Writing Scholarship. We spent the academic 'year' at Stanford, with some great experiences – getting to know the class of a dozen or so including Raymond Carver and Richard Price, cheering on the college football team, attending a Presidential campaign meeting and visiting Lake Tahoe to see Elvis in concert! I worked on the Stanford Heart Disease Prevention Program media campaign. We then travelled across the States for three months by Greyhound, ending up in New York City.

Back in Melbourne in 1973, I began long-term employment as a secondary teacher at Kildara College in Malvern, taking on Deputy Principal from 1978 for twelve years. At the end of the 1980s the Brigidine Sisters made the difficult decision to close two of their inner eastern schools, due to demographic changes – 'demography' a word I had barely known till then! I had the challenge and privilege of Co-Principalship for the final three years of the school.

Taking a break, I completed an MA at Melbourne in History (a study of women in colonial Echuca). Once it was submitted, the prospect of ironing and vacuuming drove me back to work and in 1995 I joined ACER (Australian Council for Educational Research). I've moved onto part-time to work on a History PhD. This time I am looking at an early twentieth century woman activist who was a primary school teacher for THIRTY years before she began her political work.

I loved Teachers' College. I remember the friendly staff; trooping around to someone's office for a grumble or a bit of encouragement; dashing over to the hall for mixed volleyball with teams of at least a dozen a side; the four 'Ms' male entertainment quartet; our trip to Central Australia in second year. A group of 'girls' from the Frankston train ride still meets regularly for lunch or dinner.

70. David Swanson

Following my years at College, I taught in many Primary Schools mainly in the Southern and South Eastern suburbs and also the Mornington Peninsula. I was born and brought up in Frankston having attended Davey Street Primary in Frankston and later Frankston High. It's not surprising that I'm now living in Mt Martha. My love of the Peninsula has always been there. Unfortunately, Frankston is no longer the lovely quiet seaside town of the 1950s and '60s.

The following are schools I taught at over a span of almost 30 years.

1962 Doveton West What an initiation to my first school! The Principal ruled by the strap. A tough school, but it worked!

1963 Ashens A rural one teacher school of 10 children surrounded by wheat paddocks near the town of Murtoa in the Wimmera. A delightful experience!

1964 - 1966 Black Rock

1967 - 1968 Langwarrin

1969 - 1971 Parkdale Taught with the late Colin Robertson (College Student)

1972 - 1973 Davey St Frankston A trip down memory lane! Fond memories as a pupil, then on a teaching round from College (2 teachers who taught me were still staff members), and finally as a teacher (a teacher who taught me in Gr 1 was still on staff, quite amazing, also Laurie McMahon former lecturer). Interestingly, I taught a Gr 4 in the same room in which I had been a Gr 4 pupil back in 1951.

1974 - 1979 Oakwood Park (near Noble Park)

1980 - 1982 Tanti Park (Mornington) The toughest school in my experience! Many children with problems.

1983 - 1990 Derinya (Frankston South) A pleasure to teach there. In my final 2 years Rod Tacon (College Student) was my Principal. I still see Rod on occasions at U3a Mornington.

During 1990 I decided after 30 years of teaching it was time for a career change. I had enjoyed my time in teaching. Throughout my life I've had a keen interest in gardening, so I built up my own garden maintenance business, a move I never regretted. Stayed in it for over 15 years. At that time I was living on a farming property in Main Ridge (near Red Hill). My gardening work took me to all parts of the Peninsula. It turned out to be a totally rewarding experience. It's only just over a year that I have retired and moved to Mt Martha. Whilst living at Main Ridge I also ran beef cattle, a thoroughly enjoyable time. I was brought up in a rural environment, so it was no surprise that until recently I've spent the last 20 years in the beautiful rolling hills of Main Ridge. A country person at heart! I was previously married, with no children, and now I live by myself.

Since college days I have caught up with several past students and lecturers, namely Judy Morris, Glenda Hanton, Marion Auldish, Rod Tacon, Peter Draper, Phillip and Barbara Dix, Peter Watson, Fred Heesh, Laurie McMahon and Sammy Fry. I must admit that some of these people I haven't seen for quite some time.

Now in retirement, no trouble keeping busy. Interests include gardening, travel photography, sport, keeping fit classes and U3a classes at both Mornington and Southern Peninsula.

71. Rod Tacon

Current Location: 96 Bellbird Rd., Mt Eliza 3930

CAREER

- 2 Rural schools, city Primary school, suburban Rural Training School, Technical school, whilst studying part time for Economics and Education degrees.
- Curriculum and Research Branch.
- Senior teacher /Band 4 teacher.
- Regional Education Officer Southern Region.
- International teaching Fellowship to Spokane USA.
- Deputy Principal, Mt Martha PS.
- Principal, Derinya PS.

FOLLOWING RETIREMENT

- Selling gardening equipment and cooked nuts at various Shows around southern states.
- TAFE course in electronics and computing.
- Purchasing, sales, design responsibilities at electronics firm.
- Teaching computing at Special school.
- Tutor, student, committee member, Newsletter Editor, Mornington U3A.

FAMILY

- Married, 2 children. 3 grandchildren.

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72. Lorraine Taylor now Griffiths

Schools or Institutes (and Towns/Suburbs) at which you have worked and when:

Benalla Aerodrome, Noble Park and Dandenong PSs 1962

Colignan PS 1963-1964

Heatherdale PS 1965

Mildura West PS 1966

Bairnsdale PS 1967

Lindenow PS 1968-1970

Grovedale PS 1971-beg.1973

Career Changes:

Student Monash University 1973-1978

Admin Assistant ACI Fibreglass Dandenong 1977-1978

Internal Auditor Robert Bosch Clayton 1979

Tutor Dept of Accounting and Finance Monash University 1980-1982

Lecturer School of Business Bendigo College of Advanced Education

(now Latrobe University) 1983-1998

Retired 1998

Family:

None

Interests:

Travel, bridge, bushwalking, bird-watching, theatre, classical music

A Favourite College Memory:

Gold Coast trip 1961

73. Pam Townley now Booth

- Completed Trained Infant Teachers' Certificate at Frankston Teachers' College
- Taught in infant department at Hughesdale Primary School
- Promotion to Elwood Primary School
- Married Terry Booth
- Lived in Crystal Brook Caravan Park whilst building house in Warrandyte
- Taught at Kerrimuir Primary School.
- Moved into house ... no walls
- Resigned from Education Department to have first child, Nicci.
- Relieving teaching at St John's Eltham one day per week.
- Second child, Jamie born.
- Worked at local kindergarten as a part time director
- Relieving teacher at local primary school
- Completed Diploma of Early Childhood Studies (conversion course) at Frankston State College
- Went on Art Study tour of Europe and Russia with group from College
- Continued to work part time in pre schools
- Completed Bachelor of Early Childhood Education at Burwood State College
- Continued to work in preschools
- Travelled with Terry to Canada for 8 weeks
- Worked at University of Melbourne , Department of Early Childhood Studies as a practicum supervisor of students on placement
- Became Part time Director of Children's' Centre in Warrandyte
- Began working at Box Hill Institute of TAFE as a practicum supervisor of students on placement
- Commenced work at Box Hill Institute of TAFE as a teacher, co-ordinator and supervisor

- Travelled to Darwin, Tasmania and Sydney on conferences
- Spent time with Nicci in the Kimberlies where she taught in an Aboriginal community
- Retired / Resigned from Box Hill Institute and studied at Northern Metropolitan TAFE toward Diploma of Visual Arts
- Travelled to Ireland with 30 friends and relatives to the wedding of Jamie and Jane.
- Taught felt making, mosaics and drawing in community centres and Aged Care Centres
- Worked as an "Artist in Schools" at several primary schools, creating with the children, large felt wall hangings
- Began a partnership with a friend working as "textile artists" creating canvases, wall hangings and wearable art. (working with felt, paint stitching and embroidery)
- Currently have 2 grandchildren ... Maizee who lives in Fremantle with her mum and dad and Hannah who lives in Blessington, Ireland with her parents, Jamie and Jane
- Travel frequently to Western Australia and Ireland

74. Jillian Ward

Worked in the Commonwealth Bank for twelve months before entering FTC in 1960. Remember vividly a couple of lecturers who caused ripples of discontent and distrust, but others that supported and encouraged us to achieve our Certificate.

First year I taught at both Dandenong Nth and Caulfield South before being posted to Red Cliffs near Mildura for two years.

Boy, it was hot and the mossies ate one alive!!! Enjoyed involvement in tennis, netball and in local drama and musical society. Great way to meet people and become part of the local scene. Becoming engaged to a fellow teacher we transferred back to Melbourne to further study and to be married. Sadly we both realised that our marriage should not be.

I then made teaching my life's career. After two years at Cheltenham Heights I moved to Benalla and settled in for a permanent stay as I loved the way of country life there. Took leave and travelled overseas for twelve months (truly wonderful) then back to Benalla.

Unfortunately ill health became an issue, and requiring specialist treatment, back home to Melbourne I came. Several years later I was superannuated for these health reasons. It was a devastating blow to my career plans but inevitable.

Years later, after directing musicals for numerous amateur theatre companies around Melbourne and country I began my final fling in this area with twelve years of directing musicals for Whitefriars College and Siena College This gave me great satisfaction and pride and a chance to be in a teaching role, though these youngsters' ages ranged from 15-17 years, a touch older than the infants I originally trained to teach. These last few years I have been involved in:

- the lawn bowls scene both as player and with administration ... and
- in barracking for Collingwood ... GO PIES.

75. Howard "Harry" Wills

Current Location: Croydon

I spent 32 years in the Victorian teaching service.

My first school 1962 was Booroolite Rural School, followed by Burrum R.S. '63-4-5, Bell Post Hill P.S '66, Freshwater Creek R.S. '67-8, Sutherlands Creek R.S '69-'70-'71, completed The Special School Course at

Melbourne Teachers College `72 and then taught at Croxton Special School `73-4-5-6, Diamond Creek P.S. `77, Thomastown P.S. `78-9-80-1-2, HT St. Andrews P.S. `83-4-5, Hurstbridge P.S. `86-7-8, VP Chirnside Park P.S. `89-90-1-2-3, and retiring in 1994 (took package).

I married Maureen Brady (later divorced – now Maureen Marshall).

We have 3 fabulous kids; Sharyn, Stuart and Calvin, and 4 GREAT grand kids; Liam, Jack, Iris and Jaylen.

My main interest is Advanced Communicators (a public speaking program for kids designed by myself); other interests include philosophy, spirituality, Tao and gardening.

Highlights

I was involved in Apex for several years, and travelled to Canada and America.

Following divorce I spent 14 years immersed in Toastmasters (an international public speaking group) with whom I went to America again. At this time I enjoyed travelling to London, visiting friends in England, and journeying through France and Italy.

Memories of Frankston Teachers College Many!

Here are just three;

My claim to fame is that I left the great Max Gillies holding a bag full of ears. During “Blood on my toga” in a review I left Max standing behind a column holding a bag while the curtains closed and I went forward.

The second memory involves Peter Draper. We were all young and new drivers. I have never seen a classroom empty so fast, guys off to protect their first car. Peter and his Morris Minor were back from lunch and Peter at that time parked by touch. Bang! Bang! Bang!

The third involves the first assembly (staffed by the 2nd years). This resulted in a long line of 1st year students (mainly girls), Lorraine Curtis (now Hinkins) among them, filing past the front office to have their health and toilet bags checked (toothpaste, brushes, soap, apples and carrots etc).

Connections

I remained in close contact with Tony Neville and through him Gary Hopcraft. Recently I have become reacquainted with Greig Peters and Mark Skinner.

PS I will be recognised easily as I have a red walking frame.