

**SEYMOUR HIGH SCHOOL FIFTY YEARS  
REUNION OF 1955-1960 YEAR GROUP**



**A FIFTY YEARS REUNION**

was held at

**SEYMOUR TECHNICAL**

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**ASSEMBLY HALL**

**On Saturday 8th April 2006.**

This reunion booklet  
contains messages from  
several of our former  
classmates who regret they  
were unable to join us.

## REUNION OF THE YEAR GROUP OF 1955 – 1960

The messages which are in alphabetical order of surnames as we remember them at school are from our classmates who are unable to attend our reunion.

Gary **BAWDEN**. Coming but provided the following information :

1948-52 Rubicon State School

1952-54 Seymour State School

1955-56 Seymour High School

1957-58 Alexandra High School

1959-71 R.A.N. Petty Officer Radio Communications.

1971-73 C.P.S. Dept of Defence Technical Officer-Radio, Darwin

1974-2002 Own Floor Covering Company ( wholesale and contracting) in Darwin. Heavily involved in reconstruction after Cyclone Tracey.

Now semi-retired to beef cattle and pastoral farming at Bethanga near Wodonga.

- Played football- Thornton (VIC), Ainslie (ACT), Parap Wanderers (NTFL)
- Also played Squash, Golf and keen on water skiing / power boat racing. Won Aust National title (SMOC) in 1989 & 1990.

Married twice and have two daughters, Kylie and Ilsa who live in Darwin.

Contact: R M B 8734 Coles Rd. Bethanga 3691

Barbara (**BREARLEY**) KELLY. Thanks for your invitation. Unfortunately I cannot attend as I have overseas relatives staying from 2nd-21st April and cannot get away from Sydney. I'm sure you'll all have a great time. All the very best.

After I completed Intermediate in 1958 at Seymour HS my father, who was in the army, was transferred from Puckapunyal back to Perth.

- Enrolled at Perth Modern for Leaving and Matric but left after 1 year as Seymour had not prepared me for the advanced sciences in Physics and Chemistry. So I enrolled in business college.
- On graduation, I was fortunate to secure a job with the Reserve Bank in Perth (Foreign Exchange Department). When my mother died of breast cancer at 46 I decided to go to England but instead was transferred to Sydney.
- At first Sydney was frightening for a 21y.o. from Perth but I settled into a flat with 3 girls in Bondi. Upstairs were 2 Englishmen and a Scot who had taken 3 years in a VW Combi van overland to reach Sydney with some great stories to tell. Six months later I married the Scot (John Kelly) and we've just celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We have no children.
- John took a job with Qantas in Flight Operations and needless to say we have travelled endlessly, so much so, I don't want to get on another aircraft!
- I joined John at golf and reached a handicap of 6. Am now playing off 12. I also paint in watercolour and have luckily sold quite a few of my efforts.
- I work from home part time doing the accounts and secretarial work for a company based in Canberra. [kellyb36@bigpond.net.au](mailto:kellyb36@bigpond.net.au)

### Norma (**BROWNE**) STRUTTON

School memories: I've never forgotten Barry Atkins who turned his eyelids inside out often! Headmaster Mollison! And there was the time I was made to stand in the middle of the back lawn alone during assembly as punishment for wagging the Geography exam. (I went down the river, instead). I'm still no good at Geography!

- After leaving Seymour H.S in 1958 I worked for a year before moving to Melbourne to train as a Mothercraft nurse. I nursed at the Jessie Mac. in the city and also privately.
- I moved to Queensland, married and returned to Melbourne twenty years ago.
- I have three sons and nine grandchildren.
- Now retired, divorced and spend my time caring for my elderly mother.
- Phone: 03 9728 2758
- HAVE A WONDERFUL DAY.

### Charles **BILL BURGE**

Sorry I can't be with you – we are away on a planned family holiday.

I left the school after Form 2 to work on the farm which has now been in the family for 100 years. I was born and bred and still live at Broadford and have only moved house to another hill on the property. My 93 year old mother now lives in the town.

- Married Jean Stray 41 years ago and we have two children.: a son, now 38, who has two sons and our daughter, 33, has a son and a daughter.
- I worked the farm with my father until he died. After this we subdivided the property part of which is now a housing estate. We rebuilt on part of the property which we retained. I now work in Broadford.
- A school memory: Tim Salter- where is he now?
- Contact me: Box 10 BROADFORD or Phone: 03 5784 1781

### Charles **CALCRAFT**

I had full intentions of coming but the reunion clashes with a family wedding. My apologies. I would really like to catch up with the group.

- Left Seymour. Army Apprentice. Motor mechanic for 12 years.
- Married Ingrid in 1965. Lived Adelaide for 12 years and three children born there. Vietnam 1969-70
- Joined Detroit Diesel Allison as Service Representative in SA/ NT. Promoted to Melbourne in 1978 as Service manager for Pacific involving many trips all over the world . Lasted 17.5 years until the division was sold.
- Mobil Oil Aust. As Chief Engineer Automotive for next 10 years. Retired....?
- Rehired by friends 3 years ago as General manager of a transport company. Still living in Melbourne's eastern suburbs, working in the west.

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### Wesley **CARPENTER-**

- Left Seymour high 1957. 4<sup>th</sup> Form at Coburg High 1958.
- 1959 – 1963. Tech-in-Training P.M.G. Victoria.

- 1964 - 1968 Senior Tech –Materials inspection P.M.G.
- Paid work until 1981 with Antarctic Research & Telecom.
- 1981- 2003 volunteer Tasmania.

**Married** Judy Dec 1972 Tas. Travelled S.E.Asia / Africa 1975.  
**Sons** David born 1977 (married, both are nurses, Tas.) and  
 Noel born 1978 (married, commercial pilot Arnhem Land).



Visited 30 countries, worked in 4 over the past 40 years.  
 Hobbies: travelling, gardening, reading, bushwalking.  
 Returned to China Feb. '06 to teach spoken English with Judy – a  
 Primary teacher of over 40 years in Tas.

- First & only grandchild born in Hobart, Oct. 2005.
- First night ever in hospital, Dec. 2005 (in China!).

Welcome contact from past students by email any time!  
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### June COE

To my classmates of 1955-1957. I hope you all have a joyful day.

- On leaving High school I had to leave the farm to get a job in the city as a packer in an Irish linen warehouse.
- I lived at the YWCA until I rented a place for two years. Then my parents moved to Melbourne.
- I married a wonderful man, Rolfe, who is 11 years older than me and we bought a house in the Springvale area. We celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last year.
- We have two children: Ian is 39 years old and still single. Wendy is married and has a son born in January, Nathaniel.
- Rolfe and I have a strong faith and belong to the Uniting Church. Rolfe has had a lot of illness and I have become his full time carer.

### Peter DASEY

1. Mechanical Engineer, specialising in water treatment and filtration.
2. Became a Building contractor .
3. Married kindergarten sweetheart at 24. After 27 years, kept the dog, got rid of wife. Still single.
4. Held Private pilot's licence since 22, along with some competition gliding.
5. Did a lot of rock climbing and mountaineering.
6. Travelled a lot of the world with ex- wife.
7. Now semi-retired on 10 acres just out of Mildura growing oranges and gliding.
8. Remember particularly, Wes Carpenter, Doug Jeffery, Michael Sloane, Chris (Sharkey) Wale, Graeme Rowe and Hilary Crowl (same bus).

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### John FULLARD

On leaving school John worked at several occupations: on a sheep farm, truck driving to Melbourne, building, then share farming with his brother. They bought a farm at Bamawn where they spent the next 40 years. Three years

ago they swapped the farm for two businesses in Echuca. John and his wife, Heather, owner built their new home.

- They have three daughters, one son and six grandchildren. They now enjoy family, friends and travelling the world.
- Ph: 03 54800586

Below: John FULLARD

and Lidia (Jaremenko) BAUMANN



**Robert GALL**

Left Seymour after Form 1 and moved to a farm at Tongala where he finished his schooling. Married and raised a family. He is now retired and living in Torquay.



**Wendy GEORGE**

Currently living in Melbourne but is unable to attend as she is having knee surgery.

**Lidia (JAREMENKO) BAUMANN**

I moved from Seymour to Geelong where I worked as Secretary to the Manager of a furniture store, then as a Wages and Accounts clerk for a trucking company.

- I met and married Harry Baumann. We have six children: 5 sons and one daughter. We have nine grandchildren: 8 grandsons and one granddaughter.
- We have one great-grandson.
- Worked for an insurance company until I retired in 1992.
- We bought a caravan and travelled around Australia for the next twelve years
- We have now settled in Karumba on the Gulf of Carpentaria

**Stan LASKOWSKI**

All the best for the reunion. I'm sorry I won't be there but good luck to all.  
1961-75 Worked for the SEC Melbourne. Married in '64: 2 sons , 2 daughters  
1976-78 Divorced. Worked for Queensland Gov't., Bundaberg  
1978-81 Backpacked Asia, Europe, Africa, Nth.and Sth. America  
1982-85 Worked for Queensland Gov't. Bundaberg  
1986 Backpacked through Nepal and India  
1987 Worked with a friend in cheese wholesale in Melbourne  
1988-94 Opened Retravision Electrical Stores in Hervey Bay and Maryborough Qld. Two sons and one daughter worked with me.  
1994-99 Retired. Handed over business to my daughter. Went backpacking in Asia with my Mother ( former French teacher at Sy.H S who

enjoyed speaking English with Chinese students) I remarried and had a daughter in 1995.

2000-12 Back to Hervey Bay. Now chauffeur and Homework supervisor for the family.

2013 High school will be finished. I'll backpack to Everest.

**School memories:** My biggest regret is that I didn't realise until too late the love of my life was at Seymour High School.

**Disappointment:** My best mate Eggy Squance died so young.

**Contact :** 27 Vicki Pde. Torquay. Hervey Bay Qld. 4655 Ph: 07 4125 5646

### **Mrs N LASKOWSKI**

Stan reports that his Mother fondly remembers her French class girls "Lovely girls- not a troublemaker among them". Mrs Laskowski had a stroke about 10 years ago and does not get out much now. Stan sees her daily since his father died in 2005. She is all right but not as good as she was when in China as a white haired backpacker, Stan says.

**Marion (Le BRETON) McCALL** .....Poet, Pilot, Performer !

Marion McCall was born and brought up in country Victoria, educated at country schools, (Head Prefect at Seymour High in 1960), Melbourne Teachers' College, Melba Conservatorium and Melbourne University. She sang and taught in Victoria and England before marrying David McCall, an Anglican priest. They have lived in Riverina NSW, Adelaide and Gladstone, South Australia when David became Bishop of Willochra in 1987. Since July 2000, when David was elected Bishop of Bunbury, they have lived in Bunbury, Western Australia. They have five children and four grandchildren !

Marion's interests include poetry, (she has published "**Out of Willochra**" and "**Dreaming in Willochra**" and in April 2004, "**Nullarbor West**") growing roses, directing musicals, running Bishops court and, of course, flying her Cessna 172 **Juliatt Charlie Sierra** ! In March 2004, Marion entered the International "Dawn to Dusk" Flying Competition in JCS and "Beat the Bounds" of the Diocese of Bunbury which is one and a third times the area of England, in one day! She won first prize and was presented with the **Duke of Edinburgh Trophy** in London in January this year at a Gala Presentation Dinner at the RAF Club, Piccadilly plus she also won the **Tiger Medal** for the greatest distance flown in one day!

One more interest she has added to her list is speaking. She is Prayer and Spirituality Co-ordinator for MU Australia and enjoys travelling around "entertaining"!

Currently living in Bunbury, WA

Below: Marion McCall with her trophy and Alex Mc Dougall



### Alex **Mc DOUGALL**

I intend to come with my wife but just in case things alter unexpectedly here's my profile. Address: 33 Dunbar Grove, Churchill 3842 Vic. Ph: (03) 51 22 1347

- Left Seymour H.S in 1959. Entered Coburg Teacher's College
- Taught at various schools around Victoria for 35 years
- Took early retirement in 1994, finishing as Vice Principal at Churchill Primary School.
- Married in 1965 and has lived in Gippsland ever since.
- Alex and Dianne have 5 children and 12 grandchildren
- Had a couple of severe health setbacks in recent years. All OK now.
- Alex has been working as a mail sorter/courier at Monash University, Churchill Campus for the past 11 years.
- Hobbies include gardening and travelling

### Beth (**McINTOSH**) JEFFRIES

I was at Seymour H.S From 1955-Septmeber 1956 when my Mother, four brothers and sisters moved to Croydon following the death of my father.

- I finished my schooling at Ringwood High in 1959
- I worked as a 'runner' at Box Hill Hospital until I started my nurses training in October 1960. when I finished my general nurse training in 1963 I worked until I married in 1964 at Yarra Junction Bush Nursing Hospital.
- Moved to my present home, then on a farm.
- Worked at Walwa Bush Nursing Hospital over the years in between having three sons. They are all married now and I have 6 grandchildren.
- My first husband died in 1988. In 1993 I married Paul Jeffries who lived in this area. Paul and I are still farming and I also work part-time at our local medical clinic.
- Contact 'Glenalau" RMB 4046, Wodonga. 3691

### Heather (**McINTOSH**) RUTH

Sorry I cannot attend on 8<sup>th</sup> April- we are holidaying in May!  
The years have flown since I left school. I worked at Ansett Knitting Mills in Seymour until I was 24. Then I left Seymour to come to South Australia to marry where I still live. I have been married for 37 years and my youngest son is about to be married. I have kept in touch with Glenda (Neal) Cullinan over the years.

Heather at 7 years



Heather more recently



**Kenneth MONK** Ken is unable to be here due to other commitments. He lives in Aspendale, Melbourne with his wife and family. He is retired from the navy where he was a diver for many years and is involved in a business now.

**John RENWICK** : Sorry I cannot make it to the reunion and I hope everyone attending has a great day. I will be visiting my daughter in England. I would certainly have been there with you.

- I attended Seymour High school from 1955-1957 when my father, a commercial teacher at the school, was transferred to Kyneton High School.
- Moved to Camperdown HS where I finished my Education then the family moved to Traralgon where my father was Principal until he retired.
- I started work in 1960 for Elders Ltd. as a Stock and Station agent for 39 years in Victoria and the Riverina before retiring from Elders at Sale.
- Now happily retired and spend much of my time playing golf and travelling.
- I am married to Lesley and have two daughters and three grandchildren. I visit my daughter who lives in England at least twice a year.
- I currently live at 3 Heather Grove Inverloch.

**Ken STAFFORD**

Lives in Perth and runs a Pharmacy. Ken is sorry he cannot get away for the weekend.

**Lynette (WRIGHT) MAYBERRY**

After I left school I worked in private enterprise for 10 years as a Secretary.

- I married and finished paid employment to work at home looking after three children. When the youngest started Primary school I returned to paid employment with the Public Service.
- I am now the proud grandmother of two grandchildren. I play competitive squash.

I have travelled throughout Australia, including Darwin and Kakadu. Most years I head to Western Australia for two weeks which is where I am currently!! So here is a jealous "HELLO" to all my classmates enjoying the reunion.

- Contact me: [lyn.mayberry@bigpond.com](mailto:lyn.mayberry@bigpond.com) or
- Mobile Phone 0409 949 695

**Stop Press!**

Gwen (**BLOYE**) WALE sends her apologies as she is unable to come but will write her story and contact details for the reunion booklet. Does anyone know where Anne Danson is? Gwen is keen to contact her.

**Peter EICHFUSS** who lives in Perth was unable to make the trip at this time of year. He is also writing his story for our next publication. "Have a great time".



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