



YALLOURN OLD GIRLS/GUYS ASSOCIATION

Preserving the memories for all to enjoy

Newsletter - June 2009



Welcome to another newsletter and welcome to our new members - we have nearly 700 members and 208 of those are 'Old Guys' (178 from YHS and 30 from YTS).



Committee:

	<u>YHS</u>
President:	
Judy King (Ross)	1951
Vice President:	
Jean Fox (Hattam)	1937
Secretary:	
Julie George (Francis)	1966
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Chris French (Francis)	1962
Committee:	
Sonja Bates (Ostlund)	1943
June Jardine (Blenkiron)	1942
Carol Summersgill (Hunt)	1959
Helene Warner (Wall)	1962
Mavis McAllister (Webb)	1940
Barbara Goldsmith (Hunt)	1961

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Next Reunion:

Saturday, 13th March 2010
from 11am at Woorabinda School
Camp - pre-booking essential - more details inside...

Wanted:

Always seeking photographs and stories for future books, DVDs and newsletters - please send to Julie

Yallourn Tech Boys welcome



Slowly, more and more people are visiting our website www.yallourn.org - it has the following, and more:

- the history of YOGA; details of our next reunion
- photos and attendance list from last reunion
- links to many more photos
- Yallourn history and photos
- "What Happened To?" section
- memorabilia for sale and full YOGA contact details and committee members

We are working on putting the names of everyone who attended YHS onto the website to help bring back memories. You can then let us know if you have up-to-date information about anyone on the list.

From the "What Happened To?" section came the question "What happened to Alf Backhouse"...and this is what was returned to us:-

Bruce Lewis (YHS 1956) wrote - "I remember being in Form 3 with Alf in one of the prefabricated class rooms. Our teacher in the class at the time was Jim Dooley, a man of small stature. Dooley became cross with Alf and approached him in an aggressive manner. Alf stood up and gestured to punch Dooley. Dooley said "you would only have to do that once son", to which Alf replied, "that's all I would need sir!" - it struck me as amusing and I have never forgotten it."

Dave Brown (YHS 1955) wrote - "He was such a character, I always tried to keep tabs on him, but eventually lost touch. I heard from a friend of my daughter he had moved up to McKay in Qld. I left our number with a machine and we were on the verge of meeting when he was sadly involved in a car accident. This was approx mid-2006. He had apparently survived the wreck but died in hospital a fortnight later."

As mentioned in previous newsletters, there is a site where you can register along with many other ex-students all over Australia for all the schools you have attended - approx 400 people have joined from YHS.

The website is www.schoolfriends.com.au



NOW FREE!!

Subscriptions - due March 2009 - if you have a red stamp on the outside of this newsletter, it means your subs are overdue.

Our next Annual General Meeting will be held in Newborough as follows:-

Date: Friday, 4th December 2009
Time: 7.30pm
Venue: 6 Murray Road, Newborough 3825
Judy King - Ph: 51273378

If you would like an input into future reunions or have any other suggestions/ ideas etc, please feel free to join in the meeting. It would be appreciated if you could phone Judy beforehand if you plan to be there.



Our reunion dinner at Morwell RSL was a great success with 80+ attending. We were dominated by the "1956ers" who, for the last 3 reunions, have had a great attendance. Two who couldn't make it from 1956 were **Spencer Sandilands**, who was overseas and not back till the week after and **Ian Hill** who had just come out of hospital after open heart surgery. He said he guessed it catches up with all of us at some stage, well maybe not all of us, but 5 weeks before the reunion, he would never have thought he would be going into surgery for this operation - "just a few tests" they said. Well better that than the alternative, he's not ready for that yet - St Peter or the bloke with the red pitchfork will have to wait quite a bit longer! The operation was successful, just the recuperation to follow and he should be good as gold by end of May. Best wishes to everyone and both hope to be at the next reunion at Woorabinda. We had a slide show of our most recently released pictorial DVD which is now for sale (\$15 incl postage).

See the photos later in this newsletter - or on our website under the "Reunion" section

Bushfire Victims - just to let you know, YOGA donated \$500 to the Bush Fire Appeal and \$100 to the Animal Welfare Victoria. We also held a raffle at our reunion dinner. There were three prizes raffled which were kindly donated by Nylex and various individuals and this raised a further \$283 which we donated to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund.

Next Yallourn Reunion - Sat 13th March 2010 - to be held at Woorabinda School Camp from 11am. Overnight accommodation available plus food - BYO drinks. More information in the next newsletter (Jan 2010)...just pencil in the date and start contacting others. (I know there are four get-togethers being planned so far for ex-students from 1956 (Sheila Martin), 1961 (Leigh Byron) 1962 (Jeff Browitt/ Steve Morgan and 1974 (Liz Kingsley.) If you need help contacting others, please let me know. **All ex-students from any school in Yallourn and ex-residents are welcome but pre-booking is essential.** In our last newsletter, we asked if the older members would prefer an alternative lunch on the Sunday - a possible venue could be the Brown Coal Mine Museum at Yallourn North with catered sandwiches etc - but only one response has been received so we assume this is not required.

Correspondence



Gladys Byrne (Meadows) YHS 1940 used to cycle down to Yallourn High School once a week in the 1940s from the Brown Coal Mine State School for their cooking classes. Her son, Graeme, attended Yallourn Primary School and Yallourn Tech and younger daughter, Lynette, also attended Yallourn PS. However, it's **Robyn** we want to recognise today - Robyn attended Yallourn PS and started Yallourn High School in 1967. On Australia Day, she was awarded an Order of Australia Day medal for her service to the community of South Melbourne and Port Melbourne through health care and legal services. Robyn was treasurer of Inner South Community Health Service (ISCHS) for 10 years and president for 7 years. She was president of the South-Port Community Health Service from 1987 to 1992 and vice-president of the South-Port Legal Service from 1988 to 2000. Robyn (53) said she was humbled by her award and said "nobody volunteers to receive recognition." She said she was proud to have seen the ISCHS develop into such a large and successful organisation.



Robyn Byrne

Margaret Reid YHES 1942 still keeps in contact with Barbara Baker and Ann Griffiths. She writes: "School Days in the 1940s - I commenced in Form 1 of Yallourn Higher Elementary School in 1942. At that time, I lived in Morwell and travelled by school bus to Yallourn. Japan had just entered the war and there was a real fear that Yallourn could be attacked from the air, with the Power Station being the prime target. The SEC arranged for air-raid shelters to be built in the school grounds. When they were completed, the Head Teacher - Mr D Lindsay - announced that we would have a practice evacuation. We were told that the signal would be an intermittent whistle. The signal was heard and we all trooped out to the shelters. Soon the "all clear" was heard and we all emerged once more and assembled in the quadrangle. Mr Lindsay praised us for our prompt response, but then went on to say that the "signal" we had heard was, in fact, the postman delivering the mail!!

Because of clothing rationing, school uniform was not compulsory, although it was encouraged. In many cases, it was difficult or even impossible to obtain new text books, so we were most grateful for the second-hand book stall.

In February 1944, soon after the summer holidays, a bushfire broke out near Yallourn township. It spread quickly through paddocks towards



Morwell. There was a Flax Mill on the outskirts of the town and flax was spread out to dry in the paddocks. The fire literally flew through the dry flax. Several homes in the town were lost before the fire progressed towards the Jeeralang hills, taking several farm properties as it went. The Morwell students were fortunate as we were able to get home, but some of the others had to stay overnight at the school. The Open Cut caught fire and most of the workforce (including my father) from the Maryvale Paper Mill spent several days fighting the blaze. The Mill was closed as power was in short supply.



June of the same year saw the D-Day landings in Normandy. All the students were marched off to the various churches throughout the town to pray for a successful outcome for the Allies.

My final wartime memory concerns Victory in Europe in May 1945. We knew that the end of the war was imminent, but Term 1 exams went ahead as scheduled. By this time, I was in Form 4 doing Intermediate Certificate. That morning, we started the exam and not long afterwards, the outside world suddenly went crazy. Car horns honked, engines at the railways station tooted and the hooters at the Power Station and the Briquette Factory sounded. Nevertheless, we were expected to continue with that exam, although one of the teachers did write on the board that the war had ended!

The school became a High School in 1945 and a new Head Teacher - Mr John E Menadue - was appointed. In 1947 I was in Form 6 and was appointed Senior Prefect, together with Stan Ostlund. Other prefects that year included Sheila Brooker, Ann Griffiths, Wilma Jackson, Fae Lawson, Claire Gretton, Bob Stevenson, John Barnes and Bob Selby-Hele. The Prefect group felt very privileged when we were given our own room in the Army Hut, which was placed on a block in a nearby street. The hut was mainly used as a classroom for Forms 5 & 6. Prior to the arrival of the hut, Form 6 in particular had classes in some rather unusual locations - one that I recall was in the locker room near the main office. I actually wrote an article for "The Pylon" that year, about a class there and used "Shakespearian" type quotes to illustrate the interruptions etc. We were a small group - 7 in total, so we could be placed in restricted spots, for our lessons.

Princess Elizabeth (now our Queen) celebrated her 21st birthday in May that year. Stan Ostlund and I had the honour of representing the school at

a tree planting ceremony at one of the town parks. Finally, December 16th was Speech Night and I had the privilege of becoming Dux of the School, as well as the winner of the Citizenship Prize. A wonderful ending to my six years at Yallourn High School.

Life After Yallourn High School - In 1948, I joined the Education Department as a student teacher at Morwell Primary School. As part of my studies, I attended night school at Yallourn Technical School once a week during this year. 1949 and 1950 saw me at Melbourne Teachers' College, where I obtained my Trained Primary Teachers' Certificate and my Trained Infant Teachers' Certificate. After college, I taught at Yinnar and Traralgon Primary Schools before moving to Melbourne in 1955. I taught at five schools throughout the suburbs, gaining promotion along the way. In 1969, I became a Special Class Infant Mistress - this was the highest position that a woman teacher could be at that time. We had also finally been granted equal pay - prior to this time, we had 80% of the men's pay.



However, the Women's Branch of the Victorian Teachers' Union was also working for women to be allowed to become Principals of Primary Schools. In 1972, the word came down - we could become Principals! I applied immediately and obtained the coveted mark "Suitable as a Special Class Principal". In 1973, five women were appointed as Special Class Principals. As I had booked to go overseas that year, I deferred my application, so I took up my position as Principal at Templestowe Valley Primary School in Lower Templestowe in 1974. Women Principals had to work hard to gain acceptance and of course, many members of the public found it hard to grasp the fact that a woman could be senior to a man. This led to some very humorous situations - when I arrived at the school, a new canteen was being built and the contractor came up to the offices. My male Deputy Principal was chatting to me and the contractor immediately turned to him with all the details. When he paused for breath, my Deputy said to him - "now tell her, she's the Principal". The look on the contractor's face was priceless! I found working with the Templestowe Valley Community challenging but very rewarding. Enrolments increased during my time at the school and peaked at 752. I had 13 very happy years there, before taking early retirement in 1987. I am still in touch with the school and looking forward to taking part in 40th Birthday Celebrations later this year.



Mary Cole (Lazarus) YHS 1952 - wrote: love the newsletters. Tim Harvey's article had me in hysterics. Dr Andrew brought me (and many others) into the world. I have yet to get to a reunion, but I retired at the beginning of March 09 so next year may be the year!! I was getting over regularly from WA as my mum (Aileen Lazarus) was in Strzelecki House at Mirboo North. She passed away April 2008 aged 94. Mavis McAllister is my cousin and she comes over each year to see the McAllister family here. Sad to hear Miss Williams passed away (Muriel Feehan). She was my primary teacher for 5 out of 6 years at the State School.

John Lewis YHS 1954 - wrote: I have re-subscribed to YOGA today, but I wasn't quite sure how many years to pay for. I guess any residual subscription amount left, in the case of my unfortunate demise, would be immediately refunded by YOGA to bulk up my estate, but I awoke feeling pretty good this morning, so paid for two full years; and in a rush of blood to the head, I paid for the pictorial DVD too.

But just how long to subscribe for got me thinking and I would like to put a few suggestions to you and your YOGA committee colleagues:

1. Those aged 70 or more should be discouraged from taking on a subscription of more than one year at a time. Death awaits us all.
2. Those aged 75 or more. For the same reason, these folk should be allowed to pay their subscriptions on a six monthly basis - just in case.
3. Those aged 80 or more should be allowed to subscribe to YOGA on a weekly basis.
4. All past prefects. These should pay an extra 25% for being goody-goodies and carrying out the will of YHS staff, such as reporting those boys who did not wear their caps, or girls whose dress length was plainly too far above the knee [or knees, as may be the case with a well crafted horizontal hemline].
5. Anyone from Mawson. These were mainly big-heads and show-offs, so should each pay an extra 25% for their future subscriptions.
6. Those from Phillip. A discount of 50% should apply for reasons that we all know about but should not be recorded here.
7. Those students who married YHS teachers. I

can only remember three girls guilty of this, but nevertheless a stand must be taken. A 25% surcharge should apply to them for disregarding the genuine article - the boys attending YHS.



8. Kids who regularly came to school by taxi. I can only recall one, but a minimum of 50% extra seems appropriate.

9. Any kids who came to school by bus should be penalised an extra 25% for not staying in their home towns where they may have actually been wanted.

10. There are a few other special cases I suggest be penalised with a surcharge when renewing their subscriptions with YOGA: an ex-girlfriend of mine - 100% because she dumped me for someone more famous; and a 50% impost for three other girls who arrested my fragile youthful development by rejecting my friendly entreaties. I can supply their names on request.

I appreciate the committee might like to adjust some of the penalties up and down, or even add a few further categories themselves. I look forward to your collective opinion.

Yours in endless help...JL

Laurel Dodson (Beasley) YHS 1956 - sent this - which would be quite funny if it wasn't so close to the truth!!

Scenario 1

Jack goes rabbit shooting before school, pulls into school parking lot with rifle in gun rack.

1959 Vice Principal comes over, looks at Jack's rifle, goes to his car and gets his rifle and chats with Jack about guns.

2009 School goes into lock down. Tactical Response called, Jack hauled off to jail and never sees his ute or gun again. Counselors called in for traumatised students and teachers.



Scenario 2

Johnny & Mark get into fistfight at school.

1959 Crowd gathers. Mark wins. Johnny & Mark shake hands and end up buddies.

2009 Police called, arrests Johnny & Mark. Charge them with assault, both expelled



even though Johnny started it. Both children go to anger management programs for 3 months. School board hold meeting to implement bullying prevention programs.

Scenario 3

Robbie won't sit still in class, disrupts other students.

1959 Robbie sent to office and given 6 of the best by the Principal. Returns to class, sits still and does not disrupt class again.

2009 Robbie given huge doses of Ritalin. Becomes a zombie. Tested for ADD. Robbie's parents get fortnightly disability payments and school gets extra funding from state because Robbie has a disability.

Scenario 4

Steve falls while running during recess and scrapes his knee. He is found crying by his teacher, Mary. She hugs him to comfort him.

1959 In a short time, Steve feels better and goes on playing.

2009 Mary is accused of being a sexual predator and loses her job. She faces 3 years in prison. Steve undergoes 5 years of therapy.

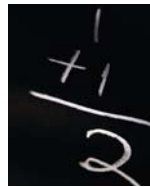


In the last newsletter, **David Drane YHS 1960** gave us "A Trip Around Yallourn High". Here is some extra information from **John Lewis YHS 1954**: My thanks go to David Drane for his "A Trip

Around Yallourn High" as it bought back some nice memories. I am surprised David forgot about the location of room 13, as it was right next to room 12! In fact, it was set between rooms 12 and 14. Room 13 was at the end of the building block opposite the boys' quadrangle. The next block further along, and set at right angles, was separate and made of detached prefabs with two rooms numbered 14 and 15. A similar set of prefabs parallel it, making up rooms 16 and 17.

I recall that room 13 was set up as a sewing room and so in the 1950s it was mainly out of bounds for boys as the YHS curriculum was essentially streamed and arranged on gender lines. In my year the A stream boys were strictly funnelled into the 'harder' maths, physics and chemistry. No B, C, D, or E stream students or girls were allowed. Similarly, at that time YHS girls were expected to elect subjects like French, history, English literature, typing, commerce and sewing. No A stream

boys allowed. The cooking room and room 13 were therefore places where only girls roamed. As the school population grew, exceptions were made to how the rooms were used and the year after me, on the cusp of women's lib and changing social attitudes, schools also changed and at YHS there were girls studying in the 'harder' maths classes. However, before then, room 13, the sewing room, was off limits to boys. Girls only thank-you.



There was an exception when I was in form 5. We boys had what we then considered the misfortune to have a double maths period first thing in the morning in room 13 with Ernie 'Underpants' Homan. I say misfortune for two reasons. First, because room 13 was set up as a sewing room it had benches instead of the desks we were used to, so writing in our books on the high benches was difficult and uncomfortable. Second, you might appreciate, even sympathise with me, that a double-maths first thing in the morning with Mr Homan was not an easy start to the day and severely taxed the concentration span of most of us.

In order to get some respite from this double maths period, each week one of us would be delegated to go into room 13 before classes started and stuff the chimney of the small cream coloured wood heater with something like rags. By the time we had all marched in and seated on stools at our benches, and as Mr Homan was just nicely settling into the rhythm of his lesson, the heater would start smoking into the room. With its chimney blocked, it worked every time. After about 15 minutes or so the room would be so badly smoked up we all had to go outside.



Loads of exaggerated coughing from our class helped prompt the evacuation. I remember Daryl Raggatt was a very skilled cougher. For Mr Homan's sake, as we all made for the door, we always expressed disappointment at having to leave his lesson and suggested the heater probably needed replacement. We also 'proved' our concern by opening a few windows on the way out to clear the air.

Once out of the room, someone like the cleaner would have to come and check out the heater before we were allowed back in. This tactic always gave us about 30 minutes of respite from that weekly double maths class.

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Steve Gray YHS 1971 - continues with his High School - the early bits - Part 2:

Form 2

The school persisted with "General Studies" despite some parent's protests about the lack of resources seeing as the "smart kids" grabbed all the good resources first. We were now in the double portable next to the basketball court; yes still 70 odd kids and yes still with a lot of noise. I have come to realise it's no wonder I did little work, the noise was (and still is!) a big downfall of mine. I had a great year of day dreaming and my results reflected that.

We now had Mr and Mrs Phillips, Mrs Anderson and Ian Wallis (an English teacher). Mrs Phillips had a mesmerising effect on some of the boys, she would talk to them and they would listen but not hear a word, the eye contact was amazing... a few minutes later she would come back and enquire why they had not done as she had asked... "What Miss?" their heart was still pounding from the first encounter! One day she managed to turn Wayne Frost's face VERY bright red by running her finger under his collar and saying...

 "Wayne, don't get hot under the collar, just concentrate on your work..."

Our table fell apart laughing after that.

The school camp this year was at the Basin, at the base of the Dandenongs. The camp had two main sets of dormitories - one which was for most of the girls and a ramshackle collection of broken plywood walls mostly for the boys, although we had a group of girls next door who babbled on about nothing until very late, often telling scary tales of doors slamming in the wind and what not.

Day one saw one bus arrive, the other was delayed, so we unloaded some sports gear and a baseball game was started. A few shots in and Graeme Rooney was hit by a flying baseball bat from Ross Magnusson's batting effort, WHACK knocked him straight out, a trip to the doc and then straight home to get over concussion - no camp for him.



Mr Gubbins was on the prowl late at night, watching for young lads who wanted to wander about and climb in windows over at the girls' dorm. He managed to also get us lost in Sherbrook Forest on a hike - whatever map he was following had some serious issues.

We had a camp Social night in the main hall - most

of the students were keen as mustard; I wasn't. I was still into Billy Karts - girls and dancing were a bit foreign to me... Mrs Anderson wanted a story out of us during the day, a full page before we could be allowed to go to the Social. I saw it as a great way to not go. She was surprised to not get even a few lines... I wasn't. She argued with me, pushed me all afternoon to produce, everyone went, but I stayed in the room scribbling out some lame story, even with a third of a page she let me go... pity. Actually she had to almost drag me to the thing. I recall they had a hard time trying to figure out what songs to play, but other than that, the rest was a noisy blur for me.



There were a few interesting incidents that took place. Firstly breakfast, the thickest porridge I have ever seen. Some of the girls were into séances and invoked a few interesting spirits, they had freaked themselves out something rotten! They would run out of a room screaming at the top of their lungs about Ned Kelly chasing them... five minutes later they were back into it. The boys tried out levitation which was amazing to see, not sure how it works but it did that week!

One other thing which stands out was the blowfly incident which later became a poem and a short film. In the library, the blowflies would congregate at the windows, short lengths of fine thread were employed via deft fingers to "lasso" a collar on to one and so a fly on a string became a novelty, then it got interesting as two were attached and left to fly about the room. The follow on was a bunch of them put into the drawer where the librarian kept the stamp for the books, open the drawer and out came about five sets of blowflies on strings! Very funny at the time.



Andrew Bicknell wrote a poem called Bazza Blowfly (we were doing topical things in English) which caused a stir, and more poems were written, the teacher finally called for the death of Bazza and the final poem became a short film shown at Speech Night.

Of course there were many other things that happened that year, I got hit with a football during recess and was concussed, (or was that in form 1...?) The school fete was a highlight and a few other bits and pieces that slip my mind just now...

But a fun year was had...



School Daze...

Working on a homework problem, a young boy asked his father to help him find the lowest common denominator. "Gosh," said his father, "haven't they found that yet? They were looking for it when I was a lad."

YALLOURN SOCCER CLUB

Barry Hill wrote: "Having been born in Yallourn Hospital in 1962 and been back numerous times before I was 7 (because my arm was constantly being dislocated after my brothers constantly "threw me into the turn-buckle" (our couch) while trying to imitate Mario Milano), I wanted to reach out to those of you who also grew up at this time and played for the great Yallourn Soccer club.



My first year was 1969 and the mighty U/8 reds record was 13 wins, 1 defeat, 88 goals for and two against. The coach was Mick Duke & Ernie McKinney. The team was Paul Brown, Garry White, myself, T D'Alterio, John Dougan, Michael Hutchinson, Murray Lyons, John Burke, David Curtis, Gary Plautz and Stephen Husquin. I remember clear as day the famous "pie nights", the "smell" of Maryvale pulp mill in the mornings prior to a game, my first pair of real soccer boots and brushing coal dust off my white shorts.

My mother diligently kept the newsletters that the coaches would put together after each match. I had them put into a scrap book that I have with me to this day. I have photo's of the teams I played in from 1969 through 1971. We made it into the UK "Scorcher" magazine as the first Australian team to be the "Scorcher Team of the Week". Anybody remember "Billy's Boots" or "Bobby of the Blues" which were the cartoon strips in this magazine? I have that magazine!

In 1970 we won a regional tournament in Melbourne; because of this we played a combined team from Karingal at half time of Moscow Dynamo vs Victoria at Olympic Park. This was a very big deal, the team was Brian Coyle, Trevor Langmaid, Shane Plautz, Paul Brown, myself, John Dougan, Stephen Husquin, Mark Husquin, Ian Nerrie (Capt), Murray Lyons, Paul Burke, David Curtis & Michael Hutchinson.

Finally, in 1971 the U/10's won the league when we played 27 games, won 27, scored 164 goals and only had 6 against!! This was written up in the SEC magazine with all players, with the jobs their fathers had with the SEC. In 1972 x 3 of our

team myself (Capt), Trevor Langmaid & Wayne Jones were chosen to represent the Latrobe Valley in an U/10 squad to play teams in Sydney. This was a highlight for me as a small kid growing up in Yallourn.

In 1972 I moved to Castlemaine in Central Victoria and continued to play for a while in Bendigo, but unlike Yallourn, this part of Victoria was very much an Aussie Rules place.

I now live in California working in high tech and had the privilege of a lifetime 3 years ago by attending the World Cup in Germany and got to see the Aussies play Brazil, a real thrill for me. I coach my little girl and boy in soccer now and it has remained my love and passion to this day. I write a "blog" after each game in the same style as the coaches did in the Yallourn Soccer Club newsletter and the families just love it, I encourage the parents to print these out and keep them in a scrap book for their kids!



Without the commitment and dedication of the parents and coaches of the Yallourn Soccer Club circa 1969 to 1971, this love affair with soccer would probably not be the case. I am sure that some of these wonderful people are no longer with us, but for those of you who remember this time in our lives as fondly as I do, please let me know. You can contact me through Julie or else contact me on barryglennhill@yahoo.com .



Yallourn Soccer Club 1969—U/8s



1947-Vic Country Teams Championship Riders
 L-R Fred Byron, Arthur Oliver, Allen,, Bob Whitehead.
Yallourn CC Committee: Chird Manners, Chris McGuinness,
 Jock Wylie, Norm Byron



Yallourn Football Club Past Players' Committee:
 Back: George Botten, Tim McCoy, George Newton, Col Webster,
 Claude Hayes, Col Benson
 Front: Bunny Comber, Kevin Comber, Fred Byron, Peter O'Neil,
 Alan Hawkins

Did you live in Yallourn? If so, do you wish to partake in a special project called "Virtual Yallourn" to go on our website, where you can visit the addresses you lived at and find who lived there prior to you or after you, possibly view a photo of your old house and read who the neighbours were at any given time, plus enjoy the memories of other residents of your address? Simply answer the following questions and return to Julie George at PO Box 1413, Frankston Vic 3199 or email to julie@yallourn.org. If you don't wish to ruin your newsletter, please photocopy or request another copy from Julie. Let's hope we can make this work together.

Name: (Maiden Name:)
 First Year at YHS/YTS
 1st Address in Yallourn:
 Dates at this address-.....
 (eg 1953-1968)

List of family members at this address: Parents:
 Children:

Can you supply a photo of this house? Yes No

Can you supply a photo of your family whilst at this address? Yes No

Name of family who lived there before you?.....

Name of family who lived there after you?

Neighbours: Immediate:
 (during your time at this house) Nearby:

Memories:
 (of your time in this house)

General Comments:

Would you supply memories of your time in Yallourn in general if requested? Yes No

For every additional house you lived in at Yallourn, please photocopy or supply same information on a separate page. Thank you for providing the above information.



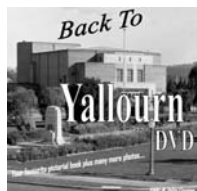
Yallourn 33rd Reunion Dinner - 14th March 2009: for more photos, visit our website at www.yallourn.org and follow the link on the Reunion page to MySpace, or contact Julie (copies of photos can be arranged)



Name		Maiden Name	YHS/Tech	Name		Maiden Name	YHS/Tech	Name		Maiden Name	YHS/Tech
Smith	Maida	Hughes	1935	Johnstone-Wade	Trish	Dawson	1953	Van Dijk	Susan	Wallace	1957
Daddo	Betty	Cullen	1937	Bajada	Kathleen	Pulis	1953	Wissmer	Eddie		1958
Fox	Jean	Hattam	1937	Lester	Heather	Currie	1955	Gordon	Nina	Telehus	1959
Pollock	Bob		1937 T	Holyoak	Norm		1953 T	Summersgill	Carol	Hunt	1959
Davies	Syd		1938 T	Hunt	Stan		1955 T	Tatlow	Alan		1959
Brown	Stan		1939 T	Hyde	Trevor		1955 T	Hamilton	Mike		1960
Fox	Max		1939	Butcher	Florence	Chessum	1956	Warner	Helene	Wall	1960
McLennan	Helen	Gregson	1939	Byard	Sheila	Martin	1956	Goldsmith	Barbara	Hunt	1961
Skinner	Bill		1939 T	Cook	Carmen	Zarb	1956	French	Chris	Francis	1962
McAllister	Mavis	Webb	1940	Donohoe	Lesley	Green	1956	Parfett	Jennie	Langdon	1962
White	Bill		1942	Dumble	Doreen	Fincham	1956	George	Julie	Francis	1966
Bates	Sonja	Ostlund	1943	Holyoak	Fay	Andersen	1956	Byard	Russell		
Esler-Davies	Eril	Stephens	1945	Holyoak	Pauline	Holyoak	1956	Dumble	Lindsay		
Garvin	Bob		1947 T	Ipsen	Midge		1956	Ipsen	Ian		
Steffen	Peggy	Steffen	1947	Jane	Janise	Mottram	1956	Jackson	Pamela		
Fox	Jean	Evenden	1948	Kilday	Brian		1956	Johnstone-Wade	Rob		
Andrew	David		1949	Krueger	Tootsie	Steffen	1956	Loft	George		
King	Bruce		1949 T	Loft	Marg	Browitt	1956	Maxwell	Doug		
Wallace	Peter		1949 T	Middlemiss	Brian		1956 T	Smith	Pam		
White	Barbara	Webster	1950	Nash	Colin		1956	Wall	Pat		
Butcher	Peter		1951	Rendell	Linda	Reed	1956	Wissmer	Dawn		
Ivory	Irene	Hall	1951	Smith	Bob		1956 T	Bajada	Charlie		
King	Judy	Ross	1951	Wall	Ron		1956	Garvin	Marie		
Peruzzi	Kath	Jenkins	1951	Wernert	Greg		1956	Brown	Ivy		
Wigg	Murray		1951	Widdowson	Marilyn	Widdowson	1956	Hunt	Maureen		
Coates	Irene	Prosinskas	1952	14.3.09 - Held at Morwell RSL			<i>Apologies for errors & omissions</i>				



Terry Cunningham - nephew of Alice Collins (dec) wanted a question answered in our last newsletter. When the Queen visited in 1954, she made a speech and did she say something like "I think Yallourn should be called Ya-learn because here you learn!"? **A response from Mike Hamilton - he actually has footage of the Queen's speech and no Terry, she didn't say this.**



New Pictorial DVD - based on our very popular book (now sold out), this DVD has all the photos from the book and more - over 1100 photos of the town, school, groups, SEC etc, set to music of the time. The price is a mere \$15 (and as an introductory offer, this price includes postage) - so go to the next page and order your copy now.

Photos - please don't let any photos of Yallourn sit in drawers only to get lost or thrown out. We would love to look after them for you - and any other memorabilia for that matter.

One particular photo we are looking for is of the **Bus Terminus Kiosk**. Would anyone have one of these?

We are still collecting articles and photos for our next book/DVD - anything you feel like writing down about your life at school, or your family life - neighbours, clubs you belonged to in Yallourn, friends etc - please send to Julie.



Our sympathy goes out to all relatives and friends of those who have passed away since our last newsletter, including:

Ruby Aspinall (Patterson) YHS 1958, wife of Graham, mother of Lyndal and Travis, daughter of Ethel & Ern Patterson (dec), sister of Ernest, Elsie, Lorraine & Lyn. Ruby grew up at 3 Tanjil Place.

John Hibbert, son of Les & Ruth, brother of Celia, Linda & David

Fay Wurlod, wife of Leslie (dec), mother of Glenis, Buddy & Chip

Bill Jackson YHS 1947, husband of Daphne (Selby-Hele), father of Peter (dec), Christopher, Michael, Glenn & Lisa

Megan McCabe, wife of Justin, daughter of Peter & Penny Scott (Stitson)

Melvie Cleverly (Cooper), wife of Cliff (dec), mother of Graham, Marilyn & Peter

Vera Walsh, wife of George Gibby (dec) and Leo Walsh (dec), mother of Jennifer & Caroline - aged 94.

Till next time, keep in touch and keep smiling....

Julie George

On behalf of your Committee



PS: Don't forget to check out the new website.

www.yallourn.org

The Class Reunion - sent by a Suddenly Senior reader:

As summertime nears, an announcement arrives in the mail. A reunion is planned; it'll be really grand; make plans to attend without fail. I'll never forget the first time we met; we tried so hard to impress. We drove fancy cars, smoked big cigars and wore our most elegant dress. It was quite an affair; the whole class was there; it was held at a fancy hotel. We wined and we dined and we acted refined and everyone thought it was swell. The men all conversed about who had been first to achieve great fortune and fame. Meanwhile, their spouses described their fine houses, and how beautiful their children became. No-one had heard about the class nerd who had guided a spacecraft to the moon; or poor little Jane who's always been plain - she married a shipping tycoon. The boy we'd decreed "most apt to succeed" was serving ten years in jail, while the one voted "least" now was a priest; just shows you can be wrong now and then. They awarded a prize to one of the guys, who seemed to have aged the least. Another was given to the one who had driven the farthest to attend the feast. They took a class picture, a curious mixture of beehives, crew cuts and wide ties. Tall, short or skinny, the style was the mini; you never saw so many thighs.

At our next get-together, no-one cared whether they impressed their classmates or not. The mood was informal, a whole lot more normal; by this time we'd all gone to pot! It was held out-of-doors, at the lake shores. We ate hamburgers, coleslaw and beans; then most of us lay around in the shade in our comfortable T-shirts and jeans.

By the 40th year, it was abundantly clear we were definitely over the hill. Those who weren't dead had to crawl out of bed and be home in time for their pill...and now I can't wait; they've set the date - our 50th is coming. It should be a ball, they've rented a hall at the Shady Rest Home for the old. Repairs have been made on my hearing aid; my pacemaker's been turned up high, my wheelchair is oiled and my teeth have been boiled; and I've bought a new wig and glass eye. I'm feeling quite hearty and I'm ready to party - I'm gonna dance 'till dawn's early light. It'll be lots of fun; but I just hope that there's one other person who can make it that night!!

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