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REPRIEVE FOR THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Brian Powyer, Bruce Forbes, Lesley Forbes, Lindsay Brockway

What was to have been the last meeting of the Alumni Association turned out to be the beginning of a new chapter in the life of the WWTAA.

A delegation of Alumni from the 60s turned up at the meeting and dropped a bombshell.

Bruce and Lesley Forbes from the 65-67 sessions had contacted their peers in connection with their 50 year reunion and ascertained that there was enough support for the formation of a new committee to enable the WWTAA to continue to function.

Needless to say the members of the retiring management committee were delighted and look forward to supporting the new management committee.

An interim committee was selected and met in June to discuss the way forward preparatory to the Special General Meeting in August at which the new committee will be elected.

The interim committee consists of: Bruce and Lesley Forbes, Lindsay Brockway, Col Kohlhagen, Brian Powyer, Lindsay Budd, Dot Tanner, Graeme Wilson and Bob Collard.

This edition of Talkabout contains minutes of the relative meetings and a selection of messages from many of the alumni who expressed their disappointment at the imminent dissolution of the WWTAA.

All alumni are invited to attend the Special General Meeting on 13th August 2013.

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SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 14th MAY 2013

Venue: Teachers Federation House, Mary Street, Sydney.

Opening: The meeting was opened at 11.05am by Vice President, Graeme Wilson, who welcomed those present (also later Michelle Fawkes) especially those who were attending for the first time.

Quorum: This was established with sixteen members present.

Present: Graeme Wilson (VP), Dot Tanner, Lindsay Budd, Lew Morrell, Michelle Fawkes (CSU), Lindsay Brockway, Bruce and Lesley Forbes, Mal and Maureen Hanratty, Bob Henderson, Margaret Higgins, Col Kohlhagen, Brian Powyer, Kevin and Winifred Wilcox and Graeme Wilson ('49).

Apologies: Apologies were received from Chris and Jenny Baker, Phil Bastick, Bob Collard and Gerard Say on the motion of Lindsay Budd, seconded by Kevin Wilcox.

Minutes: A précis of the minutes of the February meetings was read for the newcomers and the minutes of the February Quarterly Meeting were confirmed on the motion of Graeme Wilson ('49), seconded by Mal Hanratty.

Special General Meeting Business:

The Special General Meeting had been called to give effect to the decision to dissolve the Association.

This was prompted at the AGM held in February this year when the majority of members of the existing Management Committee indicated that they would no longer stand for positions on the Committee. As this would leave the Association with no Management Committee, a Motion was put as below:

It was moved at this meeting that all current office holders continue in their positions until the May meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.

In respect of the matter of Dissolution of the Association, the Chair of the meeting now put the motion:

Motion- At this Special Meeting of the Wagga Wagga Teachers' Alumni

Association held on Tuesday 14 May, 2013 it is resolved in accordance with the Constitution of the Wagga Wagga Teachers' Alumni Association that:

1. In accordance with Rule 25 paragraph (a) "*upon the vote of a three- fourths majority of members present at a special general meeting convened to consider such question - "that the Wagga Wagga Teachers' Alumni Association shall be dissolved effective today Tuesday 14 May 2013; and*
2. That in accordance with Rule 25 paragraph (b) "*upon a resolution being passed in accordance with Rule 25 paragraph (a) of the WWTAA Constitution, all assets and funds of the Association on hand shall, after the payments of all expenses and liabilities, be handed over to the Charles Sturt University Foundation Trust*".

Voting:

Those in favour = 0

Those opposed = 16

Motion was rejected by all 16 members present.

Bruce Forbes (65-66) explained that support for the continuation of the Association had emerged from the preparations he, Lesley and others had been making for a reunion of their sessions.

With the vote now undertaken and the Motion having been lost, the Special General Meeting was closed.

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QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY 14th MAY 2013

Chair of the meeting, Graeme Wilson opened the Quarterly General Meeting of the WWTAA.

As the majority of members of the existing Management Committee had indicated at the AGM that they would no longer stand for positions on the Committee, the Association was effectively without a Management Committee.

As moved by Brian Powyer and seconded by Mal Hanratty it was agreed to suspend standing orders to allow the selection of an interim Management Committee, that would, between this meeting and a Special General Meeting to be held on 13 August, meet to discuss:

Any amendments that may need to be made to the Constitution, and
A path forward for the Association.

Chair of the meeting, Graeme Wilson called for nominations to form an interim Committee. Those who nominated were:

Bruce Forbes; Leslie Forbes; Lindsay Brockway; Col Kohlhagen and Brian Powyer.

It was agreed that the interim Committee should also comprise the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Joint *Talkabout* Editor of the Association.

Being no objections and having all in agreement, Bruce and Lesley Forbes, Lindsay Brockway, Col Kohlhagen, Brian Powyer, Lindsay Budd, Dot Tanner, Graeme Wilson and Bob Collard were accepted as the Interim Committee.

Lindsay Budd offered to be the contact person (ph 9601 3003) for the interim period and to apply to the NSW Teachers Federation to book a room at the Mary Street premises for meetings of the interim committee at 11.00 am on Tuesday, 11th June and Tuesday, 23rd July. This committee will prepare for the election of a new WWTAA Committee at a Special General Meeting on 13th August to be followed by the regular Quarterly Meeting.

Notice of these meetings will be given in a special issue of *Talkabout*. Those present from the existing committee expressed their great appreciation for the offer of the younger alumni to accept the baton and to run with it! This concluded the business of the day's Special General Meeting. The Chairman then proceeded with the business of the May Quarterly Meeting.

Correspondence:

In response to a request from Stacey, a list was provided to her of all WWTCAA/WWTAA Committee members from 1997-2013 to allow CSU to acknowledge their contribution to the Alumni Association.

Letters of appreciation for the work of Committee members were received from Gerard Say (for other members!), Stacey Fish, Margaret Higgins 1954-55, Marge Bonsor 1953-54, Hugh Varnes 1955-56, Roy Parker, Karen Jamieson, Adrian Lindner (addressed to Bob), June Shaw and Ruby Riach.

Dot responded to these letters except the one from Adrian Lindner.

The correspondence report was received on the motion of Dot Tanner, seconded by Lew Morrell.

Treasurer's Report: Lindsay Budd distributed the report showing a balance on 14/05/13 of \$7,154.01. The contributions received since the last meeting were \$205.00. The bank interest was \$0.60. The Springwood Printing bill for the March *Talkabout* was \$1,747.00. The cost of printer ink was \$145.00 and stamps \$9.00. The closing figure for the investment account was \$7,656.10. The total of funds under the Committee's management is, therefore, \$14,810.11. Lindsay moved that the funds in the investment account be transferred to the Scholarship Fund under the control of the CSU Foundation. After discussion it was agreed that no immediate action was necessary as the interim committee could make a recommendation on the matter to the expected incoming WWTAA Committee.

The report was received on the motion of Lindsay Budd, seconded by Kevin Wilcox.

CSU Faculty Advancement Officer's Report: Michelle advised that the total of the Scholarship Fund had reached \$82,512.80. The meeting had taken note of Michelle's guidance on the constitutional position. The report was received on her motion which was seconded by Margaret Higgins.

General business:

- **Talkabout:** Brian Powyer agreed to liaise with Lindsay Budd to publish an abbreviated *Talkabout* giving notice of the combined Special General and Quarterly Meetings at 11.00am on 13th August and giving background information on the situation.
- **Museum and Archival Material:** Col Kohlhagen was informed about the location of this material. Vice President Graeme advised the 1965-67 reunion organisers that there were sufficient souvenir ties, scarves and glasses for those attending. Kevin Wilcox expressed delight that, on a recent visit to Wagga Wagga, he and Wyn had been able to stand in the restored rotunda on the main campus and view the plaque there commemorating the gift of the rotunda by the Pioneer Session of the WWTC.
- **Luncheons:** These are held on the third Tuesday of February, May, August and November at the Icons Brasserie of the Marriott Hotel at the Quay. The contact person for the luncheons is Lindsay Budd.
- **Next Meeting:** Combined Special General and Quarterly Meetings will be held at 11am on Tuesday, 13th August, 2013, at the Teachers Federation Building, 23-33 Mary Street, Surry Hills, Sydney NSW 2010.

Closure: There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.50pm.

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INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 11th JUNE 2013

Venue: Teachers Federation House, Mary Street, Sydney.

Opening: The meeting was opened at 11am by President, Bob Collard.

Quorum: This was established with 8 members present.

Present: Bob Collard, Graeme Wilson ('47-'49), Dot Tanner, Lindsay Budd, Lindsay Brockway, Bruce and Lesley Forbes, and Brian Powyer.

Apologies: were received from Michelle Fawkes, Col Kohlhagen and Lew Morrell.

Correspondence: Email from Col with suggestions regarding the constitution. These were discussed. It was decided that the new committee will investigate the problems.

Reports:

- Bruce suggested inviting a representative from each College session to be on the administrative committee. Bruce will consult Stacey Fish about the terms of use of the CSU alumni database. Bob referred Bruce to Karen Jamieson, Executive Assistant to the Head of Wagga Wagga Campus, for advice concerning access to the State Archives in Wagga Wagga for information about alumni enrolment and examination details.
- Graeme explained that the selection of one or more WWTAA Scholarship recipients this year was left to CSU as he and Lew, selection committee members, were unable to undertake the selection when the interview date was changed. He was, however, able to attend, on behalf of the WWTAA committee, the Scholarships Awards Ceremony at Wagga Wagga. He was pleased to report the respect with which he was treated, as a Pioneer (student in the inaugural session, 1947-49, of WWTC), by the organisers of the ceremony. He was disappointed that Kate Tonkin, Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary), 2013 recipient of the WWTAA Scholarship, was unable to attend. The printed program acknowledged the regular financial contributions of many of the Association's more than 3000 members to the CSU Foundation via the Scholarship Fund (*currently totalling over \$82,000*).
- **Financial:** Treasurer Lindsay Budd has undertaken to close the investment account and transfer the funds to the Association's Commonwealth Bank cheque account in accordance with the motion which was put to this effect by Brian Powyer and Lindsay Budd and carried by the meeting. The arrangement of signatories to the account will be organised by Lindsay (Budd). Potential incoming officeholders, Bruce, Brian, Lesley and Lindsay (Brockway) offered to be signatories.
- Graeme and Lew (Morrell) are willing to continue to be members of the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Next Meeting: This will be the Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday, 13th August, at which, inter alia, the election of officeholders will be held. The proposed meeting in July was cancelled. (The EGM will presumably be followed by the Quarterly Meeting at which the type and frequency of administrative Committee meetings may be determined.)

Closure: There being no further business the meeting was closed at 12.45pm.

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LETTERS AND EMAILS RECEIVED.

Dear Lindsay,

Just a word of sincere thanks for your part as an Editor of "Talkabout" over so many issues.

Over the years I have enjoyed each issue that I received. Each was read from cover to cover shortly after it was received.

Very often there were humorous recollections, many that I could relate to. Occasionally there were items from folks that I knew while I was at WWTC from our 1954 - 1955 group and others that I had met while teaching.

I was fortunate in that I have been receiving "Talkabout" almost from the start even though I have been living and teaching in Canada since 1968. I have kept each issue carefully on file and have at times re-read some of them. With my memory, they seem like new !!

A couple of issues back there was one that had recollections about George Blakemore. Lindsay, I could have been the last WWTC student to see George alive. I liked the old fellow and occasionally met with him on various occasions, including functions at the College, e.g. Gilbert and Sullivan performances. He was always friendly to me and used to surprise me by remembering my name!!

I was teaching at Temora Primary. He was visiting the school one day and I received a message from the school office that he wanted to talk with me straight after school.

A parent turned up as I was going to see him, wanting to talk about her child. By the time I got rid of her, George had left for Wagga. As he was driving home, he had that heart attack (I think) or a stroke. I have always felt bad about not meeting with him, and have wondered what he wanted to speak about.

When you wanted something from George, I learnt there was a special way of approaching him. While I was at WWTC I would occasionally want to go home for the weekend to be with my

folks in Narrandera, which is only 60 miles away. Initially I used to get refused permission for various reasons.

Then I started to wait until after George had supper, probably on a Thursday evening. When I did this, he never refused me once !!

Thanks again Lindsay, enjoy life and stay healthy,

John (aka "Jim" as I was known at WWTC) Carolan 1954-55.

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Canada.

Dear Lindsay,

I want to congratulate you and the Talkabout team on the wonderful work you have done over the years. I think most of us think the status quo will last forever. We think we are invincible although we realise in our 80's that we aren't. Talkabout has kept us abreast of the stories of our confreres of the past, of our friends and others who have passed on. What a magnificent publication and the people behind it.

If my health had been better I would have loved to have joined in the many reunions.

Memories of the past keep flooding back. Those interesting appointments were almost too strange to be believable. Teachers would not go to these areas today. It certainly was in another era and we can certainly relate to our forbears who settled this land.

If a film was produced, today's youth would think it was in the realms of fantasy.

How is Gladys? My best wishes to you and all who were members of your team and to those who may remember me from the past.

However we are living in interesting times and the media keeps us abreast of history as it is happening.

Most of my family lives up here now so I see my grandchildren growing before my eyes.

Kindest Regards Lindsay and thanks again,

Bill Brien. 1950-51.

Hi Lindsay,

I just thought I'd send you an email and a hello from mum. She received the last copy of Talkabout this week and I found your email at the end of it. I guess all good things must come to an end. It seems a bit sad that all the work you all put into the WWTC Talkabout that it is winding down.

I read with interest the newsletter and I recall all the computer 'coachings' that



mum went through all those years ago (I actually have all her computer records here with me).

She is still in the nursing home at North Rocks. She has good days and bad days with her memory and Parkinsons. I have included a photo Julie took last weekend of Mum having a better day. She will be 81 this year, but I guess you know that.

I hope all is good with you.

Cheers,

David Smith.

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Dear Lindsay,

What can I say! All alumni of WWTC owe you and your colleagues a huge debt of thanks for bringing "Talkabout" to life again and helping us to keep in touch with colleagues, share reminiscences and take pride in the achievements Wagga graduates brought to their communities.

I can understand your decision Lindsay, as I too have to say when people ask if I can take on another worthy cause, "I'd like to, but I don't have the energy!"

Nevertheless, it was a mighty effort, and I have kept every copy of Talkabout in my personal "archive" for reading again whenever a nostalgic mood takes over.

And thanks also for your personal friendship and efficient administrative ability as our Treasurer.

With warm regards

Don Whitbread 1954-55.

Lindsay,

Thank you for all the work you have done over the years with Talkabout. I understand the hours you must have put into producing the magazine. It has brought back so many memories.

I have found a photo that was published in July 1986 that was taken at the reunion in 86. Just who are the two young fellows in the back row between Whittaker and Meaney?

Fondest regards to you and Gladys,

Arthur King 1950-51.

Hi Lindsay,

Thanks for the memories. Please pass on my thanks and best wishes to all who have brought many pleasant memories back over the years.

Regards,

Darryl Walker 52/53.

Dear Editor Emeritus Lindsay,

As the decision has been taken and fully publicised that the WWTA is being disbanded, my role on the Committee, which was essentially to provide a bridge through to younger groups of WWTC graduates, has ended.

May I thank you for the years that you invested in ensuring the publication of *Talkabout* and in providing a clear point of reference for CSU in its

communications with WWTC graduates and those of the RCAE and RIHE institutions that followed.

I am sure that many of your fellow graduates are only going to discover what a crucial part you played in organising the various reunions and in providing a vital medium for sharing the *WWTC Story* once your labours are only but a memory.

May I wish you many happy further reunions for your pioneering group and express my deep regret that no other younger WWTC graduates were willing to take up the challenge you offered them

Yours sincerely,

Gerard Say 1963-64.

Dear Lindsay,

I have just finished reading the last edition of "Talkabout", your wonderful magazine which Dorothy (Southwell, 64/65) has had sent to her for many years and which I too, have enjoyed each time. Like her, I am so sad this moment has come but we understand that it, one day, had to come.

Can I congratulate you on a fantastic effort over all those years? You have been a prime mover in something truly great and I have huge admiration for what you have done. You have held the WWTC family together in a marvellous and immeasurable way. Sadly, my own college, Armidale, has not had the like but I guess that is partly my fault too for not having done anything about it. Congratulations though, Lindsay.

I often think back fondly on the time we shared in neighbouring schools in the difficult area of Airs, and you did a great job



Taken at the 1986 Reunion of the 1950-51 Session.

Col O'Grady, Bob Whittaker, Mervyn Armstrong, John Goodger, Frank Meaney, Bill Brien, Athol Berglund, Bill Bennett, Rob Foulcher, Arthur King, Mick Rowlands

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there too.

I trust you are still in good health and are able to enjoy more relaxed years now the pressure of "Talkabout" is off but please be assured how much appreciated your work has been.

With kindest regards,

Peter Ebeling.

Dear Dot,

At your May Meeting, please pass on my congratulations, for a job well done, to President Bob and the Committee Members. Also a special big cheer to Lindsay and Lew for another (and the last) "Talkabout" of this era. (*Cheer here please!*). I will really miss receiving *TALKABOUT*.

Looking at the photograph on the front of "Talkabout" I was a little sad. If I had not left Sydney in 2002, I would have been in that picture. I would have enjoyed all those WWTC Alumni Association meetings. You were all my friends and compatriots in those early years, when we were sure that younger people would join us and carry on our ideas and plans. That has not happened and so the Pioneer and early Wagga Wagga Ex-Students have had to say "Bye Bye".

But the ideas and plans have been accomplished! I have appreciated being on the file to receive the Meeting Minutes each time. Thank you Dot and Nigel. Whenever the Minutes arrived, I eagerly read about your decisions and sometimes problems. The February Meeting Minutes made me sad and disappointed, but I understood. It was the only way to go.

Reading this last "Talkabout" and especially the compiled list of goals achieved, makes me fully aware of what has been accomplished by all of you. *Three Cheers for the President and Committee!!!! (please cheer as I say goodbye to you all).*

Your Wagga Wagga Teachers' College Friend,

June Robson (now Shaw and once Hadley) 1948-50.

Dear Lindsay,

Just want to give you a thank you for all your work in putting together Talkabout. I realise what a tremendous amount of work it must have been in both putting the publication together, and in mailing it out and tracking down all ex-students.

I have always enjoyed reading my copy, especially stories of early teaching days!

I will miss it very much.

Thank you again,

Elizabeth Reynolds (1965-66).

Dear Lindsay,

I would like to thank you especially for the work you put into Talkabout (with others) as well as being Treasurer. I have really enjoyed reading all the articles and reports of reunions etc.

I wish you well in your well-earned "retirement"! Please also pass on my thanks to the Committee at the 14th May Special Meeting.

Kind regards,

Jenny Atkins 1956-57.

Dear Lindsay,

With March 2013 being the last edition of Talkabout it is time to thank you and the members of the committee for the success over the years in turning out a much appreciated magazine.

Although I left teaching in the early 60's, I have read with ongoing interest all the snippets of recall and adventures of those who readily contributed.

Thank you very much.

Bruce Lenehan 1954-55.

Dear Lindsay,

Just a few words by one of the 'silent majority' in appreciation of the sterling efforts of the Alumni Committee, one and all.

The achievements have been remarkable; from Ann Smith's exemplary gathering details from

former students, to the delights of Talkabout, the goals and results of the Scholarship Fund, and the emphasis on the value of archival material.

Please find enclosed my cheque in response to Lew Morrell's final clarion call,

With thanks from

Dorothy Judd (1948-50).

Dear Lindsay,

The Alumni Committee of WWTC have done a wonderful job and enriched our lives. It was a joyous occasion when the Talkabout magazine was opened and read (consumed)! Thanks so much for all your efforts.

All the best for the future. We will remember you with great affection.

Yours,

Wendy Rogers (Trotman) 1957-58.

Dear Lindsay,

As we have received the final copy of "Talkabout" which I found very interesting indeed, I must send a note of thanks to you and to Lew Morrell for the dedication and energy you and others have provided to supply us with so much news and interest over many years.

It has meant a lot to me to have been able to keep in touch and recall memories of those five years I spent in Wagga so long ago. I am sure the ex-students have been grateful for the contributions you and others have made to keep everyone in touch.

Would you please pass on my thanks to Lew Morrell.

With appreciation,

Sincerely,

Ruby Riach (Lecturer).

Hi Lindsay,

How many people have you made happy through your work with Talkabout?

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You and your Talkabout have been brilliant. I have appreciated every issue. I am proud to be your old High School mate. Thanks a lot.

PS: I have just spent eight weeks in hospital with yet another hip replacement. It is all good now.

Cheers,

Roy Parker, 1951-52.

In Memoriam

*Years go by, memories stay
As near and dear as yesterday.*

Patrick Joseph Dalton 1949-50
April 2013.

William Henry Brien 1950-51
May 2013.

FIFTY YEAR RE-UNION

Graduate Students of WWTC 1966-1968

Thank you to those fellow alumni who have expressed their interest for the fifty year re-union of **WWTC graduates of 1966, 1967 and 1968**, the last years of the Leaving Certificate students.

Replies have indicated a preference for this re-union being held in Wagga Wagga in 2016. The date is yet to be decided.

Interested persons please contact Bruce and Lesley Forbes

email: bruceles@bigpond.com

ph: 0243225650

mob: 0408587065.

The Alumni Association has supplied a database. However, there are many names missing. To assist in compiling a comprehensive list we appeal to Alumni members to make contact with and inform relevant ex students of the re-union.

COMING EVENTS

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The Special General Meeting and the next quarterly meeting of the Alumni Association will be held at 11 am on: Tuesday 13th August 2013.

The meeting will be held at:
NSW Teachers Federation
Conference Centre.
37 Reservoir Street, Surry Hills.
Everyone invited to attend.

ALUMNI LUNCHEONS

The Alumni luncheons will continue to be held at the Icons Restaurant in the Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel, Pitt Street Sydney (near the Quay).

The luncheons are open to all alumni and it is a good chance to meet up with old friends.

They are held on the 3rd Tuesday of February, May, August and November.

The next luncheon will be on Tuesday 20th August 2013.

For bookings contact Lindsay Budd on 9601 3003 a week before.

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TEACHING MEMORIES

Hi Lindsay and Gladys,

Thank for your email and Talkabout which arrived safely.

I was about to send some items for Talkabout. I'm very sorry the finale had to come as I looked forward to its issue and enjoyed reading it.

Sorry this is too late for Talkabout but thought you might find it interesting.

MEMORIES.

Before I left College I received my first appointment which was supposedly "Close to the College".

It was Tooleybuc which was towards Wentworth in the State's south west. I was to board at Goodnight and travel by bus to school each day. Beryl, my future wife, had applied for Albury. She had been a teacher at Uranquinty and later Holbrook.

However, Tooleybuc was then changed to Ganmain but they wanted a captain/coach for their Aussie Rules team. I had no knowledge of the game nor had even seen it, (Later on I refereed both Rugby League and AFL) so this move too was cancelled, but beforehand Beryl had received an appointment to Junee.

During the holidays I received a telegram, Upper Burrinjuck, Lower Division via Bowning and travel out by mail car which was a One Ton Truck. In College I had placed as my choices Wagga, Sydney and Canberra. I figured the Department had looked at my choices very closely as Upper Burrinjuck was half way between Sydney and Wagga and in the Canberra Inspectorate.

Upper Burrinjuck was where the workers on the Dam Reconstruction lived. I had a room, bare floor, bed, table and light in a long tin shed divided into rooms. Meals could be

had at one of two dry Canteens. Later my accommodation was changed to Burrinjuck where the single officers lived in a large house with a cook/housekeeper and her husband.

The school at Upper Burrinjuck was four miles away, mostly uphill, which built up my muscles while riding the push bike I owned, but terrific going back after school. I really enjoyed my time there. Staff meetings were held in the playground at recess time with the Principal supervising his section of the playground, looking one way, and I the other half facing him.

Towards the end of the year I applied for Junee as Beryl and I were to be married in May. I received an appointment to Junee which lasted a fortnight.

A school near Yerong Creek had not opened at the beginning of the year, as none of the parents were prepared to board the teacher. Agreement had apparently now been reached. I received an appointment from the Albury Inspectorate Relief: Teacher in Charge at Mundawaddera Provisional School. It took the whole line of Official foolscap letterhead. The district was known as Mundawaddera, and there was a similar name also for the area.

One Monday I had ridden the farm's bicycle to school after rain. When I arrived my back was covered with red soil as the bicycle had no mudguards. The washing hadn't dried so I wore an old pair of patched pants used for gardening to school the next day. About 2pm the children said the Inspector has just come. Was I embarrassed?

There were no programs in the school used or unused. Enquiring at the local schools all I could find was a kindergarten one, for my kinder to year five students. Practically every column had to be changed but I managed. On one occasion, after a

clean up of the ground, there was quite a big bundle of rubbish which was placed in a large indentation in the playground. It was a still, clear day so I set fire to it. I thought I had got away with it as it was March and fire lighting was still banned. However, a week later the fire restarted in some dry grass. It had burned underground along the roots of a long dead tree.

Shortly afterwards I received a phone call from the rural fire brigade, they had seen the earlier smoke, but asked me whether we had the fire out. The kids and I did a fine job even though we only had tank water.

End of term came, and Beryl and I were married and I was transferred back to Junee. Beryl was in the Infants Department and I was in the Primary. During my time there I taught Ray Warren and he was part of my 5.7 Rugby League Football Team.

My sincere thanks to the Alumni Committee and particularly to Lew and you, Lindsay, for your excellent work with its production and publication and to Anne for her hours and hours of work she did in finding so many of us.

With my best and warmest wishes and regards,

Cliffe Cudlipp 1950/51.



The Wagga Wagga Teachers Alumni Association



KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE IN 2013 TO SECURE THE FUTURE

The Scholarship Fund has been closed with a grand total of \$60,000. Congratulations to all our contributors! This means that we can award Scholarships to a total of \$6,000 annually.

We also have a further \$24307.80 which will be added to the Scholarship Fund making a total of \$84307.80.

This will increase the value of the Scholarship.

It is interesting to note that the total amount of \$84,307.80 has come from 794 donors who have made 2371 donations at an average of \$35.56.

You will note that our Association is now known as the Wagga Wagga Teachers' Alumni Association as all graduates of W.W.T.C., Riverina C.A.E., Riverina Murray I.H.E. and the C.S.U. Campus have been invited to join our ranks.

If you wish to continue supporting the WWTAA to increase the Scholarship fund, donations can be sent to the Charles Sturt Foundation using the form below.

**All donations should be made payable to the Charles Sturt Foundation at:-
Charles Sturt University, Panorama Avenue, Bathurst NSW 2795**

The production of Talkabout will continue under the new management.

You will be notified in due course about subscriptions.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the University Advancemant Unit on 02 6338 4832.

**Here is my donation to WWTAA Fundraising.
Donations over \$2.00 are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.**

My donation for 2013 is: \$ _____

Please find my cheque for \$ _____

OR please debit my credit card for \$ _____

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