

# Glenelg Primary School Reunion

**Newsletter from Stephen Crabbe**

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## **Contact List**

At this moment (19/8/06) we have a total of 45 graduates of 1957 on the contact list – 28 male, 17 female. This represents almost one-third of the total of Grade 7 classes. I believe the list, attached to this newsletter, is complete and correct, but if you find I have missed anyone or made some other error please send me the name and contact details. Thanks to the vigorous efforts of people like Ros (Phillips) Paterson and her friends, the list is growing daily – especially from the girls' side of the troughs!

## **Guess Who's Coming to Dinner!**

Some people obviously have not made a decision about attending the dinner on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November. However, I have the impression from my communications that there are others who are keen on coming but have not given me a clear confirmation. So far we have 19 definitely coming, some with a partner. I'm attaching the Attendance List for your information. Please let me know if I've made any errors. And if you are coming but have not confirmed, please do so *now* so we can have more reliable figures for planning the venue and programme.

## **Venue**

We mentioned previously that the *Jetty Hotel* was a favoured option for the dinner venue, as long as the number did not exceed 80. Peter Corbett has since enquired at the *Morphett Arms*, Warradale, which has some appeal – much easier car-parking, much greater seating capacity, a salad-bar which encourages movement and mixing of people, etc. It offers us a choice of a set dinner or using the a la carte menu, and can provide a PA system if we want it. With the slowness of confirmations it is hard to be certain, but I believe we will eventually pass the 80 mark and that the Morphett Arms is worth booking now. Expect news of the final decision in the next newsletter.

## **Class Photographs**

A couple of weeks ago I sent to all on the list the photographs of the four Grade 7 classes of 1957 – McInerney's, Wade's, Jarvis' and Annels'. If you did not receive yours, please let me know.

## **Activities on November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>**

A few people have been sending me ideas about what to do at the reunion. The latest, from two independent sources, seem to indicate cognitive convergence across the State border.

***Bentley Atchison writes from Victoria:*** *The idea of meeting somewhere before the dinner is great if it can be organised. Perhaps we could give a list of what we remember from the school days (I have about five). Perhaps this could be included in the form of a one page dot point summary of life after Glenelg Primary. If a photo could be included on the page it would be great. If others could supply copies at the dinner (or email them before), then these could be kept as a memory of the event. Alternatively, if people could email a picture of themselves the changes we see would not be such a shock when we all meet!*

***Ros Paterson writes from South Australia:*** *For the dinner, you may like to copy an idea that came from a P.A.C. reunion. Those attending were invited to submit a five line story (emailed) about themselves which was then collated and handed out at the beginning of the dinner. I think that Rex Jory of the Advertiser mentioned that he was a journalist and after 40 years of wine imbibing was still searching for the perfect red wine. Not all people put in their five lines worth but enough to make interesting reading and proved to be a good icebreaker.*

Once we have booked our venue, matters like these should be high on the agenda. I hope at least two or three people will volunteer to organise the programme for the weekend and prepare any materials (e.g. personal information pages) necessary.

## **A Website for GPS Former Students?**

My younger brother Bob has made the interesting suggestion that we set up a website dedicated to former students of GPS. It sounds like a very effective way of attracting people and communicating with them. Maybe it should be for all year-groups, not just the '57 mob, but we could still be the pioneers and let others come aboard as they wish. Several of you are known IT specialists – or “propeller heads” as Bob calls them – so how about it? Let us know what you think and whether you could help.

## **Diversifying the Action**

It's time to spread the load further and also to help people feel less remote from the reunion action. Firstly, each of us should feel able to contact someone else in the same State to seek or give information and ideas, or simply to have a conversation with a fellow fugitive from '57. I'll be asking several people if they would play that liaison role in their respective States. Secondly, it would be very helpful for someone to take over responsibility for collecting photos and listing names for the faces – using computer and email, of course. I'm still happy to maintain the central lists of contact details and confirmed dinner attendance, as well as the newsletters every one or two weeks as necessary.

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