MID-YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

On Friday 27th May a small number of our members visited Ballarat Wildlife Park, joining the 11am public tour with the very informative guide, Will.

Approximately 18 enjoyed lunch at the Red Lion where Pam Sutchife spoke briefly on her role as UB Alumni/Foundation Officer. In an attempt to help us reach more retired staff, one of Pam’s suggestions was to have an entry in each edition of ub/alumni Connect. This newsletter is circulated widely, including all present staff. To date UBESA has had entries in two editions - June and September 2011.

OUR END OF YEAR FUNCTION WILL BE THURS 8 DEC 2011

10.15 am  Presentation by Technology Park Director at Greenhill Enterprise Centre, UB Technology Park, University Drive, Mt Helen (opp. Vincent Drive)

11.15 am  AGM at Studio 3 Caro Convention Centre

12 noon  Lunch at Albert Coates Complex

RSVP by Thurs 24 Nov vernabarry@bigpond.com phone 53 323318

IF YOU KNOW OF STAFF WHO HAVE RETIRED WOULD YOU PLEASE INFORM Verna at the above address
1. In which year was the BCAE formed by the merger of the SCVB and the BIAE?

2. E. J. Barker was appointed as the first Director of the BCAE. Who was Assistant Director?

3. What colour was the cover of the handbook that depicted the merger of SCVB and BIAE?

4. What was the design of the BCAE logo?

5. What was in the building that was eventually engulfed by the construction of the Physical Education Complex at Mt. Helen?

6. The cover of one of the internal phone directories for Mt. Helen campus depicted caricatures of staff. What was hovering above the Director?

7. In which year was the 1870 Founders’ Hall opened?

8. Where was the original entrance to the library at Mt. Helen?

9. What was the original use of L901?

10. Where was the first ANZ bank on the Mt. Helen campus?

11. In which year did the BCAE become BUC?

12. What was the design of the logo for BUC?

Answers on P6

Since my formal retirement I did a lot of consulting in various metallurgical areas, predominantly failure analysis and corrosion. I also did an honours degree in Classical Greek at the University of New England, and am now running a very small class at the U3A. Anne also tutors there, in Roman History currently. We have also both taken up croquet, and have become rather addicted to this, playing both in our club, Alexandra, and at tournaments outside Ballarat.

I was employed by the University of Ballarat and its predecessor organisations in the metallurgy department from 1974 to 1995, following which I did sessional lecturing for a number of years. My family consists of my wife, Anne, who taught for many years at Sebastopol College and later at Ballarat Grammar, my daughter Alison and two sons James and Hugh.

Alison started her career as a journalist in Katherine, where she met her husband, Tom. She moved out of journalism into the health area, as a coordinator of services and chaser of grants, etc. She now lives in Mount Isa, where Tom works as an electrician for Xstrata and she works for the Queensland Department of Health. They have two children, Evelyn and Jack.

James is a computer programmer working on large data bases for IBM in Ballarat. His wife, Pam, and he have six children, Joshua, Emily, Zacchary, Lydia,
2011 RUSSIA:
Dianne and Robert Hook

For a large part of our lives a key international issue was the Cold War. This brought to our television screens displays of military might in Moscow's Red Square. I have always been fascinated with Russia and wanted to see first hand this country post the Cold War.

We were joined in Berlin for our War. This brought to our television and Omega, down the Moscow Europe's two largest lakes, Ladoga way, the Volga River, across Europe's largest and longest water route covers just over 1000 kilome-

tres and the ship has to navigate with quaint wooden houses. The city of St Petersburg, we passed many villages with many paintings and sculptures from world famous artists. It consists of five

linked buildings along the riverside including the Winter Palace, the former home of the Czars.

On our trip down the river to St Petersburg was founded in 1703 by Tsar Peter the Great and the city has many architectural treasures. Outside the city we visited Catherine Palace and Peterhof. Catherine Palace in Puskin was designed in Baroque style. It has a collection of 20,000 extraordinary works of art. Set in beautiful parklands, the sky blue colour of the background combined with the white columns and the gilding are exquisite. The Palace required signif-

icant restoration after it was damaged in World War 2.

Peterhof has a complex of palaces set in landscaped gardens sitting on the gulf of Finland. It has phenomenal fountains, cascades and gilded and marble statues of ancient gods and heroes.

A boat ride around the canals of St Petersburg gave us great views of the architecture in this grand city including the spectacular Church of the Spilled Blood with its many colourful domes.

We found the people of Russia we interacted with to be very friendly and helpful. The economy like in Australia is changing from a manu-

facturing base to a service base. The rich are getting richer with a huge growth in wealth. St Petersburg was founded in 1703 by Tsar Peter the Great and the city has many architectural treasures. Outside the city we visited Catherine Palace and Peterhof.

Catherine Palace in Puskin was designed in Baroque style. It has a collection of 20,000 extraordinary works of art. Set in beautiful parklands, the sky blue colour of the background combined with the white columns and the gilding are exquisite. The Palace required signif-

icant restoration after it was damaged in World War 2.

Peterhof has a complex of palaces set in landscaped gardens sitting on the gulf of Finland. It has phenomenal fountains, cascades and gilded and marble statues of ancient gods and heroes.

A boat ride around the canals of St Petersburg gave us great views of the architecture in this grand city including the spectacular Church of the Spilled Blood with its many colourful domes.

We found the people of Russia we interacted with to be very friendly and helpful. The economy like in Australia is changing from a manu-

facturing base to a service base. The rich are getting richer with a huge growth in wealth. Russia is truly a fascinating


Photo: St Basils Cathedral, Moscow

PAGE 3
PRESIDENT’S REPORT  JOHN MURRAY, PRESIDENT

I’ve heard it said that a week is a long time in politics. Of late it has become increasingly evident to me that a year is a short time in retirement. It doesn’t seem that long ago that I was accepting the position of President of UBESA and here I am presenting my first annual report.

I must first acknowledge the past President, Ian McKee. Ian has been a member and officer bearer of UBESA for a number of years and, as per the constitution, stood down from the position of president in 2010 having served a two year term. His contribution over a long period of time is significant and he is still an active committee member. Thank you Ian.

Activities this year have been similar to those of previous years. The 2010 AGM of UBESA was held on Wednesday, December 15th prior to the Vice Chancellor’s Christmas luncheon and a full report of the meeting was included in the May 2011 Newsletter.

For a few intrepid members who braved the elements, the mid-year function began with a visit to the Ballarat Wildlife Park (hot coffee supplied courtesy of Ken Clements). Later, a larger crowd gathered at the Red Lion Hotel for lunch. (on P1)

The current committee has been active in trying to expand the scope of the newsletter. The May edition saw the inclusion of a new column – Travellers’ Diary. This initiative (the brainchild of committee member Geoff Boyd) received numerous positive comments and has been continued in this edition.

Member contributions for columns on “Family Happenings” or “Staff from the Past” were called for in the May newsletter and would be most welcome. For a bit of fun, a trivia quiz has been included in this issue.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of all committee members over the last year. Everyone has contributed. Our meetings have been convivial and input has been constructive and enthusiastic. In particular, thanks to Frank Martin for minding our bank accounts and keeping track of membership dues, Graham Hawley for the expert production of our newsletters and Colin Kline for the supply of many of the photographs. I must express special appreciation to our secretary, Verna Barry, whose calm efficiency ensures that details and paperwork are always in place for our meetings.

On behalf of the committee I wish all members of UBESA a happy Christmas season and a wonderful 2012.

A comment from an interstate member regarding the proposal on Life Subscription read as follows:

I will be willing to pay the $50 for life Subscription but at the age of 76 years am not sure if it’s much of a bargain, which reminds me of my last doctors visit. He asked me how I felt and I replied ”Not bad for an old fellow.”

The doc said “Forget this old business. Don’t you realise things have changed now? 50 is the new 30, 60 is the new 40, and so on.”

“Will bow about the new 76.” I asked

“Have I got good news for you,” was the reply, ”76 is the new 75 and a half?”

TREASURER’S REPORT

1st Nov 2010 - 30th Sept 2011
Opening Balance  $1950.66
Annual Subs  290.00
Petty Cash  32.70
Giving a total of  $2273.36

A comment from an interstate member regarding the proposal on Life Subscription read as follows:

I will be willing to pay the $50 for life Subscription but at the age of 76 years am not sure if it’s much of a bargain, which reminds me of my last doctors visit. He asked me how I felt and I replied ”Not bad for an old fellow.”

The doc said “Forget this old business. Don’t you realise things have changed now? 50 is the new 30, 60 is the new 40, and so on.”

“Will bow about the new 76.” I asked

“Have I got good news for you,” was the reply, ”76 is the new 75 and a half?”

TREASURER’S REPLY

Using the existing payment system, $50 would have paid up to age 88.5. If you live beyond 88.5 with the new life Subscription, you will be ahead by .5% of the $53 it would have cost in the existing system. So just think of the big savings that will be, when you live to the age of 99.5 or even 100. What a bargain that would be and further, just think that you will never have to remember to pay again.

Your call!

Frank Martin, Treasurer
Many will remember Alan with endearment and respect as the Clerk of Works - Maintenance Supervisor who for 25 years at the Mt Helen Campus drove the white two door Alfa Romeo with his Fire hat and coat and a few carpentry tools thrown on the car seat. He was born and bred in Ballarat (16 June 1931 - 8 May 2011), and is survived by wife Joan, son Greg, daughter Joanne and six grandchildren.

Alan joined the Buildings Office at the University (BIAE), Mt Helen in January 1972 as Clerk of Works. At that time there were only the then recently completed Engineering Buildings at the eastern end of the Campus. Access was only available via Gear Avenue and all other roads and services were in the planning stages only. His first major project was the construction of the Library building designed by Ballarat Architect Ewan Jones and built by W G Feary and Sons (Mark Feary grandson of the founder also worked in the Buildings Office from Nov 1994-Nov 2004).

The early 1970’s was a very busy period in the development of the Physical Resources at the Mt Helen Campus, in addition to the Library, with the first stage of the Student Residences, Union Building and Science Building all being constructed in that Triennium. In his role Alan provided close supervision of all these buildings and became a valuable resource particularly in later years with his detailed knowledge of all these developments.

The continued development of the Campus was overseen by Alan with all buildings together with infrastructure and services with the exception of the Education Building managed by Roy Sharp following the merger with the Teachers’ College. Amongst other projects that Alan administered were the Drought Relief Schemes where Alan would regularly be seen to be joining the team physically to ‘lead by example’ invariably in inclement weather.

In recent years Alan had experienced indifferent health but would always have a smile on his face and was happy to talk of his times at the University and its predecessors with a sense of satisfaction and achievement. As a member of the Ballarat Branch of the Sportsman’s Association of Australia and a Life Member and Past Commodore of the Ballarat Yacht Club, in addition to his other activities, he has made a valuable contribution to the University and the Ballarat community.

---

Frank was born and educated in England, later emigrating to Australia and developing a great fondness for his adopted country. Frank taught at the BCAE (now the University of Ballarat) from Jan 1977 to Jan 1989. Prior to his teaching career he was employed in the food industry and was able to bring the applied aspects of his experience into his teaching in the area of food science/rural product technology. He also taught biology classes at BCAE and was an active member of a college-wide mentoring scheme that helped students experiencing difficulties. In the late 1970s Frank became head of the Applied Biology and Environmental Science discipline, as it was called then, one of six departments in the then School of Applied Science. His colleagues held him in high esteem. Many of his former students achieved great success in the food industry, both locally and elsewhere, and kept in touch afterwards, helping to keep fresh his contacts with industry.

Both before and after his retirement, Frank lived in Mt. Helen near bushland remnants, and was passionately interested in environmental matters as well as the food-related aspects of biology. He was keenly involved in early working bees for the BCAE Regional Arboretum, established as a Bicentennial Project in 1988, and gave talks on biology over many years to natural history groups. Although Frank retired as long ago as 1989, his wide knowledge, caring demeanour and lively sense of humour are sadly missed by those with whom he worked. Frank’s strong commitment to education has changed the lives of innumerable staff and students and left a lasting and worthwhile legacy.

---
Barbara joined the staff at the Ballarat Teachers College in a part time capacity in the late 60’s.

After the children started school Barbara welcomed the opportunity to return to work having initially taught at Dunkeld Consolidated and after marriage in 1959 at Birchip High School. In the 70’s Barbara became a full time staff member at the Teachers College. During amalgamation she readily adapted to the rapid and dramatic change that was occurring, proposing structures and facilities which would benefit students in Education.

Undertaking further study in the 80’s Barbara assumed the position of Head of the Teaching Resource Centre, a position she held with pride and humility. Barbara often recalled with fondness the stimulation and friendships gained from the time at Ballarat in the Education faculty.

Retiring in 1993 a new lifestyle was quickly embraced, helping establish a family home on the Scenic escarpment at Newrybar overlooking the ocean about 10 K south of Byron Bay. Barbara experienced 10 years of good health and as always, enjoyed meeting new people and facing new challenges including establishing with the family, a business “Advanced Australian Trees”, a wholesale tree nursery.

In 2003 Barbara was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma and treatment was periodically conducted at the Wesley Hospital in Brisbane, unfortunately from late 2010 she also required Dialysis three times weekly at the John Flynn Hospital at Coolangatta. Barbara retained a composed and positive attitude towards her illness always more concerned about the welfare of others than her own extremely debilitating circumstance.

Barbara gained immense satisfaction from the love she received and gave to her children and four grandchildren, always appreciative of the opportunities and experiences that she felt made her life so satisfying.

It has been my great privilege and good fortune to have been part of Barbara’s life since 1956.

---

**Family Happenings**

Naomi and Esther, ranging in age from 20 to 9. Their four girls are very involved with calisthenics, the eldest boy is following his father into the computer area. The others are still at school, with one doing her VCE this year.

Hugh is also in the computer field, working on computerised data transfer from instruments to data bases in the pathology testing area. He is married to Virginia, and they have two boys, Luke and Thomas. Hugh and Virginia also live in Ballarat, which means we can see James’ and Hugh’s children growing up, a great pleasure.

---

**Answers to UB Trivial:**

1. 1976  
2. G. A. Trevaskis  
3. Yellow  
4.  
5. Squash courts  
6. A halo above Director wearing a crown  
7. 1981  
8. From the first floor of the Student Union Building  
9. Lecture room and examination centre.  
10. In the student shop on the first floor of the Student Union Building  
11. 1990  
12.  

---

**NOTING THE PASSING OF BARBARA CRUMP**

Barbara joined the staff at the Ballarat Teachers College in a part time capacity in the late 60’s.

After the children started school Barbara welcomed the opportunity to return to work having initially taught at Dunkeld Consolidated and after marriage in 1959 at Birchip High School. In the 70’s Barbara became a full time staff member at the Teachers College. During amalgamation she readily adapted to the rapid and dramatic change that was occurring, proposing structures and facilities which would benefit students in Education.

Undertaking further study in the 80’s Barbara assumed the position of Head of the Teaching Resource Centre, a position she held with pride and humility. Barbara often recalled with fondness the stimulation and friendships gained from the time at Ballarat in the Education faculty.

Retiring in 1993 a new lifestyle was quickly embraced, helping establish a family home on the Scenic escarpment at Newrybar overlooking the ocean about 10 K south of Byron Bay. Barbara experienced 10 years of good health and as always, enjoyed meeting new people and facing new challenges including establishing with the family, a business “Advanced Australian Trees”, a wholesale tree nursery.

In 2003 Barbara was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma and treatment was periodically conducted at the Wesley Hospital in Brisbane, unfortunately from late 2010 she also required Dialysis three times weekly at the John Flynn Hospital at Coolangatta. Barbara retained a composed and positive attitude towards her illness always more concerned about the welfare of others than her own extremely debilitating circumstance.

Barbara gained immense satisfaction from the love she received and gave to her children and four grandchildren, always appreciative of the opportunities and experiences that she felt made her life so satisfying.

It has been my great privilege and good fortune to have been part of Barbara’s life since 1956.