May 2007

What has been happening

For those who could not make it to the AGM you will be pleased to know that the Committee has changed with Alan Ballard elected as President, Ian McKee as Secretary and consequently Roy Schrieke as Past President. There is $1459 in kitty but there are some 24 members in arrears this year, probably due to members with five-year memberships being up for subscription again. Please check your address label to find out your status (If you rate a mention there you are definitely due)

On Page 4 is an historical letter concerning the formation of our Association. It is the invitation to staff of the then BCAE from Stan Sweatman which was followed by the first Newsletter of the Retired Staff Association published in February, 1988. This suggests the Association was formally formed at the staff gathering in December, 1987. Thus, we could celebrate 20 years of the Association at our AGM in December this year.

Association Meeting Friday 15th June 2007

Mr Peter Parry, Head, Department of Building and Construction, will take us on a tour of their new building. The new building, which includes a number of innovative construction features, is to be opened officially two days before on the 13th. Members should meet at the Building and Construction Trades building on Grant Street, SMB Campus, at 10.30am, for a talk and tour of about 40 to 50 mins.

Lunch will be from 12 noon at Oscars, 18 Doveton Street Sth. Danny and Nicky Quinlan will provide us with a function room at Oscars and we can order and pay individually; full standard menu choice applies. 

To confirm numbers, please RSVP to Secretary, Ian McKee, before Wednesday June 13th

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To me Brian was a colleague and friend. We both arrived in Ballarat to take up positions at BIAE in 1972, lived only a half Km from each other, have families of similar ages, shared driving to Mt Helen, played Scrabble together, pumped iron at the gym together and shared trailers, equipment and expertise on home projects.

He was generous with his friendship. He had a most confounding way of playing and winning Scrabble after seeming to have no idea of what the game was about.

He took discussions down surprising paths and was amazingly tolerant during his illness.

His romance with old cars of the Armstrong Siddley and also Leyland variety gave him whimsical pleasure and the family frustration.

I know that he was a much loved father and grandfather. Ruth and I value our times with him and continuing our friendship with Ann will be a different pleasure.

Passing of our colleague Brian Lees

From Graham Hawley

To those who are in arrears

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Walter Robson will reinstate you on the payment of either a subscription for one year of $5 or five years for $20 for those who are optimistic.

Send to:
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Old Jokes

I've sure gotten old! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees Fought prostate cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation; hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license.

My memory's not as sharp as it used to be. Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.

Photos by Frank Martin

This is obviously a vital staff meeting from the archives of Frank Martin,
Immediately prior to the AGM members had joined current staff and enjoyed a buffet sandwich luncheon provided by the Vice Chancellor.

President Roy Schrieke, welcomed members and also UB Vice Chancellor, Prof. David Battersby. The VC thanked members for the opportunity to address the meeting saying that the members paid UB a compliment by desiring to keep in contact. He described his background in Regional Universities an Aust and NZ having just come from Charles Sturt Uni, where he spent 20 years. He spoke about the importance of a Regional University and talked about how UB would differentiate itself from other universities. He spoke about research in Higher Education and technology transfer that was particularly relevant to the TAFE section. He mentioned an approach from GMH to assist in the technology transfer relating to its latest Holden car in providing knowledge on servicing to regional distributors.

Pres. Roy also thanked the VC for his words, and welcomed Ross Whitefield as a new member.

The passing of former Mt Helen curator, Gordon Minter, was noted.

Incoming president, Alan Ballard, thanked Roy Schrieke for his excellent leadership of the association over the past two years, noting that the meetings during this time had been some of the best that he had experienced.

Colin Kline spoke about his discussions with UB staff about the implementation of a new database, which would handle university records, including Alumni details, donations, etc. There was potential for the UBExA database to be included, and he accepted the position to be our representative on this matter.

President Roy congratulated Zig Plavina on the work that he was doing for the UB Collection.

Zig Plavina spoke about an aspect of his voluntary work with Clare Gervasoni on the UB collection, in establishing a loose leaf book of personal records of former Staff of the university. He passed around a proforma and invited members to complete their personal details and to pass on copies to other former staff. The proforma is on Page 5 for you to include your details.
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University of Ballarat Historical Collection

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