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A welcome was extended to Linda Petrie (Alumni Officer) who had been invited to attend UBESA meetings as a participating observer.
Twenty two members were present with five apologies.
Treasurer’s and President’s reports were printed in the December 2009 Newsletter and Roy Taylor, who resigned as Vice president, was thanked for his involvement and particularly time spent arranging the mid-year visit to the Gold Museum.
Thanks to the following members were also recorded: Roy Schrieke for his ongoing involvement with the Zig Plavina Biographical Collection and Interpretive Boards; Graham Hawley for the newsletters; Dulcie Brooke for continuing to advertise UBESA functions.
The officers bearers in the panel on the left were elected.

The President, Ian McKee was thanked for the time and effort he had put into various projects.
In general business various suggestions were made to promote UBESA in the Courier.
Following the meeting and talk by Professor Lloyd members were able to attend the Vice Chancellor’s luncheon.
We thank the University for the use of a room at the Caro Convention Centre, providing refreshments and inclusion in the Luncheon.

Address by Professor Terry Lloyd, UB Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Professor Lloyd’s address covered aspects of the future of the TAFE sector (including the market being opened up to private providers) financial problems and changes in provision of funding. He made it clear that the ramifications of the changes would be far reaching for staff, the organisation and the students.

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Our thanks to Walter Robson
He was born and educated in the United Kingdom, graduating in Law. He taught in the UK, initially in Roman Law, before migrating to Australia. He joined the staff of the Business department at the SMB and taught there and at UB for many years, both to Business students and to others, such as Engineers.
On his retirement he joined UBESA and became treasurer for many years. During this time the Association remained financial despite the attempts of various people, including the committee, to spend his carefully guarded funds. The committee still managed to provide the University with several donations. His main innovation was for a five year membership, which many members have taken up.
Unfortunately, recently, Walter felt he was unable to continue as treasurer, due to increasing ill health. He gave his successor, Frank Martin, a great deal of good advice during the transition.
Members from the Education Faculty, in particular, will each have their own memories of this sculpture which was known by many titles (Moose in Boots comes to mind)

Apparently its title is Moose in High Heeled Sneakers and the details from Clare Gervasoni’s files are:

Raymond Woolard (1951- )

Ray Woolard studied at the Ballarat College of Advanced Education (BCAE) between 1969 to 1973, and the National Gallery Art School from 1974-75. He has exhibited widely and is included in books such as Ken Scarlet’s ‘Australian Sculptors’ (Nelson 1980).

‘Moose in High Heeled Sneakers’ was purchased by the Ballarat Teachers’ College Student Representative Council in 1972, and was greatly loved by students and staff. It was moved to the Mount Helen campus when the Ballarat Teachers’ College left the Gillies Street campus.

In need of conservation it had not been displayed for a decade, but re-emerged in 2009.

And restored it has been, by sculptor and lecturer, Betty Collier.

I include some of her notes on the restoration:

The repair work will be done over at least 2 periods, before winter and later on in the year, possibly in October and November.

Clare Gervasoni had the moose cemented into its present position.

My mission was to then tackle the gaping cavity that ran from the under belly to the posterior.

I filled the cavity with pieces of styrene, then placed fly wire between the styrene and the outer wall/skin and over the cavity section. To complete this stage I then filled any remaining gaps with instant foam from a can. After setting, I applied quick drying cement over the area. This sounds simple but try applying cement to the under belly, more fell off than remained. Drop sheets came in very handy. This stage took several visits to achieve a build up.

Progress was watched closely by Leo, one of the Lecturers from that area who aided me by finding a photo of a moose as I wasn’t very familiar with its anatomy.

I then applied Porion External Flexible Filler for the final coat. It is like cement but dries much faster and is much stronger [I’m told] and this took several days as it is applied in thin coats.

I then added the moose’s tail, shaped from fly wire and attached with U shaped nails and quick drying cement, applied, shaped and held in place by tying string around the tail and back of moose and leaving to set. It is very difficult to work with in hot weather, as it dries too quickly. Extra dobs were added to the back of the moose to stop students from sitting on it.

I then applied acrylic paint, using a slow build up technique.

I have to do more research in the replacement of the shoe as I don’t know what materials Ray used. The antlers have vanished so he may become she. I think Leo was in favour of calling her Dorothy. That’s about it, regards, Betty Collier

Vale Ray Litchfield

The University community was saddened by the passing in November 2009 of our esteemed colleague Ray Litchfield.

Ray retired in 2002 after a long period of service. He worked as a Laboratory Technician and as a cleaner. He was very popular with both staff and students. When working in the Human Movement School he loved communicating with students and they responded by including him in their activities. Ray was known for not being able to say no and over committed himself on many occasions. As a cleaner it is important to team with your colleagues to meet the demands of so many stakeholders. Ray was a leader in promoting teamwork within the cleaning group.

Ray will be sadly missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

Robert Hook

Peter Blizzard

We have featured the sculptural works of Peter in previous newsletters and were saddened by his passing at the end of 2009

Colin Albon

Died 18 Nov. 2009

He was fondly remembered as a lecturer in the Education Faculty and for his teaching in Ballarat and district schools.

Frank Ryan

Died 19 Feb 2010.

He was an English teacher at Ballarat High School before joining the staff of the Ballarat Teachers’ College in the late 1950s. He was a Senior Lecturer in the School of Studies in Teaching at BTC. For many years until his retirement in 1981, Frank was responsible for schools experience for Education students.

Bob Martin

Died 21 Dec. 2009

He was Head of Civil and Mining Engineering and a member of the team which devised and implemented the 1974, 4 year Bachelor of Engineering. Bob came to education after a successful career in professional practice and always sought to combine the two elements of education and professional engineering. His dedication gained a Bachelor of Education and being elected chairman of The Institute of Engineers, Australia, Ballarat Group in 1973.