2010 Year Roundup

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th December in the usual room, Studio 3 in the Caro Convention Centre at 10.45 am, with tea and coffee available prior to the meeting from 10.30.

President and Treasurer’s Reports are on page 2.

At approx. 11.30 am a tour of refurbished sections of the EJ Barker Library and Historical Records section will be undertaken.

We are again invited to the University end of year lunch at the Albert Coates Complex, Mount Helen, from 12 noon.

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GRAEME HOOD HAS HUNG UP HIS TOOL BELT AFTER 33 YEARS OF TEACHING

The University was a big part of Graeme Hood's life. He stood down this year after 33 years as an engineering teacher and lecturer.

Having taught an estimated 5000 students it was with a touch of sadness he cleared his desk.

He started as a teacher in electrical trades and moved to certificate of technology in 1981. In 1988 he moved to the position he occupied until Sept 18.

He hopes to become an associate in an unpaid role to help support the university. “Now I can work on inventions I have in the bank that I want to do.”

Story Pat Nolan / Pic Lachlan Bence.

Who will be our next President?
PRESIDENT’S REPORT 2010

As I come to the end of my second year as President of UBESA (the constitution requires that I step down)—I present my report. The year has seen the usual activity for the Association. The AGM was held prior to the Vice Chancellor’s lunch in December last year, and was addressed by Professor Terry Lloyd on the problems facing TAFE education, and future direction there. Following that we attended the Vice Chancellor’s lunch. Professor David Battersby devoted several minutes in his address to the Association, which was very pleasing.

Our mid year function was a visit to the Political cartoons at the Ballarat Art Gallery, ably organised by Dulcie Brooke and reported on elsewhere as I was unable to attend that function, although I enjoyed viewing the exhibition later. We entertained our past treasurer, Walter Robson, to lunch after the visit as thanks for his services to the Association.

I would like to thank my committee for the work done over the past year, singling out three in particular, our secretary Verna Barry who has made my job very easy; our treasurer Frank Martin who has reorganised the way our monies are managed following changes in the University systems and our newsletter editor, Graham Hawley.

I also note with regret that Roy Schrieke has decided not to stand for re-election to the committee. Roy has been a member of the committee for 12 years, and is a past office bearer. I thank him for his services to the Association and I wish him well for the future.

My further regret is to record the death of Mollie Jardine, who was chief librarian and is the subject of an obituary in this newsletter.

Finally I thank you all for your support of the Association and myself over the last two years, and wish you and your families a happy Christmas and a pleasant 2011.

Ian McKee President

OUR JUNE LUNCH AT PARK BISTRO


Gallery and lunch photos: Colin Kline.

TREASURER’S REPORT

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There are quite a lot of the Association Members subs due by 31st December 2010. I will have a list with me at the AGM, so read your address label.

If it says 2010 - start saving now.

I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE.

Your Treasurer, Frank Martin.
On 26th October, as part of the School of Mines 140th Anniversary celebrations, the above photograph was taken outside the old Gaol building in Lydiard St. The photo take was very well attended by former and present SMB staff, with a significant number representing the original Higher Education division.

The ex-HE staff generally were disappointed that the role played by the HE section of SMB in forming, with the Teachers College, Ballarat College of Advanced Education, appears to have received no recognition through the year. This had included their work in HE at the Lydiard St Campus, followed by years of building up SMB (HE) courses and facilities at the Mt Helen Campus. The HE section of SMB was a fundamental component of the University of Ballarat when it was formed in 1994. By comparison the scope and importance of the TAFE division, which had joined the University of Ballarat in 1998, had been well recognised and publicised. The matter has been brought to the Vice-Chancellor’s attention.

In an insert to The Courier, aspects of the SMB Campus, old and new were promoted.

The proposed new building for Manufacturing Technology Training Centre in lower Grant Street adjacent to the existing Building and Construction Training Centre, was illustrated.

In addition a new childcare centre - which will make use of an existing building - will be located between Lydiard and Armstrong Streets.
Mollie Jardine at the age of 95 years died peacefully at Ocean Grove on July 20, 2010. She was Chief Librarian of the Ballarat Institute (later, College) of Advanced Education from 1962 to 1975. Appointed initially as Librarian in charge of the SMB Library, Mollie was an Associate of the Library Association (A.L.A., Britain), well qualified with experience in British and NZ libraries to organize the considerable changes required for library services to the expanding academic disciplines studied at the newly evolving BIAE in 1965. Recognition of her academic and professional approach was shown in her appointment to the BIAE Academic Board and Committee of Chief Librarians of the VIC College Libraries (a section of the Australian Library Association), as well as her chairing of the Planning Committee for the new Library building at Mt Helen.

Mollie’s dignified but warm and kindly leadership was much appreciated by her staff. Wishing to increase the professional profile of librarians she suggested the wearing of casual but neat clothes in lieu of uniforms: pant suits permitted but not jeans. She encouraged her staff to pursue further qualifications and discuss particular library needs with academic staff. With recalcitrant students her firm bearing had a decisive effect: the library was for study not for student choruses. Her attitude was more relaxed in appreciating student humour.

Moving of the library collection to a temporary position on the ground floor of the Mt Helen Engineering building in 1970 was an all-in effort for library staff and other helpers. This was intensified when the time came for the Library to occupy two floors of the new Mt Helen Library building in 1973. Boxes were carefully labeled, maintaining Dewey order. A tractor train wound its way over the hill now occupied by the Electrical Engineering building till all items were delivered. Even Mollie donned the practical attire of slacks for this hard-working occasion. At this time books relating to the Art Department and SMB courses remained at Lydiard Street.

Earlier when Jack Barker became Principal he collaborated with Mollie in allocating extra government funding to the purchase of new Library stock which she systematically arranged through Departmental Heads according to Departmental needs. Thorough acquisitions records were set up. Mollie used a further allocation of government funding to purchase a complete reference library from a college in USA. This later enabled the College to establish a course in Librarianship which would not have been possible without these resources. By the time Mollie retired in 1975 she had assembled a staff of 15 supporting extra services including Reader Education and night opening hours for ever increasing residential and part-time students.

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**THAT OTHER GROUP PHOTO ON THE OCCASION OF JACK BARKER’S RETIREMENT**

From the large group of staff who assembled on 27th August 1987 in the Education building at Mount Helen, those pictured opposite had worked with Jack Barker pre-BCAE.

*from the Frank Martin Archives*