



NUNAWADING HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN JUBILEE

Sunday November 27, 2005.

FINAL NEWSLETTER - January 20, 2006.

That Day of Days:

Battles and causes are never won without some luck.

Nine months in advance we had to pick a day for our open air Jubilee and chose November 27. It turned out to be a day that began with cool clear skies and languidly progressed to a warm and sweetly soft late spring afternoon ... this being no easy thing to get exactly right.

There were over eight hundred of us there at Forest Hill College. The courtyard was full of bubbling good will. There was some dream quality to the experience of finding old friends after so many years of them being just memories.

The bonds were instantly re-tied. There was disbelief that we had lost contact with such good people while we forged our careers, families and security. Age disappeared instantly as faces became familiar and characters recognisable. Little had really changed within us. The biggest changes we experienced in our lives must have occurred during adolescence, and it was this time we shared ... no wonder the bond is still strong.

This bond was also evident with the many teachers who joined the celebrations.

Many letters of thanks have arrived. But, truly, the organisers extend our thanks to all of you, students and teachers, for responding so strongly to the idea.

Many of you travelled extremely long distances to share in the experience. The costs must have been huge. There would have been no event without your enthusiasm to be there.

To those of you with us in spirit, unable to get there but gave us support by flooding us with good wishes, your letters were greeted with gratitude but some disappointment that you could not make it. Please know we missed you.

It is necessary to point out something that came somewhat as a surprise to your organising group, and that was the depth of generosity that accompanied your mail. Of our total income from registrations, a quarter was donations. Your thoughtfulness lifted our enthusiasm and our capacity for what could be achieved.

From the organising group may we say to everyone who attended, or contributed in whatever way possible, a heartfelt "THANK YOU"!

Apologies:

Our apologies go to those who have since found out about the Jubilee. We went to great efforts to find people but we were always going to be less than perfect in this task.

However, now that people have found each other, the Jubilee celebration will serve as a catalyst for many smaller, more sedate, more relaxed and intimate reunions.

Those who missed the day, but still feel like being on speaking terms with us, should make contact so you can be part of these future events.

Acknowledgements:

From your responses I know you wish to extend gratitude to everyone connected to the success of the Nunawading High School Golden Jubilee - 2005.

So on your behalf thanks go to:

Forest Hill College.

To the Principal, **Michael Waters**, and the staff and students of Forest Hill College, thank you for your willing and gracious hospitality. You gave us a home when ours had been demolished.

The Forest Hill College Band.

To the music students and staff who gave up their day to provide the ideal musical background for the celebrations. Despite distractions you were noticed and appreciated. As it turns out, it seems to have been quite a worthwhile gig.

The Speakers:

Thanks to the speakers who spent time crafting their velvet phrases and then found out on the day that just stepping forward aroused spontaneous appreciation. You could have said anything in that elevated mood of good will.

To **Michael Waters**, Principal of Forest Hill College; **Leigh Hobba**, Jack Hobba's nephew who came down from Canberra; **Ken Matchett**, Foundation Teacher; **Hugh Rogers**, Foundation Parent Association President; **Paul Jenés**, Student then Teacher in the final days. Thank you for providing the history that bound the day's significance.

Thanks to **Peter Jonson**, Nuna High student, economic, political and social pot stirrer, and our guest speaker. Peter was in the early stages of recovering from open-heart surgery but still turned up to do what he said he would. When given the chance to pull out he whispered, "Never yield mate!". **David Miles** was at Peter's side to see him through.

The Helpers:

Thanks to the people not in the organising group but who stepped in to help where and when they could.

Yvonne Moore who spent days and days, in a myriad of ways, successfully tracking down old students.

Thanks to **Peter Hocking** for arranging the catering vans; to **Marion Brenker** for distribution of the pre-Jubilee Newsletter as well as this one; to **Ian Armstrong** for Churinga advertising; to **Ann Ducray** for her assistance netting in articles for Churinga; to **John Lever** and **Ken Secretan** for their spontaneous assistance on the day; to the families who helped at the entrance gate, especially to **Mitsuko Penberthy**, and to other offspring and their connections who arranged the car parking so well. Flowers were sent to Mitsuko and a small gratuity was paid to the younger helpers. Thanks also to **Peter Meyer** for re-kindling the enthusiasm of the 1959/60 Tasmanian hiking group with his wonderful collection of colour photos, his work with Peter Fleming in producing a DVD of Peter's Standard 8 movie film of the trip, and the miniature train rides on the Saturday.

There are special thanks to Ray Brindle's daughter, **Kirrily Whatman**, and son in law **Steve Whatman**, for their creative and generous contribution to the production of Churinga. They were paid but far less than normal commercial rates.

The Organising Group.

Jodie Urquhart, Robyn Bright and Sue Ward for their efforts distributing hundreds of brochures throughout the Eastern Suburbs.

Noel Spurr for his efforts garnering support from the City of Whitehorse and for searching out contacts.

Rod Turner for organising the fabulous Jubilee Dinner. The success and happiness of that event went beyond anyone's anticipation.

Jan McPhail our embedded coordinator at Forest Hill College. Jan quietly developed her idea of what was needed and at the critical moment came through with everything required to make the arrangements at the school run so smoothly and efficiently.

Marion Pearson. Early on Marion bothered to ring in and see if she could help in some way. She had all the computer and organisational skills to manage the master list of contacts and distribute the Newsletters ... and agreed to do it. Priceless.

Jeff Penberthy. Rather surprised at himself Jeff started coming to meetings, and was further surprised at the pleasure he derived. Jeff was the sage in our midst. He also took on the job scanning archival material you will see in the DVD production.

Peter Rogers. Seemingly Pete's contribution was the excellent Memorabilia Exhibition. So it was. However that was not all. Pete was the spur that got things going in the very beginning.

Irene James. Staunch and true to the task Irene brought a woman's wisdom to our early decisions. Irene also spent many hours tracking down old colleagues.

Colin Barling. Set up and managed the NHS Jubilee website. For many, finding the website was a valuable confirmation of the Jubilee actually happening.

The following are the inner core that took the risk at the beginning and agreed to finance the Jubilee. They have since been reimbursed.

John Tozer. John gave wise financial counsel at all times. He also had the ability to quickly cut through the dross that cropped up in meetings. Devoted to the success of the DVD John is the one still deeply engaged with the Jubilee. He hopes to have the DVD ready for distribution in mid-March.

Robert Scott and Keith Davidson came on the committee as a team and from their wide experience exerted strong discipline on our budgeting. The financial success of the Jubilee began here.

Richard Donkin. A good money manager was essential to the outcome. Richard's efforts were exemplary. The financial results you will see below are the testimony.

Ray Brindle. Ray began as our nostalgia tragic. He had the ability to recall so many incidents from school that they alone could fill a meeting. Taking on responsibility for the production of the Jubilee edition of Churinga seemed a natural progression. It is safe to say that the success of the Jubilee day was assured when such a quality publication was there to hand out. The magazine arrived from the printers a couple of days before ... not even close to the photo finish Ray warned of. No one can reliably guess at the time and energy Ray put into the production of Churinga. It must have been exhausting. A great effort! A great result!

Finances:

The organising group had to take a punt on how many would attend the Jubilee. We decided, being conservatively and wisely guided, on four hundred people attending. Then we looked at our obvious expenses and decided on a registration fee of \$15 to cover costs of \$6,000. This would cover our basic expenses ... Newsletter production, postage and production of a modest version of Churinga.

Members of the group agreed to personally meet some extraneous costs associated with the Website establishment and various administration costs, particularly telephone expenses. It has been possible to reimburse these expenses so that no one is out of pocket for direct costs associated with the Jubilee.

As income from registrations and donations began to exceed our budget we decided to upgrade our notions for Churinga, increasing its size and photographic content. This allowed the editor to open his shoulders to the task.

As things turned out, when on Jubilee day so many turned up unexpectedly, the financial results were far more successful than we could have hoped for.

Farewell:

So dear colleagues comes the moment for my own personal thanks to the organising group who gave me unearned deep faith and friendship. It was a good team ... a very good team. The pleasure I have had from being part of this great Jubilee celebration is beyond measure.

To my old friends, to whom I had only a fleeting moment to express my pleasure of our reunion, I hope we see each other again - very soon.

With my deep affection to you all,

Anthony Mugg - Convenor, Nunawading High School Jubilee.

NHS JUBILEE - FINANCIAL RECONCILIATION

Income.

Registrations (835 x \$15)	12,525
Donations	4,020
Surplus from the Jubilee Dinner	1,353
Sales of Churinga (extra copies sold)	585
Sales of the DVD (to date)	2,970
Advertising in Churinga	1,900
Commissions (from bar and coffee vendor)	<u>300</u>
Total	23,653

Expenses.

Website	462
Newsletters - production and distribution	3,100
Churinga production	7,809
Video production	500
Band catering	80
Gratuities to Jubilee staff and parking attendants	450
Gifts to Forest Hill administration and staff	350
Post Jubilee data entry	100
Administration expenses	700
ISBN registration for Churinga and the DVDs	<u>150</u>
Total	<u>13,701</u>

Surplus **\$9,952**

Distribution of Surplus Funds.

Forest Hill College Music Department	1,500
Forest Hill College	3,500
Student support bursary at Forest Hill College	<u>4,952</u>

Total **\$9,952**

Completing the Archives.

We have searched through the Nunawading High School archives held in storage at Forest Hill College and scanned everything useful. All the material has been recorded on Digital Video Disc.

Many images from student's private albums have also been used. Some were displayed in the memorabilia exhibition on Jubilee day.

A video record of the celebrations was commissioned. We are adding film of the Jubilee celebrations and other associated events to the DVD. The DVD provides a permanent record of the school archives for future generations of historians and reunion organisers.

Many DVDs have already been ordered. The DVD will be available in two forms - to run on your TV, or to run on your PC or Mac - \$20 each or \$30 if you would like to receive both options. The price covers packaging and postage. Delivery will be in late March 2006.

If you can help with any additional images for the archives we need them by mid-February 2006.

Preferably they should be high quality full size scans or digital jpeg files at 300 pixels per inch and e-mailed to nhsjubilee@fastmail.com.au .

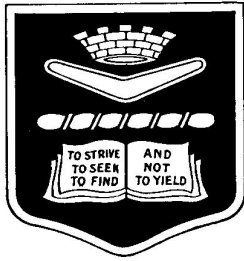
Prints may be sent, well packaged and preferably with a return envelope to

Nunawading High School Golden Jubilee
PO Box 74
Blackburn Victoria 3130.

Whilst we have over 1,400 images, there are still many gaps in class photos - the more we can fill, the more complete the archival record will be. The table below shows the current status of our collection.

John Tozer - Producer of the NHS Jubilee DVD.

Year	Class photo status	Year	Class photo status
1955	Only have 2A	1972	Only have 2A, 3F, 4B
1956	Complete	1973	Only have 1D, 5A
1957	Only have 1B&D, 3A&D	1974	Only have 2D, 6E
1958	Only have 4&5	1975	Only have 2F, 6D
1959	Have none!	1976	Have 4A, 5A-F, 6A-C, E-F
1960	Complete	1977	Only have 5C
1961	All except 1C&2B	1978	Only have 6D
1962	All except 1D	1979	All except 1C
1963	Complete	1980	Have none!
1964	Have 1D, 2A,B&C, 3A&B, 4B, 5A, 6C	1981	All except 7A1-2, C1, HG11-12, 11B
1965	Have 1B&D, 2D, 3A,B&C, 4A&B, 5B,	1982	All except 11D
1966	Have 1D, 2B&D, 3B, 4A&E, 5A&C, 6A	1983	Complete
1967	Have 2D, 3A&D, 4A&B, 5A,B&C, 6A	1984	All except HG18
1968	Complete	1985	Complete
1969	Have 1D, 4A&D, 5D&F, 6B	1986	Complete
1970	All except 1A-E	1987	All except year 10
1971	Only have 2F, 3B, 6C	1988	Complete
		1989	All except 9HG2, 10



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