

Ruby Jubilee
 '07
 1963-1967 STREAM

Golden Anniversary
 '07
 1953-1957

1943 DIAMOND
 1947 DIAMOND
 DIAMOND
 JUBILEE '07

Here are logos for three events that you could be part of during the first half of next year. Celebrations of 40, 50 and 60 years! Ruby Jubilee if you were in 1st year in 1963 and/or 2nd Yr in '64 and/or 3rd Yr in '65 and/or 4th Yr in '66 and/or 5th Yr in '67. **These are special reunions but only you can make them happen. For guidance—reservations@oldlions.org.au.**



passages

Kaunitz John ('62)

As a boy of 12 he & his family fled persecution in Hungary. Arriving in Sydney in '58 he enrolled at North Tech.

With limited spoken English, his 1st Yr teacher, Jack Barr pointed to a boy, "OK, you look after him". That boy, Gary Vandersluis, became his lifelong friend; John was Gary's Best Man. (Gary is former CEO of Lifeline. At North Tech, serious study blended with rock&roll and water skiing as he adapted to the Australian way of life.

In '66 he received a B.Sc in Pure & Applied Mathematics, then added a B.Eng (Hons) two years later. In between

academic pursuits, John spent time at the movies to improve his English.

In '67, he went to America as a research assistant on a scholarship. Here his interest in computer science emerged. "By watching a screen I could see how the adaptive noise canceller that I built 'learned' to transform one waveform into another. proving the mathematical hypothesis upon which I'd based my Ph.D was actually valid!"

After Stanford, John worked in telecommuni-

cation research with AT&T-Bell before returning home. In '85 John was appointed the first Head of IT for AMP General Insurance.

In '87 he embarked on a part-time MBA at UTS.

John now runs his own consulting firm ISDE (Information Systems Design and Engineering) specialising in business innovation using IT.

Mead Anthony Edgar ('55)

On leaving school, Tony took a job as an audit clerk with Smith Johnson & Co chartered accountants, and enrolled at the Metropolitan Business College. After about 15 months the nervous disorder that had started to develop at 13, kicked in.

Tony became a patient in the then Broughton Hall Psychiatric Clinic and was discharged after four months of treatment for acute melancholia.

He then enrolled for part-time study in architecture at UNSW, working during the day. In his fifth year of study he suffered a nervous breakdown. At his dad's suggestion, he "ran away" from his illness & booked a passage to England.

He spent seven years in London; made some good friends and was able to attend opera and symphony concerts, open air theatre in Regents Park & cricket at Lords.

In the last two years,

the mental condition became something of a problem again. He was unable to work and came close to suicide.

On returning to Sydney, he sought help



from Dr Harry Bailey, (the now infamous "deep-sleep

therapy" man) who performed unauthorised brain surgery on Tony, thankfully without negative effect (nor positive results!) He spent nearly all of the following year in the Gladesville (Psychiatric) Hospital.

Tony attempted to re-establish himself as a draftsman but was forced again to seek medical help and became a recipient of a Disability Support Pension: collecting donations for charity has become an interesting part-time occupation.

Tony is now trying his hand at writing.

I can sit at my computer, fully absorbed, for good lengths of time. And when I want a break, I can get up and take a walk down to the sea wall at Rushcutters Bay. So I'm a-havin' a shot at it! I've suffered my share of rejections, but, as in most spheres of life, perseverance is the name of the game.

At the conclusion of the funeral service, pall-bearers accidentally bumped into a wall, jarring Sarah's casket. They hear a faint moan. The casket is opened to find that the Sarah is still alive! She recovers and lives for a further ten years. — Again, a service is held. As the pall-bearers carry the casket towards the hearse, her husband, Syd, is heard to cry out, "Watch that wall!"

T.S.Eliot wrote 'Teach us to care...'

As far as we can tell, **The Old Lions Teachers' Luncheon** is the only event of its kind in Australia by any school, past or present; private or public – where the students still think so highly of their teaching staff (some in their 90s) that they are remembered in this unique way every year. It's not often students get a chance to sit over a pre-lunch beer and socialise with their former teachers...in what was the playground! And this, 37 years after the school was closed!

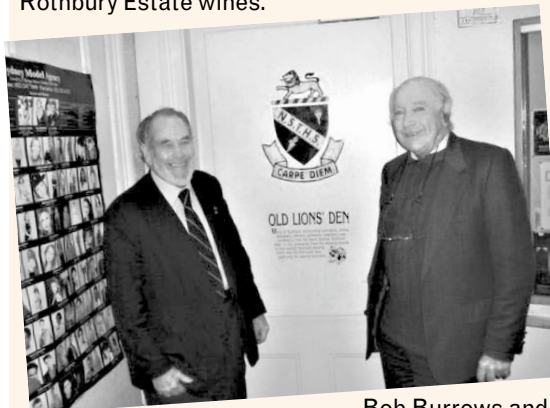


Present this year were (standing LtoR) Col Cooksey, Jack Little, Ian Henry, Ross Langford-Brown, Trevor Marriage, John Wood, Bob Burrows, Jack Smith, Jack Barr, Rob McAlpine. (Sitting LtoR) Mark Arnold, Von Barry, Ian Vacchini, Peter Ailwood, Lyle Goodyer.

Long-time work colleagues and regular lunch attendees, Jack Barr and Ian Henry



The hotel catering staff put on an excellent meal selection accompanied by Rothbury Estate wines.



Bob Burrows and Ian Vacchini are "double" Old Lions as both student and teacher at this school.

Greenwood's Grapevine newsletter of **The Old Lions**: former students and teachers of the first public school on the colony's north shore, developing through time as St Leonards Superior Public School, (Greenwood's) North Sydney Primary School, North Sydney Intermediate High School, North Sydney –Chatswood Junior High, North Sydney Technical High School.

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ReUnion'06 a Night of Nostalgia *No, not Neuralgia... Nostalgia!*

Annual Dinner, The Chatswood Club, 11 Help Street, **Friday, 3 November**, 6pm-10.30pm

Pictured above : where it all began. The stone schoolhouse off Blues Point Rd in Miller St, c. late 1860s. Probably no other school in Australia has successfully managed such upheavals, rapid expansion, sudden division, and curricula reorganisation in the name of progress. A relatively little-known school, which none-the-less produced an impressive list of high achievers (to which few other schools – private or public – would come close). This year commemorates 70 years since the restructure to create the short-lived North Sydney-Chatswood Junior High School.



"I'd come to reunions fairly regularly if more of my classmates there!"

Want to get in touch and keep in touch?

We can help! We'll give you a list of names of all the guys in your class and stream years, with last known address and phone number: many with email addresses!

In addition to them receiving the GG, you can contact the others personally and be sure there are friends from your years, sitting beside you, bragging and reminiscing. Start now, so we can get them ALL to the reunion in November.

Or you & your friends might like to arrange a Stream Reunion of your own for the first half of '07. (See top of page 4 for themed logos to use.)

2007 is the Emerald Anniversary for the 4852 stream. *Carpe diem.*

Contact David today for the data from your era, david@kylemarketing.com.au or 02 9440 7022 (He can also tell you tips on making it easy and effective).

NOSTALGIA

To create an appropriate nostalgic mood for the evening, the ReUnion organisers plan to have a running presentation of school day photos projected onto a screen during the dinner.

Please email photos from your era to david@kylemarketing.com.au or

02 9440 7022.

To make sure we know what is what and who is who, please name each pic file, eg. "Cadets57.jpg"

If you're mailing us some photos, again please make sure each photo is clearly captioned and that you are also identified as the donor.

MILESTONES

Disappointed that the Golden Anniversary of the 5256 Stream failed to get off the ground, **Geoff Harris** is organising a special table for classmates. Contact him at harrisgc@aapt.net.au; 0439 724 202; (03) 9772 4202, or in Sydney

Graeme Montgomery

4gommo10@gmail.com or else **Norm Hayes** n.j.hayes@bigpond.com to arrange preferential table seating.

You must still book and pay direct to TOL using the form on your address carrier.

GETTING TO & FROM

The Chatswood Club is



Monkey Bar Parking, entry via Endeavour St.

ReUnion'06 — Special tables for 1936 to 1941 "veterans"

Left: North Sydney, Milson's Point c. 1954.

just a short walk from the Chatswood Railway Station, and Bus Interchange area.

\$5 Parking (see map)

RAFFLE PRIZES

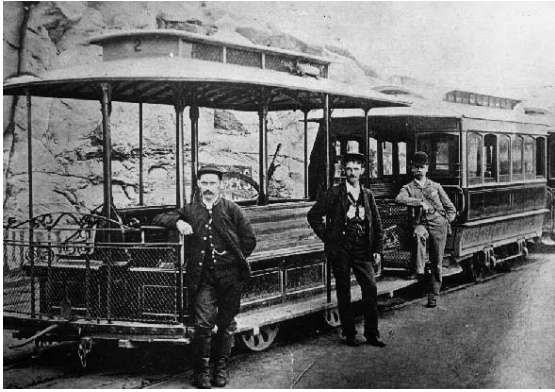
This year's prizes incl. 2 nights at Thornton Country Retreat, Qld., champers on arrival and breakfasts—donated by Warren Jefferys ('62).

Also a 51cm colour TV—donated by "Good Guy" David Wenden ('60).

Mem'ries

Painfully carrying my suitcase home after receiving the cane—well-deserved, of course—from Reg Burdon. Bernard Brooks ('59).

GETTING TO ST LEONARDS PUBLIC SCHOOL



A cable-tram service opened 22 May 1886. It ran from Milsons Point Wharf along Alfred Street, up Blue Street into Miller Street and on to Ridge Street. In July 1893, the system was extended further along Miller Street, left into Falcon Street then up the hill to join Lane Cove Road (later Pacific Highway) at Crows Nest.



If the trams were off, you could always ride your horse! Here's looking down Blue Street from the Miller Street corner about 1923. The person on the horse is roughly at the entrance to North Shore Gas Coy (or what is now NSW Health Services).

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Wazza and Gazza had been friends for decades. They had shared all kinds of adventures but lately had been limited to meeting a few times a week. One day, they were playing cards when Gazza looked across the table and said, "Now don't get mad at me... I know we've been friends for a long time but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

For at least three minutes Wazza just stared and glared back at him. Finally he mumbles, "How soon do you need to know?" □□□□□□□□□□□□□□

WHO'S WHO?

Calcutt, Alan (FINANCE)
9973 1295, 0438 256 165
Kyle, David (MEM.SERVICES)
9440 7022, 0412 323 256
Long, Kevin (DATABASE)
9948 5923
Maclean, Alan (GC Ed.)
9939 0888 Voice&Fax
McCallum, Gerald (DEN)
9876 5528
Seccombe, Cam (ADMIN)
9795 2550, 0418 409 324
Vogan, Allen
(MERCHANDISE) 9959 5446

You can Assist

We're still looking for "occasional" assistance. **Photographer**...to make photographic studies of the stone building, both inside and out. We will obtain approvals from Greenwood Hotel. No pay! Heaps of praise!!!

Den Curator...to take an interest in our historical display stuff in the den and help out with research. *Call the Pres. for keys of the kingdom.*

Raffle Prizes...perhaps you, or the company you work for, are in a position to donate small products, services or gift vouchers to a not-for-profit organisation like TOL.

Chasers...to follow-up classmates for Re-union. *Contact david@kylemarketing.com.au.* 02 9440 7022

English 5B with fond recollections of Jack Barr

New words, and new meanings for existing words, from the business world.

Testiculating—Waving your arms around and talking b*lllocks.

Blamestorming—Sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.

Seagull Manager—A manager who flies in, makes a lot of noise, craps on everything, and then leaves.

Arsmosis—The process by which people seem to absorb success and advancement by sucking up to the boss rather than working hard.

Salmon Day—The experience of spending an entire day swimming upstream only to get screwed and die.

Cube Farm—An office filled with work-station cubicles.

Mouse Potato—The on-line, wired generation's answer to the couch potato.

Sitcoms—Single Income, Two Children, Oppressive Mortgage. What yuppies turn into when they have children and one of them stops working to stay home with the kids or start a "home business".

Stress Puppy—A person who seems to thrive on being stressed out and whiny.

Percussive Maintenance—The fine art of whacking the cr*p out of your computer or other electronic device to get it to work again.

Adminisphere—The rarefied organisational layers beginning just above the rank and file. Decisions that fall from the "adminisphere" are often profoundly inappropriate or irrelevant to the problems they were designed to solve. This is often affiliated with dreaded "administrivia"...needless paperwork and processes.

404—Someone who's clueless—from the World Wide Web error message "404 Not Found," meaning that the requested document could not be located.

Ohnosecond—That minuscule portion of time during which you realise that you've just made a BIG mistake (eg., you've hit "reply all" to a rather cryptic email response)

Where are they now? Mailings to these OLs have been returned. Do you know where they are now?

Avery, Donald A	1953	5 Raglan Street	Mosman	NSW	2088	8/11/40
Cashman, John H	1953	'Frangipani', 5 Madden St	Fernhill	VIC	3458	9/8/40
Cole, Graham Arthur	1967	Ridley College	Parkville	VIC	3052	28/7/53
Crooks, Andrew John	1969	72 Townsend St	Finley	NSW	2713	8/6/59
Daniels, Warwick J	1946	4 Forde Place	Wahroonga	NSW	2076	27/7/33
Davis, Ian Charles	1961	24 Orleans Way	Castle Hill	NSW	2154	27/5/48
Dawson, Robert James	1949	98 Overall Drive	Pottsville	NSW	2489	19/10/37
Dobson, Robert John	1969	52 Overdale Drive	Wagga Wagga	NSW	2650	17/5/58
Duffy, Vincent N	1942	10 King Street	Berowra	NSW	2081	27/9/31
Fowler, Francis J	1942	4/35 Grasmere Road	Cremorne	NSW	2080	8/8/31
Garnsey, Ray McPherson	1966	31A Morshead Rd	Mt. Annan	NSW	2567	16/12/53
Hambly, Colin Edward	1969	18 Gears Avenue	Drummoyne	NSW	2047	21/3/56
Hamor, Harry M		80 Wycombe Road	Neutral Bay	NSW	2089	
Harris, Geoffrey Charles	1956?	61B Golden Ave	Chelsea	VIC	3196	23/11/43
Heath, Kenneth James	1944	"Bindawalla"	Quirindi	NSW	2343	18/5/31
Hosking, Leslie Victor	1960	5 Ivey Street	Lindfield	NSW	2070	27/12/48
Jacka, William Knight	1960	45 West Street	North Sydney	NSW	2060	24/12/47
Jory, Stephen Richard	1965	PO Box 570	Baulkham Hills	NSW	2153	15/8/52
King, Kevin	1959	14 Wattle Crescent	Pegans Bay	NSW	2256	28/3/49
Laing, Robert James	1956?	511 Fernbank Creek Rd	Fernbank Creek	NSW	2444	1/8/44
Leppinus, Roger William	1961	14 Martin Place, #1203	Sydney	NSW	2000	12/4/48
Livingstone, Thomas	1969	c/-Officers Mess, RAAF	Richmond	NSW	2755	10/10/58
Mackay, John William	1961	7/12 Lwr Wycombe Rd	Neutral Bay	NSW	2080	21/6/49
Mason, Brian John	1956?	41 Janet Street	Jesmond	NSW	2299	24/10/43
Melville, Graeme	1960	14 Barkly Crescent	Forrest	ACT	2603	21/4/47
Merrington, David	1954	75 Woolwich Road	Hunters Hill	NSW	2110	30/4/42
Nelson, Gregory Ian	1967	2 Primula Street	Lindfield	NSW	2070	1/6/53
O'Donnell, Neil Robert	1960	5 Fordholm Avenue	Hawthorn	VIC	3122	14/9/47
Osborn, Richard Max	1959	5/1 Cremorne Road	Cremorne	NSW	2090	24/4/47
Parker, Rodney Norman	1952	18 Shank Avenue	Metford	NSW	2323	29/11/41
Parr, John	1943	8 Wyralla Road	Yowie Bay	NSW	2228	6/12/30
Pieremont, Graeme John	1960	21 Damson Place	Elanora	QLD	4221	23/10/46
Pippard, Kevin William	1968	15/40 Victoria Street	Potts Point	NSW	2011	10/3/54
Pollak, Michael Peter	1965	PO Box 1270	Bondi Junction	NSW	1355	24/10/52
Rasmussen, Peter Roydon	1943	1 John Forrest Place	Sunshine Bay	NSW	2536	
Reddel, Colin Richard	1964	11 Roosevelt Avenue	Allambie Heights	NSW	2100	1/9/51
Ritchie, Harvey Raymond	1955	PO Box 92	Mandurah	WA	6210	12/1/45
Sadler, Lawrence James	1945	33 Orchard Street	Taralga	NSW	2580	14/7/31
Sanders, Mark Lawrence	1967	14 Seaview Avenue	Curl Curl	NSW	2096	11/3/54
Sands, John Richard	1950	PO Box 46	Ainslie	ACT	2602	12/7/38
Sloss, Walter Keith	1968	65 Hordern Street	Newtown	NSW	2042	24/8/54
Stinson, Arthur Clement	1958	176 Burns Bay Road	Lane Cove	NSW	2066	19/1/46
Toft, Ron Simco	1950	22 Shannon Drive	Albion Park	NSW	2527	24/11/37
Tope, Brian Keith	1960	6/65 Werona Avenue	Gordon	NSW	2072	27/12/46
Treglow, David John	1957	194 Darling Street	Balmain	NSW	2041	27/12/44
Vinton, Maxwell Bruce	1943	11 St Marks Avenue	Castle Hill	NSW	2154	14/1/32
Wagschall, James Alex	1948	PO Box 72	Nana Glen	NSW	2450	20/1/35
Wallace, John W	1948	406/22 Sutherland St	Cremorne	NSW	2090	30/7/37
Wardrop, Warwick C	1944	28 Blackbutt Road	Frenchs Forest	NSW	2086	24/7/32
Wilms-Harvey, Stephen	1959	3/17-27 Pennant Hills Rd	Wahroongah	NSW	2076	27/4/49
Wilson, John Carlisle	1955	Mangaplath, 54 Stuart St	Longueville	NSW	2066	24/3/43
Wulff, Peter Theodore	1956	PO Box 709	Runaway Bay	QLD	4216	26/11/42

G'day Leo,

"United we stand..." has been a true catch-cry for organisations throughout the ages. Nothing could be better said for The Old Lions. In this issue we're making a concentrated appeal for YOU to help us find lost OLs and perhaps locate others who have moved and forgotten to let us know of their new address

To your left, at the bottom of page 2 is a list of OLs together with DoB and last known address. If you know them, or know of them, get in touch and give them a swift kick up the how's-yer-father.

With this mailing you will also have received an invite to a "Lion-Hunting Safari". It lists the names of former students that we have never been able to locate. It also shows their DoB & Stream. Yes, it's an extra cost that the management team will have to budget for, but we feel it's well justified.

The more of these former students we can locate, the stronger TOL, the more earlier friendships will be re-activated...the greater the camaraderie and *esprit de corps* shared by everyone.

Do read Tony Mead's moving story in "Passages" pg 4.

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Carpe Diem.

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The enclosed donation replies to your request for older Life members to support this wonderful association *writes Neil Etherington* ('42). The distance (from Sussex Inlet), & the hour, makes it difficult to attend the Annual Dinner. I'd probably spend much of my time lost in the cross-city tunnel. Please accept my appreciation of the committee's work.

Graeme, when you went to North Sydney Technical High and parents were asked to come along, I remember Mr Ireland, telling us the benefits of a technical high school. He said, "Imagine there is a bare tree in the ground and you are doing academic subjects...foliage breaks forth on one side of the tree. When you do technical subjects...the other side of the tree blossoms, and you have a well-rounded tree. You can then see which side you should pursue in later life." The other wonderful thing about the school was its delight in good music—and they presented a very inspiring night of song yearly in the Sydney Town Hall.

Graeme, we don't who you are, but your Mum's recollections that we found on the internet made a delightful read. Please reply!!!

I seem to remember my days at school as being one long laugh interspersed with brief and completely futile attempts to achieve academically *writes David Flint* ('53). It became apparent that I was wasting my time so after 4th Yr, I headed to Hawkesbury Ag College.

After a further year, it was off jackarooing to New England. I've then been working and managing sheep and cattle stations in SA & WA. For the past 30 years I was manager of a station in the Menindee area of western NSW.

The GG helps keep the happy memories alive &

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familiar names keep cropping up. My cheque covers three years of arrears and should take me through to 2008.

Best wishes for the continued success of TOL

Names in the News

Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Sydney has invited Dr **Terry Beed** ('55) to accept the position of Honorary Associate Professor in the School of Business, for three years commencing 1 July 2006.

Another returned to the den after a period in the wilderness. **Alan Reid** ('38) has renewed his membership after being gently persuaded by Bowral Orthodontist, Dr **David Scott** ('63).

More ruffled feathers

"Please encourage every Falconian colleague that you know to join, if for no other reason, to eliminate any superiority complex that The Old Lions might mistakenly think they justifiably hold."

excerpt from June 'Falconia' as a result of our par in the March GG—but elsewhere...

After the disappointing cancellation of the 05 Lunch for poor response the Old Falconians Union board is reluctant to arrange such an event

Vale

Ian Henry, OAM.
TEACHER, MATHS, NSTHS
1 September 2006
fondly remembered
by his many students

(for this 2006) unless demand warrants it."

See TOL Teachers' Lunch report in this issue. Doesn't this give you pride in your Pride.

I'm embarrassed that I've remained unfinancial for so long. Please accept my apologies and my cheque for the current years plus a donation that in no way makes up for the deficit, *writes John Low* ('62) of Leura. Thank you for continuing to send the GG which I thoroughly enjoy reading.

Wally generously gives of himself to the community; he is a founder of Neighbourhood Watch, East Killara, volunteers as Bush Regenerator at one of our sites near Jindalee Place & a tireless worker for the Lindara Family Program.

Congrats to **Wally Knowles** ('58), recipient of the Kuringgai Mayoral Centenary Award.

I love reading each copy of the GG; there are so many little bits of news and stories, *writes Millie Rea* n.Galloway ('28).

I attended in the early 30s (1st & 2nd class Infants and 3rd & 4th Girls Primary)... not long before "Primary" was moved to the new school at "Lady Hayes" further up the road (cnr Pacific Highway and Bay Rd. I'm almost 83 but surely I'm not the only survivor of this era. If there are any out there with memories of their early school days I'd love to read about it in the GG.

A falling off from "olde world courtesy" for which J.B.Ireland commended me 53 years ago, *writes Walter Pike* (English/History '53-'68).

I hang my head in shame for failing to let you know I was unable to be at the recent Teachers' Lunch due to increasing unsteadiness on my pins and a hiatus while waiting for a new hearing aid.

Descendant of Sir Henry Parkes (Father of Federation) **Ian Thom** ('59) was at Centennial Park in August at the start of a long-term tree replacement program. Ian "turned the soil" for a young Angaphora (Sydney red gum) planted near the statue of his great-great-grandfather.

The Mystery of the Siren

In the 40s & 50s we had "bell-boys" who were nominated to slip out of class a little early & ring hand-bells in the upper and lower playgrounds to signal each 40 minute teaching period. Later they became "whistle-boys". In the final years, periods were sounded from the admin office by a siren.

When the wreckers moved in, the siren mysteriously disappeared!

Fully restored by Bill Marjoram, the siren's wail was heard again to sound the end of each Annual ReUnion.

OL Russell Lyons, then an alderman with Mosman Council, arranged with your Committee to borrow the siren for an official Council function.

Who remembers Russell and John Pym reprising their *Gilbert & Sullivan* roles on stage at the Kirribilli Club?

Now both Russel & the siren have disappeared!

There's a contract out. Big Al wants da siren back! Does anyone know Russell, his whereabouts, his family, his relatives, his friends? We'll make it wort' yer wile!

TRANSITS

Carpenter, John ('50) from Frenchs Forest to Batemans Bay

Flint, David ('63) from Menindee NSW to Aldgate SA

Flick, Albert J ('37) from Toowoomba to Highfields QLD

Jude, Jock Page ('64) from Carindale QLD to Mosman NSW

McIlraith, Robert G ('67) from Collaroy to Pyrmont NSW