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The Class of 1966-67

Celebrated a wonderful 30th *and a bit* reunion on the weekend of July 10, 11 & 12.

The weekend began with an informal get together at Romanos. There was lots of laughter and guessing who was who. By half way through the night, everyone found that the years had just melted away.

The camaraderie of over thirty years ago was back as strong as ever and continued throughout the whole weekend.

A larger group attended the Registration and lunch at the Old Campus on Saturday. Registration and lunch were put on hold while mounds of memorabilia

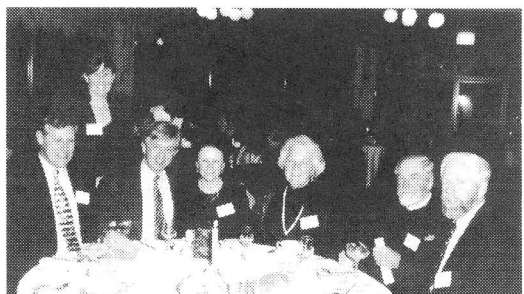
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L-R:- Jenny Blake, Leslie & Bruce Forbes, Chris Blake, Jenny Maxie, Rod Maxie, Cathy Bradley, Helen Renshaw, Gillian Reineker.



L-R: Grahame Martin, Marie Russell, Sue Martin, Andrew Maxwell, Alan Manning, Mark Patrick, Alan Maxwell and Bronwyn Patrick.



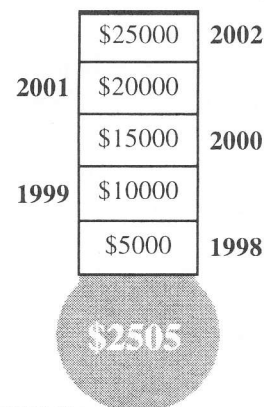
Joseph Everitt, Wendy Everitt, Ian Hanson, Kathy Hanson, Professor Judith Parker, Ron Vickress and David Johns

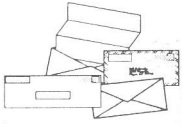
The Spirit of Giving is Alive and Well

Since the March issue of Talkabout, gifts towards the Scholarship Appeal have been coming in at a steady rate. So far, 97 Wagga Alumni have contributed \$2505 towards this year's target of \$5000. Yes, we are halfway there. We have had several \$50 and \$100 gifts making the average gift \$26(approx.). Keeping in mind that Alumni were asked to make a gift of \$20 on an annual basis, this is an encouraging result so far.

Those of you who may have been a little hesitant about this form of giving, will see from the list on page 7 that a wide cross section of WWTC Alumni have made the decision to give to this worthwhile project. If you now feel that you might like to join your colleagues, then please complete the form that has been included with this issue of Talkabout and send it back with your gift to the Alumni Office.

REMEMBER any gift over \$2 is TAX DEDUCTIBLE.





Letter from the President

It has been just twelve months since the inaugural meeting to establish the Wagga Wagga Teachers' College Alumni Association was held. The meeting took place as part of the 50th Anniversary Reunion of WWTC ex-students.

At that meeting, the elected Board of WWTC Alumni Association was charged with the responsibility to "establish a scholarship fund in the name of WWTC Alumni Assoc." to provide educational opportunities etc.

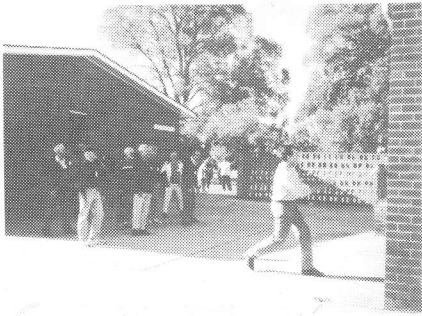
This responsibility has been

discharged following intensive debate by members of the Board. Since then, involvement of the role of the Board has taken place. Some of these roles are reflected in the pages of "Talkabout" as we seek to strengthen our lines of communication, co-ordinate activities as organised by the reps from various sessions, provide information to and receive information from our colleagues and provide a forum for comment. The Board of Management also had to 'oversee the development of a Constitution that reflects the wishes of the Members'. This is

being addressed as we hasten slowly to ensure that we adequately reflect the wishes of our colleagues.

I would like to express my admiration to those who have laboured long and hard to struggle through these first twelve months and achieve what they have. They truly reflect the spirit of those long ago college days. The task is not easy, but with the affection we have for one another and for WWTC and with the occasional word of encouragement and support, we will succeed.

Bob Collard
President



Returned to the "Dorms" for the old game of "Jerks"

were inspected by an eager audience. The Archives Office and ex-students had dusted off old files of photographs, newspaper clippings, programmes and documents. Laughter and gasps of disbelief were evoked by the album of mug shots showing how the new arrivals to WWTC appeared in 1966. Amazingly some, like Dianne Summergreene, appear unchanged after thirty years, while many others gracefully accept the moderation of time. Ron Vickress was there recalling those students who appeared in his drama productions as if it were yesterday. Performances with

Ildiko Koro, Henry Lohse and Bronwyn Patrick were relived. Out in the courtyard, Gordon Young, was also renewing old friendships.

Showing that boys will always be boys, a tennis ball appeared for a game of jerks. Heroic deeds came back as Geoff Munns, Denis Mootz, George Harris and Peter Whitelaw displayed speed and skills little diminished by time. The women, deprived of jerks because of segregation, were lost in wonder!

The Reunion Dinner at the Garden Court Restaurant on Saturday night drew the largest crowd of the weekend. Our Master of Ceremonies was David Johns who performed his duties with style, encouraging us to tell of tales tall and true from our legendary past. Guest speaker, Associate Professor Judith Parker added to the flavour of the reunion by recalling how her career as a lecturer in teacher education

began in Wagga thirty years ago. Judy entertained the audience with an account of the incongruous and humorous events that she encountered as a young woman. However, she also stressed a strong belief that society should give greater respect to teachers and recognise the importance of the work they perform.

The honour of cutting the Reunion cake was given to Bronwyn Patrick, on the grounds that she had travelled the greatest distance. Tongue in cheek, Alan Hayes claimed that his flight from Zurich late in the week eclipsed all others.

Hours turned to minutes as truth and myth were relived and too soon the night was over.

A quieter day on Sunday began with a small band gathering at St Martin's for the Ecumenical Service. Barbara Davies prepared and led a

meaningful service of prayer and reflection on ourselves and our lives. At the service, we lit seven candles for those who are no longer with us.

The Reunion wound down in the relaxed atmosphere of the Sunday Brunch. What an ideal way to conclude a memorable weekend. There was time for conversation, groups merged and there was a reluctance to leave.

Almost the last to depart, Allan Rhodes probably best summed up the weekend saying, that he and Carmel had anticipated a great time but the enjoyment they had was far beyond their expectations.

from Jenny & Chris Blake



After the Church Service
In front of the cross are seven candles for those who have died.

From the past
**College & Teaching
 Anecdotes**

CHOOKS AS SECURITY

When teaching in a small country town I was given a composite class of Grades Two, Three and 4B. In the 4B was a thirteen year old boy - Arthur - who had difficulty with reading and writing.

Although required to write three separate and distinct programmes of work for these grades, I always added something special for Arthur

and worked hard to help him achieve. One day I was surprised to receive a visit from Arthur's parents.

My surprise turned to amazement when they revealed the purpose of their visit.

"We don't want Arthur to be pushed too 'ard. We don't care if he learns nuthin' as long as 'e's happy. We're buying him chooks!"

The "chooks" were to provide for Arthur's future.

Winifred Wilcox (*Walshaw*)
 1947-48

AT THE PICTURES

Showing at the Capitol June 1948
 Cary Grant -- Ingrid Bergman. In
 "NOTORIOUS"

(Note: It's nearly time it showed up on free to air T.V. - Ed)

How the language has changed!

An advertisement for
 Kelly & Cunningham;

"SNAPPY STYLES
 IN PULLOVERS, CARDIGANS
 & JACKETS

FOR GAY YOUNG LADIES"



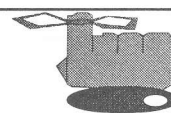
**Any
 Idea?**

**WHERE THEY ARE
 NOW?**

Arthur J. Morgan
 (WWTC 1948-49)

Last known teaching in the far north-west (BYROCK ?) possibly in early 1960s; married to Edna 1950; an old college mate would appreciate any information re his whereabouts.

contact - JOHN RILEY – PH. (02) 95255304



ANECDOTES

Since the last Talkabout, John Riley has received anecdotes from the following:

1947-48 Session

Eddie Raskall and
 Bill O'Sullivan,
 Morton Rawlin,
 Kevin Wilcox,
 Winifred Wilcox.

1948-49 Session

Bob Collard

1953-54 Session

Margery Bonsor

John requests that you keep those memories rolling in as he says there must be hundreds more like them.

**ALUMNI SERVICES
 ON THE WEB**

at
www.csu.edu.au/division/alumni/
 OR
 email to alumni@csu.edu.au

"KEEP in TOUCH"

**For all your Reunion enquiries or anything
 else please call:**

The Alumni Office

(02) 633 84629

**1998 WWTC Alumni Association
 Meeting Schedule**

The committee will meet each quarter at 11am on the second Tuesday of the month at the NSW Teachers' Credit Union, 28-38 Powell Street, Homebush.

Dates are:-

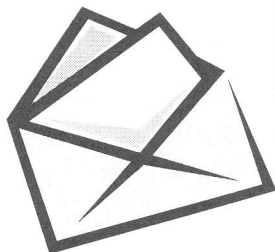
August 11 and November 10

All Wagga Wagga Teachers' College Alumni are invited to attend each meeting and join in discussion.

Please contact the Secretary,

Ann Smith on (02) 96350449 if you wish to attend future meetings and stay for lunch or just turn up on the day for the meeting only.

Snippets



I am enjoying this contact through Talkabout, hearing about the people and doings of the past - great memories are revived. Communication to us through the magazine must revive and keep alive the spirit we all shared so many years ago.

Joan Stanford (Kuskey)
1949-50

What a great idea! Talkabout should become a great medium for communication with, for and of ex-students of our beloved WWTC. My two years (1957-58) there remain today as the best two years of my life and our reunion last Anzac Day weekend was absolutely the greatest experience.....it is now some years since I "threw the chalk" away but I certainly have no regrets. Best wishes for success with Talkabout.

Jeanette Briggs (Mould)

A good start seems to have been made and I wish you and the committee good luck.

Ian Thomas 1947-49

I was very interested when I read about the lunch meetings you've had with the group from our year....I was delighted to recognise so many of the names.....Please give my regards to those whom you meet at the next lunch Best wishes for many more happy get togethers.

Judy Smith (Newman)
1949-50

..... Thanks to you and the committee for all your work in handling the affairs of WWTC Talkabout etc.

Jan Suanders (Gallagher)
1955-56

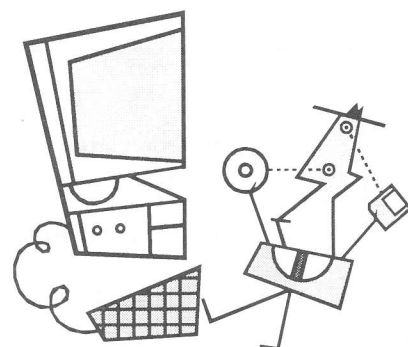
Congratulations on the wonderful initiative of Talkabout. WWTC was a great period of my life and I cherish the memories and the lifelong friendships.....your initiative will help to keep the bonds.

Paul Gunning
1965-66

Thank you for your part in producing the current Talkabout. I know that it is not easy to produce copy and distribute the finished product, particularly to such diverse audiences and locations. It is interesting to learn of the "Social Happenings" and I shall try to time a visit to Sydney with an appropriate date.

I look forward to reading the anecdotes from the retirees to hear what new adventures they have taken on or what hedonistic activities are associated with their retirement! It was a bit depressing to read the "We Remember" page, perhaps it could be tempered with new and exciting travel locations folk have discovered here on earth! I will in future contribute something to your newsletter but perhaps the "locals" should "have a go" first.

Ella Keesing
1950-51





Social Happenings 1998

Report of the WWTC 53-54 Southern Highlands gathering 18-19 April 1998

A handful of keen WWTC 54 graduates met at the Mittagong "i" mid-morning as arranged. We were soon joining in free sausage sandwiches offered outside a Mittagong camera shop, and coffee in the garden of The Old Bank Cafe. After provisioning for lunch, we moved out to the Quindalup tree and shrub nursery south of Bowral and had a relaxed picnic under the trees. Contact was made with the 57

group enjoying themselves in style at Ranelagh House, Robertson. Following afternoon tea in Bowral, we moved on to Moss Vale where we enjoyed a Lebanese banquet. Those staying overnight met up at Bundanoon and visited several parts of the Morton National Park before leaving for home. Our next opportunity to meet will be during the Floriade meeting in Canberra in September, being organised by Mrs Robin McKinnon (Williams) (02) 9878 1857.

from Noel Haberecht

Reunion of WWTC 1956-57 SESSION.

On the 18th April, 1998, 'Ranelagh' at Robertson in the Southern Highlands, was the venue for the reunion of the 1956-57 session of Wagga Teachers' College. Many of those who attended had not met since their 1957 graduation. With perfect weather and almost 50% of the graduating class present, the event was such a success that the group decided to meet again at the same venue in 2000. We had 103 people attend with most of us staying for the weekend. There were many tired but happy people late on the Saturday evening!

Lots of us arrived with a few misgivings thinking that we'd not recognise old friends, (or perhaps ourselves, not be remembered by others). After a few gasps and laughs, lots of hugs and kisses, we managed to pick up, almost as though we were back at col-

lege. People came from Darwin, Queensland, Victoria, far flung parts of N.S.W and one colleague even came from Spain. Naturally lots of addresses and phone numbers were exchanged. As well there were long talks between old friends trying to catch up the forty year gap. We also paused to remember the eleven members of our session who have died. There was general agreement amongst those present that WWTC 1956-67 were special years in their lives.

Sincere thanks to the team at the Alumni Office in Bathurst for assisting in the organisation of our wonderful weekend. Madeleine McCall has kindly offered to put together a booklet outlining details of the lives / careers of members of our session. If you want to be included, please send your "life story" to her soon at 26 Wendell Ave, Northmead 2152.

from Irene Critten-



1958-59 Reunion

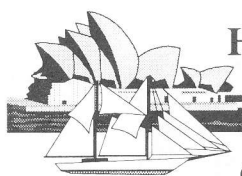
VENUE: Wagga Wagga

Date: 28, 29 & 30 August, 1998

(Note: date changed from June long weekend)

For more information, please contact:

Ruth Jeans (Cook) in Sydney on (02) 99533232 or
Lucy Denley (Jones) in Canberra on (02) 62952718



Harbour Cruise Lunch

Tuesday

Anybody for a Harbour Cruise Lunch on 1st September, 1998?

Cruise departs Darling Harbour 12.15 pm
returning to Darling Harbour at 2.25 pm

Cost: \$48 per adult

Closing date: 11th August, 1998

Contact: June Hadley, (02) 9875 3949

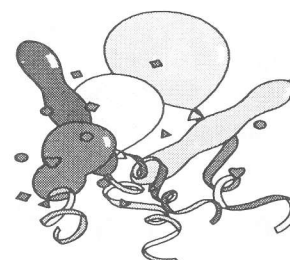
1951-52 plus 1952-53 Reunion

VENUE: Canberra International Hotel

Proposed Date: 22nd & 23rd September, 1998
(during Floriade)

For information on this "Get together" please contact:

R. McKinnon, 2 Clarence Street, North Ryde NSW or phone (02) 98781857



Social Happenings 1999



1947-51 Reunion

VENUE: Canberra

Date: April, 1999

For more information, please contact:

Dorothy Judd (Collins) on (02) 62487542

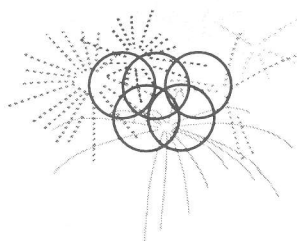
1967-68 Reunion

DATE & VENUE to be advised

For more information contact:-

Jenny & Paul Williams on (02) 69223662

2000



RCAE 1974

Last of the WWTC groups

DATE & VENUE to be advised

For more information contact:-

Beverley Raward on (02) 66550592

Interested in having a Reunion?

The Alumni Team
(Michael, Michelle & Marion)
is here to help you.
Just give us a call and we will be able to
advise and assist in the
organisation of your special event.

Phone: (02) 63384629

To Mr Lew Crabtree - Reunion 1958-59

Dear Lew

I was delighted to receive the March issue of "Talkabout". It's a great initiative and I will look forward to receiving each copy. I was lucky to be able to keep a fairly close relationship with WWTC when I began teaching and this has continued to the present time as I am now a member of the Board of Governors of Charles Sturt University.

You might be interested to know that the "boys" of Ipai (1958-59 session) held a reunion in January this year to mark the 40th Anniversary.

Those in attendance were:

Rod Berkley	Retired
Terry Burke	Deputy Director-General (Operations), Department of Education & Training
Ted Kay	Retired from Education Department in Darwin
Phil Pryor	Retired
Peter Dobson	Retired
Ted Syme	Retired
Warren Bingham	Retired
Dave Mulrooney	Principal, Uranquinty Public School
Dick Waring	Retired
Keith Heales	Retired
John Bevan	Casual Teaching
Ron Burns	Sports Administration – Canberra
Paul Slater	Retired
Kevin Plummer	Private Industry
John Sutton	Assistant Director-General (Primary Education), Department of Education & Training
Geoff Tasker	Apologised

The night began with drinks at the Lord Nelson Hotel and then moved to a nearby Chinese restaurant where the whole body of patrons was able to hear stories of WWTC 1958/9!

It was a great night and wonderful to see just how well we all still knew one another after such a long period of time. I have mailing addresses and some phone numbers for those who attended if you are interested. All of those who attended would, I am sure, support the work of the Alumni Association and Scholarship fund. I would be pleased to help and I am looking forward to the reunion planned for June for our session.

Best wishes
John Sutton

Notes from the Minutes

LAST MEETING

Held on Tuesday 12th May at the Teachers' Credit Union, Homebush. Present were Bob Collard, June Hadley, John Riley, Lew Crabtree, Lindsay Budd, Dorothy Tanner, Nigel Tanner, Lew Morrell, Graeme Wilson, Col Crittenden, Ann Smith and Michael Fogarty.

APOLOGIES

Roy Parker, Phil Bastick, Lorna Robinson.

VALE

Frank Lees advised by letter that William John Lane of Coffs Harbour passed away on 15/1/98.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Scholarship Fund is receiving good support. At the time of going to press over \$2,500 had been received. The names of gift givers appear below. It was noted that all gifts to the Fund are TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

CONSTITUTION

The DRAFT Constitution was reviewed and several amendments were made to make it more suitable for the operations of the Association. It will be retyped and presented at the next meeting.

REUNIONS

It was agreed that reunions were open to anyone who felt they had a connection with the particular group having the reunion eg. For a 1958-9 reunion members of the 1960 group would be welcome to join in also.

ANECDOTES

John Riley wants to see more anecdotes. Keep them coming.

BACK COPIES OF TALKABOUT 1947-1972

The Editors would like to build up a file of back copies of TALKABOUT produced during College days. Any one wishing to donate them to posterity please send them to the Alumni Office.

SONG BOOK

A songbook is being compiled for use at reunions. Any one having copies of College songs from their era please forward them to the Alumni Office. Please indicate tune to which it is sung and the origins/author etc. if known.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee is being held on Tuesday 11th August 1998 at the Teachers' Credit Union 28-38 Powell St, Homebush at 11am. Spouses welcome. Please notify Ann Smith on 02 9635 0449 if you wish to stay for a light sandwich lunch after the meeting.



Scholarship Appeal



Gifts received from

Mrs Sylvia Andrews
Mr Robert Armytage
Mrs Vera Anderberg
Mrs Faye Blackhurst
Ms Catherine Blyton
Mrs Margery Bonsor
Mrs Jeanette Briggs
Mrs Noreen Brown
Mr Lindsay Budd
Mr James Butler
Mr Bob Cady
Ms Patricia Carr
Mrs Inge-Maria Carter
Mr Keith Cheney
Professoressa Eden-Margaret
Clay McLean
Mr Roger Clements
Mr Bob & Mrs Olga Collard
Mrs Lorraine Colvin
Mrs Patricia Condon
Dr Victor Couch
Mrs Pamela Cowie
Mrs Lorraine Cragg
Mr Colin Crittenden

Mrs Yvonne Day
Mrs Aileen Dillon
Mr Peter Dobson
Ms Wilma Emerton
Mr David Farmer
Mr Albert Foggett
Mr Doug Gamble
Mrs Janet Gardner
Mrs Frances Gavel
Mrs Joan Gerard
Mrs Marion Giddy
Mr John Golledge
Mrs Kathleen Hadden
Mrs June Hadley
Mr James Hartnett
Mr Eric Hawcroft
Mrs Irene Hodge
Mrs Bernice Hopwood
Mrs Jocelyn Humphreys
Mrs Pamela Jamieson
Mrs Joan Johnson
Mr David Jones
Mrs Dorothy Judd
Mrs Ella Keesing
Mr Gordon King
Mr Frank Lees
Mr Bruce Lenehan

Mr Blake Lewin
Mr Luke Livissianos
Mrs Elaine McIlquham
Mr John & Mrs Carmel McNeill
Mrs Hazel Mann
Mrs Christine Martin
Mrs Barbara Maynard
Ms Shirley Meredith
Mrs Fay Mitchell
Ms Nell Mitchison
Mr Lew Morrell
Mrs Janet Morrissey
Mr Colin O'Grady
Mr Tony Orreill
Mr John Palmer
Mr John Pankhurst
Mr Ralph Perrott
Mrs Janette Perry
Mr Ray Petts
Mr Ronald Pickles
Mr Allan Quinn
Mrs Mary Radcliffe
Mr Peter Rae
Mr Ed Raskall
Mrs Jan Remati
Ms Ruby Riach

Mr John Riley
Mrs Janet Robertson
Miss Robyn Robinson
Mrs Betty Sanders
Mrs Elaine Saunders
Mr Bill Semple
Mr Wayne Shaw
Mrs Fay Sheppard
Mrs Margaret Sigley
Mrs Ann Smith
Mrs Beverley Spinks
Mrs Yvonne Stapleton
Mr John Sutton
Mrs Jennifer Svenson
Mrs Dorothy Tanner
Mr Ian Thomas
Mr Allan & Mrs Joan Thomson
Mrs Susan Truin
Mrs Christil Wangman
Mrs Dorothy Williams
Mrs Marjorie Williams
Mr Graeme Wilson

Thank You



We Remember

David Jackson - 1953-54

David passed away 14/5/98 after a short illness (with cancer). He was a devoted family man, loved his cricket and was a great supportive neighbour to us (Morris R Griffiths & family) over ten years in Sydney. He spent many years as a Science teacher at Barker College, Hornsby.

John (Jack) Brewster - 1947-49

Passed away 26-3-98

William John Lane - 1948-50

Passed away 15-1-98

Peter Brian Duncan - 1953-54

Peter passed away 7/8/97 after a long courageous battle against cancer of the bowel and liver.

Ian Hossack

WWTC Council member - died early 1997.

Stan McEvoy - 1947-49

Kenneth William Eggleton - 1960-61

Patrick McColl - 1949-50

Vincent Thompson - 1949-50

Jeanette Lorna Hunt - 1951-52

Arthur Leslie Irvine - 1951-52

Jacqueline Edith Sly - 1951-52

Colin Abraham Zemelman - 1951-52

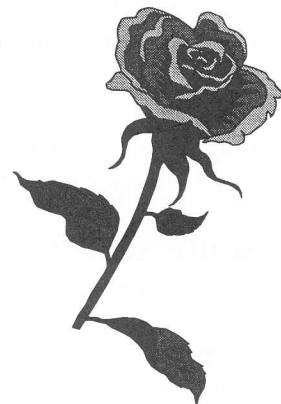
Vincent de Paul Villa - 1953-54

John Sidnay Joyce - 1961-62

John Robert Hodgson (lecturer)

Ailsa McKenzie Baird - 1962-63

Dorothea McCombe (Ramsay)



Contributions towards expenses gratefully received

A small contribution is needed from Alumni to help the Management Committee meet its running expenses. Five dollars has been suggested but "every little helps". Please complete the form below and send to:-

Mrs June Hadley, 2/41 Dean Street, West Pennant Hills NSW 2125



Attached is my contribution of \$ _____ to help defray costs incurred by The Management Committee of Wagga Teachers' College Alumni Association.

Name: _____ (nee) _____

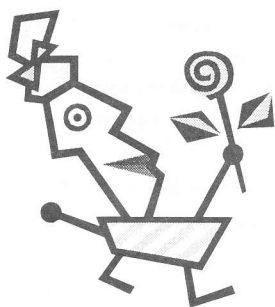
Include maiden name where applicable

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Signed: _____

College Sessions: _____



A BIG THANK YOU

Contributions towards expenses have been coming in at a steady rate. Already more than 100 Wagga Alumni have sent in an average of \$9 each to assist with the costs of running expenses and those associated with the production of Talkabout. Only four out of 25 year groups are not represented by these contributors. Every little bit helps. THANK YOU!