

Whitebridge High Ex-Students and Staff Association

MEETING MINUTES - Monday 25th August, 2008

AGENDA ITEM	OUTCOME
Attendees	<p>Present: Greg Kay, Janice Battle, David Podmore, Allan Searant, Ian Wilson, Julie Turnbull, Steve Dunne, Judy Johnson</p> <p>Apologies: Peter Sievert, Judy Moynham</p>
Minutes of last Meeting	<p>Accepted as a true and accurate recording – Moved: Julie Turnbull Seconded: Janice Battle</p>
Business Arising from last meeting	<p>Action Items:</p> <p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been almost 500 additional visits (Total Hits now 2240), and Guestbook entries now total 76 since our last meeting four weeks ago. This continues to be an excellent result and confirms that this essential element of our association is starting to pay dividends! There are some very encouraging guestbook entries! • Uploading to the website of all old sports photographs and some of Year 7 & Year 8 Camps has now been completed. • Scanning of selected items from all available Span / Bridge magazines, and scrapbooks of old newspaper articles is well underway – plan to complete before 13th September 2008. • For the record the 'Peter Imberger' memorial website counter is now at 537 Hits <p>Newsletter Status</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan for the third edition (Spring) is to contain reporting from our 45th anniversary celebrations, Year 12 Presentation Day on 25th September, & perhaps one of the usual features. <p>School Council Report– Allan Searant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan Searant was unable to attend the last meeting on 14th August, but agenda items included:- Year 7-10 report, allocation of funding for a new security fence around the school, local schools working together, connected classrooms, support teachers, and the solar schools program. • The next meeting is scheduled for 11th September 2008. <p>45th Anniversary Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For discussion in General Business.
Correspondence	
Treasurers report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current account balance is \$171.44 • Arrangements have been made to transfer the proceeds of ticket sales from Sticky Tickets to the Exers' Account
Committee report	Nothing to report other than discussions above.
General Business	

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<p>Saturday 13th September 2008 45th Anniversary Event</p>	<p>Anniversary Dinner at Wests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A last minute rally to get business sponsorship for the evening looks like paying dividends so that some good prizes will be available for the raffle & tombola. • Radio and Television advertising continues. • Contact was made with the Sydney Morning Herald, The Newcastle Herald & the Daily Telegraph to place a notification about the 45th celebrations. • Contact with The Star, The Post, & the Newcastle Herald has been made about running an article about the Association, WHS, & the recent success of the Under 15's Bill Turner Soccer Cup team – article yet to materialise. • Some 50 advertising notices have been placed in businesses around Whitebridge, Redhead, Dudley, and Kahibah last weekend as a final reminder • Contact has been made with about a dozen retired teaching staff but unfortunately there has been a poor response to attending the evening function. We will continue to encourage attendance by some former staff. • With ticket sales stagnating (Sticky Ticket numbers at 83 and direct sales at 22) to a total of 105 there was clearly no chance of reaching the numbers required for the original large venue booked at Wests! Fortunately there was an alternative venue available (The Waratah Room) which holds a maximum of 110 guests so this has been booked. No venue holding an intermediate number of guests was available – so guest numbers will have to be restricted. • There will be 11 tables with 10 guests at each • A breakdown of the student eras represented in the bookings shows the starting years 1963 to 1976 are represented, some from 1984, and a contingent from 1991. Once again this result confirms the absolute need to get in contact with reunion organisers for each of the 45 years the school has operated! • The photographer previously arranged will be contacted to confirm his availability for this smaller function. • Some framed displays of old school photographs are being prepared • The entertainment arranged for the evening has accordingly been reduced to a single performer 'Mark Taylor' • The 'Light & Sound' person will not be required and we will operate the PowerPoint slideshow • The detailed planning for the evening will be finalised next week (Jan, Julie, & David) • The catering includes 'Hot & Cold Savouries' on arrival – 7.30pm, 'Entrée' – 8.15pm, 'Main' – 9.00pm, followed by Tea & Coffee. <p>'Back to School' Open Day Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allan Searant will continue to progress the preparation of two Power Point slideshow presentations (with assistance from a Year 9 student), as well as assembling available memorabilia for viewing in the Library building. • Ian Wilson will co-ordinate with students and staff re a musical concert (the school's 'General Managers' band has agreed to participate) in the Assembly Hall and possibly the outdoor Performance Area adjacent 'G' Music Block (subject to weather); an Art Display by students; availability of outdoor sporting fields; opening of the Canteen Building for the provision of food and drinks. • Ian Wilson advised that the school will be used for the local government elections on that day, and the main entrance end of 'D' Block will be made available for this purpose. • Janice Battle is organising a 'Guestbook' for visitors to the school on the day for future follow-up activities, with the book also being used at the Dinner. • As no firm arrangements have been made for competitions against the school students by visiting ex students – this will have to be 'played by ear' on the day!
<p>Other general business</p>	<p>Seniors Presentation Day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The presentation for the outgoing Year 12 students will be held on Thursday 25th September 2008. • At this presentation the 'Ex Students & Staff' Award for Industrial Arts will again be awarded, & there will be inaugural awards (4 off) for the Science Faculty. Allan Searant has provided funding on behalf of the Association to allow these to take place (\$270). • The school will prepared appropriate award certificates

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	School Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Association has provided assistance recently with pressure jet cleaning of concrete surfaces, paths, & timber wheelchair access walkways, & some painting of the Library internals.
NEXT MEETING:	Proposed for Monday 20th October, 2008 at 7:00PM in the School Library To Be Confirmed!