

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, MONDAY, DEC 21st, 2009.

Please note: AGM will be at 10.30 for 11am in Caro Convention Centre, Studio 3 with tea and coffee available.

We are invited to the Vice Chancellor's Christmas lunch on that day from noon.

RSVP by Mon Dec 7th to: phone 5327 9322 or email publicrelations@ballarat.edu.au



Members attended the Gold Museum in May and were guided around the exhibits and behind the scenes by Roy Taylor and Greg Binns who are voluntary guides there.

Roy has since been elected President of the Gold Museum Society. He was quoted in the Courier: "a visit to the Gold Museum provided an *inspirational experience* for the visitor". We found this to be so and wish Roy well in his new position.

The increased responsibility has led him to stand down as Vice President of UBESA.

TREASURER'S REPORT 2009

Cash at UB 30 Nov 08	1718.96
Postage & Printing	28.30
Cash at UB 31 Oct 09	1690.66
Petty cash	61.80
Bendigo Bank Cheque A/c	10.00
Total	1762.46

It was decided at the 15th Oct Committee meeting that we close our A/c with UB and open a Club Cheque A/c at Wendouree Branch of Bendigo Bank with a \$10 deposit from Petty Cash. This was opened on 22 Oct 2009 and it is expected that it would have risen to \$1700.66 by the time you read this.

We have 61 members – 54 financial, 7 un-financial, 5 due for renewal AGM. *Frank Martin Hon Treasurer*

LOOK AT YOUR ADDRESS LABEL. YOU ARE PAID UP TO THE END OF THE YEAR SHOWN



November 2009

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The Executive decided to present as many reports as possible in the newsletter, aiming to

keep the AGM brief. As you will see the format of the AGM has been changed to bring it forward in the day. Your executive hopes that this new format will enable our members to have more informal contact with each other as well as being able to attend the Vice Chancellor's lunch.

2009 was another successful year in the history of UBESA. At the AGM in December last year I was elected President, Roy Taylor Vice President, Verna Barry Secretary and Frank Martin Treasurer. I would like to thank them and the rest of the Committee for their work over the year. Unfortunately Roy Taylor has decided to resign as Vice President but will stay on the Committee.

As covered elsewhere I have to note the death of two of our long standing members, Stuart Bamford who worked in the Physics department and Heather Durant, who worked in the SMB Library.

Our mid year function was a visit to the Gold Museum organised and hosted by Roy Taylor, who is an official guide to the museum. He was ably assisted by Greg Binns, another

official guide. We were given a very detailed tour of the museum, including an address by the Museum Director on future plans and hopes. Following the tour the members attending adjourned to the Red Lion hotel for lunch and a talk by Linda Petrie who is the University Alumni Officer. She made various proposals about UBESA and the Alumni Association for further cooperation between the two bodies, which the executive is following up. At its last meeting the executive decided to invite Linda to be a participating observer at the executive meetings.

Roy Schrieke has been following up the Zig Plavina collection, and this is to be formally unveiled when the refurbishment of the Mt



Helen Library is completed next year. Roy has also been busy with the interpretive boards and again these should be formally unveiled next year as part of the 140th anniversary of the SMB. Roy has been assisted in this work by some other members of the executive and I thank them all for their efforts.

Finally I wish all members and their families a happy Christmas and a wonderful 2010.



from Graham Hawley



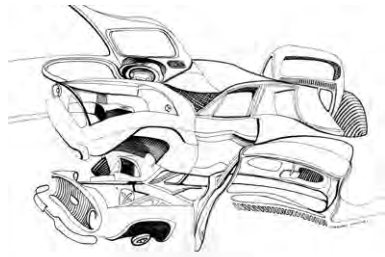
Looking at the photos from the Gold Museum Excursion last May I found the display view looking down from the Town Hall sent my mind back to my early days in Ballarat in the 1970s when sketching trips with students gave an insight into an earlier Ballarat.



In the area between Armstrong and Doveton Streets where Target is now was an open area that had housed stables and also "Coffee Palace" accommodation. The drawing is a wooden structure with small rooms only large enough to take a single bed and a small wardrobe but there were also brick versions in the courtyard which was entered down a lane beside Browns the printer.

These buildings are long gone but one day I sat down in Dawson

Street to sketch a two-storey building at the back of the Golden City Hotel. A lightning sketch was needed as a truck and workmen pulled up and proceeded to demolish the building. However they did reveal the stunning stables behind that were subsequently converted into a bottle shop.



The wrecking yard was another demolition site that provided a wealth of interwoven shapes for the students to combine and use. I think my father's Ford Zephyr may be in there somewhere.

It would appear that demolition in Peel Street south has taken much longer as the area in the Asthma Expert building has been deteriorating since 1974 when I sketched it and is only now up for development.



Mitch Pearson was better known for his landscapes but Ruth and I bought his portrait of Maureen after his death.

Mitch and I were both colleagues and neighbours.

Maureen was an excellent life model when the Art School was in Lydiard Street and now she looks down on us from our wall.

It reminds me of the day when she repeatedly ran nude down the stairs, with bosom bouncing, for an art students' exercise in photographing movement but was also keenly observed with delight/ amazement/ consternation by some workmen who suddenly had repeated needs to go through the foyer for more tools or timber.

Maureen, however, did not blink an eye at their goings-on.



Stuart was living proof that one could overcome disabilities and still make a valuable contribution to society. Stuart worked in the Applied Physics Department as a Laboratory Technician from the 1960s until his retirement during the mid 1990s. He also studied part time and completed a Diploma of Applied Physics at SMB before Degree courses were offered.

Stuart started life in Cleckheaton Yorkshire but as a child contracted the disease meningitis. Meningitis in children is still today life-threatening, and certainly was at that time. While he was in Gandara nursing home he proudly showed me the latest pictures of his great grandson. "Not bad for a bloke who should have died as a child," he commented.

Complications of the disease can include brain damage or neurological disorder. In Stuart's case it affected his nervous system to leave him completely deaf and he would never react to sound no matter how loud it was. In spite of this disability Stuart attended a normal school in the North of England where rugby was the favourite sport. On one occasion Stuart was kicked in the face



during a school match and he lost one eye as a result of the incident. In spite of this he maintained a keen interest in rugby and life took an upward step when the University of Ballarat formed a team and he would often go at weekends to watch the students play. He would then discuss the match with them during the following week if he saw them out of class.

Of course he could only lip read but once he knew the topic of conversa-

tion it was amazing what he understood. Once he described a program he had watched on TV saying that one of the actors spoke with a west Yorkshire accent. Emails, subtitles on TV, and mobile phones with SMS came a bit late for him but he used all these aids a lot during his retirement. He had always been an avid reader of books with his one eye and used the Municipal and University libraries to his advantage. Students in practical classes were told of his disabilities and that they had to get his attention when they were in line of his good eye or otherwise tap him on the shoulder. The students always respected him, never took advantage and were often amazed at both his specialised and general knowledge. He also took a keen interest in cricket and golf and was a member of Creswick Golf Club for many years. He played off a handicap in the high 20's but could recall all of his 98 or 104 shots the week after the Saturday competition round. I never heard Stuart utter a cross word on the golf course even though there were many cries of anguish when he messed up a shot. During the late 70s and 80s there were regular conferences between Physics Departments of the former Victoria Institute of Colleges, often held towards the end of the year when lectures and practical classes had ended. Stuart was always keen for a game of golf at a nearby course after the conference had finished, before returning to Ballarat so of course the golfers had to be in the same car with a boot capacity for several sets of clubs. Stuart looked after the department audiovisual equipment and would often show 16mm films but always had to ask for help as to whether the volume level was appropriate to the room and audience. It was amazing how often a lunchtime film about Newton's laws of motion or some other legitimate physics topic was followed by a film about golf.

Dulcie Brooke/Clare Gervasoni



Heather Durant
1984

After completing studies at the Ballarat School of Mines Heather Walton commenced work as a library assistant at the SMB Campus in February 1951. Her resignation in December 2005, after two periods of employment almost adding to 50 years, made her one of the University of Ballarat's longest serving employees.

Resigning in 1960 on account of her approaching marriage to William Durant (former Head of Physics at SMB) Heather returned to SMB c1968, working continually at the University from that time until her retirement.



Heather Walton
c.1951

During her many years at UB, Heather made an important contribution to the operation of the SMB Library. At various times she was placed in charge of the Library and consistently worked to maintain library standards and collections through her work in library acquisitions and cataloguing. Such was her knowledge of Dewey Decimal classification numbers that she admitted her habit of allotting appropriate Dewey sections to any glimpsed car registration numbers.

Over her 50 years service Heather witnessed the evolution of the library from one of books and card catalogues to a multi-faceted service with materials available both in print and electronic forms.

Heather Durant
died on
12 October 2009,
aged 76 years.

Heather also witnessed the growth of SMB from an institution with approximately 300 students enrolled in trades courses to a major UB campus of over 11,000 enrolled students in the TAFE division.

With her wealth of institutional knowledge Heather Durant assisted in Warren Perry's publication A History of the School of Mines and Industries Ballarat, and shared her knowledge and expertise as a volunteer with the UB Historical Collection during the first year of her retirement.

BITS AND PIECES



PETER BLIZZARD RETROSPECTIVE

November 14 saw an opening at Art Gallery Ballarat of the sculptural works of Peter Blizzard.

Because of the size and nature of his work they will be exhibited at the Gallery and sites around Ballarat district from October 31 until January 26 2010

GRINDELL'S HUT ARTIST NAMED

Ballarat artist, Barry Wemys completed his three week residency at 2010 Grindell's Hut Artist in Residency program. It is situated in South Australia's Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park.

The follow up will be an exhibition of his work next year.



BARRY FITZGERALD IS BACK

He is back with a hands-on role in horse racing in the Ballarat district.

He is the new Ballan Jockey Club secretary.

Barry was a Ballarat Turf Club committee member, Ballarat and District Trainers' Association secretary and an owner trainer when he previously lived in the city.

He has returned to Ballarat, having spent time as the chief executive of the Law Society of South Australia, as well as stints as Eaglehawk Golf Club manager and a board member of National Basketball League team Adelaide 36ers.

Ballan has just one meeting a year. BJC president Robert Eskdale said the committee was already planning for the Ballan Cup at Geelong on Saturday, November 7.

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EDITOR'S THANKS

Graham Hawley Editor

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