## Canterbuty derls 2004

## Forty Years On



## Pat (Whatley) and Lindsay

 Watson are Academics in the Classics Department of Sydney University

## OPERA EVENTS

PRESENTS


Jenolan Caves
Saturday 2nd March 2002 4.00pm (meet 3.30pm in Grand Arch)

## Lorraine (Smith) and Stephen Frost



Right to left : Jeremy, Lucas, Adam, Edward and Emily


## Marion and sister Carmen Malins

## At left : in Alaska

Below right: Marion, Carmen
Below left : with Parents
Below :Annette Newell, Carmen, Marion, Jan Cooper


## John and Judith (Wilcockson) Griffiths

John and Judith, Bronwyn, Anne and Tony and their children Ainsleigh and Hayden. I recently retired after teaching for many years, mainly kindergarten, I now spend my time between voluntary work, most of which is through my Church, gardening, scrap booking, walking and caring for grandchildren.


## David (25), Diane (Murray), Stephan (27), Fred and Annaliese Immerz (23)



## Sue (Rose) and David Samuels



Above : Nikki (Andrew's partner), Jennifer (25), Andrew (32), Ben (27), Jonathan (31) At left: as babies all under 7. Sue teaches Computing Studies at Danebank School, Hurstville and David is Principal Legal Officer for the Department of Environment and Conservation.


## Zelda (Lloyd) and Ken and sons Anthony and Robert



Diana (Brown) and Carl Lundgren, son Wayne (22) who is a professional baseball player for St Louis Cardinals in the USA. Diana is a science teacher at Baulkham Hills High School.


## David, Ann (Tipping), Pieter and Pieter Frank Vrolijk



## Dear Everyone,

## What have I done since 1964?

Went to University of New South Wales and completed a BA.
Went to teachers college for a year and completed a Diploma in Education.
Taught for a year in Grenfell. I was far too immature to teach 17 year olds and did not really enjoy teaching at all. So I worked for a few years at AMP, saved enough money to travel and went overseas.

I took a 3 month trip with other young people via Singapore, Thailand, then onto Katmandu. From there we travelled by bus through India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Russia, Poland and finally England. I still have many great memories of that trip, the sights, sounds and food.

I stayed in England for about a year, working saving money and then touring Europe with Kontiki Travels. I can still remember sitting in a London office and seeing the smallest piece of blue sky. I just looked at it longingly until it was covered over. I also spent a few months in a Kibbutz in Israel before heading south.

That trip covered Egypt, then by bus from Kenya through Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Once in South Africa, I had no money and asked my father to send some. In the meantime I found a job and promised to stay for 6 months. Once the group I had arrived with, departed I tried several ways of making friends such as church and bars and finally decided to try a Sunday 'walking club'. The first time I went with a girl I had met in Europe, who happened to be in SA for a while. And there across a crowded train station I saw HIM. The idea was that we would all meet at the central station and those with cars would transport other people to the start of the walk.

There are several good hiking trails around Johannesburg. We didn't get to meet that day as his car was already full and the driver of the car I went in did not know the way, so we got lost. Next Sunday Pieter waited until I arrived to make sure I would go in his car. Those 2 Sunday's were the only times he ever attended the walks. I went a third time, expecting to meet him. However, Roy, his friend, was there to ensure I went back to their place. We were married 8 months later in October 1975 and I have only managed to go back to Australia twice.

We have 2 boys, Pieter Frank in 1978 and David Adrian in 1982. I have worked most of that time for various companies as a programmer, manager in IS and currently as a manager of IS Internal Audit. Pieter started in marketing in Holland, where he was born, but this is not a transferable skill so he has been in sales most of the time. He currently has a business filling up car air conditioning systems with the assistance of 2 operators.

Our boys went through high school then Pieter Frank went into the South African Army in the engineering Corp and is a corporal. David went to college for his MCSE and now works for Leaf Networks as a database analyst.

We have also seen most of South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe (in 1992 when it was still OK), Mozambique and Malawi. Sometimes in a tent and sometimes in a caravan. We both love to travel.

I intend to take early retirement in December and then Pieter and I are setting off in our custom fitted landrover to travel around the world. Africa 2005, Europe 2006, China 2007, Australia 2008 and Americas 2009. Perhaps! I will be setting up a website called vrolijks-on-trek.?? later in the year so our families can follow our travels and contact us via e-mail. I will revisit places from my original trip where it is safe to do so and I can hardly wait.

I hope to see you all at the 2008 reunion.

## Ray and Elise (Shaw) Walker

Melanie (32) and David


Martyn (30) and Michelle



## Pat (Minogue) and Max Hiron Scott (29) Louise (27)

I left school after the Intermediate Certificate in 1962. Started nursing training at Bankstown Hospital in 1963. Spent 2 years in England 1969-1971 nursing and travelling. Married in 1973 to Max Hiron and lived in Birrong. We have two children, Scott and Louise. Moved to East Gosford with family in 1985, still worked in Nursing mainly in aged care with Central Coast Area Health. Retired in 2000.


## Annette Newell


above: East Timor 2002 with nursing colleagues

## Annette Newell

After leaving high school I did my nursing training at Sydney Hospital and then spent the next 2 years in England on a working holiday. Back home I did my Midwifery and then took off to WA to work. Married a Western Australian but sadly divorced after 7 years and have been single ever since.

Nursing has been my passion and my work. In 1981 I joined the Army Reserve as a Nursing Officer and in 1986 joined the Regular Army. My work has taken me all over Australia and to Bougainville and East Timor. Education and Management have been my roles and I reached the rank of Major.

In January 03 I retired from the Army, and moved back to Perth where I am working part time in Nursing Education.

My hobbies include patchwork, creative memories, reading and people.

## Sue Casson



Throughout my 35 year career I was involved in the Information Technology industry, an industry that was ever changing, interesting and challenging. I retired from the workforce in January 2002. My partner Jill and I met in 1981 when we lived in the Eastern Suburbs. Although enjoying the beach and city lifestyle we were attracted by the bush and wildlife of the Northern Suburbs and built at Mount Colah in 1985. In 2002 we moved from our bush garden to an apartment at Turramurra to enable us to devote more time to other interests and to travel extensively. Ongoing interests include wildlife and nature more generally, eco-tourism, bushwalking, birdwatching, photography, good food and wine, reading, music and theatre. My enthusiasm for food and wine make it necessary for me also to swim and walk regularly to maintain fitness and stop my clothes from shrinking!

## and from the seventies....


left to right
Jan Cooper
Annette Newell
Pat Brodie
Marion Malins

## Heather Litchfield (nee Bernard)

Left Canterbury Girls High School at end of 3rd Year (Intermediate Certificate) 1962. Worked as office assistant from Dec 62 at Griffiths Bros Credits, then moved when they closed down in 64 to National Mutual Insurance. Worked there in various departments until 69. Moved into church youth organisations offices for the next seven and half years where I met and married Geoff Litchfield in August 1974, staying at work until April 76 when I left to have our first baby. Geoff and I live at West Pennant Hills, we have four children, Melisa 28, Philip 26, Keryn and Adam (twins) 23. We have just celebrated our 30th Wedding Anniversary. We have two grandchildren. Leteesha, daughter of Phil, who is 3 and Joshua, son of Keryn and Lee, who has just turned 1. Melisa is engaged and will be married to David on 11th December and Keryn and Lee, who are also engaged, will be married on 23rd October, both this year.


I was lucky enough to be able to stay at home with my kids until they all went to school, minding other children during the day and afternoons after school. In October 86, I became a Tupperware dealer and had heaps of fun and great benefits for the next seven years. Was able to be involved with primary school activities to a large extent whilst running my own business. In January 93 I was offered a school assistant position at Pennant Hills High School where my kids were and I am still currently employed as the switch and front office receptionist, a job that I love - who can complain - five minutes from home, school hours and school holidays and I can talk all day and get paid for it, how lucky can one be!!! Whoever thought I would end up back at school.! Two other staff attended Canterbury GHS,

Interests include: spending time with my family and friends, travel, camping, live shows, sport (watching), (worked as volunteer at Sydney Olympics at Tennis \& Main stadium) and minding Josh. Sadly Teesha lives in Perth. Looking forward to retiring and more travel and catching up with others at the reunion.

## Roslyn Ayshford (Williams)



At the end of 1963 , I was faced with the dilemma of what to do. My mother had remarried and was moving to Umina? My sister had to return to school to complete year 10, but I chose to leave school and found a job at Knapton's Estate Agency, Lakemba. Maurice and I had married and our first son, Keith was born in May, 1966. At the end of 1966, we moved to Austral with my aunt until we bought our home here in Liverpool. Another son Leonard was born in October, 1967, quickly followed by Peter in June 1969 and Adam in January 1971. My working career was over until Keith started school and I became involved with the school Parents \& Citizens Association, serving terms as President, Secretary and Treasurer of Mothers Club and Ladies Auxilliary.

In 1981, I sought fulltime employment and started working as a telephonist at Southern Districts Radio Cabs. Unfortunately, I developed a repetitive strain injury and ceased employment there in 1986. In 1988, I commenced working for the Dept of Defence at RAAF, No. 2 Stores depot at Regents Park. This Depot was due to close in 1994, so at the end of 1993, I transferred to the Army at Moorebank as an Housing Inspector. I managed to survive this ordeal until mid 1996, when I commenced working in the Finance Dept, firstly as cashier in the Moorebank Area Cash Office and in 1999 as both the cashier and OIC. I was also the supervisor of the Finance Section at Bureau Services, Moorebank in both the Accounts Payable and Accounts Receiveable Sections. Two weeks ago, I transferred into Regional Office, Liverpool, still working for Dept of Defence, but having a lot more responsibility, now being responsible for Garrison Support Contracts in Sydney North, South and West; managing the leased vehicles and a multitude of other problems they manage to throw my way.

On a more personal note, apart from having four adult sons we now have 12 grandchildren, five boys and seven girls; their ages ranging from 18 and an half to 3 . Our $13^{\text {th }}$ grandchild, another girl is due late September.

We have just purchased another home at Sanctuary Point, 26klms south of Nowra, which is to be our retirement home. Hopefully this will be in about 12months time.

## Susan(Buchanan)Fotheringhame with new grandson



## Frances Rossen


with sister Susan Gillan and Dad, Ben Rossen

## Ann Wood

"Ann and her partner, Tom, doing what comes naturally. Still respecting private property. Trying to remain on track (treading in the occasional cow pat!) With a penchant for unpronounceable places.... (French/German teacher having taken LSL in all points from Turkey to Scotland in 2000)"



## Lorraine (Surplice) and Phillip Brownlie

## At The Royal <br> Easter Show 2001

Lorraine graduated Arts with Honours from Sydney University and married Phillip in 1970 when he was in his final year of medicine. After four years in the RAAF, Phillip set up General Practice in Richmond and Lorraine taught until Georgina was born in 1972. Louisa arrived in 1975 and Andrew in 1980, by which time Lorraine was working as Phillip's Practice Manager.
In 1992 Lorraine and Phillip bought a farm at Rylestone and started showing cattle. In 2001 they decided to make the big move and relocated from their home in Kurrajong onto "Matoni" - 3000 acres between Armadale and Inverell. Phillip still "doctors" part time and Lorraine is full time farm manager.
Georgina graduated with Honours in Human Movement, became a teacher and married Eliot Sanger, also a teacher. They have two beautiful daughters, Camelia and Madeleine. Louisia graduated BA, then Masters in Commerce and is marketing manager for Select Australia. Andrew did Agricultural Science and is working as an Agribusiness analyst at NAB while finalising his degree.

It is strange to put your whole life on paper - it becomes a blur of swimming carnivals, cricket matches, Easter shows and lovely trips. "I shall take a Pollyanna view of the world and would be first to acknowledge that life is good."


## Janelle (Mittelheuser) Tyson



## Janys (Puckering) and John Haynes



Wesley, Janys and John


Nadine and Wesley


Janys with Dr Dodds (Director of Haematology and Bone Marrow Transplantation St Vincents Hospital


I have been married to John for over 30 years and we live at Blackheath in the Blue Mountains. John is a retired Commander NSW Fire Brigades. We grow our own vegies (John appeared on Burkes Backyard some years ago) and have had chooks and many animals and birds over the years. We had three children Travis, Wesley and Nadine. Wesley is currently a Firefighter in the NSW Fire Brigades (like his Dad), and Nadine is a Early Childhood/ Primary Teacher with DET.

Our gorgeous eldest son, Travis lost his battle with Leukaemia in 1998 at 22 years. He was in the final stages at Uni studying Nursing.
I established a Foundation in 1998 to raise Funds for Leukaemia Research at St Vincent's Hospital Sydney. I think if we could all help another in our lifetime, the world would be a better place!

I have many great memories of Canterbury Girls' High School, would love to go back and do a tour! The memories are so vivid. I remember Miss Fitton (PE) always fit and tanned with chunky white sports socks, and I corresponded with Miss Tilley for awhile. I remember donating a sheep's skull (from my nannas farm) for the Biology Room! Cooking for the Headmistress and Guests and doing a presentation at assembly! So many memories! ! I left school after the Intermediate in 1962. I worked 14 years in pharmacies, did years of bookwork for my husband and in later years was a private carer/nurse for a lady. My interests are art, theatre, heritage buildings, music.

## Lois(Simpson) and Darrell Stevens


with Niole (daughter-in-law)and Lachie(grandson), Hollie (daughter), and sons Sonnie and Jobie

## Robyn (Holloway) and Valentino Bombardiere


with son Julian (20) and daughter Jade (25)

## Robyn Bombardiere

Hi Class of 64. The photo shows my husband Valentino, me, my son Julian (29/9/84 and my daughter Jade (30/11/78). Val runs a wholesale propagation nursery at Glenorie and has been doing that for the past eighteen years. Julian is still deciding what to do with his life after completing his HSC in 2002. He commenced a marketing/advertising course in 2003 but decided after a year that wasn't for him and is currently working at the nursery. Jade completed a Bachelor of Business degree majoring in marketing and management and is now National Marketing Manager for Bose sound systems, travels extensively and her base is the Gold Coast.As for me, where do you start. Forty years sounds quite a time but WHERE DID ITGO?? After completing a twelve months' business course in '65 I started my thirteen year venture into advertising. Working in three advertising agencies over that period, initially commencing as a secretary and then into media where I planned clients, advertising campaigns over television, radio, magazine, press, outdoor, etc. After Jade was born I worked casually as a fitness instructor plus helping Val on the farm (he then worked with his family), growing vegetables, strawberries, flowers. A couple of years after Julian was born I rejoined the office workforce, firstly in a market research company and then in a computer training company.In 1993 I bought a Wendys franchise and for the next nine years thoroughly enjoyed working in a retail environment. In 2002 I sold the business and thought the time had come to retire. After three weeks at home I realised that wasn't the life for me -just yetand have since been working part-time (well, four days) at Bakers Delight. In my spare time I am undertaking my second year of ceramics course at Hornsby Tafe. I like to keep fit with early morning walks and regular visits to the gym, plus trying to keep the energy levels heading in the right direction with yoga. Most other times you'll see me with my head in a book. This could all change within the next twelve months but, in the meantime, I'll continue to do my bit and en.joy life as much as I can.

## Berenice (Bulbert) Smith



After I left school I received a scholarship to Bathurst Teacher's College where I spent two wonderful years. Thereafter, despite applying for a country posting, I spent several years teaching at primary schools in inner western Sydney (including Canterbury) In 1972 I married Michael Smith, a geophysicist. Until 1987 we moved around with Michael's work to Canada, USA , Sydney, Spain and Perth and now live at Collaroy. Nerida, a lawyer, was born in Toronto rin 1974, Adam, an engineer, was born in Sydney in 1977 and Simon, an engineering student, was born in New York in 1982.

For several years I have worked in Out of School Hours Care at our local school which I enjoy immensely. I play tennis weekly, love bush walking and "do" Pilates. Since 1987 I have been a Cub Scout Leader, which is a joy. I have been involved in 3 wonderful Scout Jamborees and countless camps. Much as we love camping Mike and I now revel in spending time on our bush property in our cosy cabin by the river with a few mod cons (not the least because our two sons still live at home which ensures there's never a dull moment there) You've got to love a job with 11 weeks holidays a year.

Recently our scout group celebrated it's $\mathbf{4 0}^{\text {th }}$ birthday. I spent countless hours borrowing, scanning and printing hundreds of photos for the event, updating the group history and contacting previous group members. The event was a great success, but totally draining. I am much indebted to Marion and Susan for organising our $40^{\text {th }}$ school reunion for us to just come along and enjoy.


## Pauline <br> (Fowler) Lister



## Lyn Nicol

## Dianne (Warner) and Athol Pitt



## Kathryn (Smith) and Bob Armytage



With husband, Bob and daughter-in-law Natalie and son Stephen


