



Birkonians Australia Association

NEWSLETTER

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From the Editor

There has been a good response from the first email to members, and a few new ones have come to light.

BUT quite a few “bounced back” – so I need updated email addresses if you want to get the newsletter in future.

For once, I am sending this also by mail, to those who I don't have an email for yet. If you get the newsletter this way, could you please send me an email to moodyt9@bigpond.com and then I will have your email address. I promise you, the addresses will be kept privately in my computer – and not passed on. So if members want to get in touch with others, please send the message via me, and I will forward it.

Most of the replies I have had said that you would like to know where we all are. Well, here is a list of names and places (green means “bush”):

first name	family name	school	place	email?
NEW SOUTH WALES				
Clifford	Jones	BI	Goulburn	
Gordon	Meggs	BI	Lugarno, Sydney	
Alan	Reid	BI	Westleigh	
Edward	Whitmore	BI	Wahroonga	
Bob	Bell	BS	Tweed Heads	yes
Phillip	Lay	BS	Castle Hill	
Sean	Maguire	BS	Bronte, Sydney	ü
P	McCowne	BS	Frenchs Forest	
Craig	Miles	BS	Five Dock, Sydney	
Tony	Moody	BS	Orange	yes
Nicholas	Moore	BS	Newtown, Sydney	
Johnathan	Moorhouse	BS	Kirawee, Sydney	
Barry	Moscrop	BS	Pymont Sydney	yes
J	Shepherdson	BS	Avalon	
Ron	Simcock	BS	Wollongong	yes
Charles	Witty	BS	Surry Hills, Sydney	

NEW ZEALAND					
Barbara	Jackson	BHS	Katikati	NZ	
Michael	Johnson	BI	Auckland	NZ	
Geoff	Wollaston	BI	Tauranga	NZ	yes
Michael	Baker	BS	Auckland	NZ	
Max	Browse	BS	Te Puke	NZ	
Ian	Halliday	BS	Wellington	NZ	
John	Hearnshaw	BS	Christchurch	NZ	
Ron	Jackson	BS	Katikati	NZ	
Steve	Woulfe	BS	Napier	NZ	
QUEENSLAND					
Peter	Igglesdon	BI	Elimbah	Queensland	
Mark	Pemberton	BS	Oyster Cove	Queensland	
J	Wilson	BS	Buderim	Queensland	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA					
Howard	Fallowfield	BI	Adelaide	SA	
TASMANIA					
Gill	Ireland	BHS	Lanena	Tasmania	
Don	Harris	BI	Latrobe	Tasmania	
Joe	Hewitt	BI	Kingston	Tasmania	
John	Jordan	BI	Wynyard	Tasmania	yes
Ken	Ward	BI	Hobart	Tasmania	
John	Baker	BS	Newtown	Tasmania	
David	Maclennan	BS	Ulverstone	Tasmania	ü
VICTORIA					
Barbara	Baxter	BHS	Canterbury	Victoria	
Ernie	Hewitt	BI	Mt Evelyn	Victoria	yes
Peter	Taylor	BI	Mornington	Victoria	
John	Bradshaw	BS	Monash Uni	Victoria	
Mark	Hanson	BS	Box Hill, Melbourne	Victoria	yes
David	King	BS	Clunes	Victoria	yes
Ian	Norman	BS	Plenty, Melbourne	Victoria	
Graham	Thompson	BS	Camberwell	Victoria	
Peter	Venour	BS	Dingley	Victoria	
Graeme	Willy	BS	Elsternwick	Victoria	yes
Pauline	Killip	PHS	Croydon Hills	Victoria	ü
WESTERN AUSTRALIA					
Ian	Bunce	BS	South Guildford	WA	
David	Cooke	BS	Fremantle	WA	
Matt	Crinyion	BS	Roleystone	WA	yes

Ian Bunce, I think I was at school with you! Matt Crinyion – I drove from Orange to Roleystone to stay with friends there in Soldiers Road, in 2007.



Calendar:

In case you are thinking of going back to Birkenhead or the Wirral this year, I have put together this calendar of events up there for the rest of 2009.

BIRKENHEAD HIGH SCHOOL OLD GIRLS' SOCIETY

TO BOOK: CONTACT RUTH JACOBS, 625 5635 ASAP.

Her postal address (for cheques) is: 8 Lang Lane, West Kirby
WIRRAL, CH48 5HF.

TUESDAY, 5 May.

Visit to Saltaire, near Bradford. A guided tour with refreshments.

This is a restored mill town. Coach will leave from Birkenhead Town Hall in time to arrive at 10.30 a.m. Transport cost TBA once numbers are known. Early booking essential!

WEDNESDAY, 10 JUNE.

Visit to Chorlton Hall, Backford. Meet at 2 p.m.

An early Victorian mansion formerly owned by Ormerod, the well known Chester historian.

FRIDAY, 10 JULY.

Visit to Liverpool Playhouse theatre. Meet at 10 a.m. for guided tour of approx. 2 hrs. The catering facilities are good so we could have lunch afterwards!

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST.

Lunch & Afternoon Walk led by Norma Stanley (nee Aldred) around Chirk.

Train will be taken from Chester. It is proposed to have lunch somewhere first (Norma knows some good places) followed by the walk for those energetic enough to do one! You are most welcome to come just for lunch if not!

BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL OLD BOYS' SOCIETY

5th - 6th September - OB Weekend - School

Detail : The OB weekend will be held on the 5-6th September 2009.

There will be the usual Hockey and Rugby matches on the Saturday. The AGM will revert to 12:30 p.m. on the 5th this year.

Archives will be open from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. on the Saturday. It is hoped to have a draft of the second volume of the pictorial history of the School available for those attending to look at and amend any mistakes or point out any important event not covered. On the Sunday it is hoped to hold a School v. OB cricket match commencing at 11:30 a.m. As usual there will be a Chapel Service at 6:30 p.m. More details nearer the event.

11th September - Dinner - Prenton Golf Club –

With the growing success of the Artists' Club lunches it has been decided to try and resurrect the annual dinner. In view of the dwindling numbers that saw the annual dinners cease it is intended to restart on a small scale and build on this for future years. Numbers will therefore be limited.

The venue will be Prenton Golf Club on Friday 11th September, 2009. It is anticipated the cost will be around £20. Graham Hurton is organising the event and can be contacted on 0151 342 9746. or by email at connected@obs.org.uk

9th October - OB Golf Day

The annual OBS Golf Day will be held on 9th October. Details will be posted nearer the time.

23rd October - Artists' Club Lunch – Liverpool

A quick note to remind you the next lunch will be on Friday 23rd October at the Liverpool Artists Club.

Please let me know if you can make it, and pass this message on to any OB's you are in contact with. Many thanks

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GENERAL EVENTS

Secret Gardens of Oxton

Sunday 10th May 2009 is the date for the Secret Gardens of Oxton, again visitors are invited to view over 30 beautiful gardens in the charming conservation village of Oxton.

Regularly attracting up to 5,000 visitors each year, this spectacular event is host to garden lovers from all over Wirral and this year is expected to be better than ever. Visit the gardens and enjoy a whole host of other entertainment including live music, children's activities, historic bus rides and plant sales – just to mention a few.

Gardens will be open from 10am – 5pm and tickets for this truly wonderful family day out (proceeds to local charities) will be available in April. For further details please visit: www.oxtonociety.org.uk or ring 07963 248 268

Hoylake Lifeboat Open Day

Once again, there will be lots to see and do as Hoylake Lifeboat holds it's annual Open Day on Bank Holiday Monday, 31st August, 2009 at The Lifeboat Station, The Promenade, Hoylake. Attractions include Air Displays, funfair, charity stalls, street theatre, raffles, classic cars and tours of the Lifeboat.

Admission is FREE, but please note, due to the amount of attendees, the Promenade will be closed to vehicles. A Park and walk is available from Hoylake Railway Station.

Wirral Festival of Golf

The Wirral Festival of Golf is a five-day golfing event at Caldy Golf Club, 9th to 14th August 2009.

There are numerous categories for entries, which are open to both members and non-members, from pairs, foursomes to juniors. For further information, please contact Caldy Golf Club.

For information please contact; 0151 625 5660
www.caldygolfclub.co.uk



Caldy Golf Club

BAA NEWS:

In future newsletters it would be interesting to have contributions from other members:

- What's it like where you are living?
- Done something interesting?
- How did you find the Birkenhead area when you were last back there?
- Any reflections on your career, or life in Australia?

I picked my first crop of Sauvignon Blanc white grapes this week. The vines were planted in 2005, and these were just the “baby” crop -100kg. But they were good, and I took them to a local boutique wine maker on Tuesday, and the juice we pressed is very promising – maybe a sample of 40 litres of what I can expect from the 1 tonne I should get next year.



So, if you have received this by post, and you have an email, please send me an email. I don't really have the time to send newsletters out by mail.

Any content for future newsletters, any new contacts – please send them!
All the best

Tony Moody, 22 March 2009