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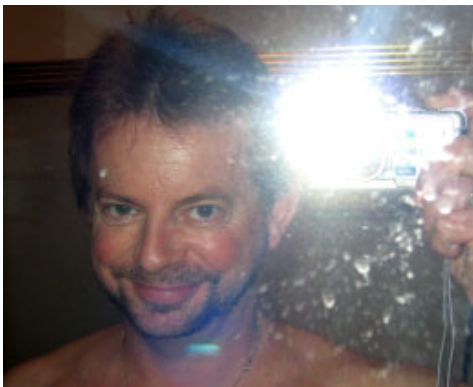
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David Craig Mahony

The HSC and Pennant Hills High 1973, seems such a long time ago. I still have the occasional nightmare about being late to the English exam.

I was like so many others then, with the highest aspirations for myself and with that self-confidence and ignorance to the rest of the community, that only youth could have about themselves. I was much distracted by beer, girls and motorbikes. In 1973, I turned 17 in July, which made me the youngest in the year (with the exception of Glenn Howells; I wonder why I remember that). Everybody else seems like adults with serious career plans or relationships forming.

I got fired from my first job in 73, after one month for getting drunk at the Christmas party. I went surfing and Spear fishing for a while and managed to be offered a job at OTC (part of Telstra now). I worked there for 5 years and studied Electronic & Telecommunications, whilst specializing in Satellite Communications. After working in remote places like Ceduna and Moree, I moved to the new booming Computer Industry back in Sydney as an Engineer. After a year living and traveling in Europe and North Africa, I moved back to Australia and on to Sales & Marketing. This has been my Career ever since. Well until recently, when I retired for while, play music and to travel some more.

I was one of a group of people that started a new company in Australia called Apple Computer Australia, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Apple Computer, Inc. I worked there for more than 20 years and went from Engineering Manager to Sales & Marketing. My specialty has always been the creative markets, which include: Design & Publishing, Audio & Music, Video & Film. The great pleasure was always the customers of Apple, meeting some of Australia's and the world's greatest creative talents in music and design.

I've had four significant relationships in my life. I married a girl called Reta Svans. We separated after 12 years and had a heart breaking divorce with lawyers and the Family Law court. The sort of battle of destruction that only two people that really loved each other, could have had.

Every value I had, changed at this stage of my life. I became involved with a beautiful friend of 10 years, Ruth Low. We spent 6 years together. We lived, loved, argued and together we traveled the world 1st class as the result of the heyday of Apple Computer. The best time ever. Ruth was very musical and I re-discovered playing guitar. We are still great friends but we parted when we realized that our destinies were diverging. Since then, I have made a bad habit of having romances with girls that live in foreign lands. I

have four nieces and a nephew, all of which are the greatest joy of my life. I do not have children of my own and find myself single again after my girlfriend Kelly, tragically had to move back to America for family related reasons. Better to have loved and lost. Well, you know the rest.

I met some people that were actually my customers who made TV commercials and extreme sports programs. I started playing Guitar at their Jams and we became a Band. The band is called "Gliiter Bug." The people involved all work in Media related businesses, and some are professional musicians who play in other bands. We are really a Rock n' Roll band but we play ballads, a few tear-jerker girlie songs and write original material in many different styles. Our female singer is very unique. Go to www.bellalala.com see why, and have a listen. I have attached a Song called "Warm Water," that is one of our original songs. I even get to sing on this one.

I am very fortunate that, I own a great house in Turramurra on a beautiful 3/4 acre of original growth forest. I have a complete music studio with recording equipment, guitar amps, drums, keyboards, a Hammond 210-organ and a 1200-watt PA so the neighbors can hear. Boys' own world.

However, I am currently living in a great apartment in Amsterdam, writing songs, playing music and working with friends in the Interactive Media business. I will be back in Australia for the reunion.

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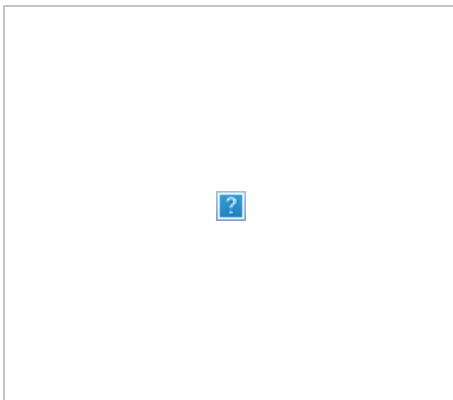
Ross Manser

Thanks to Garry Watts for tracking down and contacting Ross Manser. According to Garry, Ross now lives on the Costa Del Sol in Spain; after 4 years in New Delhi, 4 years in Santiago in Chile, and 11 years in England.

There's a story we're looking forward to hearing!

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**Neville and Wendy March (nee Critchley)**

A school reunion sounds great. Wendy (nee Critchley) and I will be there for sure.

After leaving school I worked in the Television Broadcast industry for 16 years. I worked at the ABC and also at Channel 7, in electronic engineering and computing. They were fun days... the introduction of colour television into Australia... the development of RACECAM (cameras in the race cars at Bathurst 1000) taking in the atmosphere at the National Tally room on election nights ... Mr Skase buying Channel 7 -- hmmm -- well, most things were fun...

In 1990 I left television. From there I went on to work for various large multi-national IT companies, the CSIRO and now Nestle... over the last few years specializing in computer network security.

I married Wendy Critchley in 1978. We have been living in Galston for most of the last 26 years. We have two sons (18 and 21 years old).

After leaving school Wendy completed studies in Psychiatric and Mental Retardation Nursing and worked as a nurse at North Ryde Psychiatric Centre and Marsden Hospital at Westmead. In recent years she has worked as a Teacher's Aide and in after school child care.

Wendy and I ran the youth group at our local church for nearly ten years -- we loved it -- it kept us "young" :) nowadays we are involved in the music there (no, I don't sing, but Wendy does)..

Things I remember about high school:

Mr Shirley's music lessons

Playing "drums" on our Globite school bags in the bus on the way to sport

The 6th Form formal at Oatlands house (Greg, is there still a copy of the Super 8 film around that was shown that night ?).

Hanging out in the Quadrangle at recess with Baz, Scall, Harv, Mal, Gudge, and the rest of our group in the "corner"

Mrs Notara's motor scooter, Mr Thomas, Mr Lindsay, Mr Rider (best maths teacher I ever had..), Mr Hare-Scott (I think ?) and the "volcano" he made in Science one day (I don't think the chemicals are allowed anymore in schools)

Walking home with...

A cute chick I met in 5th Form (I married her five years later.)

The 4th Form formal in the School Canteen :(

Greg Foulds and his camera...

Swarv Harv's Triumph (yes, me too Gudge...)

The weekend at Terrigal after the HSC exams with me mates...

We both look forward to seeing all our school friends at the reunion..

Regards,
Neville and Wendy March
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David Mariner

I married Anne in the UK some 20 years ago, and have two sons Andrew 17 yrs and Simon 15 yrs (Both boys are tall, good looking, good at sport and my friends ask if I'm their father !!!!!).

We lived in the UK for a few years, where I worked in the financial recruitment industry before being posted back to Brisbane in 1986 and then onto Sydney (have been living in Kenthurst for 10 years) in 1988. Left the recruitment industry after approx 14 years, finally as MD of the Australian & NZ operations. Now in business with **Glenn Howells** (for some 10 years), we run a large wholesale picture framing business in Sydney' west, servicing the hospitality, retail and design sectors along with developing commercial property. WE HAVE A LOT OF FUN !!

I try to keep fit, I still play Tennis, ride a road cycle fairly regularly, along with water skiing and surfing with my family. My great love these days is snow skiing, both here and overseas, which I find is a great family past-time, mixing travel and sport.

I am really looking forward to the reunion and catching up with old friends.

Hope to see as many people there on the night.

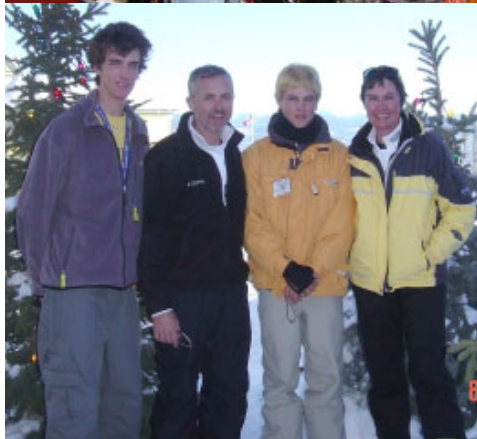
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Recent photos of Janet (right) and her daughter Annie



Janet Marshall

(as told to Bronwyn Edwards via email)

After school Janet did a short stint of nursing, then on to be a Pathology technician for 7 years. Part of that time was spent overseas (Asia, Europe, Middle East, Iceland). She left Australia in 1981 and came home in 1985. During that time she did some wine courses (a subject that had always held great fascination for her). She got a job in the wine industry when she came back from O/S and spent the next 17 years enjoying all the fun, benefits (travel, great people, dynamic industry, bloody good wine and lots of it) and success. However a couple of years ago she just knew her heart was not in it anymore. This was precipitated by some personal changes.

So here she is, starting out on a new path -- Naturopathy. She feels she has finally 'arrived' career-wise and she just loves it! In a way by doing so, she has come full circle. Currently she has set up a massage business from home as her first step. Six years of study to go so there will need to be a lot of massaging going on to fund it all! Janet says she can't wait....!

Janet met her husband Evan at the gym, where they used to be part of a triathlon group. Evan works in the computer industry, and they have a daughter, Annelise, who's 9. They live in the Sydney suburb of Greenwich.

Janet takes great delight in her daughter and says she is (of course!) smart, sporty, a bit 'out there' and an all round a good kid.

Connections:

Janet has kept in contact with **Kathy Nay** (now Kate Smith) who lives in the States and will let her know about the reunion. Janet stayed with Kate and her family last year at their home in Las Vegas. They moved shortly after and now live in Florida. Janet can also contact **Lindy Anderson** (studying at the same College as Janet, although she is about 6 years ahead. She is a

qualified Naturopath now), **Liz Ryan (via Lindy)** and **Margaret Bonfield (via Liz)**.

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Peter McCall

Message to Michael Gaertner:

The Reunion sounds a great idea and I'm looking forward to it. I've heard about it from two sources- the Schoolfriends net site and also from Andrew Blamey (who knows my brother). Please keep me informed. I could contact **Graeme Sindel** if no one else has.

Thanks
Peter McCall

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Rosina Clarke (nee Moio)

Great to hear from Bron! It truly amazes me how the world just keeps getting smaller. Very briefly, Ash (Ashley Silson) and I went our separate ways about 16 years ago, although my sister Anne still keeps in touch with him. I remarried about 14 years ago and have one beautiful son who is now 10. We are living at Lalor Park and I'm teaching casually in the area (starting 5 days a week in March for the first time in 10 years -- can she handle it?!). Have a Nutrimetics consultancy which I enjoy but haven't worked at seriously (yet!)

Like all of us, I guess, I don't often think about my age, but a couple of things have served as unsolicited reminders: a few years ago I was teaching casually at a local school, and during the course of staffroom conversation found out one of the other teachers had remembered me as her Year 2 Teacher -- not good; then last year it occurred to me that my first Kindergarten class had turned 30 -- even worse!

Found out Rosalind Silk (don't know married name) lives in Seven Hills / Kings Langley area, and has children at Vardy's Road public School.

Ashley works at AGL Shop in St Martins Village, Blacktown, and lives at Windsor.

Rosina

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Brett Montgomery

I too am living in the Northern Rivers Region, at Kingscliff. I married Leonie Bayliss (Penno 77). We have a five year old boy, Kyle Angus and I operate an Acupuncture and Massage clinic from home, here in paradise. I still love sports and I do the sports injuries and strapping for the Cudgen Hornets, rugby league, Kickboxing judging and the big event security venues (Big Day Out, Blues Festival, Splendor in the Grass and Livid). I hope I can make it to the reunion, (rugby league commitments) if not, my best regards to all.

Brett Montgomery

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Paul has been contacted by Garry Watts. Email address at left.

CONTACT INFO:Email: moreyg@optusnet.com.au**Graham Morey**

Hi Bron

Good to hear about the website / reunion (Dad was told by Nola Lamb at St Matts WPH).

I'll be in touch with Jen (now Bluhdorn), and let a few more know (Doug Lamont, Ian Gudgeon, John Garnet).

Graham Morey

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CONTACT INFO:Email: rayblu@northnet.com.au**Jenny Bluhdorn** (nee Morey)

Hi Bron,

I've really enjoyed catching up with everyone via the reunion site, and hope to be able to catch up in person on the weekend. Unfortunately it falls on the same weekend as our older daughter, Leah's 18th, and a friend's wedding. Good news is that both these events are also in Sydney - no small feat, considering we live in Narrabri.... thriving metropolis of the north-west. Result of all this is that my husband Ray and I will drop in some time after the wedding, and might get to the picnic too. Thanks for taking the initiative to get this all happening.

Jenny Bluhdorn (Morey)

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Lyn Hammond (nee Murray)

Hi! Everyone,

What a great idea Bron! Helps everyone feel connected before the shock of seeing each other!!!!

Since leaving in year 10 to start career in the arts, I studied for 3yrs at Phyllis Shillito's School of Colour & Design & Graphics, then 1yr at Julian Ashton School of Art (both at The Rocks). After finishing I went on to become a textile designer until the textile industry shut down in the late 70's. I then decided to freelance as a graphic designer for about 5yrs, this led to 10yrs as creative director in my husband's neon sign company. During this period I started painting again and selling on a small scale. After the sale of the business, I went on to teach as a freelance artist in the state school system. At the same time I also started Lyn Hammond School of Art. I ran the art school and developed a system for teaching art during an 11yr period (kept me out of trouble).

In June 2001 a dream I had for years finally came together when friend & fellow artist Anne Bourne & myself took an idea and started Artfocus Gallery & Studio at Brookvale on the Sydney's Northern Beaches. The public now has somewhere to go and buy art, work direct with a group of professional artists for commissions. Also have the chance to learn art through the art

school. These last 3yrs have been fantastic! It has only taken 31yrs to be recognised as an artist but now it has finally happend and we can't keep up with the work. (What do they say, be careful what you wish for!!!)

I live in Collaroy with my husband Ron of 26yrs (31yrs together, Spooky isn't it!!!), son Rick 24 (rock musician) & daughter Carly (artist & still going to N.S.W uni Collage of Fine Arts studying design).

The house is always full of music & art and at times has been interesting & very noisy as the band chose to practice at our house (Lucky me!!!!!!!)

So with all that life throws in everyone's path, I try to look at it all with a sense of humour. So with saying that I will look forward to seeing everyone on The Night Of Nights for a laugh and some great stories.

Cheers Lyn Hammond (Murray)

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