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A FINE REUNION OF OLD FRIENDS

This year's gathering at Trinity Playing fields was our sixth annual event and has been described as the 'best yet' end-of-year reunion.

It was wonderful to see William (Bill) Wilson catching up with old friends at this year's event.

Australian-born Bill, who grew up at St Joseph's, Castledare and Clontarf and now lives in New Zealand, travelled to Australia in July/August 2011 with his wife Heather to visit family and former school friends.

Bill met up with family members in five different states, and after 65 years he finally met one of his brothers and one of his sisters for the very first time.

While in Perth, Bill really enjoyed visiting the Saturday market at Clontarf, where he saw quite a few former school friends. After having read in the newsletter



Bill Wilson (seated, centre) catching up with some old mates

about new developments at Clontarf, Bill took the opportunity to walk around and see for himself the progress on the Heritage trail and other changes taking place at his former school and home.

After meeting Dennis, Jack, Wally, Anthony and other Clontarf Old Boys during this trip, Bill decided to travel back to Perth for the annual get-together and catch up with more old friends.

Bill found that spending time with his former schoolmates after forty years brought back many memories, as they reminisced about Clontarf days, their lives afterwards, and the successes and failures of reconnecting with family members. Bill says he had a fabulous time reconnecting with his old friends and thoroughly enjoyed his time in Perth.

Thanks to all those who helped out at this year's annual gathering, and special thanks to Dennis McNerney for once again arranging the venue and the barbecue.



Opening of the Clontarf Old Boys Heritage Trail

The Opening of the Clontarf Old Boys Heritage Trail and unveiling of the first Plaque took place on Sunday 18th September, and despite the wild and windy weather a good crowd turned out to witness this historic event.

The formalities were MC'd by Clint McNerney, son of COBH Committee Member Dennis McNerney, and the Welcome to Country was conducted by Clontarf Old Boy Bob Isaacs.

Following a speech by Clontarf Old Boy and COBHC Chairperson Peter Bent, the first Plaque in the Heritage Trail was unveiled by Clontarf Old Boy and Committee Member Mike Carroll and Clontarf Old Boy



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VALE

Peter Carney

Peter Carney was born in Southport England on 1st February 1940 and arrived in Australia as a child migrant aboard the *Maloja* in April 1953. Peter was at Bindoon from 1953 to 1956. He passed away on 14th January 2011.

The following tribute was prepared by St Bartholomew's House, where Peter resided for the last years of his life.



Memories in the Heart

*The Ferry called to take Peter home
Across the oceans to where his Mother waits.
Anxieties and fears disappeared
Time to relax and have a beer
And know the coffers are overflowing.*

*The smartest dressed man on the block
Who spun a good yarn of days gone by
The wild Colonial Biker who stood by his mates
A glint of adventure never left his eye.
When memories dimmed he never forgot his roots.
St Bartholomew's farewells our Mate.
RIP*

Brian Bevon



Brian Bevon was born in Salford, England on 2nd October 1939 and came to Australia as a child migrant aboard the *Otranto* in May 1950. He was at Bindoon between 1950 and 1955.

Brian suffered ill health during the last two years of his life, and passed away on 19th October 2011. His friend Sandra was very supportive to Brian, especially during his illness.

Photos: Fellow Bindoon Old Boy John Byrnes (left) with Brian, and Sandra with Brian (on right).

Thanks to Peter Bent for these photos.



Brendain Cronin

Brendain Cronin was born in Birmingham England on 18th June 1939 and arrived in Australia as a child migrant aboard the *Ormonde* in November 1947. He lived at Castledare until February

1949, before being transferred to Clontarf, where he stayed until February 1955.

Brendain passed away on 2nd September 2011. Our sincere condolences to Fran and family.



Peter Ross

Peter Ross was born in Bebington England on 16th January 1927 and was sent to Australia as a child migrant aboard the *Otranto* in August 1938. He went to Clontarf and was evacuated to Bindoon during the War in 1942.

After leaving Bindoon, Peter worked on various pastoral stations around the Kimberley region before settling in Fitzroy Crossing with his late wife, Casey Ross of the Bunuba people. Peter and Casey raised a very large extended family, as well as their sons Joe and Cameron.

Peter was a Councillor with



the Shire of Kimberley, representing the Fitzroy Crossing Ward. He was also a long term Justice of the Peace. He died in Fitzroy Crossing on 24th August 2011, aged 86, following a long illness.

WA State Labor MP Tom Stephens paid tribute to Peter Ross JP, and his "extraordinary lifetime of dedicated service to the people

of the Fitzroy Valley and the wider community.

"Peter championed the causes of the Aboriginal people of the Kimberley and was a man well ahead of his time in demanding what was right for the original peoples of the region. He vigorously took up the cause of supporting Aboriginal voting rights and supporting the early election campaigns for his life-long family friend, Ernie Bridge, who went on to become Member for the Kimberley and the first Aboriginal Government Cabinet Minister in Australia".

Welcome to the twelfth edition of the *Network* newsletter.

Much has happened in the last six months and this issue is packed with news from ex-residents of Castledare, Clontarf, Tardun, Bindoon, St Joseph's and Nazareth House.

Sadly, we also bring you news of the passing of a number of people in our network, and we pay tribute to their lives in this newsletter.

FACT (Forgotten Australians Coming Together) Inc would have liked to include a news bulletin with this edition, but an early Christmas deadline meant that the *FACT File* - full of exciting announcements - will now be posted to you early in the new year.

CBERS is keen to see more of this type of cooperation between those agencies set up to serve the interests of care leavers. For too long, Forgotten Australians and former child migrants have been disadvantaged by a lack of cooperation between service providers, and factionalism between various groups. Surely we are all seeking the same goal - a better deal for care leavers.

We're very pleased to see a new service provider on the scene and we wish FACT well with its new venture in 2012. We're also impressed with the range of services - especially their Computer Lab and family tracing with *Ancestry.com*.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter and wish everyone a peaceful and happy festive season.

Pip

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Opening of the Clontarf Heritage Trail

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Ron Allis, who was at Clontarf in the early 1930s and remembers helping build the Chapel.

The formalities were followed by a sumptuous lunch catered by Clontarf Old Boy Charlie Grida.

Many thanks to COBHC Secretary Yvonne for all her hard work in preparing for this event and organising the *Memories of Clontarf* brochure. We all wished you could have been there to enjoy the day Yvonne and we hope you continue to recover well.



NAZARETH NEWS

with Bernadette
Bowey Hills

A busy time for the first part of 2011, with lots of travel for many Child Migrants visiting families in the UK and Europe.

Maureen McTrewin went on 1st June, and had six weeks in Ireland to catch up with family. Marion and Zig went on 16th June to England and Lithuania and had six weeks visiting Zig's family.

Maureen Holland, her daughter Andrea and a granddaughter also took to the skies in June to visit family and friends. Maureen kept well enough to enjoy her time in England. Maureen and Brian Hurdle went cruising to Bali and islands for three weeks around June and thoroughly enjoyed the relaxing life on board.

Mary Bowen and Maureen Briggs Trewin travelled to England in September under the British Government Restoration Fund. It was Mary's first trip home since arriving as

a child at the age of 10 years. They visited Marylebone and had a few days at Nazareth House Hammersmith and also caught up with Monica Crane (nee Blendell).

Jacqui and Ron travelled North to Pardoo Station in August and September. On the way home they called on Bernadette and Les in Geraldton. Their daughter Tanya celebrates her 40th Birthday in Esperance on the 25th November.

Maureen and Jim Blain had a few weeks in Geraldton and Northampton, attending Jim's Sister's 70th Birthday. During the early part of this year Yvonne also took to the skies to visit family and friends in England and Ireland. Dympna also had a few weeks in England, catching up with family. We are sad to hear Dympna was not in good health, we do hope you kept well enough to enjoy the trip.

Eileen and Margaret had a

great time in Bali, daring to have a ride on an elephant and doing plenty of shopping.

Bridget flew to Melbourne in September and had a pleasant stay with Margaret Gibson and caught up with Margaret Wilde. A lot of chit-chat about their younger days in Geraldton. Bridget has two cousins from Ireland at present, we hope they enjoy their stay.

June and Joe spent a few weeks sightseeing and cruising around Europe earlier in the year and had a great time.

Bernadette's sister arrived from England on November 26th and is enjoying her stay in Australia.

To finish off, we wish all Child Migrants good health and A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR. Signing off from Geraldton
Bernadette

STAYING AT NAZARETH HOUSE IN HAMMERSMITH LONDON

Nazareth House ex-resident Maureen Briggs Trewin travelled to England this year as support person for a fellow former child migrant making her first trip back.

While in England Maureen and Mary spent a few days at Nazareth House in Hammersmith London, where they had both stayed as children.

Maureen says the Sisters' hospitality was 'more than wonderful', and would like to advise that all

travellers are welcome to stay at Nazareth House, including families and children. The only charge is a donation. Please make reservations well in advance as accommodation gets booked up early.

For bookings, contact Sr Gabriel at Nazareth House, 169-175 Hammersmith Road, London W68DB.

Phone: 020-8748-3549

Email: srcmd@hotmail.com



Oral History Project Update

The Library is still looking for people to be interviewed so we can record a range of experiences of those in care at different periods and in both regional and metropolitan areas. Over 300 people have expressed interest in telling their story, many of whom have heard about the project from advocacy organisations. However, there are still gaps in the variety of experiences covered; we would particularly like to hear from people who were in care in



Tasmania and in rural and regional Western Australia, Queensland and South Australia. We also would like to hear from people who were in care anywhere in Australia and who now live in the Northern Territory. If you are interested in being interviewed, please print out and return the Expression of Interest form available at www.nla.gov.au/oh/fafcm/documents/EOLinbeinginterviewedV5.pdf or contact Renée on 1800 204 290.

ST JOSEPH'S



Happy 70th Gwen!

On Saturday 20th August family, friends and schoolmates got together at the Girrawheen Hotel to celebrate the 70th birthday of Gwen Tavvakh (nee Hyland).

A good time was had by all and it was great to see Gwen looking so well and happy.

Ann McVeigh



Hello from Joan in England

Joan Tuff (nee McCloskey) and her sisters Mary, Noreen and Eileen (Debbie), all arrived in Australia as child migrants aboard the *Asturias* in December 1947 and were sent to live at St Josephs.

After leaving St Joseph's, Joan went back to England, where she lives with her husband Dalby.

Joan writes:

"We've had a lot of company this year. Mary and Lesley came to stay for a few days on their way back to Perth in July. Sheilagh and Viv also called into our place and they all went together to the airport. It was so lovely seeing them again. We really miss everyone from WA. Vera Fare and her daughter Kelly called in during their trip in October. It was a lovely surprise all round".

VALE

Our sincere condolences to the family of Desmond Senini who passed away recently, having lost his beloved wife Freda (nee Holland) in May 2010.

United in love and peace.

From the Joey Girls.

Our Walking Miracle

Best wishes to our walking miracle Lilly O'Rourke who is continuing to recover after a very serious illness earlier this year.

From Mary Cooper (nee Patton).

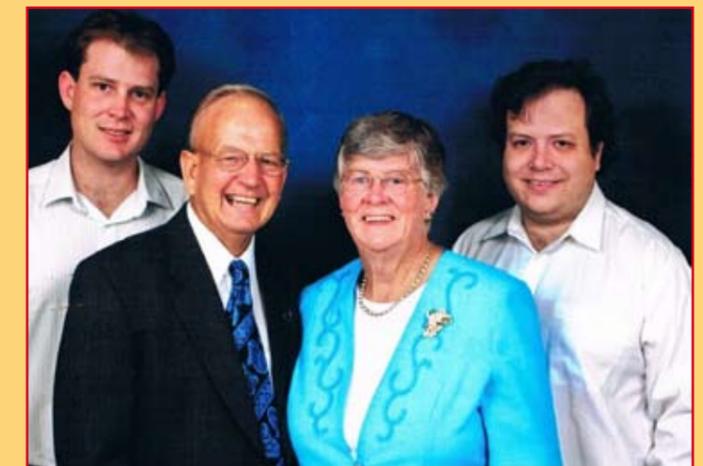
A Dream Come True...

Teresa Phillips (nee Mangan) arrived in Australia as a child migrant aboard the *Asturias* in September 1947 and was sent to St Josephs.

Earlier this year, Teresa travelled back to Ireland, her place of birth, accompanied by her son David.

Teresa also visited family in Cardiff and England.

Teresa was thrilled to spend time with her two brothers and other family members during the four week trip, and said that after 30 years, it was like a 'dream come true'.



Steven and Teresa Phillips with their sons David (32) and Geoffrey (29) in 2008.

THE STRUGGLES AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF TARDUN FARM SCHOOL

As a follow-up to a previous article, which reported the closure of the Tardun Farm School, located 540 kilometres northeast of Perth in Western Australia, we continue to share with you the highlights of its history, hardships and achievements.

Part 4 – 1950's



Brothers, farmers and friends celebrate a successful chapel paddock harvest

SUCCESSIVE PRINCIPALS LEAVE THEIR MARK

The period 1950 to 1958 was one of consolidation, construction and changing financial fortunes.

Br Geoghegan was appointed principal in 1950 to replace Br Quirke. There were four nuns, headed by Sister Stanislaus, who were responsible for running the kitchen, laundry and providing medical care and attention for the boys.

Eleven Brothers were based at Tardun to run the farm, look after the boys and provide schooling and religious education. Three young Brothers - Wright, Brown and Schaeffer - arrived during 1953 to bolster numbers and ensure continuity of services as many of the other Brothers were in their senior years.

Br. Hewat took up his new appointment as principal at the school at the beginning of 1959 and was to prove a very successful, compassionate and progressive leader who was very much admired by the boys and the surrounding community. During this period the promoter of the scheme, Br. Conlon, passed away at the age of 83

years. Reports of his work and life were published in the local newspaper *The Record*.

DROUGHT AFFECTS THE HARVEST RESULT

The harvest in 1951 was completed well before Christmas due to the drought conditions which prevailed during the growing period. Only four inches of rain fell which is considerably below the minimum required to produce a reasonable harvest. There was also a general shortage of water and much had to be carried to provide for the needs of the community and the survival of livestock.

A NEW GROUP OF UK MIGRANTS ARRIVE

On February 22 1953 a group of 65 children arrived in Fremantle aboard the 'New Australia' and were dispersed among the Catholic institutions of Perth and Geraldton. Fifteen boys were assigned to the Tardun farm school and eventually arrived at their destination a couple

of days later having travelled on the back of a truck for the eight hour journey from Perth.

TRAGEDY STRIKES

On February 17 1956 one of the young farm trainees, Tony Gale, was taken ill and rushed to the Geraldton Hospital. Unfortunately he died on 17 April 1956 from a peritonitis complication. He is interned at the school cemetery along with two other boys who died earlier whilst attending the school.

BUILDING PROGRAM CONTINUES

The new accommodation for the boys and trainees was almost finished. The new kitchen and dining rooms was put into use and a new hot water system, stoves, tables, chairs, dormitories, and locker rooms took on a more homely aspect. Plans were drawn up for the new dairy and slaughter house. A second hand bus was bought and was much appreciated by the Brothers and more especially the boys. This change in transport was a big improvement from travelling on the back of an open truck, even over long distances.

A new machinery shed and workshop were also built to the north of the building complex. A new modern hay baler was bought and proved a great success. A number of farms and blocks were purchased around the school some specifically to settle boys with their own farm. A dam started by Br Kelly in 1957 was finally completed which provided 5,000,000 gallons of water when filled.

SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Life at Tardun did not solely revolve around work, learning and church. The school was active in local cricket and football competitions. Sporting results during the 1950s showed that the school had many talented players with success often favouring St Marys. The annual sporting challenge against St Pat's College, Geraldton was always the highlight especially when St Mary's was triumphant. Rivalry among the boys during team sporting events was very fierce and many fine performances were recognised in the athletics and swimming.

Although the boys were required to undertake various chores such as milking the cows, baking bread, making roads, slaughtering meat animals, helping with burn-offs, droving sheep, helping with the shearing and many other chores there was also time for personal recreation such as bird nesting, kangaroo and emu hunting, rearing birds and pet goats captured in the bush. Occasionally the boys were able to make some pocket money selling the birds to visitors.

In July 1959 Br Thomas took the school choir to Perth for the Christian Brother's Eisteddfod. This was its first performance and it was awarded second place behind Albany. Concerts were performed at various venues in the districts and were always well attended and appreciated.

During the 1950s the boys would travel to Geraldton during the Christmas vacation and spend a well-earned holiday staying at St Pat's College and enjoying the opportunity to experience life outside Tardun. Later some generous families 'adopted' a boy or two for the period, enabling them to live in a real family environment. A number of the boys still have strong links and contact with their adopted families.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

On a January Sunday night in 1959 a massive blast rocked St Mary's School. The residents were enjoying the usual Sunday night picture show at the time of the explosion. The cause was finally traced to the school's dynamite cellar situated in the bush in front of the school. The front of the main building was pitted with stones and shrapnel and between 250 and 300 window panes were broken. In places whole window frames and door jams were ripped out.

Luckily, nobody was injured as there was nobody inside the building at the time of the explosion. The cause of the explosion is still not known as there were no detonators in the cellar.

TO BE CONTINUED

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our thanks to the authors of the publications used as a reference to compile this article about the school and its struggle to survive. Copies can be viewed at various local libraries.

Tardun: Golden Jubilee 1928-1978 Br M H Crouch
The Scheme: The Christian Brothers and Childcare in Western Australia Barry M Coldrey
Our Home in the Bush: Tales of Tardun David H Plowman
Enduring Struggle: St Mary's Tardun Farm School David H Plowman

TOBA Notices

TOBA Reunion

TOBA's next reunion will be held at Tuppin House (Moore River) Guilderton over the weekend 3-6 February 2012.

The Association was formed in 1982 and special celebrations will be held during the weekend to recognise the 30 year milestone.

THE CLONTARF NETWORK

Thanks Scotty

Ian 'Scotty' Hoban was a 1939 child migrant who arrived in Fremantle aboard the *Strathnaver* and went to Clontarf and Tardun. He recently turned 83 (happy birthday for the 4th December Scotty!)

From his home in South West Rocks NSW, Scotty writes:

"I still play golf but have to use a buggy. I'm OK apart from my body being knocked about a bit and I reckon with the will of God I'll see a few more years yet".

Our photo shows Scotty and his late wife Madeline on Australia Day in 2007, the day he became an Australian citizen. Sadly, Madeline

passed away earlier this year, and her twin sister died six weeks later. It was a very sad time for Scotty, who writes:

"I was in hospital following an aneurism operation, and after coming out of an induced coma, my daughters told me the sad news of their mother's death".

Scotty says his six daughters are a great comfort to him, and he often spends time with his daughter Maxine, who lives in the same town.

In his last letter, Scotty



enclosed a \$100 donation for the Clontarf Old Boy's Heritage project, 'to help the garden grow'!

Thanks for your letters and for your kind donation Scotty.

Our Local Hero

If you're ever feeling out of your depth, just hope that Clontarf ex-resident Tony Dalton is somewhere close by.

Earlier this year Tony saved the life of a young canoeist who capsized in the Canning River.

Hearing the man's cries for help and seeing him clinging to an upturned canoe, Tony coaxed the man downstream and then plunged into the

choppy river waters to rescue him.

The canoeist, who was visibly shaken but otherwise unharmed, vowed never to ride in a canoe again.

Tony recommends that all aspiring canoeists should firstly learn to swim, and avoid taking their maiden voyage on a wet and windy day.

Sounds like good advice Tony!



Hello My Fellow Old Boys

What a year we have had. I had the pleasure of being touch with a number of our mates all over Australia, including: John Hennessy (Sydney), Jim Myers (Darwin), John Hart (Quairading WA), Paddy Delaney (Shepparton Vic), Tony Lane, (Heathmont, Vic), Peter Kelly (Darwin), Phillip Charlton (Yeppoon Qld), Patrick O'Flaherty (Canberra), and Paddy Rush (Seabird WA). If anyone wants to catch up with these

old boys let me know.

Special thanks to Laurie Humphreys for his great work he has done over the years for Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants.

It is wonderful to see Yvonne is recovering from her illness, we thank you for the work you do for the Clontarf Heritage Committee.

We lost some of our lads this year, namely Brendan Cronin, Brian

Bevon, George Walsh (Victoria), and Michael Greck. Once again we had to bury one of our boys in a pauper's grave at Karrakatta.

We had a wonderful picnic at Trinity Playing Fields in November. Thank you Pip White and Staff at CBERS.

You all have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year
STAY STRONG
Paddy Cannon

BINDOON CORNER

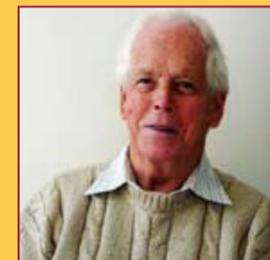
Once again we report the sad loss of yet another Bindoon Old Boy with the passing of Bernie Murphy. It was pleasing to see both Bindoon and Clontarf former child migrants in attendance to farewell Bernie. When one recalls the many who have passed away the memories, both good and not so good, come clearly to mind.

For the pre-war boys at Bindoon the accommodation was in tents while the two tower houses were built, mostly with rocks and rubble dug from the quarry. These buildings, which stand as a monument to the boys' hard work, are now believed to be heritage listed and I hope to have more details on this for the next issue. What a pity these buildings were not depicted in a recent movie as they would have told a story of the true Bindoon.



Early days at Moore River

By Laurie Humphreys



The post war years, when Bernie Murphy was in residence, saw the pace of building quicken with first the Technical School being built and then the Administration Building.

Whilst week days were spent working on these buildings Sundays were a welcome relief when we went bush to catch, kill and cook rabbits on the camp fire. Rabbits were either dug out or chased down. However, the highlight for all boys was the camping at Moore River when we would pile on the back of a truck for the trip with another truck bringing up the rear with the tents.

Whilst life was hard it's memories such as these that come up when we get together.

NOTICEBOARD

Seeking contact

Michael O'Donoghue is hoping someone has contact details for Peter Bidwell. Peter and Michael both arrived in Australia as child migrants aboard the *SS Maloja* in August 1953 and were at Clontarf together. Peter found his family in 1969 and returned to live in the UK.

Peter tried to get in touch with Michael recently but didn't leave his contact details.

If you can help, please call Michael on 9734-4576.

Health Notice

A UK former child migrant who was at Castledare and Clontarf in the 1950s would like to advise others of his recent discovery that a lifetime of stomach ulcers was caused by *Helicobacter Pylori*.

This infection mostly occurs in children and spreads between family members or those sharing food and eating utensils. Once the disease is treated with a course of antibiotics no recurrence is likely.

If you have ulcers or other stomach problems, why not ask your doctor to test for *Helicobacter Pylori*?

Remembering Michael Bowman

Clontarf Old Boys pay their respects as Victor Moore lays flowers on the Michael Bowman Memorial in December last year.

Thank you to David and Paul for sending in this photo.



Seeking contact

Does anyone know the whereabouts of Julian Gill? Julian was at Clontarf in the 1950s and then studied at Muresk Agricultural College in Northam. He may have gone overseas in the late 1960s.

Julian's old friend Les Harper would like to make contact with him. If you can help, please email Les on lesharper@optusnet.com.au or phone 0408-123-562 (please leave a message and Les will return your call as he lives in the hills of Mt Eliza in Melbourne where there is no mobile reception).

NOTICEBOARD

Photos to share

Michael Gormley arrived in Australia as a child migrant aboard the *New Australia* in 1953 and was at Clontarf between 1953 and 1960.

These days Michael lives in Milson's Point NSW and has a keen interest

in historic photos, among other things. Michael is interested in hearing from other Clontarf Old Boys, and is happy to share photos from his collection.

Contact Michael by email at yelgy@hotmail.com



Michael in 2009



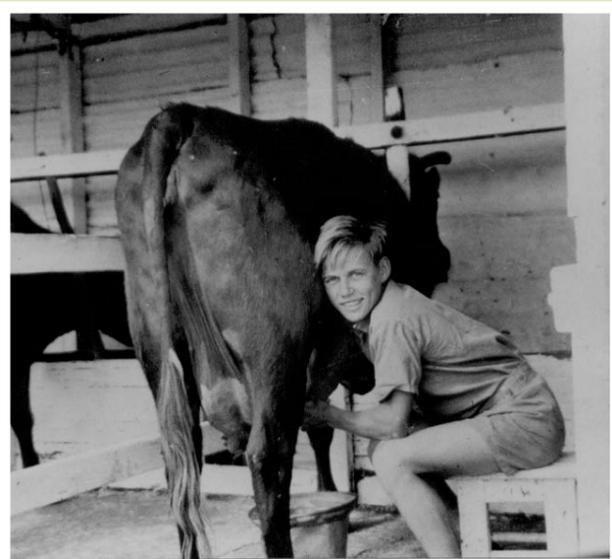
Clontarf tuck shop 1950s

Seeking Contact

The photo I'm sending is of a lad at Tardun in the 50s. Would any of your readers recall who it is?

I think his name is Michael Wilson, if anyone knows him and his whereabouts please ask them to contact me. Michael came from Ditton in the UK and was on the same trip as I was. I have a message for him from my Mum, which she gave me before she passed on.

Cheers Tony Ryan (08) 9934-1801 Email tonyryan@midwest.com.au



Leaving Care

In 1949 I ran away from the Orphanage at 15 years of age, after spending 13 years in various institutions. Now at the age of 70 plus I look back and wonder how I managed.

The following ode is a reflection on those years of survival. If any of the Boys read this, they will know where I'm coming from.



When you're standing all alone
With no place to call your home,
You think of things outside your
present view.
With no food inside your gut
And no thoughts of ifs and buts,
Your mind will take you where the Giants roam.

So you take one step ahead
And aware of where you tread,
Not looking back at where and what you've been,
Your progress in this way
Will cast all doubts away,
If your step by step approach is quite serene.

Let the Giants of the land
Stomp and stamp upon the ground,
While you firmly walk the pathway of your
choice.
Your step by step approach
Will help you to encroach
Upon the assets of the Giants in your Dreams.

Basil Pink
St Joseph's 1937 - 1942
Castledare 1942 - 1945
Clontarf 1945 - 1949

Can you help?

Rita Vella, daughter of the Late Spiro Spiteri, is seeking information about her dad, who passed away in Blacktown NSW in 2004. Spiro was a child migrant from Malta who was at Bindoon between 1952 and 55. Spiro returned to Malta

briefly in early 1955 and then came back to Australia and went to Tardun in September 1955.

Rita sent in this photo of a group of Maltese child migrants in the early 1950s. She believes her father is in this photo.

If you recognise Spiro in this picture or knew him at Bindoon or Tardun, please contact Rita at ritavella40@hotmail.com or via CBERS. A larger version of this photo is available.



VALE George Walsh

Rest in Peace George Walsh, who passed away in Moonie Ponds Victoria earlier this year.

George was born in Western Australia on 22-5-1937. He was one of four brothers and was at Castledare, Clontarf and Tardun between 1942 and 1955.

Brian Tennant

Seeking Jim Fairley

John (Jock) Fairley and his brother Jimmy arrived in Australia aboard the *Otranto* in 1950 and were sent to Bindoon.

Jock is very unwell and is seeking to find his younger brother, who he hasn't seen for many years. Jock lives in Moorooka Qld.

If you can help, please contact Jock's neighbour and friend Suzanah on 0419-990-890.

Seeking photograph

Does anyone have a photo of the 1957 Junior class from Clontarf? Please contact CBERS if you can help.

Free tickets draw a good crowd

At one of the promotional screenings of *Oranges and Sunshine*: Dennis McNerney, Paddy Cannon, John O'Flanagan, Edward Cogan, MiMi Johnson, Pip White, Peter Bent & Laurie Humphreys



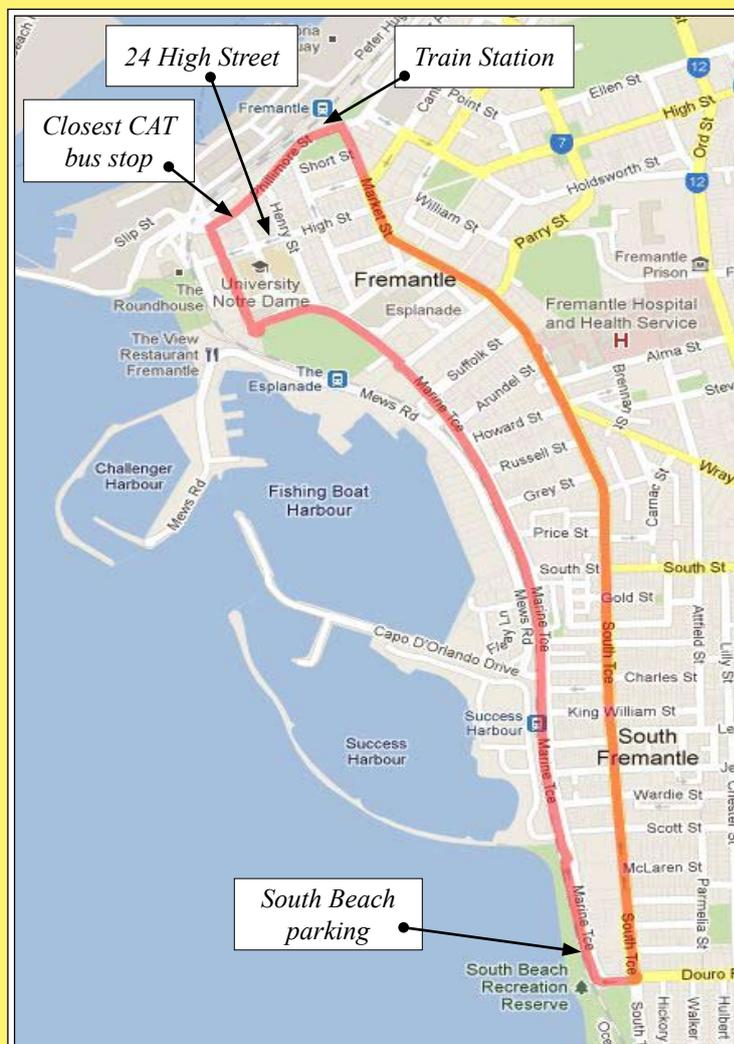
Finding your way to 24 High Street

With no on-site parking and a location in inner-city Fremantle, we have had to find creative ways of travelling to 24 High Street.

Lyn and Jen often park at South Beach and catch the Blue Central Area Transit (CAT) Bus, which stops close by in Phillimore Street, just after Cliff Street.

The Blue CAT Bus is free and runs every 10 minutes, starting from Fremantle Train Station. If you're arriving in Fremantle by train, the Blue CAT bus will bring you two blocks closer than the Station, with a scenic 16-minute bus ride on the way.

Use the map opposite to get your bearings.



On their Own

The exhibition *On their Own – Britain's child migrants* opened in February 2011 at the Australian National Maritime Museum in Sydney.

The travelling exhibition has now moved to the South Australian Migration Museum, where it is on show until 24th September 2011. Details for Victoria and WA are listed below.

Former child migrants and their descendants are invited to visit an internet message board at <http://www.britainschildmigrants.com/> to share their memories and photos and connect with other former child migrants and their families.

Exhibition itinerary - Victoria and WA

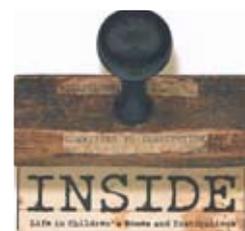
Immigration Museum, Victoria
8 October 2011-5 February 2012
400 Flinders Street Melbourne
www.museumvictoria.com.au/immigrationmuseum

WA Maritime Museum
19 May-14 August 2012
Victoria Quay Fremantle
www.museum.wa.gov.au/museums/maritime



National Museum Exhibition

A new exhibition, *Inside: Life in Children's Homes and Institutions* opened at the National Museum in Canberra on 16th November 2011 – the second anniversary of the National apology.



There's been plenty of positive feedback from Forgotten Australians and former child migrants who travelled to Canberra to attend the exhibition opening.

Inside: Life in Children's Homes and Institutions is on show at the National Museum in Canberra until 26th February 2012.

