General Meeting of the
Kinross Wolaroi Ex-Students Association

7pm, Monday April 4th 2011
Parkview Hotel

- Welcome – meeting opened 7:10pm
- In attendance: Walter Berry, Paul Tierney, Martin Williams, Mary Stribling, Jarrod Rose, Colin Young, Chris Oldroyd, and Anne Saville
- Apologies: Andrew Grivas, Katrina Nixon
  Apologies moved Anne, seconded Mary, accepted.
- Minutes of the last general meeting, March 5th
  Minutes were circulated via email last week, but were again circulated and re-read.
- Matters Arising from the minutes: as below ...
  Martin and Walter made reference to this, saying that some progress has been made in this area. Martin has looked at the trust rules and constitutions of Knox Grammar school for reference. An appointment has been made with Kim Rickards (school parent and solicitor) to move forward with this review.
- Correspondence In & Out:
  Reference made to all correspondences regarding 125 years
- President’s Report – n/a
- Treasurer’s Report – current financial statements tabled by Martin at the conclusion of the meeting, with financial documents summary from 2010 signed off by Martin and Walter.
- Reunions planned for 2011, and others.
  ✓ 5 and 10 yr June 18th (home game Stannies)
  ✓ 20 yr reunion August 13th (home Oakhill).
  Invitations for these three reunions have been (a) posted on Facebook, (b) uploaded to the KWS website and (c) sent to current mailing addresses of members.
  ✓ An ex-staff reunion August 26th @ KWS.
  More work will be done on the formation of this reunion over the next month.
• 125 Years Celebrations:
  ✓ Committee to begin organisation of the Friday evening Function
  ✓ Current setup – see minutes of past meetings
  ✓ ‘Chairperson’ from ESA for this?

Fruitful discussions took place with respect to many areas of the function(s).

Paul outlined the timeline of the four days of functions, and then the meeting focused on their role as ‘organisers’ of the Friday evening ex-student function.

Anne Saville expressed concern about the spread-out nature of the 4 days of celebration, but Colin Young pointed out that the 40 year students easily occupied themselves for 4 days in 2010, and that the options available for people to enjoy in the Central West should easily fill their down-time between the organised functions of KWS.

Martin noted that if the Saturday evening ‘Grand Ball’ is going to cost around $150 a ticket, that perhaps we should be donating money to some (internal or external?) cause. It was pointed out that it is the intention to operate the entire weekend as a ‘non-profit’ weekend, and that a donation may not be possible, but could occur if monies are available.

The following points are in no particular order, but were raised in discussions ...

- The function will occur adjacent to the Prep School in the Sally Kennett area – could we move things off the oval and on to the bitupaved area of the Prep School Car Park. This suggestion has great merit, re: weather, mobility for the older attendees and access to power. It was agreed that this was the most likely option.
- A starting time of 4:30 or 5pm was much more appropriate than the original proposed time of 7pm. This would allow the older Ex-students to arrive well in daylight hours, enjoy themselves and still be home before dark and cool sets in.
- A ‘staggered’ start to the evening is proposed for many reasons. If older ex-students are encouraged to arrive around 5pm, they will get prime parking positions and not have to walk far, there will be less pressure on the catering and bar staff if arrivals are staggered, and this will also allow those who plan to have a ‘big’ night to get around and mix with those of all vintages.
- In staggering the evening, it is suggested that there be a few ‘focus’ events occur, with perhaps a special guest from the early days (eg: DH Prest) to speak or be present at the start of the function, and then perhaps and current special guest (eg: Ben McCalman) to be present later in the evening.
- The event will be ticketed, with something similar to a wristband or lanyard supplied to all paying guests for identification.
- Like all other functions, this will be a ‘no free list’ function.
- Security for the function will be increased and be tight. Security men will be stationed at all entries and exits to the school, with gates at Cox Ave closed as entry points. Only main gates and Icely rd available for entry. Security will roam until conclusion.
- The function will have to conclude at around 11pm (?) for noise.
- A very large (30m x 12m) will be the focus of the evening – but smaller marquees will be scattered around the area, providing meeting places for ‘eras’. The undercover areas of the Prep School will also be utilized as meeting places.
- A large number of Port-a-loos will be hired to cope with the expected (hoped!) high subscription to the function.
- Golf carts and minibuses will be used to ferry patrons from distances in the car park next to Weymouth House, and the school perimeter to-and-from the function.
- While the function is to be fingerfood only event, it is still anticipated that a large amount of seating and tables will need to be provided for patrons, especially the ‘older’ crowd.
- While it will be daylight saving time, portable lighting stands will need to be hired for later in the evening. Investigations to occur for these (similar to those used for the Waratahs v Fiji rugby match last year?).
- The main marquee will supply food and drinks to the patrons, but it is anticipated that we will also have a crew of catering staff mingling amongst the patrons providing ‘an endless supply of fingerfood’. Many fingerfood functions allow approximately 7 pieces of fingerfood per patron – a menu to be settled upon later on. A suggestion made of a noodle bucket, or American-style Chinese container of food to be provided as the focal point of food
- Rain ? Unless a flood has occurred, it is anticipated that this function will go ahead in some form – rain, hail or shine. A decision will have to be made (perhaps the day before) if more marquees or undercover areas will be needed if the weather looks inclement.
- As the invitations go live – special invites should be given (and followed up) to ex-staff members, ex-council and persons of significance in the life of the school over the past many years.
- The main thrust of the evening is to be on the social aspect – mixing, eating and drinking. However, some small types of entertainment have been suggested – a few specific speeches by significant persons at just a few specific times in the evening, music from different eras in the background, and perhaps slides of images on a screen (after dark).
- Organisation of people to attend? Paul, Martin and Walter (plus others in attendance at the meeting) to extract names from the KWS database with the intention of targeting one important person from each year as a starting point. It is assumed that this will then grow exponentially as one tells two, two tell four, etc ...

- General business
  The members present at the meeting expressed their thoughts and prayers for the Williams family, who are mourning the passing of VP Williams (Wolaroi 1927-1936). He passed away on March 20th

  Michael Prentice (Wolaroi 1970) has offered a ‘prize’ of a week for two people at his resort in Borneo. Discussion and suggestions as to how the ESA or the school will use this prize are open.

- Next General Meeting date TBC at the Parkview Hotel

Meeting Closed : 8:33pm (with Financials tabled after that stage)