

AUSTRALIAN WAUGH FAMILY SOCIETY..

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1....Regional Meetings....Toowoomba and Clontarf...

I had hoped to put in this Newsletter a list of members intending to be at these "Cousins Days" but after contacting our Queensland Committee members, I don't think I can put together any sort of a worthwhile list...Members will make their decisions late rather than early..It is not really necessary to get an early commitment as it is a BYO and no catering is involved..At this stage I would hazard a guess that the number attending the Queensland Regional Meeting at Toowoomba Grammar School Pavilion will be somewhere between a dozen and 50 ! We will just have to wait and see just how much support these Regional meetings receive. As far as my own attendance is concerned I should be able to get to the Clontarf meeting but unfortunately the Toowoomba function is on the same day as our Sailing Club's official Opening Day,,,I don't think I've missed one in the last 40 years so don't want to spoil my record !

2....Reeve WAUGH..

I have tried to keep to a minimum, the reporting of Member's health problems..We all have some sort of a health problem, major or minor, and I fear that once I start along that track, it will become a highway, and the NL's will be filled with little else!.Nevertheless I wish to report that **Reeve WAUGH** (Dorrigo) , a much loved foundation member of this Society, has had a serious stroke, and is now in **Hilton Nursing Home** at 112 Brown St. Armidale. I spoke to Reeve by phone to-day, and he would appreciate contact with Society members..either by phone on **(02) 6772 6363**, or personally. **Neville Maloney** phoned me a week or so ago to say that he had seen **Reeve** in Dorrigo Hospital, but **Reeve** has now relocated to Armidale..**Reeve** at present is unable to walk, but his ability to communicate is still there, which is a blessing..Hang in there **Reeve**..I'll be in Armidale soon, and visit you !

3...The Fahan Sisters.....(Pronounced FARN)

The following was written by **Kate Sainsbury** (F635) and published in the Newsletter of the **Fahan Old Scholars Association**, in February 2000...I was sent a copy by **Geoff Harvey** whose wife **Ann** also went to Fahan...I contacted **Kate** and asked her permission to put it in our Society Newsletter which she gave me...It gives an excellent insight into some of our Tasmanian cousins.....Quote..

Fahan Sisters....**Waugh**....(as contributed by Kate.)

The **Waugh** sisters attended Fahan for a total of 18 years.. The first to enrol was **Alison**, who was a foundation pupil in 1936, to be followed by **Kate** in 1937, **Christine** in 1939 and **Felicity** in 1941. When in 1942 arrangements were made to evacuate pupils to Interlaken on the shore of Lake Sorell in the Highlands, all four girls made the move, accompanied by Aunt Mary (Miss Clarke) as Matron and mother as her assistant. These were in retrospect idyllic months spent in what was very close to wilderness, during which time we had lessons in the morning and were set free to rove for the afternoon, providing we were back to answer roll call at 4p.m.

Alison (Shoobridge)..Left in 1947 and trained as a Mothercraft nurse, working as such until her marriage, after which she was able to fulfil her dearest wish to run the property established on Tasman's Peninsula by Grandfather George Clarke. She and **Peter** have four children and five grandchildren and now live in semi-retirement at "**Lottah**" Nubeena. In later years they have been able to indulge a love of travel and have journeyed around the world as well as driving across the Nullabor to visit children and grandchildren now living in Western Australia.

Kate (Sainsbury)..Left in 1949 having been Head Girl in that year. She went on to the University of Tasmania, graduating B.A. After a working holiday in UK she returned and was persuaded by Miss Travers to join the staff at Fahan, although without teacher training. After five terms she left and married **Lee**, producing three children - she now has three grandchildren. She joined the Education Department, training on the job, and taught in secondary schools in the State system for twenty five years, spending many years as Vice Principal and sometimes even reaching the giddy heights of Acting Principal as well as gaining an M. Ed. from University of New England. When opportunity arose she took early retirement and moved to a small property she owned adjacent to **Alison** at Nubeena. Family holidays had always been spent here and it is a much loved area. **Kate** too enjoys travel and since retiring has visited UK and Europe, including Spain, Morocco and Portugal and the Greek Islands, USA, Norfolk Island, The Kimberlys and most recently China...

Christine (Dobner)..Also left in 1949 and trained as a Mothercraft Nurse, working until her marriage. She had a family of five and like **Kate** was widowed when the children were comparatively young. **Christine** and her husband **Christopher** bought land close to **Alison** and farmed there for some years. Later she undertook teacher training as a mature age student and taught for many years in primary schools, at the same time studying for the B.Ed. she gained in 1996. She has twelve grandchildren. In 1980 she moved back to Tasman's Peninsula and now lives there in retirement across the valley from her two older sisters.

Felicity (Langley)...Left in 1953 and trained as a Nurse at Royal Hobart hospital. She went overseas and while working in Uganda, East Africa, met her future husband, Englishman **Michael Langley**. They spent the first years of their married life in **Uganda**, often stationed at remote areas, and their first child was born there. After Uganda became independent they came to Tasmania where the next child was born and the last in NSW. **Michael** joined the Australian Army so **Felicity** took up the wandering lifestyle of an Army wife. They too in 1970 acquired property close to **Nubeena**, way up on a mountainside and with determination which her schoolfellows will recognise **Felicity** personally built a home from stone gathered on the hillside - **Michael** was allowed to assist. She and **Michael** live there now with magnificent views over Southern Tasmania. **Felicity** grows peonies and proteas commercially, selling to mainland customers as well as Tasmanian. They have four grandchildren..

Ed. Thankyou **Kate** for the above..one of our Society's aims is to provide a forum whereby Waugh descendents can get to know each other better, and articles like this certainly do that. Those members of the Society who joined in the

foundation year, 1996, will recall that in an early newsletter there was an article covering a car trip made by myself and **Reeve WAUGH** to Tasmania...During that trip we stayed for a couple of nights at "**Lottah**", with **Alison** and **Peter Shoobridge**. They organised a dinner party for us and all 4 sisters and **Michael** and **Peter** were there..We had a wonderfully enjoyable stay..It's refreshing to see those 4 sisters all settled so closely..Waugh family ties are strong!

The four sisters are daughters of **Eric Cadogan WAUGH** (1900 - 1965)(E203) and are descended from **Alexander WAUGH DD** (1754-1827)(A5) via **Rev.James Hay WAUGH** (1797-1885)(B13) **Dr. Alexander WAUGH** (1840-1906)(C93) and **John Alexander WAUGH** (1871-1900)(D121)..I recall several years ago reading some correspondence loaned to me by one of our members **Truda COX** who lives in Canberra..Many years ago **Truda** did considerable research into **WAUGH** family history, and she wrote to **Evelyn WAUGH** (the well known novelist).. seeking information . **Evelyn** wrote back, I can't remember his exact words but basically he said that he knew of a **Cadogan WAUGH** who had emigrated to Tasmania, but he "only had 4 daughters so the **WAUGH** line has died out there" !! The four daughters of **Cadogan Waugh**, have had 15 children and 21 grandchildren so far, so I think **Evelyn** was pretty wide of the mark !!

4. Hester CATTLEY...

Recently when talking to **Rosemary Waugh-Allcock**, she asked me to contact **Hester**, whom she had met on a visit to the UK some years ago..I remembered reading some family history written by **Hester**, and given to **Rosemary**, and found it very interesting..The book about our ancestor **Alexander WAUGH DD** (1754-1827) by his nephew **James HAY**, is pretty heavy reading but **Hester** has done a very good job of distilling the information in that book, adding other information and producing a very good word picture of **Alexander** and his times and family...So I did write to **Hester**, and in appreciation of her efforts as a **WAUGH** family historian, I took the liberty of making her an Honorary Member of our Society, and sending her a copy of a couple of our recent Newsletters...**Hester** replied as follows....Quote..

" Dear Ron,

I am so sorry to have been so long in answering your letter, but I have been away from home for five weeks, and although your letter was forwarded to me , I didn't have much opportunity for letter writing.

I was so delighted to get your letter and most interested in the two news letters you sent me from the Australian Waugh Family Society.

I feel very honoured that I have been made an Honorary Member of the Society, and would be most grateful if, at your next meeting you could convey my appreciation of this gesture.

I only wish that I could attend one of the meetings, but I'm afraid that at ninety-one, the journey would be too much of an undertaking ! However, if you or any of our family come to England, I have a double spare room and would be delighted to welcome you.

*I am sending you separately a copy of some of the family history which I wrote for my three daughters and grandchildren, of which I gave **Rosemary Waugh-Allcock** a copy - my grandmother used to tell me all sorts of stories about our mutual forbears **William** and **Ann Waugh**..*

With all very best wishes

and kindest regards from your cousin,

Hester.."

Ed. Many thanks **Hester** for your letter and the family history which followed it..Thank you also for your offer of hospitality...I'm not much of a traveller myself, but there are other family members who just might take you up on that offer !! The booklet which **Hester** sent me is very good reading and if any member wishes to borrow same I will lend it to them...There are many quotable quotes in it but one stuck in my mind...I suppose there is some latent longing to hear a Scots accent...anyway this is the quote from **Hester's** book...

" It must have been a great wrench for the country-loving **Alexander** to leave his beloved Scotland for London, where in all probability he would have to live for the rest of his life. However, knowing

Alexander, it is certain that any sadness he felt would be compensated by the conviction that he was carrying out God's will.

The memories of Earliston and Gordon always remained vivid, and fortunately so as most of the congregation at Well St. were Scottish. Alexander was often given the opportunity of recalling the old days and the scenes of his youth.

Many years later one friend remembered his introduction to Alexander who asked him " *Where do ye come frae, lad ?*" I replied like a Scotchman, in the same interrogative style, " *D'ye ken Earlistoun and Leader Water ?*"....."*Ken Earlistoun and Leader Water ? Oh! my dear laddie, the last time I was in Scotland, I went alone to the top of Earlistoun hill, and looked along the valley; and there wasna a bend o' the water, nor a hillock, nor a grey stane, nor a cottage, nor a farm-onstead on Leader Water that I didna ken as weel as my own hearth-stane. And I looked down the side of Earlistoun hill, and I saw there a bit green sward inclosed wi' a grey stane dyke and there wasna ane o' a' I had once ken'd o' the inhabitants of the valley that wasna lying cauld there..*"

5. Inwards Correspondence...

From **Mary Gardiner (G141)**...USA...

Just wanted to update with our new address...It's now 3773 E. Pecan St. BOISE ID 83716 USA Thanks for the newsletter which we enjoy..We hope to make it out to see Mum and Dad and family next May or June..Trust you are keeping well - the new boat looks fun.

With Love..... David, Mary, Ryan and Kyle..

Ed. Thanks Mary for the update on your whereabouts..Hope to see you and your family next May or June..

From **Merron Matthews (F73)**....Shelly beach...Q.....who wrote (in part)....

Thanks for your letter and the refund cheque..I used a bit of whiteout on the page numbers so that wasn't a problem..

We were sorry to hear that your dates clashed and you won't make the Toowoomba reunion, but I do hope that you can come our way sometime anyway, and have mini-reunions of your own with the clan up this way. You know that you'll have a bed with any of your cousins..

I've enclosed a quote out of my Volunteer Tutors newsletter which must surely be true (I tutor one-on-one Literacy students).

Geoff Harvey rang to say that he will be attending the Toowoomba reunion; I'll pass that on to James in due course. I imagine that most people will contact James direct. The number attending doesn't really matter, does it, because as I understand it, James has arranged the venue and we are self catering picnic style...Sandy & Stephanie and Bryan and I are going of course and will stay with Justin and Margaret.

All the best for the next newsletter, if there is to be one.

Love Merron...

Ed. Ah ye of little faith !! Of course there is to be another newsletter !! and another and another etc etc !! But thanks for the stimulus ! Thanks also for the offer of hospitality...If all goes well I should be at your place next week, looking for a bed with you and Bryan for a night or two and hopefully manage some of those mini-reunions you mentioned in your letter.. I've reproduced the article you sent me on "Volunteering" below....

Helper's High..

(From an article by Allan Luks in "Psychology Today, Nov.1999)

" Volunteering makes people feel good, physically and emotionally.. And like a "runner's calm", it's probably good for your health.

An analysis of the experiences of more than 1700 women who were regularly involved in helping others highlights these surprising effects. In many cases this "helper's calm" was linked to relief from stress-related disorders such as headaches, voice loss and even pain..

What explains this greater calmness and sense of self-worth ? For millenia people have been describing techniques on how to forget oneself, to experience decreased metabolic rates and blood pressure, heart rate and other benefits. Altruism works this way, just as do yoga, spirituality, and meditation. Altruism has advantages over exercise. Although the feel-good sensation is most intense when actually listening to someone, it can apparently be recalled when remembering helping someone..

Being in control is crucial to the health benefits of giving. If forced to help, you may not benefit. People who have long term duties caring for others, often report more, not less, stress and health problems.

Taking time to help, then, may be a basic step to protect your health !"

From Rosemary Waugh-Allcock...Taloumbi.....November 2000....

A few lines in haste to wish you both a Happy Christmas & a Healthy New Year..How quickly this year, 2000 has gone to where all old years go...

I have put a photo of East Gordon, on this sheet so you can cut it out for your records..I must look for a photo of it when I used to stay there with the Calders in the 1959-60 period. Once Nan Calder died old Charlie, a 1914 - 18 RAF pilot, let the place go to ruin ...you can see here by the door & the windows...etc..It is now owned by an accountant from near Boswells and is farmed (990 acres) by someone I know..Graham Stewart of FANS, Earlston. The house is on a hill above Middle Third, a farm of over 2000 acres which march with the acres of East Gordon.

Thank you again for the "Good Show"..the Party on the 28th Oct. It was good fun.

*The repairs to this house still go ON but the end ? is in sight. Well, by the end of January. The kitchen-family room, 34*24 feet , is actually finished except that we wait now for the stainless steel counters,,(Monday ?) and then the other, top, cupboards go in.....as the steel fellow is holding up the show, the floors can't be done (hardwood floors) & polished until mid-Jan now...\$ so it goes on...But Ted's Bathroom will be tiled etc next week..It now has a square bath in it + shower and Spanish tiles to the ceiling..It will be the most modern bathroom in the house !*

My grandson's pony & another filly arrived last week. Two very beautiful little Welsh Mountain "Monkies" We are all getting used to each other now. Later on I will lease them for showing..But first they will be broken in & also to harness. It's a slow process, but they are too good not to be shown..

*I have two of my mares coming home next week. Brood mares for next year..They will go to Keith Coombes horse *NADEED by Nijinsky next year..It's all a slow process but it is interesting..*

Here we could do with 50mm this week. There are storms about. But we dont want a flood too soon, I guess. The Clarence, will get one....probably bigger than ever...

It's dull here to-day so I must get outside & do some work helping clear up the mess. All the storm water drains Had to go somewhere - there is all new guttering, & down spouts..the work has seemed endless..We have both "Had" it !!

Eventually , I will find the typewriter again and finish the family letter, or article, for you and do some sketches...

Must Away.....

Love and Best Wishes from us both,

Rosemary W-

Ed. Thanks for your letter and photos Rosemary..I'm glad you enjoyed our Armidale reunion..All being well we will have another in October 2002..That photo of East Gordon is a beauty and it's a shame that colour sheets are too expensive to allow me to put it in this Newsletter..Hope to be able to visit you and Ted in the near future..

Also from **Rosemary Waugh-Allcock**...Taloumbi.....dated August 2001..(in part)

I am so busy at the moment & enjoying the brisk winter weather at last..During the past week the garden - & the bush has burst into flower.

With Spring so close I am expecting one of my broodmares to foal next month. She is the dam of the yearling (now 2) colt, by Secret Savings, shown in photo on left. The colt has a 1/2 brother in Singapore who has won 3 Group races..1,2 & 3..and only been unplaced 4 times..I reared the fellow here...so I'm hoping to export this colt too.

Even these few written words are better than none, Ron; the photos can be cut out for the records..I hope we will see you soon. Taloumbi house is now so comfortable ..the new building...kitchen..& "everything" room..cum garden room !

Rosemary W.-

Ed. Thanks again for your letter Rosemary..I'll see how much room there is at the end of this newsletter and see if I can put some of your photos in..They are beautifully reproduced in colour in your letter..They say a picture is worth 1000 words..so even if the reproduction is poor it's worth 500 words I suppose !!

Ed..I know it's dangerous to poke fun at other people's spelling....especially if you are a newsletter editor ! I also know that spelling to-day is generally looked upon as being unimportant....and finally I know that misspelling is used sometimes to draw attention to something..Nevertheless, in spite of all this knowledge of mine, I cannot resist putting the following three in this Newsletter.

"The Shakesphere Restaurant." (Ed. I think it's at Rolystone W.A.)

"There were hoards of people flooding into St. Pierre from the surrounding country."

"Win a 3 day / 2 night mid-week charter, on a Seawind 1000 Catamaran. (8 Birth)"

6. Births Deaths and Marriages....

Births....

Samantha WAUGH (H47S) Born 26th July 2001.... to **Alexander and Kathleen WAUGH**...A sister for Harrison Hunter Redford WAUGH, and a second grandchild for **Rosemary WAUGH-ALLCOCK** of Taloumbi. I gather from Rosemary that Samantha only just managed to be born in hospital..Kathleen's mother (Patricia Harrison) was at their place when Samantha decided it was time to see what the world looked like..Patricia said "You've left it a bit late !" and when Alex expressed doubt about bundling Kath into the car and taking her to the hospital, she said " Don't worry Alex. you've delivered many a calf.! You'll handle it all right !!" Fortunately Alexander's expertise as a midwife was not needed !

Alexander SHOBRIDGE (H3001). Born August 2001 at Katherine NT to **William Shoobridge (G4029)** and his wife..A 6th grandchild for **Alison and Peter Shoobridge**..

Deaths

Jean Arthur (E601) (27/01/1919 - 29/11/2000) d. Tenterfield on 29th Nov. 2000...aged 81 years..Jean was the daughter of **Norah Annie WAUGH (D347)** and the Grand-daughter of **John Oxley WAUGH (C173)**, the founder of the "Mount Mackenzie" Line..(Line 3)...Jean was present at our Society function at "Sunnyside" in April 1996..

(Ed. This notice was meant to go in NL14 but only part of it was there.)

Harry Vaughan (F 17) d. 10th July 2001 aged 83.... **Harry** was the son of **Sydney Madeline Keena Vaughan (Syd.)**(nee Waugh) (E65)..and the grandson of **William Napier Reeve Waugh (D15)**,... the founder of our Line 7..the **Reeve Waugh Line**.....He was also the nephew of **Chris Honeyman (E67)** who was one of the Waugh family's first significant Australian family historians.

Deaths (Cont'd)

Waugh (F18) (nee Morrell) d. 18th July 2001.. (Harry's wife)..

Harry's daughter **Robyn** (Raffles) wrote to me to advise of the loss of both her parents in the space of 8 days. Harry's sister **Mollie Cortis** also wrote...Thankyou both for your letters. Please accept the deepest sympathy from myself and this Society for your loss..I had never met Harry or Anne personally, but corresponded from time to time with **Harry**, who was very interested in the Society's activities and would have attended our meetings but for Anne's health problems..Not long before he died, **Harry** sent me a gift of \$40 for the Society, to be used as I saw fit. I have used it to establish Society membership for two of their children..**Robyn Raffles** (G39) of Ingleside and **Richard Vaughan** (G41) of Lilyfield.

Marriages.....Unfortunately I haven't any to report in this NL..

Well that's the lot from me for now..I hope to see many of you at CLONTARF on 28th Sept...and quite a few more on my imminent trip North..

With Love and best Wishes to all,

Ron Main (Editor)



Photo made
2 lighter.

EAST GORDON,
GORDON.

DR. ALEXANDER WAUGH WAS
IN (1754.) photo: 1996.



This child took
to his new (yearling
Welsh Mountain pony,
"IMPERIAL CARMEN",
(By the imported
*Waxwing Heron,
champion of the