

# **“Back To School”**

## **OLD BOYS ENTHUSIASTIC.**

The great success which attended the “Back to School” ceremony at Wollongong Public School on Saturday morning fully justified the efforts of all those responsible for staging it, and also its inclusion in the 150th Birthday Celebrations.

It was Mr. G. Weber who first suggested it, and Messrs C. Church, W. Southall, J. Finlayson, E. Owen and others co-operated with him in bringing the fixture to a highly successful issue.

There was much enthusiasm amongst former pupils, and merriment reigned supreme. The “old boys” played marbles, spun tops, played mouth organs, etc., just as they did in their boyhood days.

They “showed hands” and marched into school in the same old way, and passed a quince around.

Messrs G. Weber and C. Church were the directors-in-chief and infused a vast amount of genuine humor into the proceedings.

Len Hart and Harry Jones brought along their leaving certificates, signed by Inspector H. G. McLelland, showing they were “sufficiently educated to leave school.” The former left in 1896 and the latter in 1898.

Included in the 150 present were 14 who attended the public school when it was located where the Town Hall now stands.

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Mr. Robert Crawford, who attended school 65 years ago, told of his experiences under the then teacher, the late Mr. Justice Edmunds, and others; he also attended Mt. Keira School when Mr. Hamilton was headmaster.

Bill Lang (Mayor of Wollongong) and his good wife (formerly Jessie McKenzie) were present as former pupils, and Mr. R. Crawford paid a high tribute to their parents and themselves. The Mayoress was presented with a bouquet by Mr. G. Weber, on behalf of former pupils.

The speeches by the Mayor and also those by Messrs W. J. Wiseman, J. W. Russell (who brought his school bag and mouth organ with him), Mr T. Searle and others were delivered

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in happy vein, their reminiscences being good to hear..

Mr. Tom Searle related that before attending the old school at the Town Hall site he was a pupil of the C. of E. denominational school, under Mr. Benson, who subsequently became a deacon.

Many former pupils came from all parts to be present, including Messrs E. S. M. and N. Eastaway, Edwards Bros. (Burwood), Mrs. C. Jarman and others.

School Inspector, Mr. C. Harrold was present and evinced deep interest in the movement.

Several apologies for unavoidable absence were received.

Those who answered the roll-call

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### GIRLS.

(Married names in parentheses)

Gertrude Weber.

Lillian Weber (Smith)

Beatrice Wearn (Croft)

Susan Judd (Seuard)

Stella Harris (Gray)

Jessie Burley (Sawyers)

Lilly Cook (Smith)

Hannah Jones (Makin)

Alice Musgrave (Rogers)

Hilda M. Makin (Tasko)

Ella O. Stumbles (Macphree)

Mary Sloan (Morey)

Lizzie Irwin.

Sarah Dean.

Elizabeth Dodd (Roots)

Janet Robertson (Abernethy)

Maria M. Budgen (Benson)

Irina Stumbles (Ollivier)

Lucy Clark (Neden)

Pearl Anderson (Smith.)

Olive Gilmore (Morrissey)

Rosina Bates (Anderson)

Ethel F. Eastaway ..

N. Brown.

Olive Frost (Collings)

Sybil Benson.

Emily Watson (Buckland)

Kate L. Jenner (Robertson)

Lottie Jarvie (Robertson)

Millie Parsons.

Brenda Eagleton (Isedale).

May Stumbles (Wilton)

Jessie Musgrave

Lean Parsons.

Amy M. Parsons (Meredith)

Eva Jarman (Collings)

Madge Grieve (Smith)

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**Flora Grieve.**

**Elsie Brooks (Evans)**  
**Lizzie Emery (Knowles)**  
**Edith Jones (Byrnes)**

**BOYS.**

Guido Weber	T. Searle
W. A. Lang	B. Bloomfield.
J. Anderson	H. Adlington
B. Oswald,	W. Stumbles.
H. Jones	S. Collings.
L. Hart.	H. Parsons.
C. Church.	C. Meredith.
T. E. Osborne	G. Cook.
J. W. Russell	J. A. Leeper
W. B. Eastaway	Bert Makin
H. Lowe	A. Patmore
W. O. Brown	C. Smith
R. Crawford.	W. J. Wiseman.
A. O. MacGillycuddy.	A. Halpin
E. Burley	C. Willis
W. Simpson	G. Dodd.
J. W. Brown.	G. Lee.
Edwards Bros.	A. G. Martin
W. Wonson,	K. G. McLintock
Bert Oswald	
W. Duncan	G. Parsons.
N. Eastaway	W. Eastaway.
C. White.	Alf Parsons
Eric Weber	E. P. Davis
Edward F. Hooper	L. Byrnes.
Bill Jones.	
E. Burley	C. Willis
W. Brown	A. Halpin