

**Sue Bussell YHS 1968** sent a photo taken recently of 4 ex-Yallourn friends:



**L-R: Elaine Rogers (Coad), Marg McKay (Morris), Front: Jenni Stott (Crookes)**

We met up for lunch at my place in Coburg one Saturday in May and talked and talked as you do when you all meet up after 37 or so years.....

Lots of coincidences over the years..... every now and again I meet someone with a Yallourn history and it is so good to connect through YOGA and the websites.

I moved back to Victoria from SA in late 1989. I rented a small house in Eagle Point and was delighted to find my neighbours were Roger and Jan (Daddo) Smith's parents, Bill and Norma Smith. They and my other neighbours, Wally and Jean, were the best neighbours I have ever had.

Another coincidence - the house I rented at the time was built as a result of the original owner winning a Holden in a Yallourn Swimming Club raffle, he sold the car and either bought the land and built the house or just built the house. I felt I had truly come home.

3 moves and lots of adventures later, I bought a house in Bairnsdale and caught up with Marg (Morris) and her husband Alan. When Marg and I left school back in 1973, we moved to Melbourne, me to live with my brother and sister in Carlton and Marg to Monash Uni. A year or so later, Marg moved into a house with me, my sister Kay, her boyfriend and one of my brother's friends, Alan. Before too long, Marg and Alan were "an item", married and had bought a house in Fitzroy. They now live up at Hurstbridge. We have kept in touch on and off over the years, with the one visit and several Xmas cards and phone calls.

While I was living in Bairnsdale, I coached the local swimming club. One day, Jenni and I bumped into each other at the recreation centre. Jenni's 3 girls are all as athletic as she was (still is) - her youngest Danielle is now in the Australian Volleyball team! I called over to Jenni's home in Lakes Entrance about 10 years ago, Elaine was there too. Jenni and Elaine have been in close contact for many years. Jenni and husband Ron live in Lakes Entrance still and Elaine and husband Kevin live in Pascoe Vale South, not far from me.

I was in the lift at my previous job last year and noticed a woman's name tag was Huberts - I asked if she was connected to the Huberts who had been our neighbours (also good swimmers) and yes, she had married one of them... that started a whole new string of emails and stories!

We (Marg, Crooksie, Elaine and me) are going to the next YOGA reunion on 13th March and would love to see our school mates from 1968. Contact me through Julie if you want to...but please come along - it's a very casual day and it's just great to catch up with old friends, acquaintances and neighbours.

Cheers...Sue