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## Dear Former Staff Member of the Northern District School of Nursing

This brief newsletter is being sent out to all those for whom we have a postal or email address. Please pass this newsletter on to any of your NDSN associates as we are looking for as much information/ anecdotes /photos for inclusion in a book.

To assist you with your contributions, some guideline questions are over the page.

The deadline for contributions is 30 November 2013.

Please let us know if you do not want your name acknowledged on any contribution or photograph.

If you move house or change your email address, please don't forget to let us know.



Early 1960s—the dining room

These are some of the photographs, which the NDSNGA has of aspects of Lister House. The Dining Room was the place to be for delicious meals. The gardens were very well maintained and provided a wonderful area for the nurses to sit and study whether in groups or on their own. Also the administration staff who were responsible for the smooth running of the establishment and the lecturers who tutored the nurses and supervised the old hostels played a vital role.

Were you one of those people who worked in the kitchen, gardens, administration or on the lecturing staff? If so, we would be pleased to hear from you with any stories for inclusion in the book.



Nurses studying in the gardens



Discussions with a lecturer—1970s—note the brown blazers

## NORTHERN DISTRICT SCHOOL OF NURSING GRADUATES ASSOCIATION (NDSNGA)

The NDSNGA is compiling a book on the history of nurse education at Lister House between 1950 and 1989 with particular emphasis on the life of the students and staff who studied and worked there.

We are looking for contributions from staff and students in relation to their recollections and experiences during that time for inclusion in the book.

A number of questions are listed below which can be used as a guideline for anyone who wishes to contribute to the book. Contributions can include special memories, anecdotes (funny or serious) and high quality photos which are suitable for publication.

All contributions used will be acknowledged in the book with the name of the author unless otherwise specified.

## Please let us know if you do not want your name acknowledged on any contribution or photograph.

The guideline questions are as follows:

- What years were you at Lister House?
- What position did you hold? Tell us about that position and the type of work undertaken .
- What changes did you see during your time at Lister House? Changes can be both internal and external such as buildings added, Government changes, new equipment such as ovens in the kitchen or administrative systems, the advent of computers and the fun learning to use them.
- With whom did you work and what were their roles? Were there any mishaps and what effect did they have? For example, was there a major flop in the kitchen in preparation for an important event? Did someone manage to wipe their computer clean with one press of a button?
- Were there any celebrations or important events during your time at Lister House? (weddings, parties, retirement functions etc). There were a couple of weddings for which the kitchen catered. Any other celebrations? If so, can you tell us about them.
- Do you have any anecdotes to share be they serious or funny? About your workmates or other staff.
- Can you tell us anything else about your time at Lister House? Were you there when Lister House closed? If so, would you tell us about those last years and what it was like. Who put the cat out on the day it closed? Did you have a celebration or a wake?
- Can you solve the mystery of the time capsule? Do you know where it is buried?

If you would like any further information, please contact Fay Bourke (Rodoni) on:

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Some of the tutorial staff—Faye Bourke, Joan O'Shea, Jack Hutley, - , Peg Donohoe, Margot Scott, Marjorie Turner, Dawn Buffham and Josephine Pellissier

We look forward to hearing from you in the very near future or before 30th November 2013.