

Blog #16 - The Setup at Beating Around The Bush

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All Beating Around The Bush (BATB) classes were held at Immanuel College, Novar Gardens, Adelaide, Australia. A boarding school.

There were options as to whether one stayed at the college in one of the boarding houses or at one of the various motel or apartment complexes at nearby Glenelg and transported to and from the college by the college bus.

Here are a few pics of the college -



The gymnasium where the "Village Fair" was held.



The school Chapel.

Behind the building to the right of the chapel were some of the dormitories



Behind the red brick building was another similar building which was the dining room.

The building behind the tree was undergoing construction - new classrooms.

Classrooms for BATB were in two other brick buildings to the right of the tree.



This is what they looked like from the street.

All morning & afternoon teas were held in the paved courtyard between the two buildings which was covered by a huge "sail".

I chose to stay at the college (as did most of the New Zealanders) - either in one of the dormitories or in one of the houses which had five or six individual bedrooms with shared bathrooms and a large kitchen/dining/lounge room. I chose this latter option, and although not first-class, it was roomy, clean and comfortable.



This is a photo of the house that I stayed in.

My room was the one just to the right of the steps (shaded by the tree).

A portion of another house can be seen to the right and a portion of another to the left.

The house to which Elizabeth was assigned was directly opposite.

Meals were in the boarders dining room - help yourself at breakfast & lunchtime, but served at dinner time.

Breakfast - selection of cereals, yoghurt & choice of tinned fruit, crumpets, white, brown & grain breads for toast, juices, tea and coffee and fresh fruit (bananas, apples, oranges, pears, etc.)

Lunch - different every day. Always a salad selection - greens, tomatoes, cheese, beetroot, cucumber, etc. and bread choices or bread rolls, fresh fruit, tea, coffee & juice. And then, either a soup, or a quiche, or a stuffed baked potato, or a lasagne, etc.

Dinner - a different meal each night.

For example - roast lamb and veges: corned beef and veges: chicken and veges.

And each night there was a yummy dessert. For example - fresh fruit salad & icecream, chocolate brownie & icecream; steamed pudding & custard, etc.

Each day - morning and afternoon tea - and each served with freshly baked muffins, or banana cake or biscuits or a slice.



And too, "Create In Stitch" (previously 'Country Bumpkin') had a mini shop full of tempting things to buy.

I bought some pretty floral journals and some little booklets containing all types of needles as well as an explanation of their unique qualities and specific uses.

There was also an awesome display of needlework by various attendees who wanted to show off their work and enter the various competitions.

This exhibition was open every day for the attendees to view and vote for their favourite pieces.

I took photos of a lot of the exhibits - but I suggest you look at these on the Inspirations website or their Facebook page as their photography is much better than mine.

However, here are a few of the pieces. Framed, object (scissor keep, casket [back view]), unfinished -



All in all - a wonderful experience. And one I will do again.

Another Beating Around The Bush event is planned for October 2016 - Wednesday, the 5th through to Wednesday the 12th.

One-day, two-day and three-day classes are planned with a "free" day on the Saturday to attend the Village Fair / Market Day and to explore the city of Adelaide or the Glenelg beach area. And do some other shopping!

More Beating Around The Bush news in another blog.

