

Memories of Cootamundra Girls' Home

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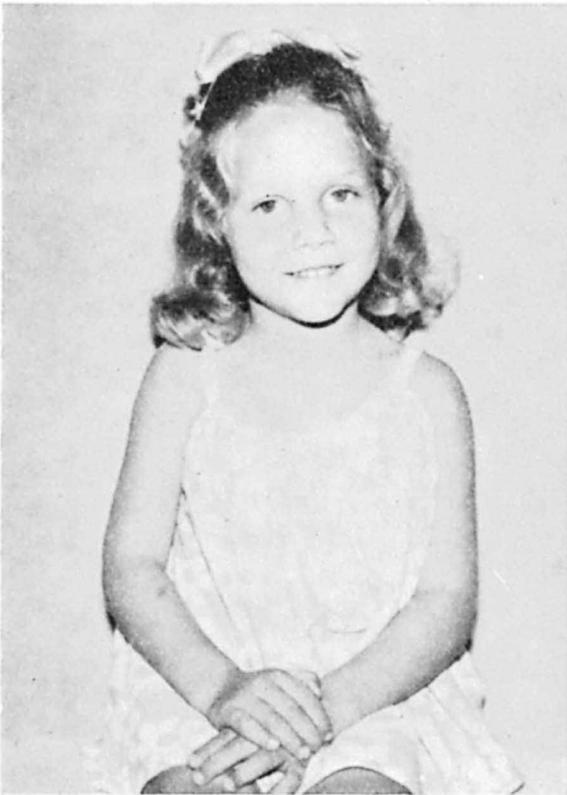
Down "Memory Lane." Such a long, long lane! I travel down it constantly and as I do so, I remember with deep affection all those dear girls of yesteryear and relive all the happy times spent together at Cootamundra.

As I want so much to find you all again and to help you to renew past friendships, I am sending out this call to each and everyone of you through your very own magazine.

Now and then I have been able to see some of my girls and when I do it just makes my day. But I am sad when I am not able to give them news of you when they ask, nor tell them where you are living so that they may get in touch with you.

Only today, I received a letter from Maisie Elliott (nee Kapeen) who now lives at 15 Tandoor Drive, Petrie, Queensland 4502, quite close to her two sisters, Dulcie and Annette. Maisie wants so much to hear from her Cootamundra friends and would love to have photos of them and their families. You will like this picture of her youngest daughter, Jane. Isn't she adorable? How about writing to Maisie as well as sending some snapshots to the Editor, *NEW DAWN*, Box 18, G.P.O. Sydney N.S.W. 2001 for publication in *NEW DAWN*?

Jane Elliott



What a pity we are all so far apart, for wouldn't a "get together" be wonderful? We would recall the old days at Cootamundra including the concerts you girls staged so cleverly, the songs we all sang, the walks across the common collecting mushrooms, with our dog Friday with us for protection!

Remember the cubby houses you built where I was always made welcome and served afternoon tea?

You will of course remember our Doreen Parkes and how much we loved the little ones—Pam Tighe, Yvonne Eggins and many others. No doubt they, like most of you, now have families of their own.

It was my privilege and joy to have known so many loving young people whose faces I carry in my memory.

Let me assure you that I still care very much about each one of you and that I too, along with your former friends, would be thrilled to have news of you.

My loving best wishes to you all.