



Class of '61 – Reunion

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The Reunion is over but the memories linger on

Jeff Fetting advised me this past week that Founders' Weekend is Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd October 2016. These dates are confirmed so you can firm up on your Reunion attendance planning.

Some bad news – **Roger Webber** was involved in a serious car accident on the 5th of December 2015 and is currently in Ward G2 in the Life Beacon Bay Hospital in East London.

Owen Thompson and I went to see him yesterday and he has no significant outside injuries, no broken bones, but his body took quite a pounding. He has limited movement in his arms but this seems to be improving daily and no movement in his legs at this stage. The plan is to get him back to Durban as soon as possible where the facilities are available to fully assess the damage to his body and begin what could be a long and arduous recovery road. Knowing the strength and determination of our man Roger, he could very well find a short cut in the rehabilitation process.

The accident happened on a rainy and misty evening near Abbotsford and details of what occurred are sketchy other than that there were three cars involved and Roger's vehicle bore the brunt of the damage. From listening to the story, I reckon we are fortunate to still have Roger with us.

Anyway, I am pleased to report that Roger is positive despite his injuries and is determined that "millimeter by millimeter" his damaged nerves will be restored and he will be at our 55th Reunion with us.



Even though he is lying flat on his back, unable to move his legs, he has not lost his sense of humour and recounted a few incidents around the accident:

- The first thing that he thought of after the accident, and he knew he was alive, was he must make sure that nobody steals his cell and his wallet as between them they held all the details around his life
- When he was admitted to hospital, one of the actions they took was to insert a catheter you know where – and despite all the trauma he was delighted that he still had feeling there

While we were with him, his cousin Allan Webber arrived and later his brother Bruce Webber. He is very appreciative of the support he has received from family and friends. I suggest that you give him a few more days of recovery time then give him a call on 083 2540258.

I am pleased to report that 25 members of our group have indicated their planned attendance of next year's Reunion. Now that we know the dates, it is of paramount importance that we get an indication as to whether you will be attending. To this end I am requesting, if you have not already done so, that you please email me indicating your intention to attend or not.

Kind regards,

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