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Dear Julie

I have been trying to contact you by phone lately but could not get through, Heather Abercrombie gave me your address.

I hope this letter is not too much of a shock as I know I have not seen you since 1962, in the Canberra Hotel annex I believe, when I was putting on a slide show!

I am wondering whether there is anyone or a specific club I should contact to forward a brief account of some of the early (1950 ±) climbs and other activities of the WBC to, including some photos, and possibly including a description of some interesting mountaineering over here for future bushwalker type climbers to check into. I phoned Ken Shea and he gave me the impression there was less going on now in the bushwalkers clubs; also suggested that I contact the University to communicate with the present generation (!), if necessary. I will do so if you think that is the best way to go.

- I was climbing occasionally and doing some mountain walking until 1983, am busy now with some of my earlier pursuits, not to mention looking after the house and yard, dog-walking, etc! Now that I have retired from the engineering business I actually find I can easily occupy myself
- Heather said that you and Ken Shea were also not exactly tearing around any more; as you may know she has moved now to a retirement complex near Caboolture, with her husband Ronald who is quite disabled at present.
- We were living in the north-western US. from 1958 to 78, moved back to Calgary in that year, and to Vancouver Island (present residence) in 1991. I have not been back to Australia since 1967. I do make frequent trips to the western areas of the US for a type of shooting matches I am active in, but do little other travelling.
- We are actually lucky here as we are in an older type of semi-rural environment, 20 miles ferry ride from Vancouver, which we never visit unless unavoidable, which I know would also apply to a few previous urban addresses!
- All the best and I will look forward to hearing from you

— Bob Waring

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