

**Some thoughts about my PNG experience
by Rosslyn (Lynam) Stone.**

At right is a photo of me with husband, Eric
taken in Athens in about 2015.



Years worked in Enga District:

I was a teacher at St. Paul's High School
Pausa in Wapenamanda from 1973 to
1974. I taught English, Geography and
Home Economics.

Below are two photos:

- At left is a staff photo from 1974. I am third from the left in the middle row.
- At right is a photo of the Pausa High School campus with my Home Economics class planting a garden next to the Home Economics building, painted (if I remember correctly) a colour which became known as Pucci pink in honour of Connie Pucci who left Pausa at the end of 1973.

A Memorable Story:

I arrived at Pausa High School freshly graduated from university in Adelaide. My two-year teaching contract at Pausa is filled with wonderful memories of students (some of whom were as old as me) who were so eager to learn and teachers who thoroughly enjoyed teaching not only in the classroom but also out of class. I was the only Australian teacher on staff. Imagine, if you will, the poor students in my English class, some of whom complained that they couldn't understand my pronunciation. I have memories of the delight on the faces of some of the students who saw the Kassam Pass and then the ocean for the first time on a school sporting trip to Lae. It was also an interesting sight when parents of the students visited during the Pausa Show to help their children don traditional dress. The students were fully aware that their county's future was in their hands. Years later, I would hear about some of their careers.



My Life Since PNG:

I returned to Australia and taught for a number of years in Queensland and then Victoria. However, teaching in Australia didn't compare at all well to my PNG experience. I retrained as an accountant while my two children were tiny. When my husband and I retired, we moved to Coffs Harbour to escape Melbourne's long cold winters and hot summers. I'm kept pretty busy in retirement. I still use my accountancy skills in volunteer work in the Coffs community. I have also discovered the enjoyment of painting in acrylics and drawing charcoal portraits.