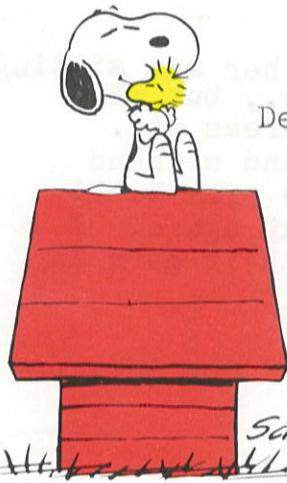


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Dear Phyllis,

Thank you so much for your letter and enclosures, I was so thrilled to get them and for your trust in me with the original certificates. I quickly went down and photocopied them at the time, but have only this minute sat down to write my thanks and to return same.

I do hope your husband is on the mend.

We are all settling down again after the holiday season, I haven't done anything with my research for ages but hope that I will now be able to get on with it. I have had several letters from different family members so have quite a lot to record.

My Uncle Keith with whom you originally contacted seems to be coming a recluse, not wanting to venture out much from the farm etc. we have not see him since last Easter. I see and hear from his son Bill, who is just a little older than I, as cousins Bill and I have been close over all the years. About 10 days ago he had a bad attack of pain with stones in the kidney.

Mums brother Harry and his wife Ronnie have gone down to the Murry fruit picking, they do so at this time each year and usually stay away for about 10-12 weeks. Their only son Keith became a father for the 5th time at Christmas. Keith is quite well off because of early investments in property, so 5 wee mouths to feed doesn't seem to worry him.

I loved the letter you sent, written in 1957 by Mr. Lambrick. I have duly stored it with other information gathered about the Cock family.

My family are all keeping well, Hayley has deferred her course at the Townsville Uni, opting for a year working at the Pharmacy. I hope it is the right thing to do as a taste of the freedom earning your own money can do may side track her. It seems so funny to have all my family at home again after 12 months with only Rogette, at first I never seemed to have a spare moment to myself however am gradually organising my time better. I have taken on a position of Treasurer of the Australian Trust for Conservation Steering Committee, which entails trips to Brisbane for meetings. I feel rather out of my depth with the Uni and Graduates etc. all with lots of knowledge on flora and fauna. Never mind I hope I will learn something

from it all. Poor Hayley thought it involved her mum sitting down in front of Bulldozers in rain forests etc., but what it is for, is rehabilitation of badly eroded areas etc. so hopefully we will be involved in Day trips and weekend camps etc as we plant trees, grasses etc. Time will tell!

I want to go to the post now, many thanks again, I just can't lay my hands on your letter, so if there are any questions, I will answer later.

*Best wishes,*

Heath

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