



The Scheyvillian

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Officer Training Unit, Scheyville NSW 1965-1973
A newsletter for all Scheyvillians



Some of the players in the inaugural Kooyong Classic, Centre Court, Kooyong, 21st March 2010. Missing is 'Limpy', Mick Stone (1/68), who injured his Achilles' Tendon during one of the hard fought sets.



3/69 Class at Scheyville during their 40th Reunion

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WEBSITE:

The committee is investigating a new website. The current Website is at: www.otu.asn.au Members are requested to visit this website and check and amend their personal details. Your Username is your Regimental Number, while your Password is your surname. Contact Winston Bucknall (see above) for all other Website details. In the next issue of the Scheyvillian, there may be details of a new website.

HARD COPY? If you haven't already done so, please advise the Editor if you prefer a hard copy.

SCHEYVILLE PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION

At the 3/68 Reunion in November 2008 and the Victorian Annual Dinner in June 2009, Neil Leckie provided a CD of a collection of Scheyville photographs for viewing by all attendees. This was well received by all in attendance and many requested and received a CD of the photographs. A number of members have provided additional photographs and many have requested a copy of the CD. ***I have received a few more, but please keep the photos coming!***

If you have photographs from Scheyville days and would like to donate a copy of them for the OTU Photograph Collection, please contact Neil Leckie. A CD of scanned photographs is preferred, however, if you do not have scanned copies and are willing to loan them for scanning, please send the photographs 'Registered Post' to Neil Leckie at: 14 Doodts Road, Black Hill, Vic, 3350. They will be scanned and returned. The collection is being continually updated and each copy is individually burned with the latest version. Please include a cheque to the OTU Association for \$10.00 (Postage & Packing included) if you would like the latest version of the CD. Profit from sales go towards the Youth Leadership Fund.

SPEAKING OF PHOTOGRAPHS:

In the last issue of the Scheyvillian Kevin Dixon asked for a copy of A Class 4/69. Don McNaught saw the request in the Scheyvillian and sent Kevin a 'pdf' copy. Kevin has now provided both class photographs and a Church Parade photograph to the Scheyville collection. Does anyone have any other jpeg 4 of 69 photographs that could be used in the Scheyville Collection slide-show?

SPECIAL EVENT: It's not too late to book!

A luncheon for Military Cross or equivalent recipients has been organized by Warren Campbell (1/66) at the Kurrawa Surf Club, Broadbeach, Gold Coast, on Thursday 15th April 2010. Contact Warren on 0488 488 333, wazcam@yahoo.com or PO box 2 Mermaid Beach 4218. Cost: \$50 per head.

Any members who are living in SE Queensland or NE NSW, or visiting the Gold Coast or Brisbane in mid-April, contact Warren and help make this good gathering a great one!

FROM THE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN (Frank Miller 4/67)

Future Directions Workshop: Members of the National Committee held a workshop on the future direction of the association on Saturday 6th March in Melbourne.

The National Executive has been busy identifying the future path for the organisation. A half day “future directions” seminar was recently held with a view to mapping out how we will proceed from here. As well as fundamental administrative matters, this included a review of the Constitution, Objectives and Vision Statement for the Association.

This work is scheduled to be completed in early April following which the outcomes will be disseminated to the State Chapters. Two months will then be allowed for them to be considered and debated. Final ratification will be sought at a National Council meeting to be held in Melbourne in June.

In addition, modifications are in hand to make our website more effective and user friendly. Again, a completion date around early April is anticipated.

We are keen indeed to see the goals and aims of the Association continue, across the nation and, well into the future. With our quite robust financial situation we are well positioned to do this in a manner truly befitting all we learned through our experience at Scheyville OTU.

ANZAC DAY: The Victorian chapter will march for the third time this year, while the NSW Chapter will march for the second time. Queensland and Western Australia will march for the first time this year.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS Graeme Chester 2/67 graheath@optusnet.com.au

It would be fair to say that we have had a good year. From battling zero when we embarked on our membership renewal process in May 2009 we now have **474** financial members. Still somewhat down from our heyday but a good base from which to commence our renewal process for next FY.

My thanks to the Chapter Membership Officers and to the ‘Class Orderlies’ arranging class reunions who have kept me informed of the new, or changed, contact details of our members. A good collaborative effort and I look forward to it continuing into the future as we work to build our numbers.

If any individual members have changes to their contact details that have occurred during the past year, please let me know so that I can update our database. If you are also aware of classmates who have not joined the Association please do what you can to encourage them to do so.

We have lost contact with a few of our members for whom emails ‘bounced’ and the follow up letter was ‘returned to sender’. If you are aware of the whereabouts of the following members, I would appreciate an email:

Cairney, Patrick 1/72
Dennison, Ron 1/71
Logan, Brian 1/68
Stewart, Neal 1/69

Dawson, John 1/72
Jones, Keith 3/66
McHugh, Gregory 1/69
Wight, Bill 1/65

I plan to commence working on membership renewal for 10/11 in May and would appreciate it if members could action the request promptly so that the process does not drag on inordinately. Some of us must have failed ‘Admin Peace’ as I was still processing renewals last month for FY 09/10.

FROM THE CHAPTERS

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RSL approval has been received and the Chapter will march on ANZAC Day.

NSW Chapter Goings-On (Greg Todd 2/71)

The quarterly lunch cycle took us to Victoria Barracks Officers Mess Paddington for a BarBQ for the first time on 12th February. Twenty three intrepid souls braved the burning sun to eat in the Courtyard of the Mess – a major risk given the number of follicle- challenged members present. Being great strategic thinkers, many resolved this problem by eventually moving to the bar – merely to avoid sunburn, of course!

Our lunches provide an opportunity for intelligent and uplifting conversation, not just war stories. We solve most of the world's problems in just a few hours. It's an enlivening time for all. A rotating population of 70-80 members come to lunch as they are able when overseas and interstate trips, family business or (sometimes) work don't get in the way.

We have around 300 members on the NSW emailing list, but are keen to ensure no Scheyville man is left out of contact. Please let me know if you have the current email addresses for:

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| Ernie Bryon | Graham Campbell | Russell Cook |
| Peter Graham | Peter Kane | John Loch |
| Carl Pethybridge | Conrad Schweinsberg | John Symons |
| Michael Travers | Roger Wheatley | Ken Chegwidden |
| Robert Fenwick | Jamie Fisher | Bob Lorsch |
| John Nicholson | Paul Pemberton | John Bendeich |
| John Deane-Butcher | Otto Hirsch | Bill Laing |
| Peter Morgan | Allan Pemberton | John Rose |
| Don Sams | Geoff Strang | Stephen Tizzard |
| Mike Tonks | Harold Williamson | Robert Wood |

Greg Todd, 0409 078 888, 9876 2958 (Home) or greg_todd_au@yahoo.com.au

Queensland

Christmas Luncheon 10th Dec 2009



On the second Thursday of December 2009 an august gathering of 35 Scheyvillians met at Fridays Riverside Restaurant for its annual Christmas bash. One notable, Dave Maley, piked out leaving us with 34 hungry members to soldier on through a fine array of Christmas food, good plonk and a multitude of colorful stories of past and present. We had the SA contingent of Neil Curnow (2/68) and David Jervis 2/69 who flew in for a decent meal and outrageous company not generally available in the southern states. Paddy Outridge and Stan Maisey, although having a tough year medically, made a real effort to be with us and to share their wisdom and to enjoy the stories from the boys. The effervescent Dick Flint

bandied story for story with some well oiled Scheyvillians who were up to the challenge. We thoroughly appreciate the effort these senior DS put in to coming to our functions and to be such an integral part of

our Association. Without their continuous support and friendship our group would be so much the poorer and less resilient. Photo above: Mick Hart showing Warwick Settree how to do the Chicken Dance.

Judge John Brown and his Gold Coast colleagues trusted the vagaries of Queensland Rail and travelled to Brisbane in a chauffeur driven 600 passenger Limo with screaming babies and the bustling public to be at our function. We did make the promise that we would all troop down to the Gold Coast for a function next year to alleviate their whinging about having to come to the big smoke.

Our guest of honor was Stephanie Mauchlan, Mick Hart's secretary, who is Queensland's honorary secretary and girl Friday for all correspondence for our Chapter. We want to officially thank Steph for all her efforts and hard work but especially for putting up with such a motley collection of old fogies who give her grief when they can't get their act together. We also want to thank Mick for allowing Steph to be the Brisbane secretariat in her paid time at work.

It was very pleasing to note that our numbers have grown back to the heady days of the Association in Brisbane with a record attendance.

Victoria – Inaugural Kooyong Classic Tennis Day



Under somewhat overcast skies the OTU Association (Victorian Chapter) AAMI Kooyong Classic was held on Sunday 21st March 2010. Playing before a raucous crowd of supporters (*it must be stated here that there were actually more supporters than players! – Ed.*), 16 talented players battled it out on the Centre Court throughout the afternoon in a round-robin format.

After 5 strenuous sets Peter Don (3/69) and his wife Birute took home the 'champers' whilst Mick Stone (1/68) was awarded 'The Most Courageous' for battling on after severely damaging his fetlock. Whilst he didn't have to be shot, he was last seen

leaving the clubhouse on crutches. Above: Centre Court, Kooyong.

Our thanks go out to Colin Lindsay (2/67) and his partner Denise Cosgriff who made the use of the famous tennis venue possible through their membership of Kooyong Tennis Club. A pleasant 'after competition' gathering was held in the new clubhouse restaurant culminating in a cook-it-yourself BBQ.



ACT: Wall Hall (2/68) Wall continues to be the OTU Association representative at the RMC Duntroon ceremonies. In December he attended the RMC Prizes & Awards Ceremony and presented the OTU Scheyville Prize to Staff Cadet (LCpl) Sarah Bawden. Prior to enlisting into the Army, Sarah lived in Rockhampton, Queensland, completing her secondary schooling at the Rockhampton Grammar School in 2005. She graduated from the Australian Defence Force Academy in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Politics and minoring in History and English. In January 2009 she commenced her studies as a Staff Cadet at the Royal Military College, Duntroon. Sarah graduated from the College in December 2009 and was allocated to the Royal Australian Army Ordnance Corps. She has been posted to 9 Force Support Battalion, Amberley for Regimental Duties.

EMAILS TO THE EDITOR:

Tim Fischer (3/66) 9 November 2009

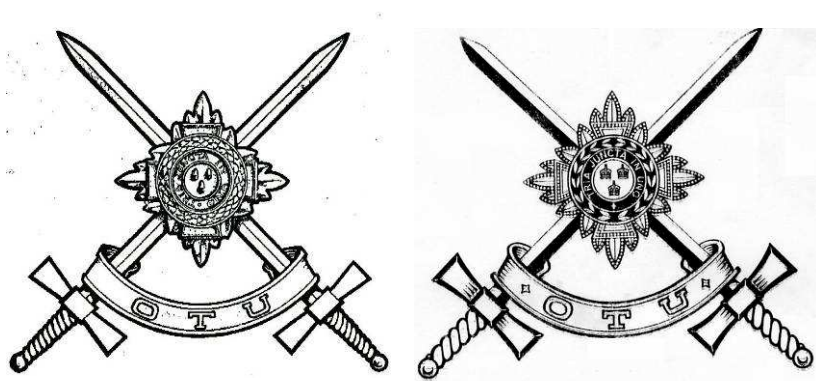
Very well done with the latest Scheyvillian, keep up the good work. Tinks looks much better and recovered from Q fever I gather.

Saluti Tim Fischer

Peter Whitelaw (3/66) 9 November 2009.

Many thanks for a great Scheyvillian again! Keep up the good work. I read with interest the AWM clarification of the "acorns" vs "crowns".

Fortunately I have a few archives that I have delved into to find the enclosed pages (all from circa 1965) – and the contradiction remains. The PIP (left) and the OTU Insignia clearly show "crowns" in the Army Specification (right) however the AHQ Dress Committee Instruction shows "mitres".



I also enclose a scan of the OTU Letterhead from 1966 which shows "mitres" and the pips that were pinned to my epaulettes by my dear wife in December 1966 also have "mitres".

It seems that despite the official specification (of "crowns"), the common usage version adopted by OTU (and probably the entire Army at the time) was in fact "mitres".

Today, that uncertain source Wikipedia states that "The Star, commonly called a pip, is derived from that of the Order of the Bath"

(see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australian_Army_officer_rank_insignia#Field_Grade_Officer_Ranks) and the Order of the Bath appears to have two "mitres" plus other stuff

(see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Order_of_the_Bath).

Best regards, Peter Whitelaw, PO Box 285 Albert Park Vic 3206

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Gary Vial (3/69), 4 December 2009 and 7 December 2009



Left: After several years and more than 500 track day laps in his Subaru WRX, Gary Vial found that it got a bit expensive replacing brake components, so has garaged the STi (except for Hill Climbs) and is now punting a 2002 Triumph Daytona 955i instead!

I was intrigued to read Alan Cocker's visit to Rorke's Drift. I guess since the showing of 'Zulu' that campaign has fascinated me too.

An excellent book on the rise and fall of the Zulu nation is Donald R Morris 'The Washing of the Spears' [ISBN 0-671-62822-4]. Not many know that the Prince Imperial of France, Napoleon III's son, an observer, was

killed during the campaign.

Fascinating for me is that one of the key figures, Lt-Gen Sir Redvers Buller, VC, figured in my father's WWII experience.

A navigator / bomb aimer in Bomber Command's elite Path Finder Force, he frequently took weekend leave at the Buller family seat 'Downes' near Crediton, Devon. By this time both Buller and his wife were deceased, and the house was the residence to his spinster daughter, Dame Audrey Charlotte Georgiana Buller, and Sir Redver's younger brother's son, Maj Mowbray Buller, MC and his wife, Silvia.

It is interesting to note that her name was mis-spelt on the introductory letter for Dad's first leave there [reproduced below].

Cheers

Ref 14b Aug43: The Lady Ryder Foundation made sure we 'troops' from the Dominions knew what was expected of them. I know Ross and I obeyed all of the instructions in their letter. Also that, at the end, when I offered a tip to the Housekeeper and then after her refusal, to Cook, in accord with the instructions, both said it was their sincere pleasure to help us who had come so far to help them fight their enemies. I did write to Mrs Buller, to thank her, however that was also the way I had been brought up to behave, by my parents.

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| ADDRESS: | DATES: | SGTS WHITTAKER & VIAL |
| MRS SILVA BULLER DOWNES CREDITON, DEVON | JULY 30/31st –AUGSUT 6 th | |
| | TELEPHONE: | |
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FROM LONDON:

WATERLOO Station to CREDITON, via Exeter.

Hostesses must be notified in good time by telephone or telegram of definite date and hour of arrival.

Names of stations have now been removed, so enquire at stations.

If unforeseen circumstances necessitate any change in your Plans, telephone or wire immediately to your hostess and to us.

Please take your ration card with you.

Tips:

If there are any servants only one need be tipped.

2/- or 2/6d is enough for a weekend.

3/6d for a week.

5/6d for a fortnight.

Hostesses appreciate a letter of thanks after a visit has been paid.

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| FROM: LADY FRANCES RYDER, CBE | TELEPHONES: | |
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| London, SW3 | Sloane 5871 | Mrs Wallis |
| | Sloane 6822 | Mrs Fry |
| | Sloane 4847 | |

Rob Youl (2/65) 30 December 2009

Last meeting I undertook to contact the National Vietnam Veterans Museum to see if it would accept memorabilia from OTUA members. Naturally they would be happy for this to occur, and I believe they are bringing together a wonderful collection.

GARAGES, ATTICS AND WARDROBES RICH IN MILITARY AND CULTURAL ARTEFACTS!
Missus on your back, leaning out, scaling down, emptying boxes and drawers? The National Vietnam Veterans Museum, PO Box 318, San Remo VIC 3925 (03 5956 6400; fax 03 5956 6406; 25 Veterans Drive, Newhaven VIC 3925) will happily accept militaria from our era for its rapidly developing collection. Post items to the museum with an appropriate description, comment or recollection, and include your email or other address to facilitate an acknowledgement.

Paul Coleman, via Gary McKay and Roger Nation: 4 January 2010

Subject: Subbies of the Sixties

New Year Greetings Gary,

Having just been to another funeral of an old army friend (Bob Owens, an 1966 OTU graduate) a group of retired RAAC officers is looking at holding a reunion of 1960s RAAC graduates from RMC, OCS and OTU. We are calling it "subbies of the sixties"

I have obtained the OCS graduates from the OCS web site but I cannot access the membership part of the OTU site. Do you have access? Could you send me the names of the OTU RAAC graduates from when the college opened to December 1969. I believe that the first OTU class graduated in June 65, is that correct? There cannot be more than a dozen or so RAAC grads between June 65 and Dec 69. Some contact information would be useful if it is available.

Hope 2010 sees both you and Gay well. Kind regards, Paul

Paul & Elizabeth Coleman, 16 Percy St, Maryborough, Qld, 4650

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Note: Paul has since been sent a list of RAAC Graduates from OTU.

Greg Todd (2/71), 27 January 2010

Tony Sonneveld has been awarded an OAM in the Australia Day list for services to Non-Destructive Testing and the community.

Perhaps he and other members worthy of similar notice should be acknowledged in the next Journal?
Cheers

Greg Todd (2/71), 25 February 2010

I'm sure our colleagues will be impressed by the referenced ceremony.

Not as good as we would have executed at Scheyville, Vic Barracks or elsewhere, of course!

Cheers, Greg

This is for real but Monty Python would be proud In fact Michael Palin went to witness & film this very spectacle on his journey around the world....It brought him undone too !!

The Wagah border is the only road linking India and Pakistan. Every night, the border gate is closed with a most unusual flag lowering ceremony. The mustachioed & turbaned militia march & gesticulate at each other in front of cheering crowds and with unparalleled machismo!! It is as hilarious as it is serious. The

opposing guardsmen shaking hands at the finish is bizarre in context !!!!

Click here<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZ0ue-XGI9c>

Peter Hateley (2/71) 10 March 2010 Victorian Wine Tasting 24th February

Annual Wine Tasting with partners held at Toorak Services Club. 36 attended with a great meal and good companionship. We are encouraging members to invite siblings to this inexpensive evening. We promise to take a camera next year

Rick Thomas (1/69) 15 March 2010

Further to my recent message re 1/69 lunch late last year, one of our group, Phil De Young, is retiring later this month after a distinguished period as Headmaster/Principal (the latter I think).

Dick McCubbin sent the following passage (Dick went to Carey and has strong links to the School and Old Boys network). I am sending this on to you as Dick does not have your email. If you can use this (or email Dick for more) you could crop Phil's photo from our Nov group lunch photo.

Regards, Rick

Dick's comment:

On Phil's retirement from Carey on 26th March, he is rounding out his career with great recognition and accolades, but with his usual modesty ("all the kids still call me Phil, I'll miss kick to kick on the oval at lunchtime, and I got a phone message from Matthew Knights last week which I was sure would be offering me a coaching role at Essendon, but alas, he only wanted a rails run to get his kids into Carey etc, etc') Carey's new De Young Centre for performing Arts Building on Barkers Road says it all.

Lou Dowling (Class 3/68) rang the editor on 20th March. After receiving a few Scheyvillians back issues etc, he emailed on 23 March 2010:

Thanks for the info you sent me, I found it interesting and it brought back some memories. A couple of Graduates, which appeared in the (2003 National Reunion) video I had an association with during my working years in Defence.

Vic Lampe (4/69) - I went overseas in the early 80's with Vic on a Bomb Disposal Vehicle Project

Gary Van Ree (O1/72) - We worked at the same Defence Branch for a number of years.

Tony Sonneveld (1/70) - Thru Defence Contractor Transfield.

I will look for any Scheyville photos I have and send them to you.

I have not located them at Werribee, but they may be at our holiday house at Lorne, I will look at Easter.

Thanks & Regards, Lou

Frank LeFaucheur (1/71) 23 March 2010. After correcting the spelling of Frank's surname, Frank

replied with

Cheers! Story of my life, as you can imagine. (Also since, as an accident of War, I was born in Malaya - my father was in the British Army - you can imagine the shit at Scheyville from the NCO's when they saw my ID - 'LeFaucheur, you're a phu---en NOG!' was the common comment!!!).



Gary Vial: 25 March 2010 Photo: Gary on a loaned Honda CBR600RR, about to be devoured by the pack [he WAS limited to half the rev range as it had only done 500km] as his Triumph was still being serviced. Shortly after this, he was sideswiped at 140km/hr and the front brake lever was

snapped off - but managed to slow for the close-following hairpin. Return to pits; empty pants; fit new brake lever; carry on!

PAST REUNIONS:

1/69 REUNION (Rick Thomas): Lunch Get Together for some 1/69 Classmates



(Left to right in the photo are: Chas Whitling, Ian Miller, Roger Dundas, Dick McCubbin, Alan Hudson, Alf Grigg, Phil De Young and Rick Thomas)

Eight members of the 1/69 Class gathered for lunch in Melbourne at the MCG last November. It was over 40 years since we were together at Scheyville and in many cases we had not seen one another since the Graduation Parade in July 1969 to our various postings.

Despite the passage of time and notwithstanding that some of our friendships at OTU might best be described as fleeting, conversation at lunch came easily with no

awkwardness.

Not surprisingly the discussions turned to personalities (Classmates and DS) and some of the funny moments we had shared with only a little time for “what are you doing now?”. During lunch some old photos emerged depicting fit looking young men with full heads of dark hair. Then Chas Whitling produced a copy for each of us of the weekly training programme setting out period by period, day by day etc our activities from 17 February to 17 July 1969. Of course the programme acted as a further prompt about exercises (e.g. “Hide and Seek”, “Windbag”, “Hume and Hovell”, “Swift Hand”, “Tiger Cub” (our short exercise), “Straight Ahead” and “Sword Blade III” (our 10 day exercise) all featuring for those who might remember) and the DS who instructed us.

While we have all pursued widely differing careers the shared experience in 1969 meant we were completely at ease in each other’s company and regular future get togethers (at least annual) are planned. Any other 1/69ers wanting to join us should make contact with someone in the group (or Rick Thomas by email rickshaw1@optusnet.com.au).

3/69 40th REUNION (Gary Vial 3/69):

Thanks to the organisational skills of Brian Cooper, Bill Dunn, Robin Hunt and Jay McDaniel, under the watchful eye of CI Dick Flint of course, fifty eight 3/69ers including partners celebrated the 40th anniversary of their 19th December 1969 graduation a month early. Friday 20th November 2009 saw the advance party getting acclimatized, by having dinner in a non-air conditioned Thai restaurant. Mid-morning Saturday had most of us at Scheyville with an excellent run-down of its history by the Head Ranger, Jonathan Sanders. Quite warm, so much so that Tony Beddison felt that an air-conditioned drive towards Singleton was preferable - but he did join us for an enjoyable 'hot box' lunch. Jay McDaniel's excellent photographic compilation of still and movie footage ran in the background. Dinner that night was at the Vault 146 in Windsor. A quality repast complimented by Bill Dunn's wine selection. Brian Cooper and Peter Don entertained the troops, followed by some insights from Dick Flint. Gary Vial ran a shuttle from the restaurant to the Sebel where most were staying, where a 'hard core' at the bar finally pulled stumps at around 2am. Sunday morning church parade was by individual arrangement, followed by brunch and farewells at the Sebel. Another 43 degree day was forecast! The general consensus was we should celebrate the 45th anniversary before the ‘zimmer’ frames overtook us all, so pencil in November/December 2014.



Left: Brian McCarthy, Tony Beddison, Terry Walsh.

Those who attended were, Dick FLINT & Danae TATTAM; Robin APTED; Graham & Cheryl BARNARD; Tony & Robyn BEDDISON; Mal & Ingeborg BROWN; Phil & Kris BURGH; Nick & Libby CALLINAN; Fred & Jan COOK; Brian COOPER; Jeff COSTER; John & Sandra DAVIES; Peter DON; Bill & Faye DUNN; Lance & Genny ENSOR; Bernie & Julie GLEESON; 'Hondo' & Sharon GRATTON; Steve & Jacqui GREENING; Robin HUNT; Ross & Helena KELSO; Brian & Hilary McCARTHY; Jay McDANIEL; Steve & Ruth OMEROD; Steve

& Janie PEARSON; Jim & Lynn PEOPLES; John & Glenyss REID; Denis & Mae SIMPSON; Peter & Maggie SIMPSON; Richard & Florence STATHAM; Gary & Libby VIAL; Terry & Gail WALSH; John & Sue WEDGEWOOD; Harold & Ruth WILLIAMSON.

And apologies from Alan BRIMELOW; Paul BURZA; John BUSHELL; Martin COLE; Brian HETHERINGTON; Peter LANGFORD [DS]; Arthur McGUFFIN; Lawson RIDE; Rod SUTTON; Ray WILLIAMS; Bruce YOUL; Stan MAIZEY [CI]

From Michael Hart (2/69): Lawson Ride was unable to attend the reunion due to health reasons. An article in the Sunday Tasmanian of 20th December 2009 explains why.

He has helped thousands battle cancer, now Tasmania's 'cancer man' is retiring to fight his own battle, with Parkinson's disease. Lawson established the Cancer Council with a staff of three and a small government grant 14 years ago. He leaves behind a thriving organisation with 41 paid staff and over 400 volunteers who raise millions of dollars each year to help people with cancer.

About three and a half years ago Lawson went to his doctor complaining of sore fingers and arms. The Doctor's diagnosis was Parkinson's. Lawson was a former professional piano player whose band once supported jazz great James Morrison. He has given up playing in public but still 'flonk around at home'. Lawson is optimistic about his diagnosis and has bought a new 'tinnie' and is looking forward to doing a few projects about the house.

Unfortunately, the scan of the newspaper photo of Vivien and Lawson Ride (3/69) was several Megs and could not be used in the electronic version of the newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

4/69, 40th Reunion: Terry O'Shea (4/69).

7th, 8th and 9th May 2010 at the Soffitel, Broadbeach. Contact: Terry O'Shea, 07 55022163, 0417631794 or tingoshea@bigpond.com

1/70, 40th Reunion, Tony Sonneveld and Russell Green (1/70):

A small committee of Ray Andrews, Craig Steel, Jim Berry, Terry Williamson and Tony Sonneveld are organizing a 40th Anniversary Reunion for the "Super Class" viz 1/70 to co-incide with the ANZAC Day March in Sydney in 2010. Efforts are being made to track down as many of our Classmates as possible to notify them of this event. There are quite a few OTU graduates on Facebook but many are reluctant to use this social networking facility because of concerns of privacy issues.

Russell advises that Scheyville Class 1/70 graduated 92 & we have managed to contact up to 52 who have shown interest in being in Sydney on 24/25 April 2010. The proof will be known soon as money for Saturday's dinner at Victoria Barracks, the trip to Scheyville & the BBQ and march on Sunday is due.

Tony conducted a search on "**LinkedIn**" on Saturday and potentially found 6 graduates from his class. You will notice that Chris Jocelyne gives the thumbs up for privacy/security using "LinkedIn" as opposed to other networks so I have set up an OTU Scheyville Association Group, see link below:

Officer Training Unit (OTU) Scheyville Association

<http://www.linkedin.com/e/vgh/2379089/>

Several graduates have already joined and believe this medium could be a good, reliable way to keep in touch. If the OTU National Committee agrees with this concept I would asked that the link be advertised in the next Scheyvillian Newsletter.

4/67, 2010 Reunion: Cairns, 12 – 18 May 2010:

Following the National Scheyville Reunion in 2003, Gerry Garard organised a 4/67 class reunion on the Sunshine Coast in 2006. Such was the success for the Sunshine Coast reunion that those cadets of yesteryear who attended resolved to have a 4/67 reunion every two years. The Sunshine Coast reunion was followed by a Margaret River reunion in 2008 organised by Col Cooper. They just seem to get better. The Margaret River area was a stunning location and those fortunate enough to be there tipped a considerable amount into the local economy – the wines are still drinking well!

The next reunion will be held in Cairns during May of this year. The reunion will be mainly based in Palm Cove (one of the most picturesque of Cairns northern beaches). Significant efforts have been made to trace members of Class 4/67 and not all have been accounted for. Our efforts in that regard continue.

Contact Phil Warwick's: 0438 529 741 phil.warwick@internode.on.net

2/70 & 3/70, 40th Reunions: nothing heard! Come on guys, get moving and let us know about your reunions

NSAA Memorial in Canberra, September 2010:

Tuesday 7th September 2010 - Parliamentary Reception for 1000 only. To be decided by ballot by National Executive and taken from % of numbers registered from states/units who have supplied names.

Wednesday 8th September 2010. Dedication ceremony following march to War Memorial site. Marching in groups indicated by year of enlistment (1951 group leading).

4/70, 40th Reunion: Brisbane 15th – 17th October 2010 to co-incide with the anniversary of the 40th Anniversary of the commencement of their course. Contact Owen Williamson on 0407 462 341.

Skyville Festival, October 2010:

There is a festival to be held on the long weekend in October in the Scheyville area. Apparently there is some legal reason why they can't use the name Scheyville! Do members feel that there could be a possibility of the association or at least the NSW Chapter getting involved? If so, contact The Editor or Peter Cassey, Festival Director, **Skyville Festival**, m 0417 262 336 p 02 4577 4778

1/71 40th Reunion

Email from Peter 'Doc' Dorahy, 28 February 2010:

I have been waiting anxiously for someone to instigate a 40th reunion for intake 4/71, however there appears to be no one so far willing to put their hand up. So, if any of my former classmates are interested in such an historical event, they could contact me and if there's enough interest we could start the ball rolling.

I saw there was an interest in old photos of the Scheyville days, and although I don't have many interesting prints, I do have about a 15 min Super 8 home movie that I took over my time in that glorious establishment. I still wonder how I could wander around with immunity with a camera in a defense base, including Richmond Air Base! Ah the good old days!

I also have a copy of the original recruitment movie that was used at our RTBs to induce us to volunteer for the OTU course. If you would like copies of these let me know.

Regards Peter (Doc) Dorahy, 4/71

From Frank LeFaucheur (1/71): **1/71** are having our 40th Anniversary Reunion **in Perth in 2011** - we had our 25th in Canberra and 30th in Devonport, Tasmania.

Note: the film referred to by 'Doc' is contained on the 2003 Reunion DVD, copies of which are available from Neil Leckie.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP: LORD AND LADY SOMERS

Altogether the OTU Association sponsored twenty nine young people to this year's Lord and Lady Somers Camps. These are held annually at Somers, on Westernport Bay in Victoria. For 2010 there were sixteen boys – two from the NSW Chapter, ten from the Victorian Chapter and four funded in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Healesville - and thirteen girls – three from NSW, five from Victoria and five with the Rotarians.

OTU Association members are always welcome to visit the camp, watch the activities then join in with the 'Groupers' (participants), 'Slushies' (instigators of discipline) and staff for lunch.

If it's possible to draw a parallel with Scheyville, the 'Groupers' are the Junior Class and the 'Slushies' the Senior Class. The 'Slush', however can (and do), wreak their havoc around the clock, interrupting sleep at any time of night should it be deemed necessary – or even not necessary should that be the case! I can't recall that being so with our experience. They do, as per the script, moderate their tone to the point where they become quite friendly by the end of the week!

Team building and stretching the 'Groupers' endurance boundaries forms a crucial part of the programme. Each camp comprises five separate teams of twenty young people and the camaraderie built up in these is something to behold! There develops an enormous esprit de corps in each with Groupers

doing all they can to help their colleagues achieve their very best. It is a great way for them to gain confidence through expanding their understanding of their physical and mental limitations and developing leadership skills.

Guest speakers address the 'Groupers' at many of the meal sessions. Included in these over the years have been Chief Commissioners of Police, notable sports personalities, senior politicians and other prominent personalities. Younger people with lifetime experiences highly relevant to the 'Groupers' stage in life are also included.



Left: Frank Miller with OTU sponsored Groupers at this year's Lady Somers Camp.

OTU's association goes back to the mid 'eighties. We have focused our efforts on sponsoring young people from the less privileged schools and areas. For so many it has been a life-changing experience – giving them an extra confidence, so vital at that stage of life.

We take great heart from the "thank you" letters we receive from grateful people we have sponsored. As

well, a number come back in years after to assist in running the camps.

Sponsoring young people to attend the Lord and Lady Somers Camps is one way the OTU Association can assist in the development of Australia's youth. I'm certain that, state by state there are many other opportunities. We'd be keen indeed to hear of any. After all, Youth Development is one of our core objectives – and funding is available.

Frank Miller, National Chairman.

The following is a letter of thanks from a 'Grouper' at this January's Lady Somers Camp to Frank Miller.

Dear Mr Miller, I would like to thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to experience such a fantastic week!

Lady Somers Camp was a chance for me to grow and develop personally in many ways through a combination of amazing experiences. Throughout the week we had many obstacles thrown at us and it felt like our lives were turned upside down and back to front; all designed to challenge both mentally and physically as individuals, pairs and as an entire group.

I listened to some truly inspirational speakers and was intrigued/moved by their life experiences and met great girls and women this week that supported and cheered me the whole way through.

It was an incredible experience and all efforts to play the game to my full potential and to push all boundaries paid off. The tug-of-war was challenging (to bare hands) and the Parlour relay was fun. I learned it's not how you fall down, it's how you get up!

It is nice to know that I was at Lady Somers camp because someone believed that this experience could help me develop further and that I would make a positive contribution in return.

Thankyou and I hope you/your organisation got as much out of sponsoring me as I did from the camp.

Sincerely, Cerys Merrett

And Frank's reply:

Dear Cerys,

I am writing to say thank you for your letter of 30 January. The OTU Association is pleased indeed that you gained so much from the Lady Somers Camp this year.

Your articulation of the experience, and all it did for you, confirmed the reasons for which we sponsor so many Groupers each year. The challenges, both physical and mental, the inspirational speakers, the interaction with other people and the pushing of all barriers make it a most worthwhile week. We believe it to be a superb learning programme that contributes to participants becoming better citizens and leaders.

Once again, many thanks for your letter and we are glad to hear you enjoyed the experience so much.

Yours sincerely, Frank Miller, National Chairman

STATE CHAPTERS ACTIVITIES:

NSW, Greg Todd (2/71): 0409 078 888 greg_todd_au@yahoo.com.au

ANZAC Day

Reflecting our earlier position in this year's Sydney march, our new FUP will be in Pitt Street near the Telephone Exchange, mid-way between Martin Place and Hunter Street. Please be there as soon as possible after 10am for step-off at 10.30. We will be marching behind the National Servicemen's Association as a discrete entity – look for the OTU Banner!

Lunch afterwards will be at the Masonic Club, 169-173 Castlereagh Street, Sydney (not the Masonic Centre in Goulbourn St, as some tried to break into last year!!!). An email has gone out with admin details. Alternatively, contact Greg Todd on 0409 078 888 if you wish to book a seat for lunch and a grand afternoon at the Masonic Club. Lunches will be at Concord Golf Club and Drummoyne Rowers on the following dates:

Thursday, 13 May at Concord

Thursday, 12 Aug at Drummoyne

Thursday, 11 Nov at Concord

Details will be sent by email a month before the event. Call Greg Todd on 0409 078 888

Annual Dinner

We are booked in again at Victoria Barracks Officers Mess on Saturday night, 31 Jul (note the change of date!) for our annual buffet dinner. Meet the 17-yr-olds we sponsored to attend Lord and Lady Somers camps last January; impress your partner with the elegance of the old Mess; use the night as an excuse to come to Sydney for the weekend – put the new date in your diary now!

We have around 300 members on the NSW emailing list, but are keen to ensure no Scheyville man is left out of contact. Please let me know if you have the current email addresses for:

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| John Bendeich (1/69) | Ernie Bryon (1/67) | Graham Campbell (01/72) |
| Ken Chegwiddden (1/71) | Russell Cook (1/72) | John Deane-Butcher (1/65) |
| Robert Fenwick (2/67) | Jamie Fisher (3/66) | Peter Graham (1/72) |
| Otto Hirsch (1/68) | Peter Kane (2/71) | Bill Laing (3/72) |
| John Lochhead (1/67) | Bob Lorsch (2/70) | Peter Morgan (1/66) |
| John Nicholson (2/65) | Allan Pemberton (1/69) | Paul Pemberton (1/72) |
| Carl Pethybridge (2/72) | John Rose (4/72) | Don Sams (1/72) |
| Conrad Schweinsberg | Geoff Strang (4/68) | John Symons (4/66) |
| Stephen Tizzard (1/65) | Mike Tonks (3/71) | Michael Travers (1/66) |
| Roger Wheatley (1/66) | Harold Williamson (3/69) | Robert Wood (2/66) |

WA: David Ward 0417 927 146 bbs@ca.com.au

ANZAC Day: RSL approval has been granted for the Chapter to march on ANZAC Day. The form up point will be in St George's Terrace. Check your local papers for exact time and place, and please contact David Ward for details of the after march activities.

Quarterly lunches at Romany Restaurant, 105 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge, Perth.
08 9328 9042. Next is on 7th May 2010 at 1300 hrs. (First Friday Feb, May, Aug, Nov each year.)
Frank LeFaucheur is your man on 08 9246 2666, or preferably lefauche@inet.net.au
Our State Register is maintained by Jim Hancock 1/71 & the social by Frank LeFaucheur 1/71.

QUEENSLAND (Owen Williamson, 4/70)

Owen Williamson: home: olwilliamson@bigpond.com or work: WilliamsonO@AureconHatch.com

Back-up: Stephanie Mauchlan (Mick Hart's secretary)
07 3839 5222 smauchlan@clearhoare.com.au

Monthly lunches – every second Thursday of the month, Brisbane CBD.
Contact: Stef on 07 32305252 or mhart@clearhoare.com.au

Activities for 2010

- Monthly luncheons will continue on second Thursday of every month at Fridays Restaurant, Eagle Street, Brisbane. These traditional lunches were in decline but over the last year have had resurgence in popularity with an average of 10 to 12 members each month.
- ANZAC Day March: Following considerable interest and spurred on by our colleagues in Sydney and Melbourne we made representation to the Queensland ANZAC Day committee to march as a separate contingent to the National Servicemen's Association. We were granted permission with our own allocated spot for OTU Scheyville Association for the 2010 ANZAC Day March. We anticipate about 15 to 20 members will attend.
- A New ANZAC Day Banner: In keeping with tradition we plagiarized the Victorian and NSW ANZAC Day banners and had a new banner made for the Queensland contingent to march behind on ANZAC Day in 2010.
- The Annual Black Tie Dinner was held at the United Services Club on 27th March 2010.
- A special Luncheon for Military Cross or equivalent recipients has been organized by Warren Campbell at the Kurrawa Surf Club, Broadbeach, Gold Coast on Thursday 15th April 2010.
- It is planned to have a Barbecue luncheon on or about early September 2010
- The 4/70 Reunion will be held in Brisbane 15th – 17th October 2010 and any one interested in attending should contact Owen Williamson on 0407 462 341

SA: Gary Vial 0414 762 525 garyvial@ctmc.com.au

ACT: Winston Bucknall 0408 492 405 wnbsec@bigpond.net.au

Tasmania: Dennis Townsend 03 6247 3892 iat47@dodo.com.au

Bi-monthly lunches: contact Dennis Townsend

Victoria:

25th April: ANZAC Day: assemble at 1130 hrs in Collins Street on the Western side of Swanston Street. We should be marching off at around 1200 hrs. Dress: Suit and preferably OTU tie and your full-size medals on the left with other family member's medals on the right. After the March. As was the case last year, there will be a lunch and get together after the march. Contact Frank Miller for the location.

4th June: **2010 Annual Dinner: Members and Guests are cordially invited to The Angliss Restaurant, William Angliss Institute 550 Lt. Lonsdale Street Melbourne on Friday 4th June 2010 AT 1830 HOURS FOR 1900 hours. Dress: Lounge Suit or equivalent, with miniatures. Cost \$140 per double. RSVP, with remittance by 28th May 2010.**

Further Information:

Frank Miller: 9561 3630

millerfw@netspace.net.au

Roger Nation: 5241 3441

nation@ncable.net.au

(be aware that Roger will be overseas for some the time before the dinner, so first contact is Frank Miller)

12th August: Geddes Dinner speaker Major General Mike O'Brien, the Fromelles reburial commander.

3rd October: Annual Golf Day.

11th November: Remembrance Day Dinner, and

21st -23rd November: Victorian country weekend possibly at Woodend.

WE BECAME A SCHEYVILLIAN: WHO DO WE BLAME?

In 1964 the government decided it required an annual intake of 8,400 National Servicemen to raise the strength of the Army to 40,000 to meet its commitments. The 1965-1972 Nashos were selected for National Service by a birth-date ballot. The Department of Labour and National Service calculated the number of days it would require from each year to get the required numbers. From the list below of days it can be seen that the birthrate in Australia expanded rapidly from 1946, peaking in 1950 before dropping off in 1951. From these figures 1946 to 1950 would have to be considered the real 'baby boomer' years. (Reference: The National Service Scheme, 1964-72, by Sue Langford)

Who can we blame for our birthday date being drawn out of the barrel? Those men who were entrusted with that dubious honour were illustrious company indeed! (Source Cry in the Wilderness, Guinea Pigs of Vietnam, Williams) The following are the 'Call Up' dates and the name of the person we 'younger Nashos' can blame for the change of direction in our lives. The extra dates explain why people such as Normie Rowe were called up even though their birth-date was not drawn out in the original draw.

Birthdates drawn in National Service ballots 1965-72

First National Service ballot: 10 March 1965, drawn by the

Federal Member for Corangamite: Mr E. D. McKinnon MP

Registered men who were born in the period 1 January to 30 June 1945.

January 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 21, 23, 27 and 28. February 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25 and 26. March 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10-13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30. April 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26 and 29. May 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 19, 22, 23, 26 and 30. June 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21, 25, 26 and 29. Total 95 days.

Second National Service ballot: 10 September 1965, drawn by the

former Chief of the General Staff: Lt Gen Sir Ragnar Garrett KBE CB

Registered men included who were born in the period 1 July to 31 December 1945.

July 3, 6, 7, 8, 16, 22, 25, 26 and 31. August 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25 and 26.

September 2, 4, 5, 6, 14, 17, 21, 25 and 26. October 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 23, 25 and 29.

November 3, 4, 12, 14, 15, 16, 22, 24 and 27. December 6, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, 26, 28 and 31.

Total 67 days.

Also included in the ballot who were those born prior to 1 July 1945 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January 3, 6, 7, 8, 16, 22, 25, 26 and 31. February 3, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25 and 26. March 5, 7, 8, 9, 17, 20, 24, 28 and 29. April 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 25 and 27. May 1, 6, 7, 15, 17, 18, 19, 25, 27 and 30. June 8, 12, 14, 16, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28 and 30.

July to December—as above.

Third National Service ballot: 11 March 1966 drawn by the

former Chief of the General Staff: Lt Gen Sir Henry Wells KBE DSO

Registered men included were born in the period 1 January 1946 to 30 June 1946.

January 2, 3, 5, 12, 13, 21, 22 and 30. February 1, 2, 12 and 23. March 1, 21, 22, 24, 25, 28 and 29.

April 5, 10, 15, 18, 19, 24, 26 and 29. May 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 14, 20, 22, 23, 26, 29 and 30. June 1, 6, 9, 14, 17, 25 and 30.

Also included were those born between 1 January 1945 and 31 December 1945 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January to June—as above

July 2, 3, 5, 12, 13, 21, 22 and 30. August 1, 2, 12, 23 and 29. September 18, 19, 21, 22, 25 and 26.

October 3, 8, 13, 16, 17, 22, 24, 27, 30 and 31. November 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 17, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27 and 29.

December 4, 7, 12, 15, 23, 28 and 31.

Total 47 days plus 48 days for those not in Australia at the time of registration.

Fourth National Service ballot: 9 September 1966 drawn by the

former Australian Cricket Captain, Mr Lindsay Hassett MBE

Registered men included were born in the period 1 July to 31 December 1946.

July 15, 17, 20 and 24. August 2, 14, 19, 20, 22, 25 and 27. September 12, 16, 18, 23, 24 and 25.

October 1, 16, 21, 22, 23 and 29. November 1, 2, 5, 9, 11, 12, 17, 24, 26, 28 and 30. December 1, 6, 18 and 25.

Also included who were those born between 1 January 1945 and 30 June 1946 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January 15, 17, 20 and 24. February 2, 14, 19, 20, 22, 25 and 27. March 15, 19, 21, 26, 27 and 28.

April 3, 18, 23, 24 and 25. May 1, 4, 5, 8, 12, 14, 15, 20, 27, 29 and 31. June 2, 3, 8, 20 and 27.

July to December—as above.

Total: 36 days plus 37 days for those not in Australia at the time of registration.

Fifth National Service ballot: 10 March 1967 drawn by the **former Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff: Air Chief Marshall Sir Frederick Scherger KBE CB DSO AFC**

Registered men included those born in the period 1 January 1947 to 30 June 1947.

January 1, 4, 6, 7, 12, 16, 17, 20, 24, 25 and 30. February 3, 8, 12, 16, 18 and 23. March 3, 11, 16, 21, 22 and 23. April 4, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 24 and 29. May 1, 13, 14, 22, 25 and 29. June 5, 11, 12, 15, 16, 20 and 29.

Also included were those born prior to 1 January 1947 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January to June as above

July 1, 4, 6, 7, 12, 16, 17, 20, 24, 25 and 30. August 3, 8, 12, 16, 18, 23 and 31. September 8, 13, 18, 19 and 20. October 2, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 22, 27 and 29. November 10, 11, 19, 22 and 26. December 3, 9, 10, 13, 14, 18, 27 and 30.

Total: 44 days drawn plus 45 days for those not in Australia at the time of reg'n.

Sixth National Service ballot: 8 September 1967 drawn by the

former Chairman of Australian National Airlines: Sir Giles Chippendale

Registered men included those born in the period 1st July to 31st December 1947:

July 2, 12, 15, 19, 21, 23, 25 and 29. August 1, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 19, 26 and 27. September 10, 13, 15, 16, 19 and 23. October 13, 14, 16, 21, 25, 26 and 31. November 6, 17 and 18. December 4, 10, 15, 22, 24 and 25.

Also included who were those born prior to 1 July 1947 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January 2, 12, 15, 19, 21, 23, 25 and 29. February 1, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 19, 26 and 27. March 13, 16, 18, 19, 22 and 26. April 15, 16, 18, 23, 27 and 28. May 3, 9, 20 and 21. June 6, 12, 17, 24, 26 and 27.

July to December—as above

Total: 39 days drawn plus 39 days for those not in Australia at the time of registration in the first half of the year.

Seventh National Service ballot: 15 March 1968 drawn by the

Chairman of Commonwealth Hostels: Sir Tasman Heyes CBE

Registered men included those born in the period 1 January 1948 to 30 June 1948.

January 1, 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 20 and 21. February 5, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17 and 21. March 2, 7, 8, 9, 15, 22, 25, 26, 29 and 31. April 3, 16, 17, 19, 25 and 30. May 1, 7, 11, 17, 18, 21, 23 and 31. June 10, 17, 24 and 28.

Also included who were those born prior to 1 January 1948 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January to June—as above

July 1, 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 20 and 21. August 5, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 21 and 30. September 4, 5, 6, 12, 19, 22, 23, 26 and 28. October 1, 14, 15, 17, 23, 28 and 29. November 4, 8, 14, 15, 18, 20 and 28.

December 8, 15, 22 and 26.

Total: 46 days drawn plus 46 days for those not in Australia at the time of reg'n.

Eighth National Service ballot: 13 September 1968 drawn by the **former Chairman of Commonwealth Public Service Board: Sir William Dunk CBE**

Registered men included those born in the period 1 July to 31 December 1948.

July 3, 21, 22, 24 and 30. August 1, 3, 16, 18, 24 and 26. September 5, 9, 12, 14, 22, 23, 24 and 26.

October 3, 13 and 18. November 5, 18, 24, 28 and 29. December 7, 12, 14, 15, 19, 21, 22 and 26.

Also included who were those born prior to 1 July 1948 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January 3, 21, 22, 24 and 30. February 1, 3, 16, 18, 24 and 26. March 7, 11, 14, 16, 24, 25, 26 and 28. April 4, 14 and 19.

May 7, 20, 26, 30 and 31. June 8, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23 and 27.

July to December—as above

Total: 35 days drawn plus 35 days for those not in Australia at the time of reg'n.

Ninth National Service ballot: 14 March 1969 drawn by the

former Member of the Air Board: Air Vice-Marshal F M Bladin CB CBE

Registered men included those born in the period 1 January to 30 June 1949.

January 2, 3, 9, 11, 12, 14, 19, 20, 23, 25, 29 and 31. February 3, 8, 12, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 28.

March 1, 7, 11, 12, 20, 22, 26 and 28. April 2, 3, 8, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 21, 25 and 26.

May 13, 18, 19 and 27. June 7, 9, 10, 23, 28 and 30.

Also included who were those born prior to 1 January 1949 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January to June—as above

July 2, 3, 9, 11, 12, 14, 19, 20, 23, 25, 29 and 31. August 3, 8, 12, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28 and 30.

September 5, 9, 10, 18, 20, 24 and 26. October 1, 2, 7, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 20, 24 and 25.

November 11, 16, 17 and 25. December 6, 8, 9, 22, 27, 29 and 31.

Total: 51 days drawn plus 52 days for those not in Australia at the time of reg'n.

Tenth National Service ballot: 22 September 1969 drawn by the **Member of the Intern'l Olympic Cttee & Aust Olympic Federation: Mr Lewis Luxton CBE**

Registered men included those born in the period 1 July to 31 December 1949.

July 3, 8, 11, 15, 20 and 25. August 9, 13, 25 and 29. September 18, 19, 21 and 28. October 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 25.

November 17, 22 and 29. December 2, 5, 7, 15, 17 and 25.

Also included who were those born prior to 1 July 1949 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January 3, 8, 11, 15, 20 and 25. February 9, 13, 25 and 29. March 20, 21, 23 and 30. April 4, 6, 11, 12, 13, 16 and 26. May 19, 24 and 31. June 3, 6, 8, 16, 18 and 26.

July to December—as above

Total: 30 days drawn plus 30 days for those not in Australia at the time of reg'n.

Eleventh National Service ballot: 13 March 1970 drawn by the

Lord Mayor of Melbourne: Councillor E. W Best

Registered men included those born in the period 1 January to 30 June 1950.

January 3, 4, 6, 11, 22, 26, 28 and 30. February 4, 11, 15 and 21. March 1, 10, 15 and 21. April 7, 13, 15, 21 and 28. May 10, 20, 22, 25 and 31. June 4, 11, 19 and 23.

Also included who were those born prior to 1 January 1950 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January to June—as above

July 3, 4, 6, 11, 22, 26, 28 and 30. August 4, 11, 15, 21 and 30. September 8, 13 and 19. October 6, 12, 14, 20 and 27.

November 8, 18, 20, 23 and 29. December 3, 10, 18 and 22.

Total: 30 days drawn plus 30 days for those not in Australia at the time of reg'n.

Twelfth National Service ballot: 28 September 1970 drawn by the **Executive Director, Metropolitan Transport Committee, Victoria, and former Chairman of Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways Board: Major General Sir Robert Risson CB OBE DSO**

Registered men included those born in the period 1 July to 31 December 1950.

July 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 29 and 30. August 1, 17, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29 and 31. September 2, 3, 5, 13, 15, 19 and 26.

October 2, 3, 4, 10, 15 and 30. November 18, 20, 29 and 30. December 2, 6, 7, 22, 28 and 29.

Also included who were those born prior to 1 July 1950 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January 5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 29 and 30. February 1, 17, 20, 21, 22, 28 and 29. March 2, 4, 5, 7, 15, 17, 21 and 28.

April 3, 4, 5, 11 and 16. May 1, 20, 22 and 31. June 1, 3, 7, 8, 23, 29 and 30.

July to December—as above

Total: 41 days drawn plus 41 days for those not in Australia at the time of reg'n.

Thirteenth National Service ballot: 26 March 1971 drawn by

Olympic Athlete and World Record Holder: Mr Ron Clarke

Registered men included those born in the period 1 January to 30 June 1951.

January 2, 7, 8, 11, 15, 26 and 28. February 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 18, 24, 28 and 29. March 5, 7, 13, 15, 17, 20, 26, 27, 28 and 30. April 2, 5, 6, 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 30. May 4, 5, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17, 25, 26 and 29. June 2, 6, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 21, 23, 28, 29 and 30.

Also included who were those born prior to 1 January 1951 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January to June—as above

July 2, 7, 8, 11, 15, 26 and 28. August 9, 10, 11, 13, 16, 18, 24, 28 and 29. September 3, 5, 11, 13, 15, 18, 24, 25, 26 and 28. October 1, 4, 5, 10, 11, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 29. November 2, 3, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24 and 27. December 1, 5, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 22, 27, 28 and 29.

Total: 59 days drawn plus 59 days for those not in Australia at the time of reg'n.

Fourteenth National Service ballot: 17 September 1971 drawn by the

President of the Victorian Institute of Colleges and former Chairman of the State Electricity Commission: Sir Willis Connelly CBE

Registered men included those born in the period 1 July to 31 December 1951.

July 1, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 21, 22, 26 and 31. August 1, 6, 7, 10, 21, 24, 27 and 30. September 4, 8, 10, 14, 21, 23, 28 and 29. October 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 16, 20, 22 and 25. November 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 22, 27, 28 and 30. Dec 7, 8, 9, 16, 21, 28, 29 and 31.

Also included who were those born prior to 1 July 1951 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January 1, 9, 10, 12, 13, 17, 21, 22, 26 and 31. February 1, 6, 7, 10, 21, 24 and 27. March 1, 6, 10, 12, 16, 23, 25, 30 and 31. April 5, 6, 8, 11, 13, 17, 21, 23 and 26. May 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 24, 29 and 30.

June 1, 8, 9, 10, 17, 22, 29 and 30.

July to December—as above.

Total: 52 days drawn plus 51 days for those not in Australia at the time of reg'n.

Fifteenth National Service ballot: 24 March 1972 drawn by the

National Party President of the Returned Service League:

Brigadier Sir William Hall CBE DSO ED

Registered men included those born in the period 1 January 30 June 1952.

January 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 23 and 30. February 2, 3, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24 and 29. March 9, 12, 13, 17, 26, 27, 30 and 3. April 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 22, 24 and 29. May 2, 3, 5, 11, 13 and 20. June 6, 7, 8, 10, 14, 16, 21, 24, 29 and 30.

Also included who were those born prior to 1 January 1952 but were absent from Australia when their age group was required to register.

January to June—as above

July 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 17, 23 and 30. August 2, 3, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24 and 29. September 7, 10, 11, 15, 24, 25, 28 and 29. October 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 21, 23, 28 and 31. November 1, 3, 9, 11 and 18.

December 5, 6, 7, 9, 13, 15, 20, 23, 28 and 29.

Total: 51 days drawn plus 51 days for those not in Australia at the time of reg'n.

Sixteenth National Service ballot: 22 September 1972 drawn by the

Secretary of the Melbourne Cricket Club and former Australian Test Cricket

Captain: Mr Ian Johnson MBE

Registered men included those born in the period 1 July to 31 December 1952.

July 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 15, 17, 29 and 30. August 1, 4, 11, 17, 19, 21, 28 and 29. September 3, 10, 12, 17, 18, 20 and 25. October 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16, 19, 29 and 30. November 3, 15, 29 and 30. December 1, 6, 21, 26 and 30.

Also incl'd who were those born prior to 1 Jul 1952 but were absent from Aus when their age group was req'd to register.

January 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 15, 17, 29 and 30. February 1, 4, 11, 17, 19, 21, 28 and 29. March 5, 12, 14, 19, 20, 22 and 27. April 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20 and 30. May 1, 5, 17 and 31. June 1, 2, 7, 22 and 27.

July to December—as above

Total: 42 days drawn plus 41 days for those not in Australia at the time of reg'n.

Summary of days:

| | | |
|------|----------|--|
| 1965 | 162 days | (66 days not in Australia at Registration) |
| 1966 | 83 days | (85 days) |
| 1967 | 83 days | (84 days) |
| 1968 | 81 days | (81 days) |
| 1969 | 81 days | (82 days) |
| 1970 | 71 days | (71 days) |
| 1971 | 111 days | (110 days) |
| 1972 | 93 days | (92 days) |

4/69 Documents received

Kevin Dixon sent through a number of items which included the Class Photographs for Class 4/69 and the Graduation Seniority List for that class. The list came from an annex to an OTU document R274-3-6 dated 22 April 1970 after the 15th April 1970 Graduation. The documents came from Hein Van Der Heide, also 4/69.

| | | | |
|----|---------------|-------|-------------|
| 1 | Van Der Heide | H. W. | 8715 points |
| 2 | McNaught | D. R. | 8646 |
| 3 | Gilbert | G. D. | 8521 |
| 4 | Daly | G. A. | 8219 |
| 5 | Blackwood | P. J. | 7967 |
| 6 | Krawczyk | C. J. | 7842 |
| 7 | Bushell | J. F. | 7833 |
| 8 | Brebner | J. W. | 7821 |
| 9 | Riley | G. C. | 7711 |
| 10 | Gretgrix | E. J. | 7672 |
| 11 | Fraser | M.C. | 7531 |
| 12 | Ballantyne | T. W. | 7526 |
| 13 | Peoples | J. N. | 7506 |
| 14 | Hetherton | B. W. | 7471 |
| 15 | Krauklis | P. | 7463 |
| 16 | Marks | C. J. | 7353 |
| 17 | Price | M. C. | 7353 |
| 18 | O'Shea | T. C. | 7261 |
| 19 | Keyes | D. C. | 7236 |
| 20 | Gitsham | J. | 7124 |
| 21 | Miechel | B. E. | 6973 |
| 22 | Faulkner | M. R. | 6932 |
| 23 | Banks | M. N. | 6911 |
| 24 | Kiss | J. K. | 6847 |
| 25 | Dixon | K. F. | 6801 |
| 26 | Gardiner | G. L. | 6725 |
| 27 | McMain | R. E. | 6641 |
| 28 | Parkes | S. W. | 6618 |
| 29 | Lampe | V. G. | 6587 |
| 30 | Berne | V. P. | 6530 |
| 31 | Badelow | C. W. | 6485 |
| 32 | Settree | W. G. | 6373 |

Can any of our DS advise on how these marks were achieved?

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE Gary Vial :

'The Hurt Locker'

Here's a solution to all the controversy over full-body scanners at the airports. Have a booth that you can step into that will not X-ray you, but will detonate any explosive device you may have on you. It would be a win-win for everyone, and there would be none of this crap about racial profiling and this method would eliminate a long and expensive trial. Justice would be quick and swift.....

THE ANZAC BISCUIT

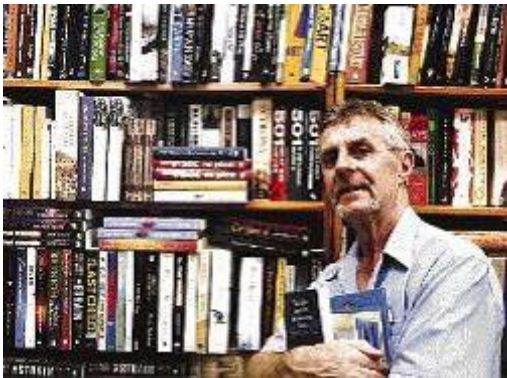
As a fund-raiser, each year the R&SL puts out packets or tins of ANZAC biscuits for sale. No doubt we have all bought some at one time or other. On the rear of the 2009 tin there is the story of the ANZAC biscuit:

The ANZAC biscuit, as it is known today, was a welcome addition to the basic rations (bully beef and biscuits) which were issued to our soldiers during the Gallipoli campaign of 1915. It was the mothers, wives and sweethearts at home who baked these treats for the soldiers overseas, as well as for sale to raise funds for the war effort. ANZAC biscuits are a tangible link to our ANZAC heritage.

Inside the tin was the following verse:

What these men did nothing can alter now,
the good and the bad, the greatness and the smallness of their story will stand.
Whatever of glory it contains nothing can lessen.
It rises, as it will always rise, above the mists of ages,
a monument to great-hearted men; and for their nation, a possession forever.

BOOK REVIEW: Blacktown's the biggest seller, By John MacDonald (1/70), 24th November 2009



You can have your Dan Brown and throw in the Harry Potter series and the Twilight mania, too.

They don't rate with a Pictorial History of Blacktown, which Richard Jeffkins (1/70) (left), proprietor of the Book Haven, Seven Hills, said is the biggest seller of any book he's had in 13 years. Mr Jeffkins was describing a phenomenon buyer loyalty to local authors and specifically to authors of local histories. Pictorial and text histories of Blacktown, Seven Hills, Penrith and St Marys sell like hot cakes of the printing plates.

This is a cause of great satisfaction for specialist publisher Catherine Warne, of Kingsclear Books, who prints these books

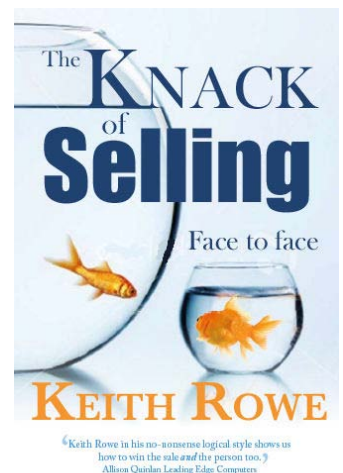
in Alexandria. 'I remember the day Catherine drove out from Alexandria,' Mr Jeffkins said of the Blacktown history's start. 'It was stinking hot and she complained she couldn't find a bookshop in Mount Druitt and west of Blacktown.' Mr Jeffkins took three boxes and has been taking as many as he can ever since.

ANOTHER SCHEYVILLIAN AUTHOR



Another Scheyvillian has gone into print. Keith Rowe (1/67) has used real, everyday situations in his book, *The KNACK of Selling*, and examines the face-to-face selling process from the first encounter to the closing handshake. But it doesn't stop there: you will also learn how to add value to the sale, how to cope with disgruntled customers, and most importantly how to follow-up and ensure your satisfied customers spread the good news about you. Top salespeople are never satisfied with just closing the sale, they know real success depends on referrals and satisfied customers

coming back for more. It's not just about winning customers either – it's about building lasting relationships!



ROGER DONNELLY'S NEW BOOK

Roger Donnelly, the author of *The Scheyville Experience*, has recently launched his new book *Stick it Up, Stick it Right Up*, a book on the Lives and Laughs of Australia's Test Umpires. It is a collation of funny and dramatic incidents, informative comment from the men in the middle, umpire's opinions on issues such as technology as well as a brief history of cricket umpiring in Australia and portraits of all of Australia's 84 test umpires. Roger was himself an umpire in Hobart for ten years.

The book can be purchased from Roger for \$35 including P&P. Visit www.rogerdonnelly.com.au or call 03 9282 6279 (W) or 03 9510 0326 (H) or email roger21@yahoo.com.au

Currently Roger is nearing the completion of his PhD which is based on the complete history of Scheyville, rather than just 'the Scheyville Experience' of the National Service Officers and Air Cadets.

Q STORE (Wayne Bruce 2/70)

1. We have a very small quantity of Polo Shirts (Size XXXL – Qty 2, Size S – Qty 2). (QM comment: Who was the stupid grunt who ordered Size S?)
2. Only 1 Pullover left – Size 18
3. Only Pewter (latest edition) small badges...no silver or gold (We will endeavour to locate suppliers)
4. Plenty of caps, ties and hat badges.

Payment details: Unfortunately credit card is not available so cheques should be sent to OTU Association, PO Box 207, GEELONG, VIC with payment slip.

Our payment terms are simple...Pay promptly.

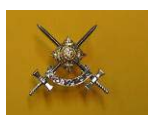
Our collection methodology is also simple. In the next edition of the Scheyvillian the following will appear...

Missing in Action: If anyone knows the whereabouts of O/C... (Insert Name) ..., could you please advise as such has failed to pay for goods supplied from the Q Store. Or: We know where you live!!!!

Orders via email: waynebruce@stopline.com.au



OTU Plaque \$42



Collar Badge \$5



Lapel Badge (3 styles) \$5



Gold or Pewter Cuff Links \$15



Caps \$25



Polo shirts \$35



Pullover \$30



Tie \$30



OTU ASSOCIATION 09/10 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

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|---|-----------|--|-------------------|
| INVOICE ABN 26 390 124 006 | | Please return asap Cheques payable to OTU Assocn | |
| MAIL TO: Treasurer OTU Association PO Box 540 BLACK ROCK VIC 3193 PHONE: Ray Elder (03) 9533 1810 | | Website: www.otu.asn.au <i>Annual Subscription July 2009 to June 2010</i> Donation to Youth Leadership Development Total Cheque/Cash Enclosed (For Direct Debit payment see below and please remember to complete and return this form so that your website contact details can be confirmed). This form is available on the website. | |
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| | | \$ _____ | |
| | | \$ _____ | Total |
| MEMBERSHIP DETAILS UPDATE (Please amend any details which have changed since your last renewal) | | | |
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Membership Drive

Please list details below, as best you can, of those who shared the Scheyville experience who you think may not be current members of the OTU Association. We will check against current membership lists and follow up non-members.

Name: Class: Address email Phone Mob

DEFENCE HEALTH – YOUR HEALTH FUND. Yes, former Scheyvillians are welcome to join!

You and your extended families are eligible to join Defence Health, formerly known as Army Health Benefits Society in your days at Scheyville. Defence Health is a restricted access health fund that provides health insurance just for the Defence community, and has been doing so for the past 56 years. This means that Defence Health occupies a special position compared with most other health insurers. For starters, Defence Health is a not-for-profit health fund so all surpluses in the business are retained to provide benefits in future years. There are no dividends to pay to shareholders nor income tax to be paid to the government, so the benefits paid to its members are maximized. And the chiefs that Defence Health are beholden to are our very own chiefs – the Chief of Army and the Chief of Air Force.

Check out some of the real benefits of Defence Health membership:

- Great value pricing, just compare on our website.
- One of the lowest management cost ratios in the industry. This means that there is a greater percentage of member contributions returned as benefits.
- Award-winning customer service. Defence Health was recognized as the top provider of exceptional service in the Health Insurance category in the AFR Smart Investors' annual SMILES survey.
- Membership of Defence Health also extends to your wider family – mother and father, brothers and sisters and their partners, grandchildren, ex-partners. So if you join Defence Health, you open up access for your family as well.

Sounds good but it's too hard to switch from my current fund.

This is a common misconception. If you already have private health insurance, you can switch over to another fund with equivalent cover at any time without waiting periods. Naturally if you move to a higher level of cover there will be some waiting periods.

Find out more

You will probably have lots more questions about health insurance in general or Defence Health in particular, so please give Defence Health a call on 1800 335 425 or jump on to our website at www.defencehealth.com.au And if you decide you do want to join up with Defence Health, they can take your application over the phone. It couldn't be easier. Contact **Chris Grigsby** (Class O1/73)

Defence Health Limited
ABN 80 008 629 481 AFSL 313890

MEDALS:

Replacement Medals

The Directorate of Honours and Awards has announced that any medal lost in the bushfires or floods will be replaced. Website is www.defence.gov.au/medals

Download *Application for the Issue of Replacement Medals*.

Australian Defence Medal (ADM) and the Anniversary of National Service Medal (ANSM)

Every Nasho should have an ADM as well as the ANSM. Use the same website as above and apply for yours if you haven't got yours, or if there is someone you know who hasn't got one. So far, 230,000 have been dispatched.

NEXT EDITION DUE OUT June 2010

Planning is underway to have Edition 2 of 10 of *The Scheyvillian* out in June, prior to Reserve Forces Day. If you have any contributions: current stories, memorabilia stories, photographs (jpeg please), please email them to The Editor, The Scheyvillian, at nkaleckie@optusnet.com.au or post to 14 Doodts Road, Black Hill, Vic, 3350. If you have a quantity of large file size photos should be sent on disc. Submissions need to be received by the end May.

ODD SHOTS



Above: Mick Stone (1/68) icing his injured Achilles' Tendon while getting little sympathy from Graeme Chester (2/67) and Birute Don who are checking the draw and scores!

Right: Lady Somers Camp Leader, Danielle Beadman Receives an OTU plaque from National Chairman Frank Miller.

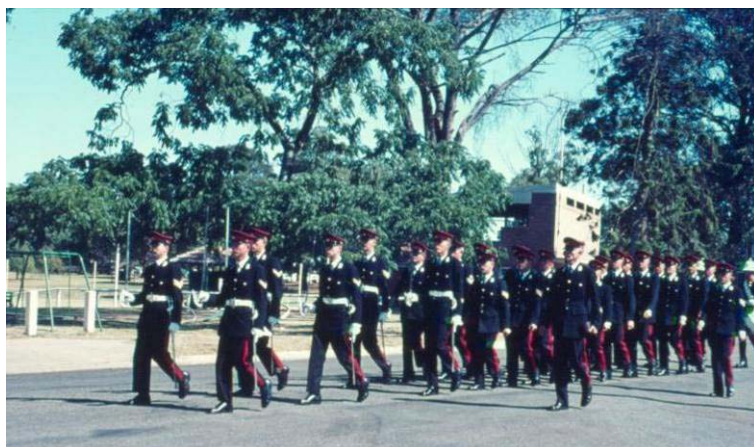


A Class 4/69

Below: Tony Beddison (3/69), dressed for breakfast at the 40th Reunion.



Below: 4/69 Church Parade and St James Church of England in Pitt Town. Used for some of the church parades.



Above: Kooyong Classic: Denise Cosgriff, Birute Don, Mike Delves (1/65) and Robin Hunt (3/69) cooking under the watchful eyes of Colin Lindsay (2/67), Ian Dobie (2/67) and Peter Don (3/69).

Left: Brian Cooper and Graham Barnard dressing by the right at the 3/69 40th Reunion!



Below: Brian Cooper applies a sleeper hold to Bernie Gleeson



Left: Graeme Chester (2/67) serves to Colin Lindsay (2/67) at the Kooyong Classic.



Above and right: 3/69 40th Reunion.
Stephen Pearson, Dick Flint, Gary Vial, John Reid



Robin Apted, Robin Hunt, Gary Vial, Bill Dunn,
Peter Don