



OTU ASSOCIATION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at

**Toorak Services Club
72 Clendon Road
Toorak**

**1637hr
Wednesday 3th September 2014**

Minutes

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Frank Miller, Neil Leckie, Graeme Chester, Robin Hunt, Brian Cooper, Wayne Bruce, Bernie Gleeson, Peter Hateley, Peter Whitelaw, Wayne Banks, Chris Coates, and Roger Donnelly

1.2 Apologies

1.2.1 Apologies:

Roger Nation, Tim Fischer, Mick Hart, Terry Walsh, Ray Williams, Gary Barker, Peter Bysouth, Graham Vonhoff, Steve McDonald, Rob Youl, and Peter Don.

1.2.2 Apologies and nominating the Chairman, Frank Miller as proxy:

Ray Elder, John Hetherington, Ian McEwan, David Maddison, Phil Warwick, and Ian Tucker.

1.2.3 Apologies and nominating the Secretary Bernie Gleeson as proxy:

Steve Ormerod, John Bushell, Ray Williams, Alan Brimelow.

1.2.4 Apology and nominating Neil Leckie as proxy:

Adrian Lombardo.

The Chairman noted that a quorum had been achieved.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES (4th September 2013)

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 4th September 2013, were circulated prior to the meeting.

That the minutes, be accepted as a true and correct record

Brian Cooper/Graeme Chester **AGREED**

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairman's Report (Frank Miller)

Frank Miller tabled the 2013-14 Chairman's report, as presented at the June National Council Meeting. A copy is attached to these minutes as Appendix 1.

That the Chairman's Report be received:

Frank Miller/Peter Hateley **AGREED**

3.2 Treasurer's Report (Ray Elder)

The Chairman briefed the meeting on behalf of the Treasurer, and tabled the financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2014, and the associated auditor's report. Copies of these reports are attached as Appendix 2.

The Chairman undertook to write to the Auditor to thank him for his assistance.

That the Treasurer's Report be received:

Peter Hateley/Graeme Chester **AGREED**

3.3 Membership Report (Graeme Chester)

Graeme Chester reported that as at 3 September 2014 there were 381 financial members. This number was similar to what was achieved at the same time last year. Graeme advised that he intends to send out further reminders with the aim of reaching 500 members by the end of the financial year.

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE DETAILS AS AT 3 SEP 2014

Number of Graduates				1880
Number on Database (Incl DNG/Staff)				1640
Number Financial				349
Number Honorary				25
Widows				7
Number Deceased				131
Number Unfinancial (Not Renewed)				969
Number Unfinancial (Do Not Contact)				159
Totals	1880	1640	381	1259

Percentages:

Of the names on database 23.2% are financial/honorary/widow.

Of the names on the database 8.0% are deceased.

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Of the names on the database 59.1% are unfinancial (not renewed)

Of the names on the database 9.7% are unfinancial (do not contact)

That the Membership Report be received:

Graeme Chester/Brian Cooper **AGREED**

3.4 Scheyvillian Editor's Report (Neil Leckie)

The Scheyvillian Editor's report is contained at Appendix 3.

That the Scheyvillian Editor's Report be received:

Neil Leckie/Robin Hunt **AGREED**

3.5 Webmaster (Roger Nation)

The Webmaster's report, submitted by email, which focuses on the way ahead in updating the Website, is contained at Appendix 4.

That the Webmaster's Report be received:

Neil Leckie/Robin Hunt **AGREED**

4. STATE /TERRITORY REPORTS

Victoria was the only state to present a report. Other States/Territory forwarded reports by email. Wayne Banks provided expanded information on the Western Australian Chapter report provided by Jay McDaniell, specifically in relation to the planned ANZAC celebrations in Albany in November. The States/Territory Reports are included at the following Appendices.

- a. Appendix 5 - Queensland.
- b. Appendix 6 - New South Wales.
- c. Appendix 7 - Victoria.
- d. Appendix 8 - Tasmania
- e. Appendix 9 - South Australia.
- f. Appendix 10 - Western Australia.
- g. Appendix 11 - Australian Capital Territory.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

All positions were declared vacant. Previous incumbent office bearers nominated prior to the meeting for re-election. After a long period on the Executive, Peter Hateley advised of his intention to stand down. He will, however, continue to assist in the activities he has in the past. The Chairman thanked Peter for his long and valued input.

The Chairman declared the following elected.

Chairman;	Frank Miller
Deputy Chairman;	Robin Hunt
Treasurer;	Ray Elder
Secretary;	Bernie Gleeson
Youth Leadership;	Frank Miller
Membership;	Graeme Chester
Scheyvillian;	Neil Leckie
Webmaster;	Roger Nation
Members;	Brian Cooper
	Peter Don
	Rob Youl

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

6.1 Update on Additional copies of 'The Scheyville Experience' Book

Roger Donnelly briefed the meeting on the recent progress in obtaining 100 additional copies of his book 'The Scheyville Experience'. There appear to be difficulties in obtaining the original cover of the book from either the printer or the publisher. After lengthy discussion the Chairman indicated that the previously agreed position of producing 100 additional copies of the book, with a Corrigenda added, was the Association's position. Due to Roger's current workload further progress on the matter would not be achievable until early 2015.

6.2 National Funds Fellowship/Youth Leadership Activities

The Chairman reiterated his desire that National funds be made available for Fellowship/Youth Leadership activities to support State/Territory Chapters with the long term aims being to strengthen the State/Territory Chapters and achieve the aims and objectives the Association in accordance with the Constitution. Subsequent to this being agreed at the National Council meeting in May, the Chairman wrote to the State/Territory representatives on the matter. As a result four proposals were received and are to be considered at the following National Executive meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1733hr.

Bernie Gleeson
Secretary

Appendix

1. Chairman's Report.
2. Treasurer's Report.
3. Scheyvillian Report.
4. Webmaster's Report
5. Queensland State Report.
6. New South Wales State Report.
7. Victoria State Report.
8. Tasmania State Report.
9. South Australia State Report.
10. Western Australia State Report.
11. Australian Capital Territory Report.

Appendix 1

OTU ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2013 - 2014

Over the last year we have looked back with fond memories of the Sydney, 2013 reunion. It really was a superb celebration of all those wonderful things we remember as "The Scheyville Experience". In a way it refocused our attention on the special bond between those young men who attended the Officer Training Unit between 1965 and 1973. It remains fixed in our minds as something of great value to each of us - and sets us apart from others of our age group.

The Association has again enjoyed a successful year. State activities have been well patronised and there has begun a resurgence in class reunions. So many, getting together for the first time in over 40 years in Sydney, have decided to keep going with their newly rekindled friendships.

Our youth leadership programme continued, again with the Lord and Lady Somers camps being foremost in this endeavour. This year the Association either fully or partly funded twenty nine young people to attend these January events. Victoria sent five boys and ten girls, New South Wales two boys and four girls, and four boys and four girls were sponsored in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Healesville. We were further represented when Scheyvillian and former Deputy Prime Minister, Tim Fischer AC, 3/66, addressed the boy's camp at one lunchtime.

The Association remains firmly of the view that sponsoring young people in this capacity is a most positive way of developing the youth of Australia. My thanks go to all who helped in picking up and dropping off NSW "Groupers", from and for, their Tullamarine flights. To those who took the opportunity of visiting Somers and joining in lunch with the campers I would also say a sincere thank you.

Again we received three excellent additions of "The Scheyvillian". This is always a newsy and interesting read. It keeps us up to date with matters of military interest and also of what so many of our classmates have done throughout their lives. In a way, it adds to our sense of belonging.

Our OTU memorabilia collection continued to grow. This features photographs and other pertinent matters of interest for all the classes, for the Scheyville site and the history of the Officer Training Unit. So many of our vital boards of honour and records, along with the colours as presented by the Governor General in 1967 are now stored in the RMC Museum.

I would once more like to record our deep appreciation for all work Neil Leckie has put into "The Scheyvillian" and the memorabilia.

Our association with the NSAA continued with my good self attending their March National Council meeting in Adelaide. It is through their efforts that the memorial to National Servicemen was built in Canberra, ACT. They were also responsible for National Service Medal being made available.

It is pleasing to note that membership numbers remained at the same high level as the previous year. Once more I would like to thank Graeme Chester for his diligent work on this important aspect of the Association's operation.

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A good recovery has been made in our finances since funding a solid contribution to the Sydney reunion. Closer attention is being directed towards the future dispersion of our monies so that the best can be derived in supporting our aims and goals within a realistic time span.

I'm grateful to Treasurer Ray Elder for his fine effort over the year.

Our thanks go to Webmaster Roger Nation for his excellent work on this most important communication Centre for the Association. Mention is also made of his sending out of email notices to the national membership.

National Secretary, Bernie Gleeson, has done a sterling job with minutes and the all the other duties that are part of this important role. Many thanks Bernie.

My thanks also go to the others on the committee, deputy chairman Robin Hunt, long-standing former chairman and deputy chairman, Brian Cooper, former chairman Peter Don, Peter Hateley, Rob Youl and Wayne Bruce.

As we look to the future, the fact that we aren't getting any younger is to be recognised. Careful consideration is being given to the path way ahead to ensure a proper outcome is achieved when our numbers have declined to the point where the Association's viability is under serious strain. We certainly trust this is a long way ahead at this stage!

Perhaps the most important thing on the drawing board for next year is the celebration of fifty years since the commencement of Australia's second National Service scheme. We have in mind a celebration at the ACT memorial to National Servicemen on 30th of June 2015. This will be done in company with the National Servicemen's Association of Australia. OTU will hold a dinner as part of the programme. Scheyvillians are also encouraged to take the opportunity to arrange class get-togethers whilst there.

Once again, may I record my sincerest thanks to all who helped make the year 2013 – 14 the success it certainly was.

Frank Miller
4/67
National Chairman

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Appendix 2

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2014
Consolidated sub accounts

	This Year	Last Year
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
NAB Trading Account	28,084.11	17,189.33
NAB Fixed Deposit	51,163.83	49,954.94
Debtors	4,663.77	1,526.80
Prepayments	1217.50	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	85,129.21	68,671.07
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LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Youth Leadership Donations	11,340.90	12,473.25
Trade Creditors	185.00	
Other Creditors	5,666.00	870.00
Subscriptions in advance 2013/2014		12,150.00
Subscriptions in Advance 2014/2015	12,400.00	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	29,586.40	25,493.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES	29,586.40	25,493.25
NET ASSETS	55,542.81	43,177.82
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	55,542.81	43,177.82
TOTAL EQUITY	55,542.81	43,177.82

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**Trading Profit and Loss
Statement**

For the year ended
30 June 2014
Consolidated
sub accounts

	This Year	This Year	Last Year
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SALES			
Subscriptions Received	24,450.00		24,500.00
Q Sales	198.00		982.00
Sundry Income	0.00		100.00
Interest Received	1,208.89		1,994.52
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TOTAL SALES		25,856.89	27,486.52
GROSS PROFIT		25,856.89	27,486.52
OVERHEAD EXPENSES			
Bank Charges	0.00		10.00
Donations	0.00		20 0.00
Display Cabinet - RMC	0.00		68.20
Insurances	2,417.75		2,255.00
Filing Fees	51.40		0.00
National Council Meeting Costs	1,957.54		987.60
Pay Pal Costs	207.60		180.73
Postage	350.00		381.06
Rebates to State Chapters	4,790.00		5,715.00
Q Purchases	283.00		0.00
Reunion 2013	0.00		(12,641,.41)
Scheyvillian Costs	3,313.05		3,260.96
Scheyville Signage	(4,345.20)		(4,345.20)
Sundry Expenses	65.40		0.00
Subscriptions and Memberships	0.00		2435.00
Website maintenance	0.00		270.00
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TOTAL OVERHEAD EXPENSES		(13,491.90)	1,223.06
NET PROFIT		<u>12,364.99</u>	<u>28,709.58</u>

**Independent Auditor's Report
to the members of
Officer Training Unit Association (National)**

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying two pages of Financial Statements, being a special purpose financial report, of the Office Training Unit Association (National), which comprises the Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2014 and the Trading Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 June 2014.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Committee of the Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements, and has determined that the accounting policies are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The Committee's responsibilities also include (1) designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements, so that the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, (2) selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies, and (3) making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express an opinion on the Financial Statements based on my audit. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies are appropriate to meet the needs of all members. I conducted my audit to obtain reasonable assurance as to whether the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatements in the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, I have considered the level of internal control required in maintaining the financial records of the Association, and have designed audit procedures that are appropriate in this circumstance. An audit also involves evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used, and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Financial Statements.

The Financial Statements have been prepared for distribution to members for the purpose of fulfilling the Committee's fiduciary responsibilities. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for

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any reliance on this Report or on the Financial Statements to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion

Independence

In conducting my audit, I have complied with the independence requirements of Australian professional ethical pronouncements.

Auditors' Opinion

In my opinion, the Financial Statements of the Officer Training Unit Association (National), presently fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the entity as at 30 June 2014, and of its financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2014, in accordance with common accounting practices used by small associations.

Signed by David Burke this 5th day of August 2014



David Burke- FellowNTAA, Fellow Institute of Accountants
Practising Accountant
32 Melaleuca Drive
Carrum Vic3197

Appendix 3

SCHEYVILLIAN EDITOR'S REPORT

The Scheyvillian

Since the last Annual General Meeting I have published three Scheyvillians:

- a. 3 of 2013 was published prior to Christmas and covered some of the State Dinners, and a few deceased members in detail.
- b. 1 of 2014 was published prior to ANZAC Day and also covered state activities, and a few features coming from activities of the Association, and memorabilia forwarded to the Association.
- c. 2 of 2014 was published prior to Vietnam Veterans Day and mainly covered events from ANZAC Day to August 2014.

A 36-40 page issue of The Scheyvillian costs less than \$6 printed, enveloped and posted.

Memorabilia

After my road trip in March to Singleton Infantry Museum, Scheyville, and a Bateman's Bay mini-reunion, I visited RMC where I updated Class photographs. Where possible each Class now has 40 photographs.

I continue to receive memorabilia, all of which I add to the overall knowledge held by the Association on the days of OTU. Photographs received are numbered so that they can fit chronologically into the Website Gallery, and are forwarded to the Webmaster for insertion into the Folios. Some members are providing comment on names etc for the photographs.

Neil Leckie
Editor
The Scheyvillian

Appendix 4

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

Further to the instructions of the National Executive, I have had a number of meetings with Nik Dow of CBDWeb, the programmers who helped re-generate the old OTU website several years ago.

Following comments and suggestions received from Executive members in response to a circulated e-mail, I presented Nik with a template/ flow chart / working diagram of what I think the new site should look like and contain.

The aim is to make the site a one-stop destination for all Scheyvillians, detailing, latest news, obituaries, and events. It should also act as a repository for photos of, articles about, and the history of Scheyville, that will be available to the public for as long as there is someone willing to curate the website.

One of the hardest decisions will be in choosing the template for the overall look of the site, as there are literally thousands to choose from.

Perhaps the most important plug-in will be the membership one, and I have specified that it should not only accommodate the various types of memberships currently in use, but also cater for 1, 5, 10 or lifetime membership payments, if the Association decides to go down this path. I hope also to have the ability to automatically send out renewal notices when the selected term of membership expires.

Attached herewith is the CBDWeb Project brief for your perusal. At \$5000, it is some \$3000 less expensive than the figure discussed at an earlier Executive meeting. It is possible that plug-ins for Membership that are available may not meet all the requirements of our association, and CBDWeb is prepared to re-program these at no extra cost.

I believe that the quote is quite reasonable, as ours is more complex than a simple "brochure website".

I await your comments and instructions.

Roger Nation
3/68
Webmaster
1 Sep. 2013

Appendix 5

QUEENSLAND CHAPTER REPORT

On the 22nd of March we had our Annual Black tie Dinner at the United Service Club in Brisbane. 36 Happy Souls joined us to celebrate the first class of 1966 marching into Scheyville on or about the first of April. In a break with tradition we went away from having 3 speakers of 5 minutes to one speaker the honourable Don McNaught esteemed aviator and all round good bloke. He regaled us with tales of his time in the army after Scheyville, his Army Aviation training and service all over Australia and New Guinea. He then ventured to tell us of his time flying in Saudi Arabia and his adventures as a commercial Helicopter and Black Jet pilot. It was truly a memorable talk with accompanying slides. The food was great and we commend the new chef. The wines were also very good and I would like to thank Don Keyes for being the stand in wines member. All in all it was a great night.

Anzac Day Parade Information.

As per normal we arranged for the OTU Brisbane group to march in the Annual Anzac Day Parade under our own banner with a buffet luncheon at the USC Club after the march. We had 18 members marching in the parade and 16 members at the United Services Club for lunch.

The monthly lunches at Friday's Restaurant seem to go from strength to strength with a nominal turn out of between 12 and 20 every month.

The ladies have decided to institute a ladies only luncheon and shopping trip, about twice a year on the same day as the gents so that they can drive the gents home after a solid session. These luncheons have come about as several ladies from the Gold and Sunshine coasts drive up to Brisbane with their husbands, have a shopping day out, and then drive the worst wear better half home. So now they will now meet up with some of the Brisbane based ladies.

Later in the year around September we will have the Annual BBQ at the Williamson ranch.

Owen Williamson (4/70)
Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer
Queensland State Chapter

Appendix 6

NEW SOUTH WALES CHAPTER REPORT

Introduction

Beginning in August 2013, a handover process was entered into, involving Frank Miller 4/67 (National President), Greg Todd 2/71 (NSW Chairman), and me 4/69 (dupe), whereby Greg would step down after many years. Greg was now living full-time in the ACT, hence the changeover. The process was uneventful. At the time it was agreed that there was no need for an election of office bearers, and a decision made that Geoff Bennett 2/66 should be asked to continue in the role of NSW Treasurer. Geoff's agreement was sought and given. By November 2013 I had assumed full responsibility for running the Chapter.

Activities

It was apparent that there was a general sense of malaise within the Chapter, evidenced by a poor attendance at the 2012 Annual Dinner, and the cancellation of the 2013 Dinner. During the take-over period, a number of graduates were consulted; it may have been that Lunch/Dinner fatigue was a factor. There is also a sense that the National Reunion 'topped up' some graduate's obligation to, in some way, participate.

Communications

A major effort was put into revitalising the mailing list (email), as well as one-on-one communications with a number of graduates whom (I felt) had fallen by the wayside. These were primarily people I had served with at some stage or other in my chequered career. The result was encouraging. We had 40 turn up for the November lunch, 11 of whom had never attended previously. Further, around 30% of those contacted actually replied. One or two didn't like being badgered, but survival is a numbers game.

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To date, the response rate remains healthy, and we are managing an average 12+ for monthly lunches.

Events

- **Lunches**

After visiting most Chapters, I determined that a monthly lunch, on the same day of the month, at the same venue was the best solution. I've had no negative feedback. We intend to continue on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (excepting January) at the Athenian Greek Restaurant in Barrack Street CBD. In December, the plan is to have a mixed lunch, with a bit of extra fizz and fun (seeing most now miss the corporate Chrissy events).

- **Annual Dinner**

A mixed dinner will be held July/August at a city restaurant. It is hoped that a guest speaker can be secured.

• Anzac Day

Over an extended period, Dick Adams 3/72 has been negotiating with the NSW RSL in order to have the OTU contingent march at the head of the post WWII & Korean War veterans. As members of the Corps of Staff Cadets, it gives OTU graduates seniority over other Corps, and therefore the logical place for us in the OOM. The premise (as well as other arguments made by (Dick) was accepted for the National Reunion in 2013, however the OTU contingent has since been put back with the National Service group of marchers. A position well down the OOM, unfortunately. In the Sydney March this year, approximately 30 graduates marched behind the NSW banner.

Over 30 attended the after March lunch at the Masonic Club in Castlereagh Street. It is unfortunate that, of all people, Dick Adams had to settle for a cafeteria lunch on the day, away from our party. The rules for grace and good manners we learnt as young officers seem to have been lost on some over the intervening years. Whether we have ended up a prince or fallen to being a pauper, how one cannot bother to warn in for an event, nor pay on time, is to me unfathomable.

• Other Social Activities

To date, I've asked (e.g. golf day, cruise), but not received sufficient interest. Unless a demand emerges, there will not be any plans for such events.

Youth Leadership

Greg Todd put a lot of work over the years into getting young people to attend Lord & Lady Somers. However, his hand over comments to me expressed doubts about continuing, funding being a primary concern. I add my concern, which is apathy. In direct conversation with most of the lunch attendees over the past 4 months, it is clear that most see 'catching up for a beer and a bite' as the only raison d'être for Scheyvillians.

OTU Association NSW Chapter

Greg suggested the Rotary programme (RYLA) as a possible option. I expect some discussion during this National Council Meeting from which I can provide feedback to the NSW Chapter.

Financial Report

The November lunch was an unavoidable commitment, due to a significant deposit that was scheduled to be forfeited on December 31st. That lunch went ahead and was a success; however the total cost was not properly anticipated. Recovery is at hand, albeit slowly. We are making \$10 per head on lunches and should finish the year in a reasonable state. The poor state of our bank balance is one reason why I haven't pursued Youth Leadership – we can't do a lot with what we have at present.

NSW currently has \$720.69 in the bank, without any current liabilities. A reunion account remains open with a balance of \$197.46. This account should be closed and funds transferred to the National account. A detailed report from Geoff Bennett has been forwarded to National Treasurer Ray Elder.

Future Action

1. Refining the NSW database

Direct contact with non-responses - do they wish to remain on the mailing list?
Options for managing these people whilst retaining contact.

2. Committee Structure (NSW Chapter)

Is the status quo sufficient? Need to adequately cover absences. Is there enough happening within the Chapter?

3. Association (Financial) Membership

Many don't know if they're financial or not. What are the National Executive's goals/aspirations in terms of membership in general?

Conclusion

Member feedback in relation to what is, and is not happening with our Chapter, is positive. Given the response rate, the level of correspondence seems sufficient. One or two are concerned that we don't have more activities such as Annual Dinners, committee meetings, social outings, and youth leadership engagement. My feeling is that the numbers simply aren't there. Are we doing enough? My sense of it is, yes.

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John Bushell

4/69

Chairman

OTU Association NSW Chapter

Appendix 7

VICTORIAN CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

It's interesting to note that this is the fifth year of Victoria's being responsible for the running of the National Association. At this stage it would appear unlikely that this task would be passed on to another state. Victoria, for the time being, is happy with this arrangement.

Although quieter than the preceding twelve months with the national reunion, the Victorian chapter was nonetheless active.

The first event of note was the annual Geddes Dinner. This year our speaker was author Hugh Dolan. Hugh, a graduate of England's Cambridge University, served in the British Army's intelligence corps before joining RAAF as an intelligence officer. His book "36 Days - the untold story behind the Gallipoli landings" released in 2010 gave a new and far more positive perspective of the Australian's landing at ANZAC Cove in 1915.

Hugh is now working on a book covering the WWII "Z" Force commando attack on Japanese shipping in Singapore harbour. This used the disguised lugger "Krait" to travel to the area from Australia. His talk on this was most interesting and gave yet another insight to the operations of intelligence in warfare.

As always, it was a great night - the eighth of the Geddes dinners. Once again our thanks go to Ray Elder for initiating this fine event and seeing it through to fruition on each occasion.

The eighth annual Victorian golf day was held at the Waverley Golf Club in October. This was a gain most convivial with seven groups of players vying for supremacy. As is always the case, all participants received a prize. The sandwich lunch, the game itself, then the end-of-play get together and social made for an excellent day.

Next on the calendar was the weekend away. This year some eighteen Scheyvillians and wives and partners stayed in fine accommodation at Hepburn Springs. Fine meals were shared in that town and that nearby Daylesford. The opportunity to explore so much of Victoria's old goldmining area was enthusiastically pursued by all who came. Many thanks go to Col Lindsay and Denise Cosgriff for their fine organisation.

Our commitment to youth leadership continued in January with the Lord and lady Somers camps. This year Victoria directly funded five boys and ten girls with another four boys and four girls half sponsored in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Healesville. Again several Scheyvillians took the opportunity to visit the camps and join the "groupers" at lunch. One of the guest speakers at the boys camp this year was OTU Graduate and former Deputy Prime Minister, Tim Fischer AC (3/66). Attending the camps gives a real insight into the most positive impact the week there has on the young boys and girls.

In late March another tennis day was held at the Kooyong Tennis Club. This was great fun and the Round Robin format proved a great equaliser. As was the case with the golf, all players received a prize. Following the tennis we adjourned to the club

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rooms for a fine meal and a few well earned drinks. Again our thanks go to Denise Cosgriff and Col Lindsay for putting together such an enjoyable function.

The OTU contingent in Melbourne's ANZAC Day March to the Shrine of Remembrance numbered around sixty. (We did not participate last year due to the Sydney reunion.) Most welcome addition to our ranks were the people of class 1/69 who were in Melbourne at the time for a reunion. Once completed, we adjourned to the Toorak Services Club for lunch and fellowship.

Next on the calendar was the Victorian annual dinner. Held once more at the William Angliss College in Melbourne this was a great night. Special thanks go to Ray Andrews (MC) and Maggie Friend who between them put together a fine cavalcade of compromising OTU photos.

Thanks are also due to Peter Don, David Maddison and my wife Janice who helped in the organisation as well as Neil Leckie (collage of memorabilia pictures), Peter Hateley (name and place tags), and Roger Nation and Ian Kelly (membership circulation of invitation and reminders.) Thanks too, to the staff and students of William Angliss College.

In a financial sense and, due largely to the passage of time and numbers, the strength of the chapter is on a bit of a decline. As a consequence we are going to have to be a little more rigid on our main expense items. Specifically this means that we will have to agree thoroughly beforehand just how much we are prepared to spend on our Lord and Lady Somers sponsorships in the future. This does not mean the end of this important activity – just that we are going to have to show a tighter degree of control. Thanks go to Ray Elder for his diligent role as Treasurer over the year

May I take this opportunity to thank all on the Victorian Chapter in executive and all others too, who have helped make for such a successful year in celebrating "the Scheyville Experience".

Frank Miller.
4/67 Chairman,
Victorian Chapter.

Appendix 8

TASMANIA CHAPTER REPORT

During the previous twelve months we have continued to hold our quarterly lunch gatherings. Attendance at these lunches has been 'encouraging', however our numbers have not increased all that much, and it seems to be the regulars that make up the numbers. We do however now have the company of Peter Dalkin who served with SERVACO, and attended Scheyville as part of his training with the Sydney University Regiment – Welcome aboard Peter.

Our membership base, as at January 2014 was 33, however of these two members have requested no further contact, two currently reside overseas, 14 do not respond to email(s) or snail mail that is sent to them, and another two previously on email have now dropped out and no longer can be contacted. One member has medical reasons for not attending, and sadly we have lost one with the passing of Robert Sydes (3/70). This leaves a total of 11 members who still respond in the affirmative, or by offering an apology if unable to attend.

With the inclusion of wives, partners and/or friends we manage to have in the order of 11 to 14; sometimes as many as 16 people attend these luncheons. On several occasions we have been fortunate to have the company of some 'interstate' members attend on or more of our luncheons. The most recent being Robin Hunt (3/69), who flew in from Victoria to attend lunch on behalf of the national body. Good to see our 'mainland' friends!

We continue to pursue those that have 'dropped' off the radar, but it is difficult if they will not even respond to snail mail correspondence; but we keep trying.

For the remainder of this year we still have two more lunches planned. One again will be held in the north of the State, sometime in August, and the final one for the year will again be held towards the end of November in Hobart. This year is the first year that we have held two lunches in the north of the State, and if they continue to be well supported we will continue the trend for the next year.

Finally, I would like to record a vote of thanks for the good job that the National body is doing for the Association, and to Neil Leckie for his continued efforts with The Scheyville magazine, and for the hard copies that we receive to assist in spreading the word on the Association.

Ray Williams
1/71

Appendix 9

SOUTH AUSTRALIA CHAPTER REPORT

Functions

The Annual OTU Foundation Day lunch was held in Chianti Classico on Sunday 30 March. Just two days short of the actual date of the event 49 years ago. There were ten attendees, which would have been the same as previously, except for the last minute withdrawal of Brian Harding (1/70) and his wife Joan because of family illness.

The next function is the Remembrance Day lunch to be held on Sunday 16 November. The most likely venue is the revitalised Maximillian's Restaurant Verdun in the Adelaide Hills. Couldn't be more appropriate.

50th Anniversary of Establishment of OTU

In 2015 the focus will be on the 100th Anniversary of Gallipoli; however it also marks the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Officer Training Unit, Scheyville just 49 years and 341 days later. Hard to believe, a mere 25 years after the end of WW11.

ANZAC Day March – 2015

In the past most have chosen to march with their units, so there has never been much interest in an OTU Contingent. However, as this will mark the 50th Anniversary, there has been a marked upswing in interest, so if we garner enough numbers we will be approaching the March Committee for a slot.

Youth Leadership

The South Australian Chapter supports Operation Flinders, which takes 'at risk' youths on a 10 day venture in the Flinders Ranges. The Chapter sponsors one person every second at a cost of \$1500.

Cheers
Gary Vial
3/69

Appendix 10

WESTERN AUSTRALIA CHAPTER REPORT

WA Chapter continues to run very successful quarterly lunches at the Romany Restaurant in Perth under Frank LeFaucheur's able management. Attendance averages around 15 attendees each time, most accompanied by a bottle of something suitable. This year we also substituted a South West weekend for the March lunch with 8 OTU members and wives enjoying a Friday lunch at Laundry 43, and the evening sundowner and meal at the Geographe Bay Yacht Club. Saturday saw some on wine or sailing afternoons and all gathered for a night twilight sail on Ken Waller's yacht 'Major Tom', followed by dinner at his home. Sunday brunch at Sensations cafe on the canals was a fitting end for some, while a few remained for a BBQ at Jay McDaniell's home on Sunday night.

ANZAC Day saw the banner carried by a contingent on the Perth march and three on parade in Busselton. Both groups enjoyed fellowship afterwards – in Perth at Below 43, and at the RSL in Busselton.

Planning is underway for a contingent to stay at or around Wayne and Pip Bank's Denmark home for the Albany ANZAC weekend in November 2014, as it celebrates its role for the ANZAC's original gathering and departure (via Fremantle) to Egypt, Gallipoli and on to France.

Jay McDaniell
3/69

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY CHAPTER REPORT

The primary activity for the ACT Chapter is the monthly luncheon at the Royal Canberra Golf Club on the 3rd Friday of each month, with between six and twelve attending. A mixed Luncheon is held each year attracting between 20 and 30 attendees, as well as an Annual Dinner at the Commonwealth Club. The Opposition Leader of the Territory Government, Jeremy Hanson, spoke at the most recent dinner.

The Chapter currently has a bank balance of approximately \$3,000.

The Chapter also supports Rotary's RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) Program by becoming a major sponsor of the annual event held in January each year. The program aims for young people to achieve their potential.

Winston Bucknall
2/68