



# OTU ASSOCIATION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at

Toorak Services Club  
72 Clendon Road  
Toorak

1631hr  
Wednesday 2nd September 2015

## Minutes

### 1. ATTENDANCE

#### 1.1 Present

Frank Miller, Robin Hunt, Ray Elder, Neil Leckie, Graeme Chester, Alan Brimelow, Peter Don, Rob Youl, Harry Moyle, Alistair Pope, and Bernie Gleeson.

#### 1.2 Apologies

1.2.1 Apologies:

Greg Todd, Patrick Mould, and Michael Shum.

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

Brian Cooper, Ray Williams, Peter Moody, Gerry Garard, and Peter Whitelaw.

1.2.3 Apologies and nominating the Secretary, Bernie Gleeson as proxy:

Roger Nation, Peter Hateley, Nick Callinan, Brian McCarthy, Rohan Allison, Gary Vial, Ian Kelly, Phil Warwick, David Taylor, John Bushell, Rod Mendham, Colin Cooper, and David Kruger.

The Chairman noted that a quorum had been achieved.

### 2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September 2014, were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

Graeme Chester/Rob Youl **AGREED**

### 3. REPORTS

#### 3.1 Chairman's Report (Frank Miller)

Frank Miller tabled the 2014-15 Chairman's report. A copy is attached as Appendix 1.

That the Chairman's Report be received:

Frank Miller/Robin Hunt **AGREED**

#### 3.2 Treasurer's Report (Ray Elder)

The Treasurer tabled the financial statements for the year ending 30th June 2015, 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:

Ray Elder/Peter Don **AGREED**

#### 3.3 Membership Report (Graeme Chester)

After a slow start to the year, and a reminder email, we are now on track in relation to where we were at this time last year. We have 397 Financial, including Honorary and Widows, whereas last September we had 381. Also we have found some new members with 1664, as against 1640 last September.

##### **MEMBERSHIP DATABASE DETAILS AS AT 1 SEP 2015**

Number of Graduates	1880			
Number on Database (Incl DNG/Staff)		1664		
Number Financial			364	
Number Honorary			25	
Widows			8	
Number Deceased				153
Number Un-financial (Not Renewed)				950
Number Un-financial (Do Not Contact)				164
Totals	1880	1664	397	1267

Percentages:

Of the names on database 23.8% are financial/honorary/widow.

Of the names on the database 9.2% are deceased.

Of the names on the database 57.1% are un-financial (not renewed)

Of the names on the database 9.9% are un-financial (do not contact)

That the Membership Report be received:

Graeme Chester/Robin Hunt      **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, is contained at Appendix 4.

That the Webmaster's Report be received:

Robin Hunt      **AGREED**

## **4. STATE/TERRITORY REPORTS**

Victoria was the only state to present a report. Other States/Territory forwarded reports by email. The State/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.

The Chairman declared the following elected.

Chairman;	Frank Miller
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
	Alan Brimelow
	Robin Hunt

## 6. GENERAL BUSINESS

### 6.1 Motion of Appreciation of Chairman

Robin Hunt moved a motion of appreciation for the Chairman, Frank Miller, for his leadership and efforts in providing direction for the National Executive for the past year. His comments were soundly supported by all committee members present.

Harry Moyle thanked the National Executive, on behalf of the members, for their work in administering the Association during the past twelve months.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1734hr.

Bernie Gleeson  
Secretary

## Appendix

1. Chairman's Report.
2. Treasurer's Report, including Auditor'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 2014 - 2015

The highlight of the National programme over the year was, undoubtedly the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the commencement of the second National Service scheme. This took place on 30<sup>th</sup> June in Canberra.

Organised in conjunction with the National Servicemen's Association of Australia, this comprised a march to the Australian War Memorial, a ceremony of remembrance at the National Service Memorial then a casual finger-food luncheon at the Ainslie Football Club.

Altogether some four hundred National Servicemen marched. The Parade was led by Brig (Retired) David Webster (1/65) and the salute taken by Maj Gen (Retired) Paul Irvine (2/72). John Blacket, the first of the second scheme to serve overseas, carried the Australian Flag.

At the following commemorative service speeches were given by Dr Brendan Nelson, Chief Executive of the AWM, the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove, Chairman of the OTU Association, Frank Miller (4/67), former Deputy Prime Minister, Tim Fischer (3/66), and Chairman of the NSAA, Maj. (Retired) Earle Jennings.

The following luncheon at the Football Club went very well with old friends catching up and enjoying a good chat. In the afternoon members of the OTU Association went to RMC Duntroon to see the substantial volume of OTU memorabilia on prominent display there and to inspect the Cadets' Mess and other areas of interest.

In the evening over one hundred and twenty Scheyvillians, partners and friends attended a mixed dinner at the Canberra Golf Club. Tim Fischer gave an interesting and entertaining formal address. Other guests included Maj Earle Jennings and Mr Noel Moulder of the NSAA. It was a fine evening and we were grateful to Wal Hall and the ACT Chapter, Brian Cooper, Bernie Gleeson and Ray Elder for their work in putting it together.

The Commemoration of the 50th anniversary was considered a huge success by the Association. On top of the Canberra Commemoration activities the Association has run on a "steady as she goes" basis over the last twelve months. State/Territory Chapters have been pursuing the objectives as laid down in paragraph 5 of the Constitution:

- Fostering of fellowship between members.
- Maintenance and preservation of interest in OTU within the civilian and military communities
- Preservation of the memory of those members who have suffered, died or been injured in the course of their duty for Australia.
- Promotion of youth leadership and development in Australia.

I believe we have been successful in all of these categories.

The last year was special with the one hundredth anniversary of Australian soldiers departing for, and fighting in, the First World War. Whilst we had no National commemorative event, the

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significance of the centenary was appropriately acknowledged. A contingent of thirty Scheyvillians marched under the OTU banner at Albany, WA in a large parade to commemorate the fleet sailing off to Gallipoli. Again, we had contingents in the ANZAC Day marches in several capital cities.

Our affiliation with the National Servicemen's Association of Australia remains firm. I have attended their two National Council meetings in the ACT and Devonport over the twelve months. (The OTU Association, being an affiliate, is a member of this Council).

Our youth Leadership initiative continued with a number of projects being given financial assistance and with ongoing support for the Lord and Lady Somers Camps in Victoria. It is interesting to note that this January we funded a number of young people who were returning to the Camps as helpers as well as the usual "Groupers". This will certainly prove a sound investment in the future. We are once more deeply indebted to Neil Leckie for his work as Scheyvillian Editor and memorabilia manager. The latter is ensuring the OTU "silverware" is stored for safe keeping. This includes Honour boards, photographs, and the Banner and graduate/class documentation.

Neil has again delivered three excellent editions of "The Scheyvillian". They have all been first class and made for fascinating reading. Many thanks go to Neil.

One of the interesting features of the Association over the past few years has been the fact that the membership has remained virtually constant. New-comers seem to balance the departures from our list each twelve months. My thanks go to membership manager Graeme Chester for his diligent work in this role.

The Association Executive meets around nine times each year – depending on the activities scheduled. This ensures the smooth working of the organisation. Pivotal to these meetings is the work of the Secretary Bernie Gleeson. Thanks for your fine input Bernie.

Webmaster Roger Nation has undertaken a major upgrade of our website over the year. This has made it more-user friendly and effective. Roger has also taken on the role of QM. Thanks Roger for a job well done.

Much attention has been paid to the longer term future by the Association Executive. It would be pointless for there to be a large sum of money left in the bank come the time, if there are not sufficient members to make the organisation viable. Accordingly, Treasure Ray Elder has produced a financial projection over the next ten years that allows for us to plan our expenditure over that time. It allows the Chapters to contribute to their social and other activities that are in keeping with the four objectives as previously laid down.

I am grateful indeed for the fine job Ray has done as Treasurer.

My sincere thanks also go to Deputy Chairman, Robin Hunt and committee members Peter Don, Brian Cooper, Alan Brimelow and Rob Youl. Your help and input is very much appreciated.

**Frank Miller.**  
**National Chairman.**  
**4/67**

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Appendix 2

OTU National

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2015  
Consolidated sub accounts

		This Year	Last Year
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
NAB Trading Account	27,324.18		28,084.11
NAB Fixed Deposit	52,246.09		51,163.83
Debtors	4,698.33		4,663.77
Prepayment Loan OTU Vic	420.00		1,217.50
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		84,688.60	85,129.21
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<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Youth Leadership Donations	7,315.95		11,340.90
Trade Creditors	6,251.63		185.50
Other Creditors	4,700.00		5,660.00
Subscriptions In Advance 2014/15			12,400.00
Subs In Advance 2015/2016	8,400.00		
50th Anniversary Canberra Dinner	10,400.00		
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		37,067.58	29,586.40
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		37,067.58	29,586.40
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		47,621.02	55,542.81
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Retained Earnings		47,621.02	55,542.81
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		47,621.02	55,542.81



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**OTU National**

**Trading Profit and Loss Statement**

For the year ended 30 June 2015  
Consolidated sub accounts

	This Year	This Year	Last Year
<b>SALES</b>			
Subscriptions Received	23,225.00		24,450.00
Q Sales	471.00		198.00
Interest Received	1,082.26		1,208.89
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>		<b>24,778.26</b>	<b>25,856.89</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>		<b>24,778.26</b>	<b>25,856.89</b>
<b>OVERHEAD EXPENSES</b>			
Bank Charges	2.50		0.00
Dedication Booklet (NSAA)	1,300.00		0.00
Filing Fees	53.00		51.40
Insurances	2,523.99		2,417.75
National Council Meeting Costs	3,735.09		1,957.54
Pay Pal Costs	265.94		207.60
Postage	231.65		350.00
Rebates to State Chapters	4,700.00		4,790.00
Q Purchases	126.50		283.00
Reunion 2013	(350.00)		0.00
Scheyvillian Costs	3,246.65		3,313.05
Scheyville - History Of	1,370.00		0.00
State Chapter Subsidies - Fellowship	4,800.00		0.00
State Chapter Subsidies - Youth Leadership	844.60		0.00
Subsidies - 50th Anniversary Canberra	930.00		0.00
Sundry expenses	83.00		65.40
Subscriptions and Memberships	3,173.50		0.00
Website maintenance	5,563.63		56.16
Wreaths & Funerals	100.00		0.00
<b>TOTAL OVERHEAD EXPENSES</b>		<b>(32,700.05)</b>	<b>(13,491.90)</b>
<b>NET PROFIT</b>		<b>(7,921.79)</b>	<b>12,364.99</b>

**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 2015 and the Trading Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 June 2015.

**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 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.

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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 2015, and of its financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2015, in accordance with common accounting practices used by small associations.

Signed by David Burke this 4th day of August 2015



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David Burke - Fellow NTAA, Fellow of the Institute of Public Accountants  
Practising Accountant  
25A Tennyson Street  
Carrum, VIC 3197

## Appendix 3

### SCHEYVILLIAN EDITOR'S REPORT

#### The Scheyvillian

Over the last twelve months I have produced, with input from many OTU-A and other members, three Scheyvillian newsletters: one prior to Christmas, one prior to ANZAC Day and the third prior to Vietnam Veterans Day. The newsletters have normally been 36 pages, but the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of 2015 was 44 pages due to the extra input from the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of NS commemoration in Canberra on 30 June.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> issue for 2015 is due for publication in early December.

I have also sent off an article to Mike Ryan on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for inclusion in the RMC Society newsletter.

#### Memorabilia

I remain in contact with Maj Geoff Lever of the RMC Museum and have sent him electronic copies of two overhead photographs of Scheyville for use in the re-vamped museum.

I now have access to the OTU Website and can directly add photographs to the Galleries without the need for Roger to put them on.

I will talk to Roger about adding a Gallery for the OTU Vic Chapter photographs.

Australian War Memorial Website: Robin Hunt brought to the attention of the committee that the OTU badge was listed on the AWM Website under item REL 29578. The details indicated that the badge was produced circa 1966. A previous edition of The Scheyvillian showed that the first OTU Class to wear the badges was Class 3/70 (photographic evidence). The AWM has now changed the details to circa 1970.

#### NSAA

The latest Victorian State Branch newsletter has three articles on the future of the branch:

The Vice-President stated that the average age of members is over 77 with many over 80. He suggests that the association should be 'phased down' and not try to incorporate non-NS people just to keep the Sub-branches running.

The Secretary suggests that the Branch works towards a 'distinguished 'closing of the branch as the membership is aging and the Branch and more Sub-branches are finding it difficult to obtain Committee Members capable of running them. He advocates the formation of Social Groups rather than formal organisations that require considerable work and 'red tape'.

The Membership Officer suggests that we should look at spouses, partners of children to get involved and keep the sub-branches running. (NL: Spouses/partners are in the same age-group, while children are generally not interested). He specifically asks the 1965-72 '2<sup>nd</sup> Era Nashos' to stand up and take more responsibility. (NL: If '2<sup>nd</sup> Era Nashos' have not already joined the association and taken responsibilities from the older Nashos, then it is not likely to

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happen now. There are far fewer '2<sup>nd</sup> Era' Nashos - 227,000 to 63,735 – and those who served in Vietnam are far more likely to be members of the VVAA rather than the NSAA. Most non-Vietnam Nashos are just not interested and are not NSAA members.)

**Neil Leckie**  
**3/68**  
**Editor**  
**The Scheyvillian**

## Appendix 4

### WEBMASTER'S REPORT

#### Q Store.

Since taking over responsibility for the Q store in April this year, we have sold the following:

- 28 Lapel Badges
- 5 Collar Badges
- 3 Reunion Badges
- 9 Window Stickers
- 23 Scheyville Experience books

Interest was obviously stimulated by mentions in The Scheyvillian, the new website, and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary function in Canberra, and I would not expect this level of interest to continue. Adequate stocks of all items are held except for the lapel badges which are down to of 16 pieces. I would expect we will not have to re-order these in the near future.

#### Webmaster

This year saw the upgrading of the website, necessitated for security reasons, and to allow it to be accessed on all types of computers and devices. The launch in June was less smooth than planned due to a rogue e-mail escaping the system during testing. However once formally released it appears to have been accepted by most members.

As with all upgrades, there have been some minor adjustments after release due to unforeseen scenarios. For example, it was discovered that overseas members were having trouble paying their membership renewals, due to the system not recognising the country in which they resided. And there are those members who are not computer savvy and have trouble even logging in to the site, or finding the renewal button or "What is the address?"

Nevertheless, most comments have been positive and most renewals have negotiated the process without any difficulty. It is also interesting that a number of members have elected to have their membership renewed automatically each year, a service unavailable on the old website.

An analysis of Website usage indicates that our best day was 30 July with 660 views (Scheyvillian), and that Friday 28 August when this report was written, we were viewed 36 times. All told the website had been viewed 8665 times since going live. In addition the built-in security has blocked 36 malicious attempts to access the site since inception.

From an administrative point of view, the new site is much easier to operate, and the native functionality makes tasks such as bulk e-mails, or posting event notifications very easy. Like all websites, it can only stay informative as long as the webmaster is kept informed of events, obituaries, or changes to member's personal details (new e-mail addresses etc).

**Roger Nation**  
**3/68**  
**Webmaster**

## Appendix 5

### QUEENSLAND CHAPTER REPORT

Monthly lunches were held at Friday's Restaurant in Brisbane City every 2nd Thursday in the month with about 10 to 15 attendees each month. Tim Fischer was our special guest at the October 2014 monthly lunch, at which he previewed his new book on General Sir John Monash. The November 2014 monthly luncheon was held at the Royal Pines Resort on the Gold Coast to give Gold Coasters the opportunity to attend. The Annual Black Tie Dinner was held on the 28th March to which 38 people attended including the two ex-Chief Instructors Stan Maizey and Dick Flint.

The 100th ANZAC Day Anniversary was celebrated with our annual march in the Brisbane City ANZAC Day Parade with about 20 participants, followed by lunch at the United Service Club.

Our financial situation is adequate.

Renewed efforts are being made to organise the Gold Coast members. Geoff Daly attended the 100th Anniversary at ANZAC Cove, his father having served at Gallipoli.

**Doug Oliver**  
4/71

## Appendix 6

### NEW SOUTH WALES CHAPTER REPORT

#### Introduction

Throughout 2014-15 the NSW Chapter has maintained a focus on participation in monthly lunches. Efforts to maintain engagement with our members and listed contacts continues, particularly for attendance at monthly lunches. Each month (excepting January), our regular venue and timings have ensured that a consistent core number of members has maintained contact and made an occasional lunch attendance. To the end of 2014, of the 209 email contacts sent out each month, 84 have made at least one apology, and 44 have attended at least one lunch.

#### Activities

##### • Monthly Lunches

The Athenian Greek Restaurant continues to be popular, especially given the central location and convenient transport links. Numbers vary from 6 - 15, and it is usual to be able to have sufficient payments collect to contribute \$10 per person per month towards Youth Leadership.

##### • Christmas Lunch

With some financial support from National, a harbour cruise was conducted. This was a well supported event (70 including partners), with positive feedback from all.

##### • Dining In Night

Conducted on the evening of 1st April 2015 at the NSW Masonic Club, this event had modest numbers (22); however it was an especially enjoyable night, and greatly appreciated by those in attendance. It was 'break even' in terms of the dinner, however there were approximately \$200 in admin costs not recovered.

##### • Anzac Day March

Under the guidance of Dick Adams (3/72) this year's March was well supported, having 53 marching behind the Scheyville Banner.

##### • Anzac Day Lunch

An after-March luncheon at the NSW Masonic Club was also well attended by 47, which did include a few partners.

#### Future Activities

##### • Monthly Lunches

These will continue at the Athenian Greek Restaurant on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (excepting December & January). As the Barangaroo precinct is now complete in Sydney's inner harbour, the idea of a luncheon cruise has been canvassed, and if well enough supported, will take place in September/October, in lieu of the Athenian lunch.



• **Annual Dinner**

The April 1st Dining-In night was well thought of by those who attended. Several suggested it should be the start of a tradition. The NSW Masonic Club is also keen to provide to the Chapter their venue/catering for such events. Further consideration will be made regarding numbers, as 20 is an absolute minimum, and whether or not sufficient members will actually get involved is uncertain.

• **Anzac Day Activities**

Attendance at this year's March and Lunch was strong, and in part, a result of the various promotions on the Centenary of ANZAC. 2016 will see the Chapter planning for the same activities; however attendances are likely to be more modest. Dick Adams is continuing his efforts in having our contingent promoted up the Order of March, and with some recent changes in the hierarchy of the NSW RSL, we are hopeful of some success.

• **Christmas Lunch**

The 2014 cruise was very well regarded and requests for a similar event have been made. A possible activity for this year is to lunch on Fort Denison in Sydney Harbour. Detailed planning will commence in July.

• **Sir William Schey's Grave**

This project has now begun under the stewardship of Dick Whitaker. A committee of 4 (Dick Whitaker 1/69, Dick Adams 3/72, Rob Senior 2/69 and Peter O'Brien 4/70) have planned their 1st meeting during which a scoping document and project outline will be prepared. The National Executive will be further informed as these matters develop.

**Financial**

Since our last annual report, the Chapter has managed to accrue modest gains from lunches, sufficient to cover any local operating costs and a modest contribution towards youth leadership.

A summary report from Geoff Bennett has been forwarded to National Treasurer Ray Elder.

**Conclusion**

We continue to attempt to improve our reach to lapsed memberships and inactive Scheyvillians, and to actively maintain updates with Graeme Chester.

The Chapter wishes all of those attending the 50 year commemorative activities in the ACT an enjoyable program and good fellowship.

**Booka**

**John Bushell**

**4/69**

**Chairman**

**OTU Association NSW Chapter**

## Appendix 7

### VICTORIAN CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

The Victorian Chapter has enjoyed another good twelve months. It is worth noting that we are in the sixth year of this State running the National Association.

Since the last National Council meeting there have been a number of planned activities. First among these was the Ninth Annual Geddes Dinner. Again this was most successful. This is held at the Toorak Services Club in early August each year. Scheyvillians and friends are invited. It is named after Brigadier Ian Geddes, the founding Commandant of Scheyville. Over sixty Scheyvillians and friends attended. There were, in addition, a number from the Services Club itself.

Our guest speaker was Captain Keith Wolahan of 2 Commando Company. Keith had served with the Victorian Army Reserve Unit 8/7 RVR before undertaking one tour of duty in East Timor and two in Afghanistan. He received the commendation for Distinguished Service in the 2010 Australia Day Honours for his second posting to Afghanistan. Keith is, by profession, a barrister.

In 2011 Keith was one of two defending officers to represent Sgt "J" in the civilian casualty manslaughter Court Martial that arose from an incident in Afghanistan. It was the first close combat related court-martial in Australian history.

At the time they were announced, the charges were viewed most unfavourably by Australians who had served in the armed forces. Their impact on those in the theatre of war at that time can only be imagined.

Keith took the assembled gathering through the events on the ground which led to Sgt "J" (and a Lance Corporal) facing a court-martial. His combat experience made for a clear, precise description.

He then covered the legal side through the eyes of a defence barrister. Much work had been put into research and preparation for what was a case with potentially difficult ramifications - not only for the two men but also, possibly, for the armed services.

Ultimately all charges against the two were dismissed. It was a fascinating talk and very well received.

It was an excellent evening. Thanks again go to Ray Elder for putting it together.

The annual Golf Day at the Waverley Private course was once more a great success. Some twenty Scheyvillians, friends and family members took part. The weather was kind on the day. After eighteen holes of Ambrose competition the group adjourned to the clubhouse for fellowship and prize giving. Once more it was a most enjoyable day.

Our commitment to Youth Leadership once more took the form of sponsoring young men and women to the Lord and Lady Somers camps. This year we funded a total of thirteen boys and girls –seven in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Healesville. In a slight variation from our usual practice we also supported twelve of the young ones who had volunteered to return and help run the camps having been “groupers” one or two years earlier. It is through the efforts of these people that the splendid

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opportunity presented by the Lord and Lady Somers experience may be continued into the future.

The 22nd of March saw the running of the Annual Tennis Day at the superb Kooyong Tennis Club. In perfect weather a record number of players joined in the Round Robin competition. Following prize giving, participants, observers and friends adjourned to the clubhouse for a fine meal and wonderful fellowship. Thanks go to Denise Cosgriff for arranging a most memorable day.

In wet, cold and windy conditions the OTU contingent of over forty marched under the Scheyville Banner in this year's ANZAC Day pilgrimage to the Shrine of Remembrance. After falling out we adjourned to the Toorak Services ("Heroes") Club. There in the welcome ambience of an open fire we enjoyed an excellent sit down meal and, aided by a good red wine, superb fellowship.

The Annual Victorian Dinner was, once more, highly successful. Held in the William Angliss Institute of TAFE Restaurant we were treated like royalty with the excellent service and quality food. Our thanks go to MC Ray Andrews and his wife Maggie for a brilliant commentary and outstanding slide show. Thanks also go to Peter Hateley and Peter Don for their help in putting the evening together.

A more recent innovation has been the monthly lunches held at Melbourne's RACV Club. These have been most successful with a good number enjoying the camaraderie of fellow Scheyvillians. Our thanks go to Brian Cooper for establishing and running these.

Numbers in the Victorian Chapter remain strong and, the finances remain robust. Our thanks go, once more, to Ray Elder for his work as treasurer.

I would also like to thank the Committee members for their help over the year. Robin Hunt – Deputy Chairman, Bernie Gleeson – Secretary, Neil Leckie, Graeme Chester – Membership, Rob Youl, Alan Brimelow, Peter Don and Rob Youl.

**Frank Miller**  
**Chairman, Victorian Chapter.**  
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## Appendix 8

### TASMANIA CHAPTER REPORT

The Tasmanian Chapter continued to support members through contact and luncheons.

The Tasmanian Chapter does not march as a group at any occasion with those who march doing so with other organisations with whom they are associated. This is due to the small numbers in the state, and their dispersal outside major centres. It is believed that a group as small as two or three would not have the intended impact. Although some members were involved in the launch of the Centenary WW1 celebrations conducted on the Day the first Australian Troop ships left Hobart.

The Tasmanian Chapter is not involved in youth leadership activities within the state, and this year we supported the SA Chapter by diverting our funds to 'Operation Flinders', rather than see them not utilised.

During the year we rationalised our membership by deleting from the list those who no longer wished participation. This was disappointing but a fact of life as we all age. The revised list was submitted to national.

Successful luncheons were held during the year, two in Hobart and two in Launceston. All occasions were enjoyed by those in attendance. Thanks go to Ross Robbins, David Taylor, Ian Howard and Ray Williams for organising the luncheons. Any interstate visitors and spouses are welcome to attend our lunches. Details are promulgated on the OTU website. Outside these times however, do not hesitate to contact myself or the secretary, Ray Williams.

Financially we are not strong but solvent thanks to the rebates from national.

Lawson Ride 2/69, one of our members, was made Hobart's Australia Day Citizen of the Year for his service as founding CEO to the Cancer Council, and his dedication over many years. For many years he was the public face in the fight against cancer and introduced 'Relay for Life', Australia's Biggest Morning Tea', and 'Daffodil Day'. He implemented transport to treatment.

**Dennis Townsend**  
**2/70**  
**Chairman**

## Appendix 9

### SOUTH AUSTRALIA CHAPTER REPORT

#### Members

Database: 44  
Active: about 30  
To any function: 6-10 [plus partners].

#### Activities

We generally have 2 official functions a year, both lunches. As close as possible to 1 April to celebrate the establishment of OTU, and as close to 11 November as possible for Remembrance Day. Neil [2/68] Curnow also has an active little group that luncheon regularly.

The Nov2014 lunch was held at Maximillians in the Adelaide Hills, and was reported in detail in the Scheyvillian. At the suggestion of Ray Elder it was announced that this lunch would subsidised for all financial members in an effort to increase membership. We got one sign- up. Request for reimbursement is still to be submitted to Ray. April 2015 was postponed because of the involvement in the ANZAC Day March. Next function is lunch on Sun 08 Nov.

#### ANZAC Day 2015

Not as well supported as we would have liked as many were interstate or overseas, but we ended up with our own grouping and 20 braved the initial rain to complete the march. We were given excellent coverage by the ABC telecast and the voiceover. Special credit is due to Don [1/65 and DS] Stewart who marched with Legacy, then doubled back to do it all again with us, and Simon [1/70] O'Brien who on short notice arranged for our banner. We have requested a place in the 2016 March.



## **Youth Leadership**

We support Operation Flinders to provide young men and women who have been identified as being at risk, with demanding outdoor challenges and support, to help them develop their personal attitudes and values of self esteem, motivation, team work and responsibility, so they may grow as valued members of the community, as funds allow.

## **Finances**

All our monies are held by National, which we call on as required.

**Gary Vial**  
**3/69**  
**Coordinator, South Australia**

## Appendix 10

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA CHAPTER REPORT

We currently have approximately 30 active Members, and this tends to be slowly increasing as we reach a "certain" age and many of us either retire, or more commonly, just 'get a bit tired' and "semi-retire"

It was decided many years ago that the best (and easiest) way to progress fellowship amongst our Members was to hold a Quarterly lunch at a set venue, reasonably central, and with good access to public transport. Thus The Romany Restaurant was settled on and an excellent and mutually beneficial relationship has developed between us and mine host Enzo. (This extends to allowing us to bring an "interesting" bottle of wine each so that the company is enhanced and our wine palates extended) These Members-only lunches, (usually 15 -25 in attendance), occur on the first Friday of each month beginning February, May, August and November. In the future, consideration will be given to an extra lunch in December, but while most Members are still working that has been left free for other Xmas events.

Several years ago, and with three of our Members now living in the coastal town of Busselton (2 hours drive south of Perth), it was decided to always have the February lunch in the "rural setting" of Busselton and to include partners. These have worked wonderfully, with the Friday lunch tradition being continued for the men, while the ladies conduct their own lunch event at a separate venue. The long-weekend is then filled with many fine repasts, wine tours, sailing trips and other activities with many fine stories of questionable accuracy being contributed.

Also in the past year, (from 1 July 2014), Western Australia, and Albany in particular, hosted the 100th Anniversary Celebrations of the fleet sailing from Australia to Gallipoli, etc, during November 2014. Details of this event were covered well in a past Scheyvillian Edition, but suffice it to say that it was a fantastic event with a contingent of approximately 30 OTU members marching in the main parade.

Many social events were also conducted over that weekend but the main focus was at Wayne (1/70) and Pip Banks' "House on the Lake" at Denmark - up to 30 Members and partners partied hard over the whole weekend. Any who have not visited the new ANZAC Centre built for the occasion at Mount Clarence, should try and do so at some stage. On this ANZAC Day just past approximately 25 Members marched in the ANZAC Day parade in Perth, and then 'retired' to the bar at "Below 33", under the skilful guidance of W.A. Chapter Chairman Dave Ward.

In addition, 8 Members of the 1/70 Intake and partners attended the ANZAC ceremony at Albany and continued the previous "traditions" at The House on the Lake. Again, with this event being the 1001 Anniversary of the Gallipoli landings, many Members also attended Dawn Services at various venues and reported record numbers.

Our link with Youth Leadership activities and other relevant beneficiaries has been maintained with our regular monetary donation to the Leeuwin Sail Training Foundation (with some Member involvement), the Wally Foreman Foundation and also to Legacy.

Our current financial situation is a balance of \$639.12. Direct report from Dave Ward

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(also W.A. Hon. Treas.) revealed the following information:

"Noticed in the financials for the period ended 30 April 2014 there had been zero rebates to the States; we (WA.) received \$550 and \$560 after that date ". A general query is that, if the National Association has approximately \$60,000 as a balance, perhaps more monies should be contributed to State coffers for distribution as decided. I am aware that there is also suggestion of some funds being used towards "fellowship activities" among the Members and this concept is supported by Western Australian Members.

**Frank Lefaucheur**  
**1/71**



## Appendix 11

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY CHAPTER REPORT

#### Approximate Number Active members

- There are 57 Scheyvillians in local area on mailing list plus four widows.

#### Functions/Gatherings/Dinners etc. held throughout the year

- Members monthly lunches February through to December.
- Members and ladies autumn lunch, annual dinner and Christmas lunch.
- Events held Royal Canberra Golf Club and the Commonwealth Club.
- Widows and guest speaker hosted by funds from HQ OTU.

#### Youth leadership Activities

- Annual donation to support Rotary Youth Leadership Program.

#### ANZAC Day and other Commemoration Activities

- Participation is through the members unit affiliations and is not OTU specific.

#### Financial Situation.

- Cash at Bank \$2,905.62.

#### Points of Special Interest

- A local Scheyville graduate attends RMC June and December graduation ceremonies and presents Scheyville prize.

**Mike Buick**

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