



OTU ASSOCIATION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at

**Toorak Services Club
72 Clendon Road
Toorak**

1520hr

Wednesday 11th September 2019

Minutes

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Frank Miller, Brian Cooper, Ray Elder Robin Hunt, Alan Brimelow, Peter Don, Neil Leckie, Bernie Gleeson, and Harry Moyle.

1.2 Apologies

1.2.1 Apologies:

Gary Barker and Jim Box.

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

Ian Kelly, Ian McEwan, Kevin Dixon, Rick Thomas, Rohan Allison, and David Maddison, and Winston Bucknall.

1.2.3 Apologies and nominating the Deputy Chairman, Brian Cooper as proxy:

Wayne Bannon and Geoff Daly.

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

Graeme Chester, Dennis Townsend, Eric Blythe, Nick Callinan, Phil Warwick, Ian Bloodworth, Russ Henderson, Frank LeFaucheur, Gary Vial, Brian McCarthy, and Ken Grant.

The Chairman noted that a quorum had been achieved.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 12th September 2018, were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

Ray Elder/Peter Don

AGREED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairman's Report (Frank Miller)

Frank Miller tabled the 2018-19 Chairman's report. A copy is attached as Appendix 1.

That the Chairman's Report be received

Brian Cooper/Alan Brimelow

AGREED

3.2 Treasurer's Report (Ray Elder)

OTU National financial statements are for the year ended 30 June 2019.

Profit & Loss

The year resulted in a net loss of \$7,914.63. Bearing in mind the decision to double the rate of rebates to State Chapters and leadership grants to State Chapters, this is a very creditable outcome and is \$8,566 less than the loss predicted at the beginning of the financial year. One must not overlook the increase in paying members from 500 in 2017-18, to 534 in 2018-2019. We had been expected a gradual fall in membership numbers.

Balance Sheet

The Association remains in a very strong financial position as at year end with Net Assets of \$84,809.61 as at 30 June 2019. Assets are all liquid and liabilities are all OTU related.

The meeting approved the National Financial Statements and adopted the Accounts, as at 30 June 2019.

The Financial Statements and the associated Auditor's Report are attached at Appendix 2 for the year ended 30 June 2019, for Officer Training Unit Association ("National").

That the Treasurer's Report be noted:

Robin Hunt/Neil Leckie

AGREED

3.3 Membership Report (Graeme Chester)

The Membership report, as at 9th July, is contained at Appendix 3.

That the Membership Report be received:

Bernie Gleeson/Robin Hunt **AGREED**

3.4 Scheyvillian Editor's Report (Neil Leckie)

The Scheyvillian Editor's report, as at 11th September, is contained at Appendix 4.

That the Scheyvillian Editor's Report be received:

Brian Cooper/Alan Brimelow **AGREED**

3.5 Webmaster (Ian Kelly)

Ian Kelly's report, as at 30th June, is contained at Appendix 5.

That the Webmaster's Report be received

Robin Hunt/Alan Brimelow **AGREED**

3.6 QM (Peter Don)

Peter Don's report, as at 8th September, is contained at Appendix 6.

That the QM's Report be received

Bernie Gleeson/Neil Leckie **AGREED**

4. STATE/TERRITORY REPORTS

Frank Miller presented the Victorian Chapter Report, other States/Territory forwarded reports by email. The State/Territory Reports are included at the following Appendices.

- a. Appendix 7 - Queensland.
- b. Appendix 8 - New South Wales.
- c. Appendix 9 - Victoria.
- d. Appendix 10 - Tasmania.
- e. Appendix 11 - South Australia.
- f. Appendix 12 - Western Australia.
- g. Appendix 13 - 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
Deputy Chairman	Brian Cooper
Treasurer	Ray Elder
Secretary	Bernie Gleeson
Youth Leadership	Frank Miller

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Membership	Graeme Chester
Scheyvillian	Neil Leckie
Webmaster	Ian Kelly
QM	Peter Don
Members	Robin Hunt
	Rob Youl
	Alan Brimelow

6. EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

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 1605hr.

Bernie Gleeson
Secretary
3/69

Appendix:

1. Chairman's Report.
2. Treasurer's Financial Statements, including Auditor's Report.
3. Membership Report
4. Scheyvillian Report.
5. Webmaster Report
6. QM Report.
7. Queensland State Report.
8. New South Wales State Report.
9. Victoria State Report.
10. Tasmania State Report.
11. South Australia State Report.
12. Western Australia State Report.
13. Australian Capital Territory Report.

Appendix 1

OTU ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018-2019

The Association has posted another successful year. One of the most pleasing features has been the ongoing increase in membership. This is attributable to several factors. Firstly, a renewal of interest brought about through the Classes getting together to celebrate their respective 50th graduation anniversaries. Secondly, more of our number are retiring and now have time available to participate in the different activities. Thirdly, much diligent work done on fine tuning the database has led to positive outcomes. Fourthly, and most importantly, membership officer, Graeme Chester has carried out his task with great tenacity. It is a gratifying outcome.

On a sad note mention is made of the recent passing of two Scheyvillians. Firstly, LTCOL. (Retired) Terry Hayes DFC (3/67). Terry was a distinguished pilot and Army Officer who was known for his keen wit and sense of fun.

The other, Tim Fischer AC (4/66) succumbed to a long battle with cancer on 22 August. Perhaps the most prominent OTU graduate, Tim had served in the New South Wales Parliament before moving to the Federal Legislature where he reached the position of Deputy Prime Minister. A thoroughly decent man, Tim really made a major contribution to the Nation. He wore his OTU badge on his lapel rather than his AC.

Secretary's Note

The Chairman thanked Brian Cooper for his efforts in arranging the OUT Association's response to this sad occasion.

In early July the annual National Council meeting was held. The executive is directly responsible to this group as it is the Association's governing body. Once again a teleconferencing hookup was successfully employed. It was a fruitful session with an open discussion of future plans and directions. We are most grateful to Tony Beddison AC (3/69) for making his business board room available for the meeting.

The State and Territory Chapters have continued to celebrate "The Scheyville Experience". This they do through regular luncheons, formal dinners and other activities. It is pleasing to note that contingents paraded behind the OTU Banner in this year's Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane, and, for the first time, ACT, ANZAC Day Marches.

Plans are well in hand for a National Reunion to be held in the Windsor area over the weekend 16 - 18 October 2020, with a picnic at Scheyville on the Sunday. The Saturday has been left free for the different Classes to hold reunion functions.

Financially, the Association remains in a firm position. The ongoing situation is regularly reviewed and the monetary strategy improved accordingly. Recent boosts in rebates and in youth development allowances have been well accepted. We are grateful to Treasurer Ray Elder for his valued work.

Once more, there have been three fine additions of "The Scheyvillian". Their coverage of matters relating to OTU past and present along with reviews of recent military literature always make for a fascinating "read". Editor Neil Leckie does a great job and our thanks also go to him for his contribution to the Association as memorabilia officer. In the latter capacity Neil has

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worked closely with the RMC Museum to ensure the memory of Scheyville is kept alive and well for years to come.

Work is proceeding on the preparation of a Coffee Table type book featuring photos of the many aspects of Scheyville all those years ago, along with an historical record of staff and graduates. This has been put together by Association founding member, Peter Whitelaw, with input from Neil Leckie.

The Association Website is constantly updated in order to make it even more informative and user-friendly. Our thanks go to Webmaster Ian Kelly for his dedicated work.

Quartermaster Peter Don has done a great job in managing his portfolio. Many thanks to Peter.

The youth development initiatives proceeded with enthusiasm. Victoria once more sponsored a group of young men and women to this year's Lord and Lady Somers camps. Queensland pursued its VITAE programme, South Australia its Operation Flinders, Western Australia its Leeuwin, and the ACT its RYLA scheme.

The formal relationship with the National Servicemen's Association of Australia continues. One benefit from this remains its more direct focus on matters pertaining to benefits available to veterans.

My sincere gratitude goes to Deputy Chairman Brian Cooper and Secretary Bernie Gleeson for their valuable contributions. Similarly the inputs from committee members Robin Hunt, Alan Brimelow and Rob Yule have been very much appreciated.

Frank Miller.

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National Chairman.

OTU Association.

Appendix 2

OTU NATIONAL

Balance Sheet

As at 30 June 2019
Consolidated subaccounts

		This Year	Last Year
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash on Hand	200.00		200.00
NAB Trading Account	38,120.72		47,949.86
NAB Fixed Deposit	53,788.15		53,572.21
Debtors	225.74		57.17
Prepayments	1,572.00		
Loan OTU Vic	50.00		
Loan - 3/69 for reunion	2,388.00		
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		96,344.61	101,779.24
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>96,344.61</u>	<u>101,779.24</u>
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Youth Leadership Donations	2,685.00		1,895.00
Leadership Grants owing	(460.00)		
Funds held on behalf of OTU Sth Aust	1,660.00		1,060.00
Subs in Adv 19/20	7,450.00		100.00
Subs in adv 18/19			5,950.00
Subs in advance 2020/2021	100.00		50.00
Subs in advance 2021/2022	50.00		
Subs in advance 2022/2023	50.00		
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		11,535.00	9,055.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>11,535.00</u>	<u>9,055.00</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>84,809.61</u>	<u>92,724.24</u>
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings		84,809.61	92,724.24
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>84,809.61</u>	<u>92,724.24</u>

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Trading Profit and Loss Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2019
Consolidated sub accounts

	This Year	This Year	Last Year
SALES			
Subscriptions Received	26,700.00		25,000.00
Q Sales	768.00		1,936.00
Interest Received	215.94		276.41
TOTAL SALES		27,683.94	27,212.41
GROSS PROFIT		27,683.94	27,212.41
OVERHEAD EXPENSES			
Filing Fees	55.00		56.90
Honorarium Neil Leckie	400.00		0.00
Insurances	3,055.00		2,970.00
Leadership Grants to State Chapters	10,000.00		5,000.00
National Reunion 2020	2,050.00		0.00
Pavers North Head	0.00		1,500.00
Pay Pal Costs	459.54		554.57
Postage	38.50		768.12
Rebates to State Chapters	10,960.00		5,420.00
Q Purchases	1,872.35		629.40
Scheyvillian Costs	2,053.93		2,688.58
State Chapter Subsidies - Fellowship	0.00		210.00
State Chapter Subsidies - Youth Leadership	300.00		270.00
Sundry expenses	152.25		165.00
Subscriptions NSA	1,497.00		1,452.00
Subscriptions- National Viet Vets Museum	0.00		500.00
Subscriptions - Toorak Services Club	770.00		770.00
Website maintenance	660.00		614.93
Vietnam Vets Museum Board	1,155.00		0.00
Wreaths & Funerals	120.00		1,242.20
TOTAL OVERHEAD EXPENSES		(35,598.57)	(24,811.70)
NET PROFIT		(7,914.63)	2,400.71

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

1. 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 2019 and the Trading Profit and Loss Statement for the year ended 30 June 2019.

2. 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.

3. 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.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

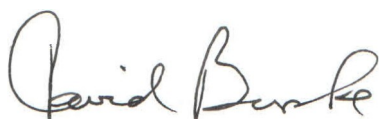
4. Independence

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

5. 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 2019, and of its financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2019, in accordance with common accounting practices used by small associations.

Signed by David Burke this 5th day of August 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Burke', with a horizontal line underneath it.

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

Appendix 3

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We had 573 financial members supporting the Association in 2018/2019, which was well up on the 539 we had at the end of 2017/2018. It is pleasing to see that we now have our financial membership above the 550 mark. We are finding that, as our members start to retire from work, they are enjoying the activities and reunions (particularly the 50th Reunions) that the Association provides, and are now seeking out their classmates with whom they shared that unique OTU experience.

The membership renewal process has commenced for the 2019/20 with 362 financial members already on board, as per the details below.

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE DETAILS AS AT 9 JUL 2019

Number of Graduates	1881			
Number on Database (Incl DNG/Staff)	2002			
Number Financial		325		
Number Honorary		29		
Widows		8		
Number Deceased			206	
Number Unfinancial (Not Renewed)			1260	
Number Unfinancial (Do Not Contact)			175	
Totals	1881	2002	362	1641

Percentages:

Of the names on database 18.1% are financial/honorary/widow.

Of the names on the database 10.3% are deceased.

Of the names on the database 62.9% are unfinancial (not renewed)

Of the names on the database 8.7% are unfinancial (do not contact)

Graeme Chester

2/67

Membership

Appendix 4

SCHEYVILLIAN EDITOR'S REPORT

The Scheyvillian

As usual three editions of The Scheyvillian were produced in the last twelve months: December 2018, April 2019 with all Chapter's ANZAC Day information included and August 2019. This year I simplified the Vietnam Veterans Day details in the August edition by simply including the contact details for each of the major cities. This saved a considerable amount of time and 'phone calls. I am pleased with the input generated by the membership that allows the Newsletters to continue to stay at forty pages. The next edition's cut-off is mid-November.

Memorabilia

A quiet year with just a few items being received, most of which I already have.

I have sent a packet of the light green OTU Folders to the Australian Army Museum - Duntroon. These folders have OTU Scheyville on the front and will complement the folders from Duntroon and Portsea in the museum display.

Other Areas of Involvement:

Support for RMC, Plan Scheyville

RMC put a team into the annual competition run at West Point over 12 – 19 April 2019. The competition saw 40 Teams from 17 countries. The competition was held in the hills behind West Point, overlooking the Hudson River. The actual competition was undertaken over two days and was mainly the basic military skills such as shooting, teamwork (artillery piece pulls, trailer pulls), grenades, navigation, obstacle courses, gas, quick decision exercises, etc.

The teams attended talks with guest speakers, diplomatic ceremonies and the Australians met the Australian Military Attache to the UN.

RMC runs a number of exercises at Duntroon, where Exercise Portsea ends up on the Portsea Oval, Exercise Scheyville ends on the Scheyville Oval and the Exercise Duntroon ends on the Duntroon Oval, these ovals being a part of RMC Duntroon. The Cadets had been given 22 weeks to prepare for this competition under Plan Scheyville (22 weeks such as at OTU).

The Operations WO at RMC Duntroon asked for support from the OTU Association in the form of 17 OTU Ties for the Cadet Team and Staff to wear on official civilian clothing events. The Association supported this request as it keeps Scheyville in forefront with the current Officer Cadets!

The team finished 10th of the 40 Teams, a great first-up result for RMC. The males in the team wore their Scheyville ties with civilian clothes at the presentation and were very proud to do so. The two females wore scarves presented to them by the WRAAC Association.

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Support to Army Cadets

The association supported the Graduation Parades held by the NSW Army Cadets on the former OTU Parade Ground at Scheyville. Three Scheyville books were presented by Scheyvillians to the top Cadets at the January and July Graduation ceremonies.

OTU Photo Book

Peter Whitelaw has taken on the project of compiling a coffee table book of photographs from the OTU Photograph Collection. The photos will cover all classes, although some classes, despite many requests over the years, still have very few photographs. Pre-Orders have been requested by 30 September to ensure the correct number of books are ordered. Delivery will be in October. Ray Elder has received about 150 PayPal payments, while there are a few who has asked for a copy to be put aside for them. These have been asked to either order through the Q Store or pay by EFT.

A further email will be sent out shortly reminding the cut-off for orders and postal addresses.

Webmaster

With Ian Kelly overseas until October I have been looking after emails out from the website. I have been able to arrange some changes to the Q Store in conjunction with the website administrator.

Neil Leckie

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Editor

The Scheyvillian

Appendix 5

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

On 2 July 2019 a newsletter (by email) was sent out to all Unfinancial Members reminding them that payment was due. This email was sent to more than 1100 Members by the OTU Website email system. Note that Memberships expired, as planned, for all financial members on 30 June 2019.

Following this, labels were printed containing postal addresses for 108 Unfinancial Members. Our National Membership Officer mailed envelopes containing the reminder letter on 2 July 2019. As indicated in the Membership Report, the response has again been well above expectations.

On 14 June Members were advised that the OTU Website could be accessed via SmartPhone. This appears to have worked well for a wide variety of devices and has proved to be very convenient for Members on the move.

Examples of newsletter/emails distributed by the website in the past Financial Year include:

Scheyvillian Distributions (2018-2, 2018-3, 2019-1, 2019-2 draft)	National
Ladies/Mixed Lunch	Victoria
OTU Lunch Invitations (13)	Victoria
Geddes Dinner Invitations (3)	Victoria
OTU Membership Reminder	National
ANZAC Day March and Lunch	Victoria
Duntroon Society Annual Dinner Invitations (2)	National
Invitations to Victorian Annual Golf Day	Victoria
Lord and Lady Somers Camp Lunch	Victoria
Advice re various Memorial services - deceased members	Vic/National

Priority tasks for 2019-2020 are to obtain as many valid email addresses as possible for all members by searching up to date class lists and using postal contacts where available.

Ian Kelly
2/67
Webmaster

Appendix 6

QM REPORT

Stocks currently held by the Q store and changes since the last report (9 July 2019) are shown in the table below

The Q Store no longer stocks collar badges.

Pre-orders are now being taken for the “The OTU Scheyville 1965-73 Pictorial Book”. Over 100 orders have been received already.

The OTU tie can now be purchased through the website.

Item	9 July 2019	8 September 2019	Change
2013 National Reunion Badges	59	58	-1
Collar Badges (Note 1)	0	0	0
Lapel Badges	33	26	-7
The Scheyville Experience Book	24	23	-1
1993 Reunion Video VHS	1	1	0
2003 Reunion DVD	6	8	+2
The Scheyville Experience - VHS	1	1	0
The Scheyville Experience - DVD	3	3	0
Recruit Training - DVD	3	3	0
Window Stickers	56	48	-8
Ties	19	19	0
OTU Plaques (see note 2)	2	3	+1
The OTU Scheyville 1965-73 Pictorial Book	n/a	0	0

Note (1) Collar badges no longer held

Note (2) Plaques held for “special occasions”

Peter Don
3/69
QM

Appendix 7

QUEENSLAND CHAPTER REPORT

Our annual Black Tie Dinner was held on 30th March and was well attended with 38 participants, resplendent in their stepping out gear. The evening was made all the more memorable due to the fact that we imported a heavyweight guest speaker, namely Gary McKay MC, renowned raconteur, military historian, tour guide and head banana of the NSW chapter, along with his lovely bride, Margot, to keep him in line. Our deep thanks and appreciation go out to Melanie (Mick Hart's PA) without whom nothing would happen.

ANZAC Day saw about 20 stalwarts complete the long march, with one lazy member riding in a golf buggy. After the parade we lunched at the Pig'n'Whistle which was very acceptable. It has now become our normal monthly watering hole and they are looking after us very well, with our own dedicated waitress, Diane, making sure that everything is ticketyboo. The number attending these lunches varies widely, but is normally between 8 and 12, with the Christmas lunch drawing anything up to 50.

Our adopted charity is Vitae which identifies kids at risk and "takes them bush" to learn moderate survival skills leading to increased self esteem. This experience is bolstered with mentoring by trained and "blue card" mentors over the ensuing 12 months.

We currently have \$6,500 in funds of which \$2,000 is set aside for Vitae.

Geoff Daly 4/69
Queensland State Chapter
OTU Association

Appendix 8

NEW SOUTH WALES CHAPTER REPORT

The NSW Chapter has continued to hold monthly lunches in the Sydney CBD with the Crown Hotel in Elizabeth Street proving great service, good quality food and a great price. My best guesstimate on 'active' members is probably between 40 and 50 after scanning through the lunch RSVPs.

The State Chapter is continuing to conduct successful activities owing to the efforts of its' loose (emphasis on loose) committee with John Marsden as a committee member, Phil Paddison representing the Novacastrians, Greg Woods the Southerners and Geoff Bennett the treasurer, who now also holds the bank account in the name of the NSW OTU Association. The other mainstay of our eclectic group is the indefatigable Dick Adams who is the orchestrator and conductor of our Annual Anzac Day March and highly successful lunch. Our bank details have been promulgated to the Treasurer and our Chapter Treasurer Geoff Bennett is now the money manager.

We continue to offer discounts on special events to financial members in an endeavour to keep members current and get the membership up where it really should be. This last year we had a lunch at the Crown Hotel in November, preceded by a hosted and guided tour of the newly refurbished Anzac Shrine in Hyde Park (which is also a short walk from our lunch venue). This beautiful memorial is now complete with the latest in gee whiz technology that shows the lives of soldiers sailors and airman and women in the Services at War. It is well worth a visit if you have an hour or two to spare in Sydney. We then took our guide Brad Manera to lunch as thanks for his efforts. The Christmas mixed lunch was again held at the Kirribilli Club and on the mantra if it is not broken do not fix it; it will probably be our Christmas venue for the immediate future.

We deferred having a lunch in April as Dick Adams was conducting the Anzac Day March and lunch, and that was deemed enough for the month of April. When the State honcho (McKay) left for an overseas jolly in May and June this year, Phil Paddison hosted a successful lunch in Newcastle, and then he and John Marsden hosted a cook your own dead cow lunch at Philips' Foote in The Rocks. Both activities were well attended. It is hoped we will have a South Coast lunch in late 2019, similar to the year before at the Scarborough Hotel which was a very well attended soiree.

On another note Gary McKay hopes to provide a battlefield tour in early 2020 for Scheyvillians and their mates/ partners/ kids or whoever they can talk into hearing from Australia's most prolific author on the Viet Nam war, a combat veteran, and who has been a guide in Viet Nam for the last 24 years.

Gary McKay
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Chairman,
NSW Chapter

Appendix 9

VICTORIAN CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

The Victorian Chapter has enjoyed another successful year in celebrating the "Scheyville Experience".

Due to the increasing numbers of members seeking warmer weather in the winter months, the Annual Dinner was transferred from June to October. This proved a good move with over seventy Scheyvillians, partners and friends enjoying another fine evening at the William Angliss Restaurant. MC Ray Andrews yet again did an excellent job and we are grateful to Ray and wife Maggie (who was unable to attend due to illness) for all the work they put into the preparation for the event.

The timing for the Geddes Dinner was also changed to accommodate the winter travellers – in this case from July to March. Once again, the move appeared successful with a significant improvement over last year's numbers. Our guest speaker was LTCOL (retired) Alistair Pope (4/66). He gave a fascinating insight into ISIS and its history. The talk was especially timely in view of that organisation's recent demise. It was very well received.

A contingent of forty marched behind the OTU banner in the annual ANZAC Day Parade. Whilst it was a pleasure and privilege to participate several organisational aspects were considered below par and a letter expressing our disappointment has been forwarded to the RSL.

Following the March all adjourned to the Carbine Bar at the RACV Club where, along with the ladies. An excellent finger food selection, drinks and fine fellowship was enjoyed.

Towards the end of June we enjoyed a pleasant mixed luncheon, again at the RACV Club.

The monthly lunches, held also at the RACV Club, continue to grow in popularity with often well over twenty Scheyvillians in attendance. These have been a pleasing success over the four years they have been running. The location is accessible being so central for most, and the cost and quality of food first class. We are grateful to Brian Cooper for his establishing our relationship with the Club. It has served us well.

Another successful Annual Golf Day (the 13th) was held in November at the Churchill - Waverley Golf Club. Some twenty Scheyvillians, family and friends enjoyed a sandwich spread followed by a great game. Prize giving and fellowship took part after play in the Club House.

Victoria sponsored, either fully or in conjunction with the Rotary Clubs of Healesville and Fitzroy, a total of fifteen young boys and girls to the respective Lord and Lady Somers Camps this year. Sponsorship was also provided to young "slushies" – "groupers" who had come from the previous camp to provide assistance this time. Through doing this the longevity of Lord Somers and Power House (LS&PH) may be assured. A number of Scheyvillians again attended the camps to view at first hand the programme in action.

Financially, the Victorian Chapter remains in a sound position.

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I would once more express my gratitude to all Victorian Chapter Committee members: Brian Cooper (Deputy Chairman), Ray Elder (Treasurer), Bernie Gleeson (Secretary), Ian Kelly, Graeme Chester, Rob Youl, Neil Leckie, Alan Brimelow, Robin Hunt and Peter Don.

Frank Miller
4/67
Chairman
Victorian Chapter
OTU Association.

Appendix 10

TASMANIA CHAPTER REPORT

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

ANZAC Day

Again due to small numbers and dispersal of members throughout the state, the Tasmanian Chapter did not march as a group with members making their own arrangements for their tribute.

Youth Leadership

The Tasmanian Chapter was not involved in any youth leadership activities within the state. We have an arrangement with South Aust to support Operation Flinders and it was pleasing to see participation this year.

Membership

Although active membership remains small (13), we are in the unique position of having Aviation graduates, Portsea overflow, SURVACTO and those who shared the Scheyville experience. Unfortunately no OTU Scheyville staff members.

Functions

During the year our lunches were again well supported. These functions are highly regarded by active members. We continue to use both Hobart and Launceston as venues. Thanks to those who organised the lunches this year. A report on each lunch is sent to the editor for inclusion in the Scheyvillian. Interstate visitors are always welcome with dates promulgated on the OTU website. Outside these times however do not hesitate to contact Ray Williams or myself and we would endeavour to meet with you.

Financial Position

Financially we are solvent thanks to continued rebates from National and member support for communication.

National Council Meeting

Unfortunately due to travel arrangements and other appointments, Ray and I were unavailable for the link up in 2018. Congratulations to the technical advisor for the ongoing success of the conference via video.

Appreciation

Finally I would like to thank Ray Williams for his ongoing contribution and drive and, on behalf of the chapter, to thank the National Committee for their sound governance. Congratulations to the Scheyvillian editor Neil Leckie for informative and well researched Journals.

Dennis Townsend
2/70
Chairman

Appendix 11

SOUTH AUSTRALIA CHAPTER REPORT

The SA Chapter had a good turn-out for ANZAC Day with 18 attending, followed by drinks with the Ladies.

In an attempt to attract more members to attend luncheons we are planning on having luncheons every two to three months, held on different days of the week. Seven attended the most recent luncheon.

With the assistance of the Tasmanian Chapter support was provided to Operation Flinders by sponsoring one attendee at a cost of \$1,650.

Gary Vial
3/69
Coordinator
South Australia

Appendix 12

WESTERN AUSTRALIA CHAPTER REPORT

The ANZAC Day March was well attended.

Twenty-one attended our most recent Luncheon where a decision was made prior to the gathering to subsidise the occasion, as a strategy to encourage more Scheyvillians to join the Association.

The WA Chapter has approximately \$4,000 in the Bank.

Scheyvillians within the Chapter continue to demonstrate a keenness to become involved in activities.

David Ward
2/66
Western Australia Chapter

Appendix 13

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY CHAPTER REPORT

Les Boag has recently taken over the role previously performed by Wal Hall, and Bruce Selleck organises the Luncheons and Christmas Function.

The Annual Dinner is well attended by members and their partners as well as the Canberra widows.

The ACT Chapter continues, with support from the National body, the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Project.

The Chapter currently has approximately \$3,000 in the bank.

W. Bucknall
2/68
ACT Chapter