



OTU ASSOCIATION INC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held

By Zoom Video Link

1446hr

Wednesday 8th September 2021

Minutes

Frank Miller welcomed the participants to the National AGM, and reiterated the aims and objectives of the OTU Association, which are as follows:

- Promotion, maintenance, and fostering of fellowship between members.
- To preserve and maintain interest in OTU, its properties, traditions and memorabilia within the civilian and military communities.
- To preserve the memory of those Members who have suffered , died or been injured in the course of their duty to Australia, and
- To promote youth leadership and development training in order to provide a life enhancing opportunity to young Australians.

1. ATTENDANCE

1.1 Present

Frank Miller, Brian Cooper, Harry Moyle, Ian Kelly, Graeme Chester, Robin Hunt, Alan Brimelow, Peter Don, Neil Leckie, Rob Youl, Bernie Gleeson, Dick Adams, Gary Vial, Les Boag, Geoff Daly, Kevin Dixon, Keith Law, Kevin Dixon, and Paul Mulraney.

1.2 Apologies

1.2.1 Apologies:

Gary Barker, Steve Tomming, Bob Lorsch, Rob Hirst, Graham Barnard, and Alistair Pope.

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

Rick Thomas, Wal Hall, Peter Moody, Rohan Allison, Ian Bloodworth, Phil Warwick, Peter Hateley, and David Maddison.

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

Wayne Bannon.

1.2.4 Apology and nominating the Webmaster, Ian Kelly as proxy:

John Sierakowski.

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

Peter Vincent, Ken Grant, and Dennis Townsend

1.2.6 Apology and nominating the QM, Peter Don Gleeson as proxy:

Ross Robbins

The Secretary advised that a quorum had been achieved.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 9th September 2020, were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

Brian Cooper/Robin Hunt

AGREED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairman's Report (Frank Miller)

Frank Miller tabled the 2020-21 Chairman's report. It is attached at Appendix 1.

That the Chairman's Report be received

Ian Kelly/Brian Cooper

AGREED

3.2 Treasurer's Report (Harry Moyle)

Harry Moyle presented his report as at 30th June 2021 as follows;

I am pleased to report that the OTU National entity has survived (financially) during a very difficult year in Melbourne associated with entry and exit from lockdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic and having a new Treasurer.

The Association should be very grateful to Ray Elder for his 20+ years as Treasurer of OTU National and/or OTU Victoria.

The Executive has continued to meet regularly, both in-person when possible and by Zoom when required by lockdown restrictions.

Our income from member subscriptions (\$31,300) has been maintained at similar levels to the previous year (\$32,150). However, sales from the Q Store have decreased and sales of our very successful Coffee Table Book have decreased by 97% or \$22,401. This latter item was expected.

Total income was down \$6,606 compared to the previous year.

Expenses were down compared to the previous year, principally due to lack of activities associated with Youth Leadership, Q Store purchases/operating costs and Commemoration costs associated with pandemic funeral restrictions. A notable increase in expenses was associated with website maintenance associated with the cost of Zoom meetings.

Total expenses were down \$13,193 or 35% compared to the previous year.

Overall, our activities generated a surplus of \$8,056 for the current year compared to a \$1,469 surplus for the previous year.

The Balance Sheet records Net Assets of \$94,335, up \$8,056 from the end of the previous year.

Our bank deposits are a very healthy \$114,401.

During the second half of the year, your Executive has reviewed and updated the existing financial projections for the next 5 years. Major expenditure for a National Reunion was moved forward to the 2021/22 year and various other projected expenditures were adjusted consistent with our two primary objectives of (a) supporting member fellowship and (b) supporting youth leadership development. Membership subscriptions were maintained at the existing amount of \$50 per annum. Our cash holding at the end of the 5 year term is projected to be \$14,517.

The OTU Association National Financial Statements, and the Auditor's Report, are included at Appendix 2

Hon. Treasurer

That the Treasurer's Report, be received

Brian Cooper/Robin Hunt

AGREED

3.3 Membership Report (Graeme Chester)

Graeme Chester provided an update on the 30 June 2021 membership report as at 8 September, which is included at Appendix 3.

That the Membership Report be received:

Harry Moyle/Rob Youl

AGREED

3.4 Scheyvillian Editor's Report (Neil Leckie)

The Scheyvillian Editor's report, as at 8 September, is included at Appendix 4.

That the Scheyvillian Editor's Report be received:

Ian Kelly Gary Vial/

AGREED

3.5 Webmaster (Ian Kelly)

Ian Kelly's report, as at 8 September, is included at Appendix 5.

That the Webmaster's Report be received

Brian Cooper/Robin Hunt

AGREED

3.6 QM (Peter Don)

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

That the QM's Report be received

Les Boag/Robin Hunt

AGREED

3.6 Youth Leadership (Frank Miller)

Frank Millers report is included at Appendix 7.

That the Chairman's Youth Leadership Report be received

Rob Youl/Graeme Chester

AGREED

4. STATE/TERRITORY REPORTS

State/Territory reports were presented, or previously forwarded by email. These reports are included at the following Appendices.

- a. Appendix 8 - Queensland.
- b. Appendix 9 - New South Wales.
- c. Appendix 10 - Victoria.
- d. Appendix 11 - Tasmania.
- e. Appendix 12 - South Australia.
- f. Appendix 13 - Western Australia.
- g. Appendix 14 - Australian Capital Territory.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Confirmation of Appointment – Auditor Mr Con Sarrou CPA

Following a briefing by the Treasurer Harry Moyle on the credentials and suitability of Mr Sarrou for the position, the Chairman proposed that the meeting confirm the

prior appointment by the National Executive of Mr Sarrou as Auditor to the OTU Association.

The motion was seconded by Bernie Gleeson and agreed by the meeting

b. Constitution Amendment – Honorary Auditor to Auditor

Currently the OTU Association Constitution states that “a suitably qualified person be appointed as Honorary Auditor at the Annual General meeting”, implying that the incumbent is not paid.

The reality of the situation in 2021 is that it is difficult to get someone from with our contacts network to fill the position. This situation, combined with the perception that as a matter of governance the incumbent should be seen to be at arm’s length from the organisation, adds to the need for change. Changing the terminology from Honorary Auditor to Auditor will also provide a level of flexibility in the appointment process.

Consequently the Chairman moved that ‘wherever the term Honorary Auditor appears in the Constitution, the wording be amended to read Auditor’.

The motion was seconded by Harry Moyle and agreed by the meeting

c. Nominal Association Wind-Up - June 2026/Membership Subscriptions

In the period leading up to the AGM, there has been discussion on the nominal Wind Up date for the OTU Association in June 2026, the possible inferences to be drawn from the OTU Association’s detailed Five Year Financial Projection, and in particular how member’s subscriptions may play out over the ensuing period.

It has been apparent to the National Executive that a balance between the requirements of the Constitution in relation to Fellowship and Youth Leadership, how Membership Fees may possibly be adjusted as we get close to the end date, how States/Territory may continue in their own ways after the National entity winds-up, were competing priorities in the wind-up plan. Attendees at the meeting confirmed this approach.

Some possible outcomes included;

- (a) In light of the Five Year Financial Projection Membership could be adjusted to achieve a situation where no fees were payable in the last year, given that there was support for membership fees continuing at this stage, which received significant support, and
- (b) Once again referring to the Financial Projection, after the Constitutional requirements in relation to fund distribution to Fellowship and Youth Leadership had been satisfied, remaining funds may be able to be distributed to the remaining States/Territory on a per capita basis.

Following extensive discussion, and input from State/Territory representatives, the feeling of the meeting was that the National Executive should continue in its deliberations in fleshing out a plan for the Wind-Up, and at an appropriate time distribute to the States/Territory representatives and members the details of the plan, with the intention of receiving support for the proposed course of action.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

All positions were declared vacant. Previous incumbent office bearers and members, having advised prior to the meeting they we're happy to continue in their roles, were re-elected.

The Secretary declared the following elected:

Chairman	Frank Miller
Deputy Chairman	Brian Cooper
Treasurer	Harry Moyle
Secretary	Bernie Gleeson
Youth Leadership	Frank Miller
Membership	Graeme Chester
Scheyvillian	Neil Leckie
Webmaster	Ian Kelly
QM	Peter Don
Members	Robin Hunt
	Rob Youl
	Alistair Pope

7. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chairman closed the meeting and expressed his appreciation and thanks to attendees for their presence and valued input.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1554hr.

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. Youth Leadership Report
8. Queensland State Report.
9. New South Wales State Report.
10. Victoria State Report.
11. Tasmania State Report.
12. South Australia State Report.
13. Western Australia State Report.
14. Australian Capital Territory Report.

Appendix 1

OTU ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2020-2021

The COVID 19 pandemic had a major impact on the year, curtailing so many of the usual Association activities. Most State Chapters, apart from the ACT and Queensland, were unable to participate in their capital city ANZAC Day marches. Nationally, the October reunion was first deferred until 2021 and, due to ongoing concerns over the virus, again until 2022. Many luncheons and dinners did, however, proceed to varying degrees in different locations.

During the year the NSW Parks Department called for tenders for the leasehold of Scheyville National Park - the site of OTU. The Association made submissions to the government seeking assurances that members would still have access to the location and that relevant points of memorabilia would be retained. At the time of writing we are still awaiting a decision.

Much serious consideration is being given to a mechanism for the eventual closure of the Association. A nominal year of 2026 has been identified for this to take effect. Perhaps the most likely cause would be the inability to form a viable committee (a phenomenon noted in other organisations with a similar demographic – Probus being one case in point). Work carried out on this so far includes financial projections, investigations into the retention of OTU's memorabilia and the possible erection of an appropriate commemorative monument or display.

Nationally many of the youth development activities were abandoned due to COVID -19. Victoria's Lord and Lady Somers January camps were both called off.

The National Executive welcomed one of the Association's founders, Alistair Pope, back into its ranks at the start of the year.

Financially the Association remains in a strong position. We thank Harry Moyle for his diligent work over this, his first year, in the role. Under Harry's guidance a new auditor Mr. Con Sarrou CPA, has been appointed. We are grateful for Mr. Sarrou's predecessor, David Burke, for his valued input over the years.

Secretary. Bernie Gleeson is commended for his fine execution of his duties. Special mention is made of his first-class meeting minutes and handling of administrative matters. From a management point of view, significant forums – National Executive, National Council and the AGM - continued successfully through the pandemic by the medium of Zoom. We are most appreciative of the work of Webmaster Ian Kelly who made all this possible. Ian has further streamlined our system making it simpler to use as well as making it more secure.

Despite the COVID -19 limitations membership numbers remained at the same level as 2019/20 - the highest for well over twelve years. Many thanks go to Membership Officer Graeme Chester for this outcome.

Once again, due to the dedication of "The Scheyvillian" editor, Neil Leckie, we have seen another three issues of this excellent publication. Featuring, among other things, military book reviews, reminiscences of Scheyvillians and articles on "whatever happened to" it has rightly become a highly regarded publication in the wider defence circle. Sadly, there is also an increasing number of "vales" on recently passed members. Neil's work on maintaining the Association's memorabilia and his close liaison with the RMC museum for this purpose is also very much appreciated.

Quartermaster Peter Don has again done a great job in sending off different Q Store items as ordered and maintaining stocks at a suitable level. Thanks for your work Peter. I am also most appreciative for the help and advice that Deputy Chairman, Brian Cooper, has given over the year. Similarly, the valued input from Rob Youl, Alistair Pope, Robin Hunt and Alan Brimelow is also warmly acknowledged.

We look forward to the next twelve months with positive expectations and trust we can fully resume celebrating "The Scheyville Experience".

Frank Miller.
4/67
National Chairman
OTU Association

Appendix 2

Officer Training Unit Association Inc.

Regd.No.A0056551B

BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2021

	This Year	Last Year
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
NAB Transaction Account	60,502.43	43,531.98
NAB Interest Bearing Account	53,850.12	53,836.36
Paypal Account	48.40	-
Prepayments	-	2,136.00
Inventory - Books at Cost	1,924.69	3,014.55
Loan to OTU Victoria	608.80	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	116,934.44	102,518.89
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	898.23	-
Subscriptions in Advance	200.00	50.00
Subscriptions in Advance 2020/21	-	11,950.00
Subscriptions in Advance 2021/22	12,050.00	50.00
State Chapter Rebates Owing	4,260.00	360.00
Funds held on behalf of OTU SA	1,822.00	2,300.00
Youth Leadership Donations	3,368.70	1,530.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	22,598.93	16,240.00
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NET ASSETS	94,335.51	86,278.89
EQUITY		
Retained earnings at beginning of year	86,278.89	84,809.61
Surplus/Deficit	8,056.62	1,469.28
TOTAL EQUITY	94,335.51	86,278.89

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STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

for the year ended 30 June 2021

	This Year	Last Year
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Subscriptions Received	31,300.00	32,150.00
Interest Received	13.76	48.21
Sundry Income		0.02
Sales QStore	799.00	2,458.00
Sales Coffee Table Books	699.00	23,099.92
Cost of Books Sold	(605.60)	(18,943.64)
TOTAL INCOME	32,206.16	38,812.51
EXPENSES		
Commemoration - Members		2,499.44
Donations	484.26	1,000.00
Filing Fees	59.20	59.20
General Expenses	23.09	
Honorarium Scheyvillian (N. Leckie)	600.00	600.00
Insurance - General	3,240.00	3,150.00
Leadership Grants to States		7,500.00
Meeting Costs	162.40	
Paypal Fees	614.33	1,217.93
OTU Banner - ACT		314.75
Postage	610.51	185.00
Printing & Stationery	36.00	
QStore Stock & Postage	517.30	2,211.57
Rebates to State Chapters	11,960.00	12,940.00
Scheyvillian Costs	1,953.60	2,166.76
State Subsidies - Youth Leadership		80.00
Subscription NSA	2,136.00	1,572.00
Subscription Toorak Services Club	385.00	770.00
Subsidies Class Reunions	200.00	
Sundry expenses		526.58
Website Maintenance	1,167.85	550.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	24,149.54	37,343.23
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	8,056.62	1,469.28

Constantinos Sarrou CPA
CERTIFIED PRACTICING ACCOUNTANT

Independent Auditor's Report
for The Officer Training Unit Association Inc

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Officer Training Unit Association Inc which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2021, and the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended.

In my opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position.

Basis of Opinion

I conducted the audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. A thorough review was undertaken including an analysis of bank statements, cheque payments, online payments and receipts, supplier invoices and journal entries.

Auditors Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Reports

My objective was to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, professional judgement was exercised to;

- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control measures to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the OTUA's use of the going concern basis of accounting. If there was any significant doubt on the OTUA's ability to continue as a going concern, there is a requirement to disclose this in the auditor's report
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report and whether the report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Yours Sincerely



Constantinos Sarrou CPA

Dated this 6th day of September 2021

Appendix 3

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

At the end of the FY 20/21 at 30th June our financial membership was **650**, the same as at the end of FY 19/20.

We currently have **599** financial members (including Honorary and Widows), which is slightly more than the **583** we had at the 9 September 20 AGM, and just 51 less than the **650** we had at the end of the last FY. With a bit of luck, and another reminder to all unfinancial members in early December, we should get somewhere near the mid 600s by 30 June 22.

There was a lull in renewals in August so reminders were sent out by email to **257** members who had been financial in recent years, but who had not renewed for FY21/22. This resulted in a burst of renewals over the last week or so which brought us up to **599** financial members from the **541** at the August National Executive Meeting meeting.

Since last year's AGM we have had **six** new members come on board and we have recorded **14** more deaths.

The current State distribution of our financial members is as follows:

ACT	31
NSW	155
QLD	127
SA/NT	30
TAS	13
VIC	162
WA	68
O'seas	12
Unknown	1 (email address only)
Total	599

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE DETAILS AS AT 8 SEP 2021

Number of Graduates	1881
Number on Database (Incl DNG/Staff)	2017
Number Financial	564

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Number Honorary/Life	26
Widows	9
Number Deceased	256
Number Unfinancial (Contact Details - Not Renewed)	643
Number Unfinancial (No Contact Details)	331
Number Unfinancial (Do Not Contact)	188
Totals	1881 2017 599 1418

Percentages:

Of the names on database 29.7% are financial/honorary/life/widow.

Of the names on the database 12.7% are deceased.

Of the names on the database 31.9% are unfinancial (Not Renewed).

Of the names on the database 16.4% are unfinancial (No Contact Details).

Of the names on the database 9.3% are unfinancial (Do Not Contact).

Graeme Chester

2/67

Membership

Appendix 4

SCHEYVILLIAN EDITOR'S REPORT

Scheyvillian

The Scheyvillian 2 of 2021 was another larger COVID Edition and has been well received.

As per the previous meeting report I missed a Vale for Dennis Rutherford (2/66) in the last issue. From Chris Shepherd (4/66) I have received a Vale. The original Vale had enough information on the unit that Dennis and Chris served in together that we decided to make a separate article on the unit. Along with a number of other Scheyvillians, Dennis and Chris served at the RAASC Centre Driver Training Wing at Bonegilla, where they were co-located with the Catering and Cooking Wing. There are now about eight of us, including two Portsea Graduates, working on the article and this article will become the feature article in the next Scheyvillian. I have already received a number of other articles for December's issue. The cut-off date for receipt of articles is mid-November.

Photo Galleries

I have only made some minor changes to the Photo Galleries in the last month. I have a few more minor changes to add soon. Ian Kelly will be adding some information onto the Photo Galleries from the 1/70 Reunion.

Website Projects

Shortly I intend to send Ian the updated versions of the Website Databases. The areas covered being: *Graduates, Repeats and Non-graduates, Vietnam Service, Air Cadets and Structures and 'Fathers and Sons'*.

Memorabilia

There is nothing to report for the last month.

RMC Museum

The Museum is currently closed for upgrading its facilities into larger surrounds. Last I heard, the Manager, Paul Mitrovich, was stuck in Sydney, and nothing has been happening at the museum for the last couple of months.

Scheyville Site

As Frank Miller is aware, Brett Wild contacted me a couple of weeks back advising that the announcement of who will take over the site is imminent. Brett is quietly confident that HAML will be given the site. In preparation for a possible take-over he is asking if anyone has any history on a Scheyville flag (one flown at the site), and the history of the cannon on the Parade Ground.

Should HAML take over the site 'Soldier On' will have an office at Scheyville.

‘Scheyville Speaks’ Book

Frank and I have received hard copies of Roger Donnelly’s new book ‘Scheyville Speaks’. As I had made some suggestions on the OTU era chapters Roger has asked me to let him know of any changes that need to be made. He is a bit staggered with the information that I have sent him suggesting changes!

Once these changes are made his printer will have the book available as Print on Demand, so Roger does not need to hold a stock of books. I believe that an electronic version will also become available.

Neil Leckie
3/68
Editor
The Scheyvillian

Appendix 5

WEBMASTER'S REPORT

Newsletters and emails distributed by the OTU website since the last Webmaster Report have been:

Shrine Life Governors	Victoria
Notice of Intention to Attend OTU National AGM (by ZOOM) - 8th September 2021	Financial National
Notice of Meeting and Agenda - Vic AGM	Financial Victoria
Notice of Meeting and Agenda - National AGM	Financial National
Warning Order - Geddes Dinner	Victoria
Richard 'Dick' McEvoy Funeral Slideshow	National

During 2021, Un-financial Members have been followed up with several reminder emails distributed based on expiry dates of financial memberships. See Membership Report for results.

As a result of the extended Melbourne lockdown the 2021 National AGM will take place using Zoom, with Committee Members and invited Financial Members joining from their homes in every state of Australia and Overseas. As at 26/08/2021 there have been 35 acceptances.

Ian Kelly
2/67
Webmaster

Appendix 6

QM REPORT

Since last meeting (11 August 2021) five items have been issued from the Q store.
The stocks currently held in the Q-Store and changes since 11 August are shown in the table below.

Item	Stock at 11 Aug	Acquired	Sold	Donated	Stock at 8 Sep	Notes
2013 National Reunion Badges	46		1		45	
Collar Badges	1				1	(1)
Lapel Badges	27		2		25	
'The Scheyville Experience' Book	5				5	(2)
1993 Reunion Video VHS	1				1	
2003 Reunion DVD	8				8	
The Scheyville Experience - VHS	1				1	
The Scheyville Experience DVD	1				1	
Recruit Training DVD	1				1	
Window Stickers	16		1		15	
Ties	11				11	
OTU Plaques	2				2	(3)
The "OTU Scheyville 1965-73" Pictorial Book -- 1st edition \$59	1		1		0	
The "OTU Scheyville 1965-73" Pictorial Book -- 2nd edition \$80	27				27	
'The Scheyville Experience' and 'National Service Officer Recruitment Film' USB	1	NA (4)			1	(4)

NOT available for purchase

Note (1) Last Collar badge held in store.

Note (2) Books held for presentations.

Note (3) Plaques held for special occasions.

Note (4) USBs are produced as required.

Peter Don
3/69
QM

Appendix 7

Youth Leadership Report

Some Youth Leadership initiatives around the country were able to continue, however COVID -19 development s/situations have affected the normal extent of sponsorships.

In Victoria the Lord and Lady Somers Camps did not proceed in 2021, and while planning is taking place for the camps to continue in January 2022, COVID -19 may yet have a say them occurring. However Youth Leadership remains an ideal and aim of our Association, and when the COVID -19 situations allows, the normal initiatives are expected to continue at the pre-COVID-19 levels.

Frank Miller.

4/67

**National Chairman
OTU Association**

Appendix 8

QUEENSLAND CHAPTER REPORT

There is not a lot to report. The monthly luncheons at the Pig'n'Whistle have continued, except for the May lunch – there were no starters - I think the lads celebrated too hard on ANZAC Day, and needed more time to recover. The next lunch is on Thursday 9th September. There has been some discussion regarding the cost of the lunches, with the hotel increasing the price of our special two course menu by \$5, or alternatively we can choose to go with their regular menu. Some have even suggested we change venues again. A decision is pending.

The Rona has not impacted us much, apart from having to wear masks and check in everywhere, so we are all desperately hoping that no one penetrates our perimeter defences from the dreaded southern regions to spoil our party.

Geoff Daly
4/69
Queensland State Chapter
OTU Association

Appendix 9

NEW SOUTH WALES CHAPTER REPORT

Our monthly lunches and Xmas lunch in the previous reporting period have been mostly cancelled owing to COVID - 19.

We have had four lunches with about half of the normal attendance. We have also had our two regional paragraphs (too small to be chapters) have a lunch which were well attended, given their population base of OUT members.

Anzac Day was not an event for us this year.

Financials

We are financially sound and once we can get a lunch together we will be asking our members what they want to do with our monies regarding support for youth training etc. Last year we donated to the Scouts owing to the bushfires that destroyed their State training facility in Appin.

Membership

We have several hundred on our books (probably $\frac{3}{4}$ financial) but only a hard core of those closer to the NSW capital tend to play.

We will persevere.

Gary McKay
2/68
Chairman
NSW Chapter

Appendix 10

VICTORIAN CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT

Of all the Australian states Victoria was the hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic over the past twelve months. Not only were there many days where we were in total lockdown but additionally, further limitations on crowd numbers and social distancing took their toll.

It is pleasing to report that towards the end of 2020 we saw the monthly RACV Club luncheons recommence. These were enthusiastically patronised with members keen to resume their contacts with fellow Scheyvillians.

Such were the restrictions imposed that the decision was taken not participate as a unit in this year's ANZAC Day march to the Shrine of Remembrance. A mixed luncheon was, however, held at the RACV. This proved a great success with some twenty attendees. Again, the warmth in reconnecting with old friends was clearly obvious.

The January Lord and Lady Somers Camps were cancelled, again due to the uncertainty imposed by the COVID pandemic.

We look forward to a situation when the virus no longer impedes our planning. At the time of writing this would likely to be towards the end of 2021, or early 2022. We wait with eager anticipation.

As is the case with the national body, the Victorian chapter remains in a robust financial position.

My thanks go to executive members Brian Cooper, Bernie Gleeson, Harry Moyle, Ian Kelly, Robin Hunt, Neil Leckie, Alan Brimelow, Alistair Pope, Graeme Chester, Rob Youl and Peter Don for their valued help during the year.

Frank Miller
4/67
Chairman
Victorian Chapter
OTU Association

Appendix 11

TASMANIA CHAPTER REPORT

The Tasmanian Chapter OTU has been fortunate not to be impacted by COVID-19, and has continued to offer support to members through contact and luncheons.

ANZAC Day

Members made their own arrangements for marches in their local areas.

Youth Leadership

Our arrangement with South Australia to support Operation Flinders continues.

Membership

Although formal membership remains small most are active in supporting lunches.

Lunches

During the year we were fortunate that there were no lockdown restrictions affecting our lunches which were again well supported. These functions are highly regarded by active members. We continue to use various venues in both the Hobart and Launceston areas. Thanks to Dan Huon, Ross Robbins, Peter Dalkin and Paul Ferguson who organised the lunches this year. Lunch dates for the year are included in the Scheyvillian as well as advised separately to members. A report on each lunch is sent to the editor for inclusion in the Scheyvillian.

Our next Luncheon is on 10 September. Interstate visitors are always welcome subject to current restrictions.

Financial Position

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

National Council Meeting

It was pleasing to again participate in the council annual meeting via zoom.

Appreciation

I would like to thank Ray Williams for his ongoing contribution as Secretary and, on behalf of the chapter, to thank the national committee for their sound governance. Thank you also to Gary Vial for his efforts with "Operation Flinders".

A special mention also for the Scheyvillian Editor and historian, Neil Leckie, for his initiative to include more detail on Scheyvillians, and the onerous task of gathering articles and editing the Journal.

Dennis Townsend

2/70

Chairman

Appendix 12

SOUTH AUSTRALIA CHAPTER REPORT

COVID Restrictions are still blight on activities, but we have been able to arrange a couple of un-cancelled functions which have been detailed in The Scheyvillian.

We pass on to Neil Leckie the appreciation of the State for his brilliant tomes.

Unlike 2020, there was an ANZAC Day march this year in which we participated, but with few onlookers.

We continue to support Operation Flinders (<https://operationflinders.org.au>) when funds are available. The valued support of Tasmania in this regard is much appreciated.

The proposed wind-up of the Association in 2026 has ignited interest.

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3/69
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South Australia

Appendix 13

WESTERN AUSTRALIA CHAPTER REPORT

Members of the Chapter were recently invited to the Officers Mess at Irwin Barracks Karrakatta where they were thanked for their military service so many years ago by Brigadier Brett Chaloner CSC, and PMC Lieutenant Colonel Luke Condon. This was very much appreciated by the members attending.

I refer to the recent publishing of John O'Halloran's book 'The Platoon Commander', which I found very interesting.

ANZAC Day activities were cancelled due to COVID-19, however our quarterly Luncheons have continued, and are now held at the new ANZAC House RSL building in Perth opposite Government House.

Our Youth Leadership support continues to Leeuwin Sailing Training, as well as support to Legacy. Chapter funds are also used to subsidise Luncheons.

Thanks go to Neil Leckie for his work as editor of the Scheyvillian, as well as to the Victorian Chapter in managing the affairs of the Association.

Frank Le Faucheur

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Western Australia Chapter

Appendix 14

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY CHAPTER REPORT

We currently have 41 Graduates, 2 staff and 7 widows on our mailing list.

Bruce Selleck continues to organize the Luncheons and Christmas Function. We usually have about a dozen attend the Monthly lunches at Royal Canberra Golf Club but stopped them again in August 2021 when the ACT went into lockdown after a year without any COVID cases. We are looking forward to being able to resume our Monthly lunches and hold a mixed Christmas Lunch when the COVID restrictions allow.

As the National ANZAC Day march was restricted to small Banner parties, we instead joined a small ANZAC day service with the Woden Valley RSL. Then, we had a very enjoyable Lunch for 22 at the Yacht Club at Yarralumla.

Our physical Activities with RMC have stopped due to COVID-19 but we will look to resuming them when possible.

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4/68
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