



OTU ASSOCIATION INC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held

In the

RACV Business Centre, Bourke St, Melbourne

And

By Zoom Video Link

1447hr

Wednesday 7th September 2022

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

1.1.1 RACV Club Business Centre

Ian Kelly and Bernie Gleeson.

1.1.2 Zoom Video Link

Frank Miller, Brian Cooper, Harry Moyle, Neil Leckie, Graeme, Chester, Alistair Pope, Rob Youl, Les Boag, Gary McKay, Peter Don, Kevin Dixon, Ted Greatorex, Peter Whitelaw and Rob Hirst.

1.2 Apologies

1.2.1 Apologies:

Gary Barker, Peter S Ford, and Gary Vial.

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

John Gratton, Ted Clark, Michael Hewitt-Gleeson, Wal Hall, Peter Hateley, Peter Moody, Rohan Allison, Mick Stone, Ian Mc Ewan, Ian Bloodworth, Robin Hunt, and Bob Lorsch

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

Nick Callinan, Brian McCarthy, and Ken Grant.

The Secretary advised that a quorum had been achieved.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021, were circulated prior to the meeting.

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

Ian Kelly/Brian Cooper

AGREED

3. REPORTS

3.1 Chairman's Report (Frank Miller)

Frank Miller tabled the 2021-22 Chairman's report. It is attached at Appendix 1.

That the Chairman's Report be received

Frank Miller/Ian Kelly

AGREED

3.2 Treasurer's Report (Harry Moyle)

Harry Moyle presented his report as at 30th June 2022 as follows;

OTU National has ended the 2021/22 year in a sound financial position with net assets of \$98,638 after generating a surplus of \$4,253.

Annual membership subscriptions accounted for 97% of our revenue as there was no major income earning social events during the year, nor sales of memorabilia type items.

Our major expenditures were rebates to State Chapters (\$12,700), Insurance (\$3,510), Membership of NSAA (\$3,130), Scheyvillian costs (\$2,471) and Website Maintenance (\$1,144).

The National Executive is forecasting that the coming National Reunion will incur costs and subsidies of between \$20-30,000.
The OTU Association National Financial Statements, included at Appendix 2

That the Treasurer's Report, be received

Harry Moyle/Brian Cooper **AGREED**

3.3 Membership Report (Graeme Chester)

Graeme Chester provided an update on the 30 June 2022 membership report as at 7 September, which is included at Appendix 3.

That the Membership Report be received:

Graeme Chester/Brian Cooper **AGREED**

3.4 Scheyvillian Editor's Report (Neil Leckie)

The Scheyvillian Editor's report is included at Appendix 4.

That the Scheyvillian Editor's Report be received:

Neil Leckie/Brian Cooper **AGREED**

3.5 Webmaster (Ian Kelly)

Ian Kelly's report is included at Appendix 5.

That the Webmaster's Report be received

Ian Kelly/Rob Youl **AGREED**

3.6 QM (Peter Don)

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

That the QM's Report be received

Peter Don/Graeme Chester **AGREED**

3.6 Youth Leadership (Frank Miller)

Frank Miller noted that Youth Leadership activities had been limited by COVID restrictions over the last two and a half years, with timing adjustments required in some instances.

However it is anticipated that these activities will normalise by early 2023.

That the Chairman's Youth Leadership Report be received

Frank Miller/Les Boag **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 7 - Queensland.
- b. Appendix 8 - New South Wales.
- c. Appendix 9 - Victoria.
- d. Appendix 10 - Tasmania.
- e. Appendix 11 - South Australia.
- f. Appendix 12 - Australian Capital Territory.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. National Reunion – October 2022

The Chairman advised that the organisation of the National Reunion was progressing well with over 320 at this stage attending the Dinner on the Friday night, and a similar number attending the BBQ Picnic on the Sunday. It is anticipated that the number attending will rise further will get closer to 400 when registration closes on 30 September.

He also noted that many Class Reunions on the Saturday are well under way with their planning.

- b. Wind-Up National Association - June 2026

The Chairman advised that he had recently attended from a National Servicemen's Association of Australia (NSAA) meeting where he learnt that the NSAA is intending to wind-up their activities at a national level around the same time as the OTU Association, however will continue in a less formal manner at State level.

The Chairman reiterated the reason for the OTU Association wind-up referring to what he called the 'PROBUS phenomenon' whereby clubs with large enthusiastic memberships cannot continue because they are unable to form committees of management to run them due to ageing.

The Chairman noted that the OTU Association National Executive still has much work to do on finalising a model on how the wind-up can be executed. It has to prepare a detailed plan as a basis on which to proceed, following on from the recent preliminary discussions.

One matter that has arisen is how the National Incorporated body may legally pass on funds to unincorporated State/Territory entities.

At the recent National Council Meeting in July, Brian Cooper undertook to prepare a paper on the wind-up, and on this particular financial matter is seeking legal advice which will be included in the paper when it is presented at the next National Council meeting.

Brian advised that he would produce a brief summary on what the National Executive was considering for the wind-up, and how we intend to go about it, for inclusion in the next edition of The Scheyvillian..

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.

A nomination for a member position on the National Executive was received from Gary Vial, seconded by Brian Cooper. Gary was elected to the Executive by the Meeting.

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
	Gary Vial

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 1550hr.

Bernie Gleeson
Secretary
3/69

Appendix:

1. Chairman's Report.
2. Treasurer's Financial Statements.
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. Australian Capital Territory Report.

Appendix 1

OTU ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021-2022

The twelve months were again affected by the COVID pandemic with some states far more restricted than others. At the time of writing things are on the way to returning to normal but, due to the senior years of the membership, events and gatherings are being approached with caution. None the less several activities have resumed. Scheyvillians took part in the ANZAC Day Parade in a number of capital cities along with the associated "afters". Regular monthly luncheons have also resumed.

The National Reunion, deferred in both 2020 and 2021, is now well on track for the forthcoming October. Indications are that there will be a strong turnout for both the dinner at the Hawkesbury Racing Club and the following BBQ at the Scheyville site.

A leasehold covering significant elements of Scheyville has been granted by the NSW Government to the Hunter ANZAC Memorial Limited (HAML) group. Their plans are to restore the former Gymnasium and Cadets' Mess, along with two smaller nearby "Nissan" huts. These will house a museum dedicated to OTU as well as some of the Australian Armoured Vehicle Association's tanks and APV's. All of this is seen in a most positive light by the Association.

Planning is well in hand for the 2026 formal termination of the Association. Serious attention is being paid to the retention of memorabilia, records and all that will perpetuate the fine history of OTU Scheyville. Likewise, the financial aspect is also being carefully planned. Robin Hunt is looking after the collation of all the actions needed to bring this to a successful conclusion.

Our affiliation with the National Servicemen's Association of Australia continues. Like our body, they are planning for a 2026 closure.

Nationally Youth Development opportunities were wound down to an extent due to the pandemic. The Lord and Lady Somers Camps, usually held in January, were delayed until the April school holidays. Scheyvillians were unable to visit and watch the young people in action this time due to the organisation's COVID safety measures.

The Association's finances remain in a robust state. Careful attention is being paid to the management of funds in readiness for the 2026 closure. We are grateful to Treasurer Harry Moyle for his fine expertise and guidance over the twelve months.

National Secretary, Bernie Gleeson has again made an excellent contribution through his management, coordination of meetings and excellent, accurate, record keeping.

Our thanks go again to Neil Leckie for his three fascinating editions of "The Scheyvillian". It is always a great "read" and, as I have said previously, keenly appreciated by people in the broader military sphere. He has also been of great assistance in his liaison with the HAML group ensuring that all is done so that the OTU era of Scheyville is kept intact for later generations. Similarly, his ongoing work with the AWM and the RMC Museum has been outstanding.

Webmaster, Ian Kelly, has contributed much to the Association. His dissemination of information and improvement of the Website has been noteworthy. Significantly, his bringing the Executive and State Chapters together through Zoom has kept the National administration functioning most effectively. We are most grateful for his input and support.

Membership Officer Graeme Chester has once more carried out his task with diligence. It is with pride that we can report the Association membership maintained its commendable (and high) levels of the past three years. In this day and age most organisations, due to COVID and general waning of interest, have seen their numbers decrease.

Quartermaster, Peter Don, has handled his portfolio with care and skill. Requests for, and stockholdings of, the different items have been managed with timely efficiency.

The counsel and advice given to the Association and to myself by Deputy Chairman, Brian Cooper, over the twelve months has been highly valued. Special mention is also made of his liaising with Melbourne's RACV Club to provide a meeting venue for the National Executive as well as for Victorian Chapter luncheons.

The input from Robin Hunt, Alistair Pope and Rob Youl is also gratefully acknowledged. We look forward with great confidence to the forthcoming twelve months.

Frank Miller.
4/67
National Chairman
OTU Association

Appendix 2

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Officer Training Unit Association Inc.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

for the year ended 30 June 2022

	This Year	Last Year
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Subscriptions Received	31,100.00	31,350.00
Interest Received	10.92	13.76
Sales Q Store	935.00	799.00
Sales Coffee Table Books	389.00	699.00
Cost of Books Sold	(302.80)	(605.60)
TOTAL INCOME	32,132.12	32,256.16
EXPENSES		
Donations	1,500.00	484.26
Filing Fees	60.10	59.20
General Expenses	500.00	23.09
Honorarium Scheyvillian (N. Leckie)	600.00	600.00
Insurance - General	3,510.00	3,240.00
Meeting Costs	416.58	162.40
Paypal Fees	662.73	614.33
Postage	504.24	610.51
Printing & Stationery	45.00	36.00
Q Store Stock & Postage	375.30	517.30
Rebates to State Chapters	12,700.00	11,960.00
Scheyvillian Costs	2,471.00	1,953.60
Subscription NSA	3,130.00	2,136.00
Subscription Toorak Services Club		385.00
Subsidies Class Reunions	260.00	200.00
Website Maintenance	1,144.00	1,167.85
TOTAL EXPENSES	27,878.95	24,149.54
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	4,253.17	8,106.62

Officer Training Unit Association INC
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Regd. No. A0056551B

BALANCE SHEET

as at 30 June 2022

	This Year	Last Year
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
NAB Transaction Account	71,524.88	60,502.43
NAB Interest Bearing Account	53,861.04	53,850.12
Paypal Account	193.60	48.40
Inventory - Books at Cost	1,621.89	1,924.69
Loan to OTU Victoria	4,366.20	608.80
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>131,567.61</u>	<u>116,934.44</u>
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	-	898.23
Subscriptions in Advance	13,325.00	12,250.00
State Chapter Rebates Owing	11,460.00	4,210.00
Funds held on behalf of OTU SA	1,892.00	1,822.00
Youth Leadership Donations	6,251.93	3,368.70
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>32,928.93</u>	<u>22,548.93</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u><u>32,928.93</u></u>	<u><u>22,548.93</u></u>
NET ASSETS	<u><u>98,638.68</u></u>	<u><u>94,385.51</u></u>
EQUITY		
Retained earnings at beginning of year	94,385.51	86,278.89
Surplus/Deficit	4,253.17	8,106.62
TOTAL EQUITY	<u><u>98,638.68</u></u>	<u><u>94,385.51</u></u>

Appendix 3

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

With **609** financial members we are slightly above where we were at for last year's AGM, when we had 599 financial members.

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE DETAILS AS AT 7 SEP 2022

Number of Graduates	1881			
Number on Database (Incl DNG/Staff)	2020			
Number Financial		574		
Number Honorary/Life		26		
Widows		9		
Number Deceased			269	
Number Unfinancial (Contact Details - Not Renewed)			627	
Number Unfinancial (No Contact Details)			326	
Number Unfinancial (Do Not Contact)			189	
Totals	1881	2020	609	1411

Percentages:

Of the names on database 30.2% are financial/honorary/life/widow.

Of the names on the database 13.3% are deceased.

Of the names on the database 31% are unfinancial (Not Renewed)

Of the names on the database 16.1% are unfinancial (No Contact Details)

Of the names on the database 9.4% are unfinancial (Do Not Contact)

Appendix 4

SCHEYVILLIAN EDITOR'S REPORT

Scheyvillian

I already have some input for Edition 3 of 2022. It will be produced following the National Reunion. A call will be put out for further input by mid-November.

Scheyville Site – Disappointing News

Brett Wild of HAML has very recently advised that the new government has done a 'slash and burn' with funding. The allocation of the \$5M grant to set up a Veterans Welfare Centre on the Scheyville site had been allocated from the \$90M remaining in the previous government's Regional Transport and Infrastructure Fund. This fund has been scrapped, so there is now no funding for the Scheyville site. The previous government had allocated funding of \$5M for 20 Veterans Welfare Centres around the country through Veterans Affairs. This has been slashed to 10 centres with an allocation of \$4M per centre.

HAML has not given up the fight to set up some form of Veterans Centre, and the OTU Museum, on the Scheyville Site. As the site is the State Government's National Park HQ, the HAML Committee is meeting again with the state government. They also have a meeting in Canberra with Matt Keogh, Minister for Veterans Affairs, on 27 September.

On the proviso that they had the funding prior to the previous government going into 'caretaker mode' Brett has advised that HAML had spent a lot of time and money on cleaning up the Gymnasium Hut and the former Cadets Beer Garden, and that those who have been to the site, prior to the announcement of the funding, should notice the improvement. At this time there will not be any displays on site during our reunion weekend visit.

Website Projects

I am progressively working on updating databases for the National Reunion.

Photo Galleries

I am progressively working on updating them.

Memorabilia

Paul Mitrovich, who has been the Curator of the AAHU - Duntroon, has been posted to the Infantry Centre Museum. The position of Curator is being advertised with WO2 Steve Medforth as the Temporary Curator, Assistant Curator/Collection Manager - AAMD

When the Australian Army History Unit (AAHU) took ownership of the then 'Duntroon Collection' in mid-2014 it was apparent that the exhibition space required modernisation. To effect this, AAHU established a full-time Curator position and purchased display cases and fittings. Both enabled a complete revamp of exhibits and text, which reinvigorated the telling of the story of initial training for the Australian Army officer, and focused on the Cadets of RMC, OCS Portsea, WRAAC OCS and

OTU Scheyville. With a change in focus came a change in name to the Australian Army Museum Duntroon (AAMD).

When it was opened by the then Chief of Army LTGEN Rick Burr in December 2018, the Museum was collocated with the Defence Library Services in the Bridges Memorial Library Building. At that time the museum occupied approximately a quarter of the building, limiting the exhibition layout and extent of the officer training story that could be told. The opportunity to expand our footprint came in late 2019 when the Defence Library Services moved to the War College in Canberra, and the entire building was formally allocated to house the Museum. Coincidentally, and to the Museum's good fortune, the Museum building has been included in the Heritage Building Program currently underway at Duntroon. By the end of this year, it is expected that the building will be vacated for the renovation work to commence. It is expected that by the latter half of 2023 the Museum will be repainted inside and out, air conditioned, timber flooring laid throughout the building along with theatre style lighting, and new showcases installed across three exhibition spaces.

OTU Syllabus

Paul Mitrovich answered a question about a request the museum had for a copy of the OTU Syllabus: 'A copy of the OTU syllabus was requested from the Museum. The syllabus was used as a comparison to both OCS and the final year at RMC so as to compare the "military" content of each course. To my knowledge there was no intent to modernise the OTU Scheyville course, but more an attempt to understand what the base requirements of a junior commissioned officer are. The current RMC staffs were unaware that during the mid-1990s they conducted a number of full-time six-month courses for Ready Reserve Officer Cadets, and SUR currently conduct a similar six month full time course for Reserve Officer Cadets as part of their "Gap Year" programme.'

So, we can see that the OTU-style officer training course is still being used!

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:

Membership Renewal FY 2022/23 – Reminder	National
Zoom Invitation to OTU Association AGM	National
Notice OTU Association National Reunion	National
OTU Passing of Don Moffatt 1/66	National
Scheyville Collection on the OTU Website	National
2022 Geddes Dinner Invitation - 18th August 2022	Victoria
OTU Association AGM 2022	National
OTU Victorian Chapter AGM 2022	Victoria
August Lunch - Wed 10 Aug 22	Victoria
Notice National Reunion 2022	National
Invitation to Geddes Dinner 2022	Victoria
Geddes Dinner 2022	Victoria
Dick Flint Stories	National
Class Coordinators - October National Reunion	National
Geddes Dinner 2022	Victoria
Funeral Arrangements, Col Ron Lange	National
July Lunch - Wed 13 July	Victoria
Membership Renewal Notice for 2022/23	National
Notice National Reunion	National
The Scheyvillian 2 of 2022 is now on the OTU Website	National

As a result of the impact of the pandemic, and the success of previous meetings, the 2022 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.

Ian Kelly
2/67
Webmaster

Appendix 6

QM REPORT

The Q Store recently received resupplies of ties and lapel badges.

A copy of the "OTU Scheyville 1965-73" Pictorial Book" was presented to the guest speaker at the Geddes dinner. 2nd edition \$80

The stocks held in the Q-Store (6 September 2022) and changes since previous meeting of 4 July 2022 are shown in the table below.

Item	Stock at 4/07/22	Acquired	Sold	Donated/ Gifts	Stock at 6/09/22	Notes
2013 National Reunion Badges	45				45	
Lapel Badges	17	50	13		54	
"Scheyville Experience" Book	5				5	(1)
1993 Reunion Video VHS	1				1	
2003 Reunion DVD	9		1		8	
The Scheyville Experience DVD	1				1	
NS Officer Recruitment Film DVD	2				2	
Window Stickers	146		10		136	
Ties	4	25	4		25	
OTU Plaques	2				2	(2)
The "OTU Scheyville 1965-73" Pictorial Book 2nd edition \$80	19			1	18	
"The Scheyville Experience" and "National Service Officer Recruitment Film". USB	1	Produced as required	1		1	

NOT available for purchase

Note (1) Books held for presentations.

Note (2) Plaques held for special occasions.

Peter Don
3/69
QM

Appendix 7

QUEENSLAND CHAPTER REPORT

We are almost back to normal after the ravages of COVID with our monthly lunches continuing. ANZAC Day March and Black tie Dinner proceeding as usual (see below by Doug Oliver). We have about \$2,300 left in the kitty and are anxiously awaiting a large replenishment from National. We are also in the process of replacing the OTU flag for Col Burg, which flag was lost during one of our class reunions several years ago. Col is not well and we hope this will cheer him up. Don McNaught (McZero) is doing well in the long recovery process after major surgery.

Southeast Queensland - Annual Black Tie Dinner.

Southeast Queensland Scheyvillians had their Annual Black Tie Dinner on Saturday 2 April 2022 at the United Service Club in Brisbane. Dinner suits, after-five wear and miniature medals were on display. Noted author and OTU graduate Lieutenant Colonel Brian Vickery was our guest speaker. He entertained us with his take on Scheyville and a career in the Regular Army. After a delicious three-course meal, glasses were raised in toast to the Queen, OTU, the departed and, of course, the ladies. We were well looked after by the United Service Club. We hope that this long tradition of Southeast Queensland Scheyvillians continues for many years to come.

Eighteen graduates and partners were in attendance plus Scheyville widows Trish Hart and Linda Mortimer:

Geoff Daly 4/69 and wife Carmel, Terry Benjamin 1/69 and partner Penelope Thomson, Owen Williamson 4/70 and wife Linda, Michael (Chook) Fowler 2/65, John Lewis 2/69 and partner Denise Hogan, Don Keyes 4/69 and wife Melanie, Norm Jensen 2/66 and wife Wendy, Bob Sande 1/70 and partner Vivienne Bellingham, Brian Vickery 1/66 and wife Carole, Douglas Oliver 4/71 and wife Terry, Jim Box 1/66 and wife Jan, Alan Sparks 3/71 and wife Margaret, Linda Mortimer and friend John Christian, Geoffrey Gardner 4/69 and partner Mary D'Arcy, Gordon Kratzmann 4/71 and wife Gayle, Graham Wilson 1/72, Peter Moody 2/67 and wife Sue, Peter Rogers 3/66 and wife Susan.

Southeast Queensland - ANZAC Day 2022.

Fourteen Southeast Queensland Scheyvillians marched stoutly in Brisbane behind the OTU Banner on a wet and windy ANZAC Day 2022:

Doug Oliver 4/71, Nick Israel 2/70, Trish Hart widow of Mick Hart 2/69, Bob Sande 1/70, Nev Patterson 3/68, Geoff Gardner 4/69, Peter Moody 2/67, Norm Jensen 2/66, Robin Apted 3/69, Geoff Daly 4/69 (jeep), Mike Chook Fowler 2/65, Robin Webcke 1/70, Graham Wilson 1/72 and Don Keyes 4/69. Twenty five, including partners, gathered afterwards for lunch at the Pig 'N' Whistle: Doug Oliver 4/71 and wife Terry, Nick Israel 2/70, Trish Hart widow of Mick Hart 2/69, Bob Sande 1/70, Geoff Gardner 4/69 and partner Mary D'Arcy, Warwick Setttee 4/69, Peter Moody 2/67, Norm Jensen 2/66 and wife Wendy, Robin Apted 3/69 and wife Helene, Geoff Daly 4/69 and wife Carmel, Mike Chook Fowler 2/65, Robin Webcke 1/70 and daughter Sheridan, Graham Wilson 1/72, Don Keyes 4/69 and

wife Melanie, Pat Savage MC 3/66 and Dave Griffiths 2/69. A great day was had by all!

Southeast Queensland - Monthly Luncheons.

Southeast Queensland Scheyvillians continue their nearly forty year tradition of monthly luncheons in Brisbane on the second Thursday of every month at the Pig 'N' Whistle, Riverside. Keep an eye out for Doug Oliver's emails about a week or so before each luncheon and send him your RSVPs. Attendance continues to be encouraging.

Geoff Daly
4/69
Queensland State Chapter

Appendix 8

NEW SOUTH WALES CHAPTER REPORT

The NSW Branch of the Association has managed to continue to meet, albeit on a bi-monthly basis, mainly owing to COVID restrictions.

In the last quarter we had a lunch at the Edinburgh Castle Hotel on Vietnam Veterans Day following the Service at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, where the Commemorative Address was delivered by yours truly.

We are having a Luncheon at the Edinburgh Castle Hotel on 8 September, and we will be having our Xmas mixed lunch in mid-December. Our Xmas events are being subsidized out of our account to make sure the funds we do have are utilised before we pass.

The Newcastle paragraph (not big enough to be a chapter)

Phil (Paddles) Paddison – a renowned Novacastrian - has been conducting lunches up in Newcastle with quite good numbers given the geographical isolation the northerners feel. I have attached the Newcastle paragraph's schedule of events for information.

Events Program - Friday October 28th -4th Annual OTU Stakes – for the first time, a mixed lunch.

The Port Macquarie Gaggle.

Under the direction of Phil Marly a group of about six members are meeting for lunches and any other excuse in Port Macquarie. After a census of their gaggle they have decided to:

- 1) Meet every six (6) months
- 2) Gather at The Westport Club,
- 3) Friday was the most popular day to meet.

The next Port Macquarie lunch was held on a Friday 27th August at the Westport Club.

We congratulate Phil on all his efforts and enthusiasm in getting the guys together.

A special mention to Dick Adams who organises the ANZAC Day March and Lunch, and I would also like to thank my kitchen cabinet of John Marsden, Greg Woods, Phil Paddison, and Geoff Bennett.

Financial

The NSW Chapter currently has approximately \$15,000 in the Bank.

Gary McKay
2/68
Chairman
NSW Chapter

Appendix 9

VICTORIAN CHAPTER ANNUAL REPORT

Victoria was in lockdown for a significant portion of the first six months. As a consequence usual activities had to be curtailed. As the outlook had improved by December a year end luncheon was held at the RACV Club. It was well attended. The luncheons continued into 2022 with good attendances.

Perhaps the highlight was the Chapter over thirty Scheyvillians marching under the OTU Banner in the ANZAC Day Pilgrimage the Shrine of Remembrance. Many returned to the RACV Club where we were met by the ladies for a pleasant luncheon.

As a COVID mitigation move January's Lord Somers and Powerhouse Camps were deferred until the April school holidays. As part of these considerations, visitors were not permitted. In total ten young men and women received funding for the Association.

The very successful Geddes Dinner was held on 18 August at the Toorak Services Club with over 30 attendees.

Victoria's financial position remains strong. It, too, will receive careful consideration as to how funds are best spent up to the 2026 Association termination.

My sincere thanks go to Chapter executive members, Brian Cooper, Bernie Gleeson, Neil Leckie, Harry Moyle, Ian Kelly, Robin Hunt, Rob Youl, Alistair Pope, Peter Don and Graeme Chester for their dedicated support over the twelve months.

Frank Miller
4/67
Chairman
Victorian Chapter
OTU Association

Appendix 10

TASMANIA CHAPTER REPORT

The Tasmanian Chapter OTU has been able to continue with its activities throughout the year.

ANZAC Day

As in previous years, members made their own arrangements for marches in their local areas.

Youth Leadership

Our arrangement with South Australia to support Operation Flinders continues. A thank you to Gary Vial for his efforts with "Operation Flinders"

Membership

Although formal membership remains small we continue to encourage new membership.

Lunches

During the year our lunches were again well supported. These functions are highly regarded by active members. We continue to use interesting venues in both the Hobart and Launceston areas. Thanks to Dan Huon, Ross Robbins and Ray Williams 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.

Interstate visitors are always welcome to attend, as are guests if travelling as a group.

Financial Position

Financially we remain solvent thanks to continued rebates from national and use of electronic communication.

Appreciation

I would like to again thank Ray Williams for his ongoing contribution as secretary and, on behalf of the chapter, to thank the National committee for their sound governance and in particular Neil Leckie for his editing of the Scheyvillian.

Dennis Townsend
2/70
Chairman

Appendix 11

SOUTH AUSTRALIA CHAPTER REPORT

Activities

Activity in the last 12 months in common with almost every state has been subdued because of COVID.

We are in contact with approximately sixty Scheyvillians in SA, but function attendance is rarely above ten (plus wives or partners) with the exception of ANZAC Day when we often get 50% more.

We had two lunches this year, plus ANZAC Day. Lunch at the Edinburgh Hotel in September proved popular with 22 attendees. ANZAC Day had 11 marching and a few extras plus partners at The Exeter afterwards, so approaching (or surpassing the 22). We most recently had 18 all up at Carmine's Wines on 25 June. The next lunch is mooted for late September.

Youth Leadership

We have asked the Treasurer for an update on funds held for Youth Leadership, as we hope there will shortly be enough to sponsor another participant in 'Operation Flinders' -<https://operationflinders.org.au>. The current cost for the 10 week advanced 'Step-Out' program is \$5,000.

National Reunion

Considerable interest has been shown in the National Reunion, no doubt motivated by the expectation that this is possibly 'the last' all Class (well of course we are all class) affair. However there is also the expectation that Class-by-Class get-togethers will continue until no-one is left.

Winding-up of the Association

As mentioned previously, this has created some angst. But when asked if they would like to take on the responsibility of running the association, there is far less disquiet and even less enthusiasm.

As the National Reunion will be the biggest assembly of Scheyvillians, perhaps a small amount of time should be set aside to discuss this issue.

Once again congratulations to the National Council and the Executive for running the day-to-day machinery.

Catch up in Windsor ...

Gary Vial

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Co-ordinator SA

Appendix 12

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY CHAPTER REPORT

The ACT chapter currently has 40 graduates, two DS and seven widows on our mailing list.

Over the last year the ACT Chapter has remained active, except for COVID lockdowns August - October 2021.

We have continued holding Monthly Lunches, which are kindly organised by Bruce Selleck 2/70 at the Royal Canberra Golf Club (RCGC) on the third Thursday of each month. We usually have 10-12 attend our Monthly lunches and visiting Scheyvillians are always welcome.

Our mixed Christmas Lunch on 25 November 2021 was a great success. Our 2022 mixed Christmas Lunch is now confirmed for Friday 25 November and again we will hold it at RCGC and invite along our widows. We usually have about 30 attend that lunch. Anyone who will be visiting Canberra at that time is most welcome to join us.

Due to a very reduced and restricted National ANZAC day March at the side of the AWM this year, there was no formal OTU involvement. A number of OTU graduates joined the Woden RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day service in Eddison Park, Woden. Despite numbers being reduced by COVID and other illness, we had 15 graduates, wives and one widow meet for a very pleasant ANZAC Day lunch again this year at the Southern Cross Club Yacht Club in Lotus Bay Yarralumla.

Our bank account is healthy with \$8,094. We have committed to fund \$2,000 for physical attendance by 2 youngsters from less financial families at the ACT Rotary Youth Development Program. We have decided to make an ongoing commitment to this program that will see us run our funds down over the coming years.

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