**OTU Victorian Chapter Report 2024 – 25**

The Victorian Chapter enjoyed another successful year in celebrating “The Scheyville Experience.

Our monthly luncheons at the RACV Club in Melbourne continued to be well supported with numbers usually ranging from 15 – 20. Of note was the number of people new to this function who attended. We are grateful to Brian Cooper for his arranging these occasions.

The Geddes Dinner, held once more at the Toorak Services Club, was another successful event. Our speaker this year was artist and military historian, Mr. George Petrou AOM. He had some interesting anecdotes and paintings on different battles involving Australian forces as presented in his recent book “The Art of Sacrifice” . Thanks go to Rob Youl in putting this dinner together.

There was a change in venue for the Victorian Annual Dinner. The Brighton Yacht Club was chosen as the usual William Angliss College of TAFE was unavailable. Over seventy Scheyvillians and wives/partners thoroughly a fine meal, catching up with old friends and Ray Andrew’s entertaining role as Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to Ray, Peter Hateley and Chris Coates for your valued input.

Once again, the Association paraded under the Scheyville Banner in the Melbourne ANZAC Day March to the Shrine of Remembrance. Fortunately, the predicted rain did not eventuate and all went well. On falling out we adjourned to the RACV Club Bistro where we were joined by the ladies for a fine luncheon.

In early January three of us visited the Lord Sommers Camp. It was again a pleasure to see the participants enthusiastically joining in their team events. This will be our last such visit as the Chapter will no longer be sponsoring young people to this event – due to the cessation of membership fee payments for the last year of the National Association before wind up.

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I would like to thank the Victorian Executive team – Brian Cooper, Rob Youl, Neil Leckie, Graeme Chester, Harry Moyle, Chris Grigsby, Colin Walker, Peter Don and Robin Hunt - for all they have done over the year.

Frank Miller OAM

Chairman, OTU Victorian Chapter.