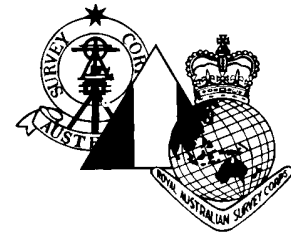


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The Royal Australian Survey Corps Association wishes a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all past members of the Corps and members of the 1st Topographical Survey Squadron and especially those serving or notified to serve in active theatres overseas.

REMAINING EVENTS FOR 2006

- 24 November – 1500h:** Derek Chamber's Award Presentation at I Topo Svy Sqn,
3 December: Jazz picnic at 'Shady Glen' – home of Peter and Barbara Bates-Brownsword
Last Friday of the month drinks at the Gaythorne RSL to continue.

CALANDAR FOR 2007

Your committee has yet to firm up a program for 2007 however we expect that the following outline will be close to the mark:

- 25 April** Anzac Day Commemoration, Dawn Service and breakfast at Enoggera (0435h), City March (1000h) then back to Gaythorne RSL
March Informal BBQ at the home of Tony and Loretta Gee
6 July (Friday) Colonel Alex Laing Memorial Dinner (92nd RA Survey Anniversary Dinner) at the United Service Club
1 September Reunion Lunch and AGM at the Gaythorne RSL
October Military Mapmakers Dinner at Enoggera
11 November Unveiling and Dedication of 1/5 Fd Svy Coy Memorial Plaque at Kilcoy
24 November Derek Chambers Award presentation at 1 Topo

NOTE ESPECIALLY: There is a misconception abroad that the **Colonel Alex Laing Memorial Dinner (92nd RA Survey Anniversary Dinner) at the United Service Club** is an officer's only function. This is **not** the case. There is no rank in our Association. The Dinner is open to all past members of the Royal Australian Survey Corps.

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Now I know that might be a problem for some members with an email facility if your connection is a dialup telephone line but for those with a broadband connection there should be no problem at all. If you wish to continue receiving your Bulletin in hard copy, whether or not you have an adequate email facility, we will certainly continue to forward it through Australia Post. It can still come to you by email in PDF but we will avoid sending it this way if your email connection is by dialup telephone line.

Also: Our Association website – www.rasurvey.org is up and running. All Bulletins present and past are on display in PDF there. On the website you will find contact email addresses of other State Associations, office holders with email addresses of our own Association, planned functions for 2006/07, a brief Corps history and (most importantly) a simple way of putting your contribution to our history project 'What did we do 1946-96'.

In our August Bulletin we asked that if you wish **not** to receive hard copy and simply receive your Bulletin electronically, email editor Bob Skitch either on the website email address or bob.skitch@runbox.com. So far I have only received eleven responses – those who do not wish to receive hard copy via Australia Post. That is perfectly OK – we do not mind sending out hard copy. Should you wish **not to receive electronic copy in PDF** because it clogs your phone line connection, again please email Bob.

Once again please note that we have no intention to stop mailing out hard copies to any member who wants it. **...What could be simpler?**

OUR HISTORY PROJECT – What did we do over all those years – 1946- 1996?

I continue to canvass support for this worthwhile project. Our collective memory can fill in many gaps but it is fading with the passing of years. It is ten years since the disbandment of the Corps we as individuals served, the Corps that gave such outstanding service to our nation for eighty-one years. We need to record what each of the units did over the fifty years following the end of WW2. It really is a simple exercise. I have had responses from Clem Sargent, Noel Sproles, John Bullen, Charlie Watson, Alex Cairney, Percy Long, Richard Jackson-Hope, Ted Laker, Ross McMillan, Barry Lutwyche, Kym Weston, Graeme Baker, Arthur Hensen and Roger Rees in Defence (DIGO) The major gap area is after 1980. The following is the preferred format but I am just as happy to receive your input listed down the page – pen and ink is OK. Please give this matter some thought. Every bit helpsAlternatively, you can enter your data on our website – www.rasurvey.org

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NOTICES

THE ASSOCIATION BERET –

Cost \$30.00 incl post.

They will happen! Ross Smithwick is giving it his best shot. The colour problem has been resolved and the beret is in production. If you have already paid for and received the wrong colour beret and you have retained it – keep it and you will get the next one without further payment.

LAST FRIDAY

Last Fridays continue at the Gaythorne RSL with increasing patronage. Pop along and have a beer or a softie with your mates.

ASSOCIATION BADGE

Association badges are still available from the Ex-Fortuna Survey Association. Place your orders with **Barry Lutwyche** and we will try to satisfy them.

MAPMAKERS OF FORTUNA

Copies may be purchased from the Ex-Fortuna Survey Association (PO Box 865 Bendigo 3552) at \$60.00 plus postage of \$11.50 which includes cost of a padded postal bag.

VIETNAM – A TECHNICAL TOUR by Bob McMillan-Kay.

Copies can be obtained from Bob McMillan-Kay at a cost of \$36.00 including postage. We commend this highly successful book of Bob's Vietnam experience. Bob's address is 14 March Lane, Maryborough, Qld, 4650.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2006 – 2007

'Don't go to sleep on your membership!'

Keep in touch with you Survey Corps mates by being a paid-up member of your Association.

Our financial year runs from Sept to Sept. Subscription is but \$10.00 per year. We encourage you to pay three years in advance (or more if you wish). Subscription is waived for veterans 75 and over who have been standing paid-up members of our Association. **Pay-time was at the AGM 2 Sept 06 – but it is not too late now!**

ASSOCIATION TIE or SCARF

Cost is \$20.00 and \$7.00 postage for each. We suggest you place your order directly with the Ex Fortuna Association, Tracey Phillips, email phipsys@bigpond.com or phone Barry Lutwyche.

REUNION AND AGM – 2006

The first Annual General Meeting of the Survey Corps Ex-Serviceman's Association of Queensland took place at the Anzac Club on the 22 October 1948 with Charlie Martin as President and Jim Houston as Secretary and 85 attending. The records show that a reunion has been held annually since then, settling on the first Friday in September in 1960 and then, on becoming an afternoon event in 1985, the first Saturday. It is still the first Saturday in September. In those early years and until the 1980s Association membership was predominantly WW2 veterans with the gradual infusion of post WW2 Corps members not occurring until the 1970s. We decided to drop the old title of the Survey Corps Ex-Serviceman's Association of Queensland in favour of the Royal Australian Survey Corps Association (Queensland) in 1991 in keeping with other Corps Associations affiliated with the RSL and to be more relevant to our younger (that includes me) potential members – So much for a bit of Association history.

The ranks of our WW2 veterans has thinned and now, apart from our Patron Ed Anderson, we have only one regular attendee, centenarian Andy Steen. Andy tells me that this year was probably his last.

Our Reunion and AGM was as enjoyable as ever, this year at the Gaythorne RSL in the up-stairs dining room, recently renovated. (Peter BB tells me that next year we will be back in the Light Horse room which we really prefer.) Our Association picked up the cost of drinks at the bar – we are all very moderate drinkers these days. The two course meal, not lavish but nevertheless very adequate for that time of day was enjoyed by all.

Following the meal the AGM was opened by our President who outlined the events of the past year and our plans for the future making particular mention of the proposed Kilcoy memorial plaque initiative. We then moved in to the election of office bearers for the forthcoming year with the present regime temporarily standing down. Our much loved and hardworking Secretary and Assistant

Treasurer Mary-Ann Thiselton had indicated her wish to retire from her role. Kym Weston chaired the election process; Peter Bates Brownsword was re-elected President, Alex Cairney Vice-President, Ross Smithwick Treasurer and Barry Lutwyche (with a little urging) volunteered and was elected Secretary. Mary-Ann said she would be happy to continue as Assistant Treasurer since Ross has to spend a good deal of his time in the bush.

Bob Skitch had picked up Andy Steen from his Brighton home, presenting Bob yet again with a bag full of vegies from his back yard garden – despite the drought. Most members took the opportunity to chat with Andy in the course of the afternoon and he quickly assumed the role of our guest of honour. John Gilbert came down from Toowoomba, perhaps not a first timer but we haven't seen much of John in recent times. Peter and Carol Cross from Moorina were indeed first timers. Peter has become a financial member of the Association – good-on-ye Peter! Others we do not see a lot of were Dave Anderson from Tallebudgera, Jim and Sandra Beard from Caboolture and then arriving late, Derek and Sandra Stanmore – Derek on crutches and not looking all that comfortable. Nevertheless he assures me that he will be fit enough to carry our icon theodolite next Anzac Day.

At about 3.30 pm we started to drift away. Wendy and I took Andy back to his home. There might have been a few stayers – but I certainly was not one of them. **Bob Skitch**

Roll call.

Percy Long
Ian Fitzgerald
Barry Lutwyche
Dave Anderson
John Gilbert
Wally Chilcott
Andy Steen
Grant Small
Alex Cairney
Kym & Faye Weston
Adrian (Charlie) & Debra Creedy
Peter & Barbara Bates-Brownsword
John (Jock) Kay & Krys Sparrow
John & Cheryl Hook
Ian (Rock) & Mary-Ann Thiselton
Jim & Sandra Beard
Bruce (Stretch) & Rosslyn Gordon

Bob & Wendy Skitch
Peter & Carol Cross
John & Julie Ashby
Dennis Gregor & Elaine
Total 33 in the roll book.

MILITARY MAPMAKERS DINNER 2006

This very successful function was conducted on Friday 20th October in the Long Tan Sergeants Mess at Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera. It was well attended by members of our Association as well as members of the 1st Topographical Survey Squadron including the Officer Commanding Major Shawn Hoffmann and the SSM WO1 Barry Miller. WO2 Peter Coles was the appointed dining president, maintaining good order and discipline throughout the night.

The format was a little different this year with a very comprehensive buffet meal (perhaps I should call it a 'smorgasbord'). If any of us might have had misgivings in moving away from the traditional military table service we need not have worried. It was an excellent meal and in my own judgement, the best buffet meal I have experienced in a long time. The evening was pleasantly informal and entirely enjoyable. The ensemble from the RAA Band (ARes) entertained us before and during the dinner with light music of a military flavour. The opportunity was taken to farewell two members of 1 Topo; WO2 P. Einam and Sgt B. Paul, both of whom had had RA Svy service.

Following dinner the tables were cleared and the port produced and we moved into the toasts – the Queen, proposed by WO2 Bob Hopper, the Corps of the Royal Australian Engineers proposed by Captain J Pollard and finally the Royal Australian Survey Corps proposed by Bob Skitch who predictably took the opportunity to say a few words on preserving the Corps' history by way of placing monuments in appropriate locations and developing a record of field operations during the 50 post WW2 years. The guest speaker for the evening was Commander John Maschae RAN who gave an interesting and sometimes amusing address on Australia's littoral zone – the interface between the land and the sea, of particular concern to mariners.

The dinner over and speeches put to rest the bar remained open until 1145h and very few departed before then. It was a great night and the Association's congratulations go to 1st Topographical Survey Squadron for organising it.

Roll Call – Association members

Greg Anderson
John Ashby
Ian Baldwin
Peter & Denise Ball
Bob Bright
Wally & Liz Chilcott
Brian Cosford & Jackie Doyle
Barrie Craymer
Peter & Carol Cross
Michael Duniam & Karen O'Neil
Ian Fitzgerald & Jacinta
John & Robyn Gilbert
Hamish Goetz
Tony Harder & Janelle Wade
John Hook
Brian & Brenda Johnson
Penny Knott
Barry Lutwyche & Veronica Bryce
Ken & Kerry Lyons
Jamie McRae
Brian & Sue Partridge
Ian & Rose Read
Dave Sankey
Bob Skitch
Derek & Sandra Stanmore
Allan Virtue & Elizabeth Ainsworth
Steve & Monica Wilson

RA SURVEY CORPS MUSEUM

In 2001 or thereabouts the Military Engineering Heritage Company was formed to direct and manage the Australian Army Museum of Military Engineering which incorporates the RA Survey Museum from Bonegilla. At the time we gave the initiative a good run in our Queensland Bulletin encouraging our members to become members of the Heritage Company. I have no idea whether any did so. The cost was and still is, \$15.00 per year. Our Survey member of the board is **Peter Raue** whom many will remember during his years of Corps service rising through the ranks to retire as Lieutenant Colonel Peter Raue. I contacted Peter recently concerning a related matter and he assured me that all is well with the museum and after a period of indecision the construction of the new building is proceeding. A good deal

of Survey memorabilia is on display already. Peter is keen to get more survey support from our Association members. This would greatly improve the survey influence in furthering the project.

The Museum is located at Steele Barracks, Moorebank Avenue, Moorebank, NSW 2170. Should you wish to visit, WO2 Warren Ennis (not survey) would be very welcoming. (Ph 9600 4443) The Museum's website is www.aamme.com.au. The website home page features both the RA Survey badge and motto and a photo of two of our intrepid surveyors up to their waist in water observing under a portable beacon in New Britain (about 1954)

PERSONALIA AND OTHER JOTTINGS

Les (LVJ) Smith: Les read my bit in our last Bulletin concerning Fraser Matthew and the 'Sons of Matthew'. (It was a great Aussie movie but clearing all that rain forest at the back of Tamborine Mountain might have given it the thumbs down today.) What actually happened was that Fraser's party comprising LVJ, Puddles Pond and Bill Shapcott had planned to go to the pictures on a Saturday night to see 'The Sons of Matthew'. Fraser had a bit of something on the liver and because of some misdeed during the day refused to give them leave but set them working on comps of some sort. Bill Shapcott (that talented cartoonist) drew a cartoon of a large vulture in a tree with a WO1 badge on its wing and three smaller vultures on the branch below each with two stripes and the caption 'The Sons of Matthew'. Les didn't say what Fraser's reaction to the cartoon was – he wasn't noted for his sense of humour – but it received wide circulation in the section and beyond perhaps.

I think we need to start a LVJ column and maybe this is it! Les recently wrote to Central Army Records requesting details of his military service. He received back a large envelope stuffed full of every bit of paper that was ever generated on him. One bit was a movement order dated December '53 transferring Les with Cpl Jo Mazerol from the Carto Coy to W Comd Fd Svy Section. It prompted Les to give Jo a ring to remind him of that event – and many others no doubt. Jo has just celebrated his 80th

birthday (see below); Les too – I guess that is how these eighty-year-olds put in their days! Jo reminded Les how they made music together, Les and Jo on the mouth organs and Merv Marks on the violin – what a combination! Les says they made ‘beautiful music’.

Les recalls working on the 1 inch to 1 mile map of Albany – a remarkable and historical place where many of the WW1 divisions assembled and departed for the Middle East and northern France from Albany’s magnificent harbour, King George Sound. The group from W Comd Fld Svy were billeted at the Artillery Barracks on Mount Clarence. The caretaker of the Barracks, a warrant officer, had two magnificent St Bernard dogs. The latrine block was a 24 seater, no partitions or lids on the pedestals – simply a narrow piece of wood bolted to either side the pedestal on which to place one’s bottom. Les was occupying one such pedestal on this occasion when in bounded one of the St Bernards and straight in Les’s lap. The dog’s substantial weight caused Les to double slightly such that his rear end was forced into the pedestal – a painful and embarrassing experience Les assures me!

Years later Les was working with Main Roads on constructing a road to the summit of Mount Clarence. At the initiative of the local Apex Club a memorial to AIF in Egypt that had been falling into considerable disrepair was brought from Egypt and positioned at the summit of Mount Clarence – hence the road.

On another occasion at Balcombe Les was the OR rep on the messing committee (an initiative of the Labor government to bring democracy into the army says Les). The committee was chaired by no less than Frank Buckland, then adjutant. Rat’s droppings were detected in the breakfast porridge and Les duly reported this to FB to be told that ‘ORs should accept this and not get above themselves’. Soon after FB went on leave and Bill Sprenger took over bringing a more positive form of democracy with him.

Les with a number of Survey NCOs and sappers was engaged as a truck driver in the Lithgow coalfields during the 1949 coal strike. Les has promised to write the story of this remarkable event in Survey Corps annals.

PS – Les phoned the other night to report that he has received his Australian Service Medal and his 39-45 war medal as well as his ‘returned from active service badge’ – after all these years!

Kevin Walsh is with us again in spirit, memorialised in a personal plaque on the



Caloundra Memorial Walkway. The plaque was installed a couple of weeks ago – a ten centimetre diameter disk set in the pavement which simply reads ‘Major Kevin Walsh, Royal Aust Survey

Corp’ Australia. Yes – Corp! – where did they get that from? Certainly not from our Association. I am told they always use Corp. These old digs need to revise their minor staff duties. Nevertheless, it is there set into the pavement with the many hundreds of other personal plaques, one metre apart on both sides of the pathway all the way from Kings to Shelley Beach. Kevin’s plaque is at the Shelley Beach (northern end) of the Memorial Walkway.

Peter and Barbara Bates-Brownsword

fronted up to the medal presentation ceremony at the Lawnton Memorial Bowls Club on Wednesday 15th November to receive their Australian Defence Medals from the local federal member. Just another medal for Peter but not so for Barbara. Having served as a WRAAC at Fortuna for four years it is her one and only medal and she is rightly proud to have received it. Peter tells me that she has already given it an airing.

Mac McCarthy: I had a call from LVJ on 23 Aug to tell me that he was lunching with Mac McCarthy and did I remember him. Yes – I did but Mac had no recollection of me which was hardly surprising. I recall Mac in a group of ‘field tested’ and impressively experienced corporals all ex-Project Xylon (New Britain) who arrived at the School of Survey, Balcombe in early 1956 to do their Sergeant’s course. I was one of 30 or so Basic Course students (mine the 7/55 Basic Course) who wore a good deal of flack from this band of know-it-all done-

it-all veterans. (Actually they weren't such a bad lot.) Mac's Scottish accent at that time was pretty broad and often needed translation by that other Scot on the course – Jock Campbell. It is now just a pleasant burr. Apparently they emigrated to Australia together, enlisted in the Survey Corps having been working previously in UK with the Ordnance Survey and were on the 4/52 Basic Course with a few other notables, Dennis Cox, Jeff Lambert, Paul Doyle and Len Davies. LVJ was their introduction to Australia. Mac left the Corps in 1957 and worked for a while with local government and then the Forestry Department in WA but emigrated again to Tasmania to work for the Hydro. There he had contact with a number of ex RA Svy blokes – Peter Frodsham (with whom he has lunch from time to time) and Brian Berkery. Brian, of course, died a couple of years ago. Mac has been visiting his daughter in this part of the world and also called on Dennis Cox who lives right on the Qld-NSW border at Coolangatta.

Jock Kay: At this year's Corps Dinner at the United Service Club (reported in our last Bulletin) Jock was called upon to propose the toast to 'departed comrades and absent friends' Jock did so with this Welsh epigram: *Hwyl Fawr*. I asked Jock for a translation and this is what he gave me....

In Cymru (cum ree) meaning Wales or the Welsh national language. The horse always comes before the cart.

Hwyl (hoy who eel) run the sounds together to finish with something that sounds like oil.

Uses: Classically: rejoicing

Commonly: enjoyment, well being, happiness/health. Good fortune.

Fawr (voy who are) Run together to sound like jar with a V.

Meaning: great, much, lots of;

Uses: In Cardiff tonight there will be *Hwyl Fawr* because Wales beat England at Rugby. More commonly used when parting company *Hwyl Fawr Ichi* [(hickey) meaning to you if talking to a particular person] much as we would say all the best.

Steve Wilson has joined our Association. At my request Steve has sent me a brief resume:

I enlisted as an *adult trade trainee* directly into RASVY Corps in April 1970. I completed the 36/70 basic course for cartographic draftsmen under

direction of Sgt Bob Kay towards the end of 1970. My first posting was to the Detachment at Bonegilla where I was based for 5 years. From there I was posted as a Corporal to the Directorate of Military Intelligence in Canberra. During my time at DMI my wife (Monica) gave birth to triplets (Carla, Luke & Rachel) – sisters and brothers to Matthew who was 2 years old.

Due to the large increase in family members I requested to be discharged and took up the position of cartographer with the UNSW Geography Dept, Faculty of Military Studies at RMC Duntroon. After Duntroon I have worked in mapping, in the private sector and the public sector. My last position was senior cartographer with the NT Department of Mines and Energy. My immediate boss for a short time in Darwin was John Hillier who had recently retired as the Director of Military Survey.

I left the NT Dept of Mines and the mapping industry in 1986 and commenced a new career in the financial services industry. Three and a half years ago I sold my financial planning business which was based in Kiama and moved to Oxenford on the Gold Coast Hinterland where three of our children and our two grandchildren were living.

I now pursue a healthier outdoors type of life style as a lawn mowing contractoreach morning I set out with my John Deere in tow to service the needs of my clients who own acreage plots and industrial complexes between Oxenford and Yatala.

Life has not been dull for the Wilson's and I am glad to be associated once again with RASVY Corps, an organisation that I hold in high esteem.

The attached photograph of the Detachment is taken sometime in the mid 70s. I remembered most names, maybe some of the spelling might be a little incorrect. There were a few members absent at the time – Peter Cross, Greg Andersen, myself and others. (**Ed** – photo is in the Photo Gallery)

Daryl Hockings has sent the email below. Daryl signs himself off as Tipstaff to The Hon. Justice Dodds-Streeton, Supreme Court of Victoria. Now isn't that impressive! Daryl writes:

How are you? My apologies for not writing sooner. I think the last time I saw you was at the launch of "Mapmakers of Fortuna" I can't remember seeing you at the 90th dinner. Never mind... better late than not at all. I keep getting your little notes on the hardcopy newsletter, however you must realise by now that I am a terrible correspondent. Let me endeavour to rectify that a bit. I have been at the

SCV for 4 and 1/2 years now. Great job for old farts, a couple of Army types, a couple of Navy, and heaps of RAAF, and we all get along extremely well working for our respective Judges. It also stops us from getting up to a lot of mischief.

I believe we are destined to remain Melburnians, so we can be near our grand daughter and watch her grow up. We intend to make the trip to Qld in the next couple of years, but have not actually planned it yet. Also intend to make a trip to WA, but need to put in the effort to plan it.

I will send in the appropriate format some info re *Op Aright*, on the *rasurvey website*. I also have a copy of each of the full reports for Op Gading in 1974 and 1975. I kept a copy because I wrote most of it, together with Alex Laing. Please advise if these are any good to you and I will photocopy and forward to you.

Now that I've made the effort, I will try to continue to keep in touch. Best regards to all – Daryl

Ted Hunter is a WW2 veteran from the 2nd Field Survey Company. Ted is a fit 85 year old – plays golf twice a week. Ted lost his wife Doris a couple of years ago; Doris had also seen military service during WW2 as a teleprinter in the WAAF. (female RAAF) Ted led a prominent surveying career in private practice after the war and was a strong supporter of the NSW Survey Ex-servicemen's Association. Although the NSW Association moved to disband last Anzac day there is some hope that it may reform. Ted phoned me a week or two ago concerning the intention to install a plaque on the Canberra memorial walkway leading to the AWM commemorating the deeds of the Corps. Although there has been lots of talk about doing it, there has been little action. I undertook to contact a couple of our Canberra colleagues to see if some progress can be made to bring this very worthwhile project to completion.

Noel Sproles thinks nostalgically of the Rockhampton Drill Hall. It seems that the Rockhampton City Council are to purchase it from the Commonwealth Government to house the 'Central Queensland Military and Artifacts Museum'. The Museum will be operated on a voluntary basis by ex-servicemen.

The Minister's announcement stated *"Not only will the Museum now have a home but the*

story of the site since before Federation will now live on through the preservation of the Drill Hall and the rest of the site"

Noel muses...."Are they going to put on a display of RASvy types camping in the depot en route to and coming home from field trips? Perhaps have a siren go off before dawn to emulate Garney Cook getting up and stirring everyone else to get back on the road again?? ☺

Barry Parker in WA continues to maintain his membership of our Queensland Association. He writes:

"Yes I joined the Qld Association – felt that this would contribute to the costs of the Bulletin which I really enjoy receiving. One of these days I intend to make it to a function. Both Helen and I have a wish to revisit Cairns and this time spend some time in Brisbane." Barry continues:

"Haven't been able to attend WA functions this year. For some reason our Association always seems to have something on when we are already committed to something. Helen now has the all clear (from breast cancer) so hopefully we'll resume our social life a bit more.

We are off to Adelaide (for a wedding) then to Warragul to visit my sisters next month. As we haven't been to Canberra since the 60's we thought we'd like to revisit there. As a result we are flying Adelaide/Canberra then by bus direct to Warragul. Will be catching up with Graham Baker and probably Clem. Then in October we are off to South Africa. Our daughter, Alison – who lives in Las Vegas was to have come home for a visit last May, but had to cancel and rang to tell us and said that she and Jeff would meet us in Johannesburg on 18 Oct. They are taking his mother (from Adelaide) and us on a 12 day Wilderness Safari in Botswana. All private concessions and air transfers between camps. Talk about us having S.K.I. holidays.

Brian (Mead) sent me Kym's messages re the Web site - what a brilliant idea. Made the suggestion to him that once it's up and running a membership list for all Associations would be of great interest to anyone traveling.

We see Dora Sargent quite often. She's managing very well. It is hard to believe that it's coming on 3 years since Ray died". Best wishes... Barry

Bruce Bellette phoned from Perth (25 Aug) having driven from Mundingburra (Townsville)

pulling a camper trailer which Bruce says is the closest thing to camping that Eileen will come at. Bruce and Eileen have a second home in Perth at Wanneroo which comes into use when they visit their daughter Suzanne and two grand children. Bruce describes his Perth pad as being in a gated community without a gate. In any case it is very secure when he and Eileen are not in occupation. Bruce and Eileen visited Brian Mead who lives close by and was pleased to see that the WA Association is thriving. Bruce plans to take a slow trip back to Townsville detouring to Cape Arrid (a National Park east of Esperance) and the Eyre Peninsula in SA arriving home sometime in October.

Doug Willis: The name 'D Willis' of Oonoonba turned up on our Bulletin addresses recently so in response to a note I included in the post-out Doug has replied with the following email:

Subject: Who is D Willis - Oonoonba,
Thanks! I just received the Association Newsletter and read your note asking me where is Oonoonba and what does the D stand for in D Willis.

Well first off I am Doug Willis and I have just completed 20 years service with Army, having started on the 4/86 Cartographic Technician Course. My postings were:

5 Field Survey Squadron,
4 Field Survey Squadron,
Army Survey Regiment,
1 Topo Survey Squadron,
HQ 3 Bde (Townsville),
Defence Imagery and Geospatial Organisation (DIGO)
HQ 3 Bde (Townsville)

I finished up 1 May 2006 (ten years RASVY and ten years with that other mob) and now live in an outer suburb of Townsville (Onnoonba) that was actually bombed in the Second World War.

Something I started a while back which you may wish to have others add to is this on wikipedia.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Australian_Survey_Corps

I am pretty good mates with Brian Johnson and usually catch up with him when I get down to Brisbane for a cold beer and a laugh.

My only fame to claim is being in a helicopter accident on the 21st of May 1995 in what was the last field trip undertaken by the Survey Corps.

I now work with the Burdekin Dry Tropics Natural Resource Management Team as the GIS and Information Officer. I work with a very good mate of mine and an ex Survey Corps comrade - Perry Langeberg.

I'll be happy to contribute in any way. Regards,
Doug Willis

Graham Baker in an email reports that Charlie Watson circulated the RASvy web address to Canberra colleagues last week. Graham writes: Congratulations on a great initiative. I spent a couple of hours browsing through the past newsletters. It was good to see so many former colleagues still very active and, judging by the photos, remarkably well preserved – must be the weather.

Your readers might like to know that we had a visit from Barry and Helen Parker (5 Fd Svy Sqn) last week. We had a couple of days looking at the sights of Canberra and reminiscing. And we were joined at dinner on Wednesday night by John and Kerry Mobbs. Then, on Saturday, we had a visit from Diedre Bloor, wife of John Bloor. John and Diedre now live at Albany in south-west WA. Diedre is retired but John is doing some contract IT work.

On the home front, I left the Army in 1987 after 22 years service, and joined the Public Service (Australian Survey Office/AUSLIG/Geoscience Australia) and retired in July last year after 18 years. Since then I have been doing part-time work as a recruitment consultant.

My wife, Hook, is still working, as a teachers' aide, working with children with disabilities. One of her work colleagues is Claire Wagland, wife of Mick. Our eldest son, Christopher (whom Barbara and Peter B-B may remember as a one-year old baby when we visited them in the UK in 1982) is now 26 and working at the Reserve Bank in Sydney as an economist. He is getting married in October. Our younger son, Peter, is 22 and also living in Sydney where he works as an actuary with Trowbridge Delloitte.

Jasmine is 18, still at home and in her 2nd year as an apprentice chef at Rydges Lakeside Hotel in Canberra...Regards..Graham.

Bill Boyd and Dave (Thommo) Thompson have taken to bike riding very very seriously. I may have reported some time back that Bill and Dave ride bikes to keep fit. Bill said he had lost some 20 or more kilos and I am sure that would not be the result of just riding a bike. Anyhow, both entered the 'Sydney to Gong' Bike Bash recently – all in the interest of raising money for worthy charities, notably Multiple Sclerosis. Bill emailed...Thought I would pass this along to you so you can see how the Sydney to the 'Gong ride is described by the organisers:

"It was the biggest, the windiest and the toughest of Gong Rides but thanks to your efforts on Sunday our history-making return to Wollongong also became the MS Society's most successful fundraising event ever! Congratulations and thank you for sticking it out on the 25th anniversary Portfolio Partners MS Sydney to the Gong Bike Ride."

Dave had a spill and broke his collarbone which took him to the Sutherland Hospital to be patched up. In the process his helmet was broken into two pieces, so he certainly landed quite hard on the bitumen. Bill sent me a photo of Dave on the roadside awaiting the arrival of the paramedic after Bill had administered first aid. It was indeed a sore and sorry Thommo totally lacking the sense of humour and cheery attitude we normally ascribe to Thommo. Bill continues....I finished the ride and then went with our support team to pick up Dave's bike from the rest station near the scene of the accident. Having recovered his bike which was in much better condition than Dave, we picked up a very sore Dave from the hospital and went home.

Bill covered the distance in four hours and twenty eight minutes riding time...Not bad I reckon.

Ronald S Barr: Close to Kevin Walsh's plaque on the Caloundra Memorial Walkway is this



other one recently installed. It reads: Lieut Ronald S.Barr, VX 23341 2/1 Aust Survey Regt – Middle East. Born 22.03.1919; Died 9.12.2005. Perhaps our WW2 veterans may remember him. There are

a few other plaques to past RA Survey

members on the Walkway. Unfortunately (and perhaps it doesn't matter) unit details are frequently incorrect.

Jo Mazarol. Brian Mead sent me the notice below – it says it all...

It's JO MAZZAROL
Come and celebrate
his 80th Birthday

When: Saturday September 16th,
7.30 am for an 8.00 am start
(for a sit down breakfast)
Where: Matilda Bay Restaurant
3 Hackett Drive, Crawley
RSVP: Peta Monley 0417 555 505 or 9275 5935
For catering **PLEASE** let me know if you are
coming by September 8th.

No presents Please
A donation box for the RSPCA
will be available on the day.

THE NOT SO WELL

John Cattell has had the misfortune of suffering a severe psychotic event causing him to enter a period of total confusion and disorientation that lasted some months. The really good news is that it is a past event; with treatment John has made a total recovery and he is back to his old self. Of course he now has to look after himself a little better than in the past and Sally will see to that. It has been a tremendously traumatic event for his family and especially Sally and it was at the request of his family that we have not reported on John in the previous two Bulletins. However, word has spread around and both Sally and John would like it to be known that John has made a great recovery. To John and Sally from all your past friends and colleagues in the Corps we wish you a happy and trouble free future.

Alex Cairney has had a brief period of hospitalisation having a thyroglossal cyst removed from his throat which in Alex's words

made him look a bit like Kermit and certainly for a while made his speech a little more difficult to understand. (could that be?) He now sports a sizable scar below his chin which will soon disappear into one of those inevitable wrinkles we all seem to develop.

VALE

Frank (FET) Miller: By way of returned Bulletin we learnt that our Tasmanian based member Frank (FET) Miller had recently passed away. Frank was a Tasmanian by birth and was one of four Tasmanians to find their way into 5 Coy in 1943. Frank's letter telling of his introduction to the army and the Survey Corps was published in our November '03 (17) Bulletin with a further comment in our April '04 (18) issue. Frank started with defence military mapping in Tasmania in 1941 as a civilian working under a Captain ED Blackwood on re-establishing trig stations of 1850 vintage and then after Pearl Harbour on inch to the mile mapping. Frank turned 18 in 1942 and received his call-up papers. He was re-assigned back to his unit to continue one mile mapping (by plane table) and was sent to the Central Field Survey Training Depot to learn surveying with an emphasis on plane tabling. In August 1943 Frank and his mates were posted to 2 Fd Svy Coy at Childers to be engaged on trig work with Lt Norm Banks with stints of being camp cook. (No one was poisoned said Frank.) He was then posted to 5 Fd Svy Coy at Wongabel and continued with 5 Coy throughout the rest of the war. After the war Frank continued survey practice.

Frank commented that those called up in 1942 used broom sticks for training since there were no rifles available. Perhaps it wasn't seen that Tasmania would be directly threatened but Frank said that there were fears that Tasmania could be a soft target for Nippon and a good base for invasion of the 'big island'.

Our Association conveys sincere condolences to Frank's family on the passing of a long supporting but far distant member of our Queensland Association.

VIETNAM WAR DIARIES

It is handy for we computer 'less than literates' (speak for yourself you might say and I do) to have sons or daughters who are far beyond us oldies in they computer prowess and are dedicated internet explorers. My son Christopher (resident in London) is such a son and from time to time he brings to my attention a website that I might explore. Mostly these are political or conservationist – we share similar interests in this regard – but recently he drew my attention to this one:

<http://www.awm.gov.au/diaries/seasia/folder.asp?folder=636>.

It is a compendium of war diary entries (up to mid August 1966) and monthly reports for the Detachment (later 'A' Section) 1st Topographical Survey Troop in South Vietnam, that is, from June 1966 to the bitter end – September 1971. Each report is in PDF format and can be hard copied, printed out that is. Annexes are included but not map annexes.

War Diary? These were maintained by the Det until Mid August 1966 when units below independent squadron were ordered to stop. The Det's diary commenced on the 1st May 1966, the day we left JTC Canungra having completed our battle efficiency training.

RECENT PRESS RELEASE – Is the Army going soft?

Defence has taken a significant step forward in the improvement of permanent living accommodation for single members of the Australian Defence Force. This arrangement will deliver an improved standard of accommodation at the Defence bases of Holsworthy, New South Wales, and Enoggera and RAAF Base Amberley in Queensland.

Subject to the outcome of contract negotiations, *Plenary Living* has been selected as the preferred Strategic Partner in a Public Private Partnership arrangement under Project Single Living Environment and Accommodation Precinct (LEAP) Phase 1.

The new accommodation - a total of 1295 rooms - will offer independent living styles for

long-term living-in ADF personnel. It will feature self contained apartments with telephone and internet access, secure storage for personal possessions and undercover parking for motor vehicles.

Comment from Noel Sproles....

I think that we were a few decades too early!! Anyway what was wrong with the good old WWI tin huts or those lovely WWII Quonset huts? Good enough for the old diggers and they were good enough for us. Cool in winter, hot in summer, plenty of dust to practice your cleaning skills on. Or those lovely 'structures' in Port Moresby where the walls were half-in-half tin and fly wire with the lovely big gap at ground level so the water and mud off the hill could flow uninterrupted in the wet season across the floor on one side and out the other side? And internet access – who needed it when there was plenty of beer and raucous mates in the mess and bad girls in town? Independent living styles! Does that mean that the living in blokes will no longer be considered a pool of readily accessible and instantly appointed duty officers when someone fails to turn up. Now that would be an improvement.

A HISTORY OF SURVEYING IN QUEENSLAND

The launch of the joint publication titled '*SURVEYING – Queensland 1839- 1945*' – *A Pictorial History* by Bill Kitson and Judith McKay was launched at the Ian Hanger Recital Hall of the Queensland Conservatorium of Music, South Bank Brisbane by the Governor of Queensland, her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC. The history is sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources and the Queensland Museum. The publicity brochure accurately states; *Surveyors are the unsung heroes of the European settlement of Queensland. They explored new territories, blazed paths for communication, laid out town, marked property boundaries, mapped land and sea and defined Queensland's borders. As men of learning surveyors also played a leading role in science, culture and government.*

The labour and achievements of the State's early surveyors are recognised in this timely and fitting tribute based on many years of research by Bill Kitson, one of Queensland's best known Surveyors. The book is richly

illustrated and many photographs are shown for the first time.

Bill Kitson is an honorary member of our Association. His records contain a wealth of information and photos relating to the WW2 1st then 5th Field Survey Company raised and trained at Kilcoy. The history covers Queensland's commitment to military surveying in both WW1 and WW2.

OUTBACK POETS – Our own Brian Partridge(eat your heart out Banjo!)

Brian writes: 2 Field Survey Squadron conducted a geociever operation in north-western NSW in the early 1980's (Feb 1982 I think). There were a number of field parties and the "Boss" was Kym Weston. The field party in question that ventured forth to Cameron Corner and then back through Tibooburra consisted of Stevo Hinic, John (Shep) Shepherd and, yours truly, Brian (Beeps) Partridge. So the poem, whilst based on fact, has a little "poetic license" and is meant to be enjoyed in true Survey and Australian spirit. I wrote the poem while still on the operation.

An amazing post-script to this is that I was talking to a 'civvy' in Ballina last year and the conversation turned to north western NSW. Naturally I had to mention Tibooburra, the Family hotel and Barney Davie. To my surprise he said he knew of all them well because he was the police sergeant out there at the time! (small world).

THE STORY OF STEVO'S HAT

By Brian Partridge

Stevo had been born in the city
And when he joined the army he said:
*"Isn't it a pity,
In all this time I've been aroun'
I've never yet seen an outback town".*

So he left the "big smoke" one Wednesday dawn
Wearing greens that he'd ne'er before worn;
In his Rover and trailer he left the beaten track
And he set out to survey the great outback.

Through Lithgow, Dubbo and Nevertire
He drove in a way, well, you'd admire.

Around Bourke he saw his first western fauna
And two days later he reached Cameron
Corner.

For four days he worked there like an eager-
beaver,
Tracking satellites with his geoceiver.
He saw eagles, rabbits and occasionally a
spider
But the only people he saw was the odd
boundary rider.

As time wore he got itchy feet.
He said *"It's the outback people I want to
meet"*.
Then on the last "radio sched" the boss said;
*"It will be all right
If you drive to Tibooburra and spend the night"*.

Now you can never imagine the dazzling speed
With which Stevo struck camp, packing the
things he'd need.
He hitched his trailer and headed east of south,
I tell you – he was fairly frothing at the mouth.

When he drove up the main street he just
stared in awe
At this outback town and all the things he saw.
There were hitchin rails, sheep dogs and the
cop shop with one cell –
He couldn't wait to check into the Family Hotel.

Now Barney Davie was the licensee
And he used to be a drover – or so he told me;
Stevo yarned with him for a while,
obviously impressed by his stories and smile.

As the night wore on and the beer went down
Stevo said *"I think I'll spread myself aroun',
I'll have a talk to a shearer or a stockman and
have a look
at the clothes they wear and maybe yarn to a
drover's cook"*.

So he sidled up to a mob of blokes
Who were swilling their beer and telling jokes.
There was Al and Hank and Bluey "the big
fulla" –
They said they'd been droving up near
Cunnamulla.

Well they talked and they laughed till their
sides split wide

But, too soon, Barney roared *"Bar's closed! If
you wanna continue go outside"*.
So, armed with a carton – and to continue the
tale
They propped on the verandah, just by the
hitching rail.

Hank said *"Hey, Bluey – give us a tune, get
your guitar and we'll sing until noon"*.
Well they sang up every song they knew, trying
not to be too loud.
And fair-dinkum, they really did Slim Dusty
proud.
But Stevo was tired and full to his ear, he
slurred *"I must be goin', but first I want a
souvenir"*.

He looked at their boots, their belts and this
and that
And of Bluey he asked *"Would you sell me your
hat?"*
Bluey replied *"Well, give me a bid"*,
And thought *"Out of this bloke I'll make a quid"*.

Stevo bid three dollars; the drover said *"Seven!
Nah, we'll split the difference – make it five
even!"*
What happened next no lies do I quote;
Stevo could not see he pulled out a ten dollar
note!

Well the drover just smiled and back on his
haunches he sat.
And that night, no kidding, Stevo slept in that
hat.
Next morning his head ached and his ears they
did ring,
But he still managed a smile and said *"At last!
I've seen the real thing"*.

FOLLOWING CLANCY by Noel Sproles

Other than the first order traverse from
Charleville to Bourke, I never had the
opportunity to experience much of outback
Queensland during my much too-brief stay with
Northern Command Field Survey Unit. That is
not to say that I did not see a lot of God's own
country in that time. Quite to the contrary in
fact because we worked on various projects all
the way from the Lamington Plateau to Cape
Flattery north of Cooktown. I even got to see

the tip of Cape York and the Gulf when attached to the Regiment during my time in Papua New Guinea. But I never did see the vast sunburnt plains where Clancy of The Overflow went driving '...down the Cooper where the Western drovers go'.

I heard about it often enough of course when the 'warries' began to flow, along with the beer, in the bar at night or around campfires in the bush. Then place names such as Hughenden, Camooweal, Cloncurry, Normanton and the like were bandied about by the 'old timers' along with the gory details of the goings-on perpetrated in and around these far-off places. No wonder then, when planning the return route to Adelaide from a recent round trip to Darwin, that my eyes wandered east of the Stuart Highway and I splashed out on a new Shell roadmap to see if I could get home through western Queensland.

This was not my sole objective of course. Firstly, my wife and I had to complete the Oodnadatta Track. In 2005 we had travelled along the Track from Marla to William Creek before heading off it to Coober Pedy. This time we went via Leigh Creek to Marree and then to William Creek thus finalising our traverse of the Track. From William Creek it was back to Coober Pedy again and then north on the Stuart Highway. On the way to William Creek from Marree, we passed around the southern edge of Lake Eyre where the sun beating down on the great salt pan makes the horizon disappear in a shimmering haze of heat. As is the case along most of the Oodnadatta Track, we followed the path of the old Ghan line. Although the rails and sleepers have long been recycled, the earthworks of the original rail bed are still clearly evident. I was able to stand where those who rode the original Ghan got their first sighting of Lake Eyre. It was a nostalgic moment for me as my father, when in the RAAF, came along this way on the Ghan in 1942. He had an enquiring mind and would have been as excited as I was at his first sighting of Lake Eyre. Standing there in the silence and watching the heat shimmering off the lake, I could not help thinking of him and the thousands of others who came this way in those dark years.

The run from Coober Pedy to Darwin along the Stuart Highway is simply a matter of switching on the cruise control, pointing the car in the general direction of Darwin, and waiting for the kilometres to be eaten up. Once in the NT, there is the added bonus of no upper speed limit on the open road. While the road trains are enormous they are not all that frequent now, possibly as a result of the new Adelaide to Darwin rail line. After a pleasant stay in Darwin, a city changed considerably since I first visited it in 1971, it was off to Kununurra in WA. While the road was not as wide and as open as the Stuart Highway, it was still a good sealed road all the way allowing for fast driving. The scenery along the way can be quite spectacular, especially as you approach WA and the East Kimberleys. From Kununurra, Lake Argyle with its stunning blue waters and the Ord River Irrigation Scheme with its sugar cane, mango, sandalwood, and banana plantations are just a short drive away. We took a one day trip to Wyndham where we could look out onto the West Kimberley across the West Arm of Cambridge Gulf from the Five Rivers Lookout. Again it was with a bit of nostalgia as my last field trip as a 'worker' was into the West Kimberley with Clem Sargent and 5 Field Survey Squadron in 1971.

We had to retrace our steps from Kununurra back to Katherine and down to Tennant Creek before turning east and into Queensland across the Barkly Tableland. Contrary to what I had imagined, this area was very well vegetated to the extent that, despite a strong wind blowing all day, there was not a grain of dust stirred up. We stayed several days at Mt Isa visiting the mine and enjoying the hospitality of the various clubs in town. One of these, the Irish Club, even has a former Melbourne tram inside the building where it is used as a coffee bar. I wondered if I had ever travelled in this particular tram in all the years that I lived in Melbourne. Again, I had the impression from my school geography books that Mt Isa was a dusty little town in an equally dusty desert but this was not so at all. It is a quite liveable place situated amongst low rugged hills and is very clean and dust free. The whole region has its own beauty and charm and I could understand why the 'old

timers' telling their 'warries' so appreciated surveying and mapping out there.

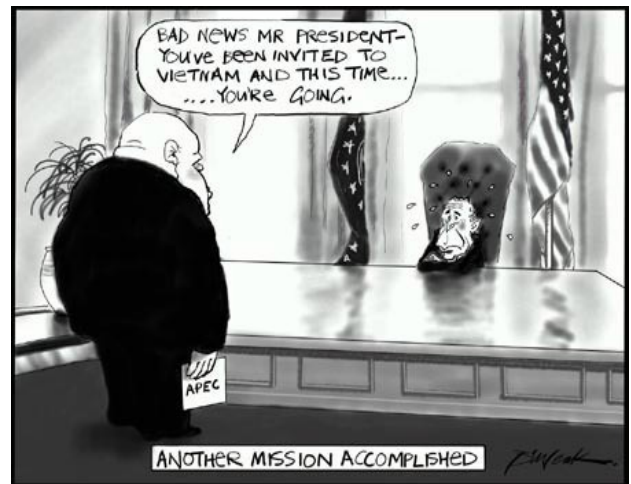
From Mt Isa we travelled to Winton and took a side trip to Lark Quarry to see the only known example in the world of fossilised dinosaur tracks left as a result of an ancient dinosaur stampede. Then it was on to Longreach and Windorah and finally to Birdsville and the Birdsville Track back to Maree. I did not find the Birdsville Track all that difficult to negotiate and indeed the unsealed portions of the developmental road from Windorah to Birdsville were rougher. The road surface on the Track varied from rough and stony to smooth clay and it was possible to safely travel at up to 100 kilometres per hour at times. The scenery with its sand hills, sometimes red and sometimes yellow, and vast red gibber plains made the journey worthwhile. At times there were wide open vistas with the Track stretching ahead to the horizon. At other times the Track wandered over the top of ancient sand dunes or meandered through low rocky hillocks. The only break was at Mangeranie with its quite unnecessary traffic light, outback pub, and the remains of Tom Kruse's old mail trucks. I was particularly excited when we finally crossed Coopers Creek as I could imagine Clancy driving his mob of sheep or cattle across the wide flat channels.

All in all we spent 28 days on the trip and traveled 10,312 kms in our Honda CRV, or 'Toorak Truck' as our daughter has dubbed it. In that time we journeyed through three states as well as the NT and crossed three time zones. The CRV averaged 28.6 mpg and, considering that we had a roof rack loaded with a second spare wheel and jerricans of water and fuel and took full advantage of the generous speed limits, this seemed a good mileage. The price of petrol being what it was, it was also much appreciated. Luckily we came through without incident and our 'Toorak Truck' took it all in its stride needing only a routine service and wheel alignment after we got home. We carried a full complement of camping gear that we used at both Alice Springs and Kununurra. On the other occasions we stayed in cabins in camping grounds as this is not only cheaper than motels but is just as comfortable, especially when the

cabin comes with full kitchen facilities. My wife had a lifelong ambition to sleep in the open under '...the wondrous glory of the everlasting stars'. We took the opportunity to do so on the banks of the Diamantina at Birdsville and it worked out well as I think that I have cured her of ever wanting to do it again!

We managed to gather a nice coating of red dust on the outside of our 'Toorak Truck' which my wife was keen to show to her 'stay-at-home' friends in Adelaide. But as luck would have it, just as we were completing the Birdsville Track and with home in sight, we had to ford a stream. As a result, all our lovely red outback dust was washed away much to our disappointment. However all was not lost as I finally got to see the real Queensland outback at last and become familiar with places heard about so many years ago. Also I guess reading Banjo Paterson will be that much more enjoyable having now seen '...the vision splendid of the sunlit plains extended' and where men like Clancy drove their mobs down the Birdsville Track into SA so long ago.

BUSH to 'NAM



Ho hum.....

Postscript: Bob and Wendy Skitch have planned a couple of overseas trips for 2007. Soon after Easter they are heading for New Zealand for five weeks and then in September to Durban, South Africa for their son Christopher's wedding to Sharon Ferreira. Safari parks are on the schedule as well as some time in Capetown. As a result, Bulletins in 2007 may be a little less regular.

PHOTO GALLERY



December 2006

Military Mapmakers Dinner



Barry Miller - Disguised as an Engineer



Barry Lutwyche and Veronica Bryce



Ian and Rose Read - enjoying life as a civvy



Derek and Sandra Stanmore – still recovering



John Ashby (the 'Ash')

Military Mapmakers Dinner - 2006



Barrie Craymer - in disguise



Sgt Paul Boulton - life of the party



Michael Duniam and Karen O'Neil



Ken and Kerry Lyons



At the table – Peter and Carol Cross on the left



September Reunion and AGM - Gaythorne RSL



Standing - Kym Weston, Grant Small, Adrian Creedy, Jim Beard, Faye Weston;
Sitting – Mary-Ann Thiselton, Dennis Gregor, Elaine, Debra Creedy, Sandra Beard



Bruce and Rosslyn Gordon, Jim Beard.



Cheryl and John Hook, Barry Lutwyche



Standing – Peter and Carol Cross, Wendy Skitch.
Sitting – Barbara Bates-Brownsword, Percy Long, Peter Bates-Brownsword, Andy Steen



Julie and John Ashby, Ian Fitzgerald, Ian Thiselton



Dave Anderson, Michael Duniam, John Gilbert



Barry Lutwyche, Wally Chilcott

Det AHQ Survey Regiment - Cartographic Detachment at Bonegilla in the mid 1970s



Back Row: Dick Manley, Phil Smalley, Ian Belmont, Wayne Rothwell, Kim Lensen, Geoff Prince, Paul Sjoberg, Rowen Gillies, Geoff Edmonds, Alex Spath

Third Row: Col Harden, Bob Rowley, Ian Thiselton, Doug Shakes, Graham Bradke, Stu Symonds, Chris Edwards, Ted Dudzinski, Chuck Berry, Peter Simpson

Second Row: Brian Wolf, John McCullough, Allan Wilke, Andre Hossen, Paul Pearson, Kevin Walsh, Ike Lever, Dave Thompson, Jeff Haynes, Peter Aukstinitis.

Front Row: Dick Barwald, Steve Hansen, Ian Marner, Dennis McCarthy, John Zuringer-Maly.

Photo sent by Steve Wilson