



NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 1987

The Barbecue held at the Gibsons' home on 8th November was, as usual, a great success; though we missed a few of the old familiar faces. The hospitality of Gordon and his wife, Sue (who, although a very busy lady, goes to a lot of trouble to make us welcome), and their son Dean, who presided busily and cheerfully over the cooking, and the perfect weather, all combined to make the day one to remember.

Those present were: Syd and Norma CAREY, Michael and Joyce CASEY, Len and Margaret CARRIGG, Ron and Madeline CHIDGEY, Alf and Flora DAVIS, Norma and Jackie KEELING, Sheila Gregory and Jim WILLIAMS, Noni and Lach McNAUGHT, Dennis and Peggy MOORE, Reg and Molly MURPHY, Allan and Meg OSBORNE, Aub and Gwen ROBERTS, Noel and Betty LANGBY, Ruth McDONALD, Margaret McCAFFERTY, Gordon and Marcia WILSON. Apologies were received from: Bob BURNSIDE, Geoff BALLARD, Bruce BENTWITCH, Daisy BOBIN, Jack BROWN, Betty CHESSELL, Bill and Florence ESTEP, Dave GEYER, Coral and Sandy HINDS, Helen and Jack KENNY, Stan KING, John LAIRD, John SHOEBRIDGE, Arthur SIMS, Athol WHYBURN.

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We have some very hardworking "retired" people in our Association. Helen KENNY is working on a project on Major Robert Ross, the first Lieutenant Governor of New South Wales who came out as a Marine Officer in 1788 and clashed with Governor Phillip. And if that isn't enough, Helen's husband Jack is on the final stages of a book which is a digest of what was known about Australia before 1788. Both sound like mammoth tasks and as Jack has been quite ill recently, and Helen has been getting around on crutches with a badly wrenched ankle, they are not doing too badly! We wish them every success and greatly improved health.

Speaking of books, a letter has been received from Dr. John Barrett announcing the publication of his book, "We were There", which tells stories of Australian soldiers of WWII. The book should be extremely interesting, though it has only one author because Professor Roger JOYCE, of Central Bureau, who shared the early planning and computer coding, died before anything was written. Sadly, a number of the respondents have also died; but Dr. Barrett says, "something of all these men survives in the book they helped to make". "We were There" is available in the major bookshops in our capital cities.

Daisy BOBIN is now an Associate Member. She writes that Mac Jamieson has succeeded her dear late husband, Alf, as Secretary of the Ex-RAAF Wireless Units Association in Queensland.

Bob BEVAN is recovering after major surgery, and we wish him good health from now on. Bob suggested that some members may like to share travelling expenses for the Brisbane trip; any suggestions will be forwarded to him.

Our Secretary Gordon has received a letter from Marvin ARONSON (some members will remember him better as "Ack-Ack"), in Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Marvin has a new computer which can do all sorts of "sorts" and so has extracted a listing of all ex-CBers now living in Australia for whom he has address information. Apart from an extensive tour of Britain, Marvin is heavily involved in cases which require research and expertise in Forensic Pathology. He ends his letter with "G'dye, Myte"! Do we Aussies really sound like that to our American friends?

Letters to hand also from Eve SCOTT who attended a meeting last March at which General MacArthur's personal photographer presented a photographic coverage relating to the war in the Pacific; from Ray EDDOLLS, and we send our best wishes to Ray's wife who is far

from well, from Diana PARKER with good memories of Alf Bobin; from John SHOEBRIDGE who was off to the U.S.A. in October and is due back early December - our greetings also to John's wife who was not well enough for the trip; from Gordon CHAPMAN, with interesting detail of some of his service with CB - Gordon and his wife are planning to come from Brisbane for Anzac Day in Sydney next year, and to stay with Marcia and Gordon WILSON. Please keep the letters coming in.

Marion WINN was in Brisbane recently and had telephone chats with Rita (TAYLOR) Balin, Sybil (BECK) Brady, Peter COLLESS, Frank WARD. We look forward to seeing them all next year at 21 Henry Street.

Percy PLEDGER keeps in touch; he has reported the death of Ivor WILLIS on Sunday, 29th November. Ivor suffered a stroke some years ago and had been incapacitated since then.

FUNCTIONS FOR 1988

SYDNEY

WREATH LAYING, ANZAC DAY MARCH and REUNION to be as usual.

BARBECUE at LANE COVE RIVER NATIONAL PARK to be on WEDNESDAY, 27th APRIL.
b.y.o. meat, drinks and utensils, plus a little extra for our overseas visitors.
Executive Committee to provide salads, desserts, tea and coffee.

Please bring, if possible, folding chairs, airpots and thermos flasks.
Details for directions in next Newsletter.

BRISBANE

PICNIC after PLAQUE UNVEILING CEREMONY on SUNDAY, 1st MAY, at 21 Henry Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Look have very generously insisted on this and we owe them our grateful thanks.

Arrangements have been made for Executive and other members to provide refreshments, also the hiring of tables, chairs and an urn, and the purchase of disposable cups, plates, and cutlery. Reimbursement will be made from Association Funds. As funds are not unlimited, a small donation from any member who cares to participate will be much appreciated.

We hope Dr. Abe Sinkov will be there to officially unveil the plaque following a few words of introduction from our Association President. Medals will be worn.

MELBOURNE and CANBERRA - Details to be advised when known.

Norma Keeling has been authorised to purchase a gross of gold-rimmed tumblers embossed with our logo and "1988 Reunion", at a cost of no more than \$400. Each attending member to be presented with one, and a set of six, suitably boxed, to be given to Mr. and Mrs. Look as a token of our thanks.

PRESIDENT MICHAEL CASEY sends his best wishes to all for a happy holiday season, and best of health and happiness for 1988 - it should be a bumper year!

Madeline Chidgey
Publicity Officer.