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EXECUTIVE NEWS.

THE A.G.M.

In accordance with the notice duly given our A.G.M. was held at the Combined Services Club, Barrack Street, Sydney on 5 February, 1996. Nineteen members attended and several apologies were recorded..

Sufficient nominations of persons willing to accept the Offices for which they were proposed were received to fill all positions on the Executive Committee for 1996. In no case was it necessary to conduct a ballot.

This is the team for 1996.

President:	M. Casey.
Vice Presidents:	B. Bentwich, M. Chidgey.
Hon. Secretary:	H. Kenny.
Hon. Treasurer:	N. Keeling.
Publicity Officer:	D. Moore.
Committee Members:	J. Kennedy, J. Shoebridge, G. Swinney.
Hon Auditor:	R. Chidgey.

Members present observed one minutes silence to mark the passing of members known to have died in 1995. We remembered Aubrey Roberts, Allan Osborne, John Walsh and Gordon Wilson.

The Hon. Treasurer presented detailed income and expenditure accounts which revealed inflows amounting to \$3523 and expenditure of \$2912. Our cash position as at 31 December, 1995 was a surplus of \$2043 held in our account at Westpac Bank, Miranda NSW. Our major expense items were printing, stationery and postage.

The issue which prompted some discussion at the meeting was the selection of the venue for the reunion function which follows the Anzac Day March. When put to the vote the decision favoured the Hotel Lawson for 1996 with provision for the 1997 venue to be decided after the 1996 reunion.

HON. SECRETARY'S PAR.

The writer this time is Helen Kenny, your newly elected Hon. Secretary, who is trying to replace the irreplaceable Gordon Gibson, holder of the post for a decade.

I hope that Gordon and his wife Sue enjoy their tour of Britain, that they have safe travel all the way and a good trip home - eventually. It is selfish to wish that Gordon were at hand, to give advice about papers and files.

We went through all that when he came to my home with armfuls of suitcases and bags. He tipped out the contents - carefully - then gave calm spoken and written instructions. His face bore a smile which seemed to be one of relief. Then he hurried away, and left the country. Now the CB files cram several shelves in my "office" (second bedroom). They take up two deep drawers in a wardrobe. They go back to the times of past secretaries - Jim Williams, Marion Winn, Mick Casey. Some reports are hand written, some typed. They are archival, with mention of GCCS (Bletchley Park), and of SIS members here and in America.

I riffle the papers and set out to write a report. The typing is erratic. I think I was more accurate, when I was a young cipher operator, and hammered the keys of a Typex machine in that garage at Henry Street, Ascot. But that's past. It's 1996 and I'm in the job, lacking Gordon's expertise. Patience please - and introduce- or re-introduce yourselves- if I don't have instant recall of faces and names. (Will I ever ?) On with it now to

The Anzac Day Reunion. 1996.

After the march we meet at the Hotel Lawson, 383 Bulwara Road, Ultimo, where the Eureka Room is booked for our lunch. Cost is \$23.50 for a buffet/smorgasbord choice of hot and cold dishes and desserts. Drinks are extra. I haven't been to the Hotel Lawson, but those who have say it's a pleasant and comfortable meeting place, and that the menu and service are good. Parking is limited, but you can get there without a car. When the March ends, go to Pitt Street, catch the monorail, and get out at the Entertainment Centre. Take the walkway to Harris Street, then cross over to MacArthur St and take the second left which is Bulwara Road. It's not too far to walk. Seek the Lawson Hotel and the Eureka ("I have found it") Room. I hope that we all find it and that our gathering is good.

Combined Reunion Number 8.

This is planned for Brisbane, which we should reach on Friday, August 9. We hope - as in past years that we could all stay in the one centre - where we could join old friends and make new. This seems a probability because we're booking rooms at the Hamilton Motor Inn, 422 Kingsford Smith Drive,

Hamilton, Qld., 4007. Phone (07) 3268 - 5411. This is close to transport, has good quality budget accommodation, a lift, airconditioning, all you'd expect. It's close to the Brisbane River; a new ferry service to the City will start from Hamilton in July. (I gather we'll be amazed at all the changes to Hamilton docks.) If we all don't fit into the Hamilton Motor Inn about eight twin rooms will be available for us at the nearby Riverview Motel. Those who stay at Riverview would have their meals at the Hamilton Motor Inn's restaurant. **You could book now to ensure your accommodation.** To make your booking contact the Hamilton Motor Inn yourself and send a deposit. Make sure you let the manager know that you that you are part of the C.B.I.C.A. Inc. team expected over the weekend 9-10-11 August 1996. It would help if you let me know at the same time.

The reunion would cover Saturday, August 10 and Sunday, August 11. There is much to discuss and to settle before then. Information is flowing in from the north, where Al Jenkin, in particular has been busy. Although recovering from an operation on his leg, Al has managed to get about on CB business. He has sent three long hand-written letters describing plans made on our behalf and has enclosed maps and brochures.

On Saturday, August 10, we can see General MacArthur's old eighth floor office in that AMP building in Edward Street. Alan Campbell, who served as a Flight Lieutenant in the Solomons and as a liaison officer in the building, has arranged for us to view this place - with its collection of historic letters, photographs, memorabilia and copy of the surrender document. For the past 20 years he has worked to have a centre established there and now - with the help of the Australian-American Association - it will be open for inspection. After this we walk a short distance — and we have lunch.

A committee set up by Mac (Mackenzie) Jamieson, Secretary of the Queensland RAAF Wireless Units Association has booked the Harp Room of the Irish Club for their annual reunion luncheon on Saturday, August 10, and we will "combine" with the WU Association for this function (as we did a few years ago). The Club, at 175 Elizabeth St., Brisbane, is listed as Q.I.A. - the Queensland Irish Association. You can't miss it. It's painted green.

The Club serves stout in the traditional style. The lunch, costing about \$18 is substantial (example - roast lamb, beef or pork or "A combination of all three"). There are special diet meals on request. Lift access. Bar service. No smoking. No parking. Transport is close and good. Thank you Al, Mac, Irene, Alan Ryan, Perce Howard and Reg Harris for all you have done for CBICA..

After lunch we can visit the "old Hamilton Fire Station" with its commemorative plaque. The building is now on a secondary campus attached to the main Gateway Campus of TAFE.

Arrangements are being made to let us see it. From there we may walk up to 21 Henry Street, Ascot where Mr. Joe Look has given permission for us to visit the old place once again.

Sunday, August 11 should be interesting. We're making arrangements to have a wreath laying service at the Australian-American Memorial. This is a beautiful riverside parkland close to the 150 year old Newstead House, Newstead. (Parking is easy).

The six-metre tall stone monument, topped by an eagle, bears several plaques. One is worded: "They passed this way." The memorial, raised by the people of Queensland, is in "grateful memory of the contribution made by the people of the United States of America to the defence of Australia during the 1939-1945 war."

The people of Brisbane and the Australian-American Association also helped to create this memorial.

After the service, we take to the water - if everything goes to plan. We hope to charter an Ad-Princess cruise boat, go aboard at the nearby Breakfast Creek ramp, and have a leisurely trip up-river, having lunch and drinks aboard. On this outing we'll be joined (I'm assured) by members of the Wireless Units Association and of the Australian-American Association. The length of the trip depends on the state of the tide, but after its ending we should have plenty of time to explore new sights of Brisbane - perhaps the South Bank (on the old Expo site) or the new airport terminal. Our break-up meal on Sunday night will be at the Hamilton Motor Inn, where Denis Burt, the Manager is arranging catering and for us to have the dining room to ourselves.

After the weekend it's auld lang syne/au revoir/

until next time. May all go well at this 1996 reunion of Army, Air Force and American colleagues.

A more formal programme of the events and a form to enable you to let me know that you will be supporting the reunion and the various functions will be sent to you with the June Newsletter.

Speaking of Americans I've had interesting letters from Myron Scougale of 4904 College Avenue, Everett WA., USA. Myron, who worked at Henry Street as Secretary for Col. Sinkov and Lt. Col. Harry L Clark married an Australian girl, May, who was a teacher at Somerville House. They met at Albert Street Methodist Church, Brisbane, and will have been married 52 years by May 25 this year. Congratulations. They've been back to Australia about 10 times since World War II. Can they get here for our August reunion?

Welcome to new members Valmai Glennon (Black) ex AWAS of 19 Seventh Avenue Berala 2141, Winifred Kelly (Deed) an ex AWAS who now lives at 21 Harris St., Sans Souci 2219 and to another ex AWAS, Norma Howard (Gee) of Unit 87, RSL Village, Yalalambree Yallambree Ave. West Gosford, 2250. We hope to meet you soon.

That's all for the moment. Dennis Moore is waiting for this badly typed script and I'm up against a deadline. Greetings to members!

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P.S. Myron Scougale asked me where Lavender Bay was. It's close to North Sydney, to the Harbour Bridge and to the now closed Luna Park.

H.K.

TREASURER'S COLUMN.

Have just returned from a week up the Highlands of Victoria visiting Bright, Beechworth, Mt. Beauty and many other lovely and interesting places and enjoying the beautiful scenery, even visited an Alpaca farm so I feel now I'm once more in the land of the living and coping quite well and now

looking forward to our Reunion next August in Brisbane and meeting up with you all again, in the meantime of course will be Anzac Day at The Lawson Hotel, particulars of both events you will read in other columns of the Newsletter.

Going back to our 1995 reunion in Canberra; if anyone has any photos or negatives they could send them to me for our C.B. album Madeline would be most grateful.

I do enjoy receiving and reading letters from members attached to their subs and take the opportunity of answering them in my column. Firstly from Jean (Robertson): I'm sure, Jean we'll have more opportunity to chat together at our next reunion but glad you had an enjoyable time with Noni and Lachie. I received a letter from Noni today to say they had a wonderful holiday in N.Z. celebrating their 50th. Anniversary. Glad to hear from you Joyce (Grace) and hope you'll be down for Anzac Day. The A.G.M. was successful with quite a good attendance, Mike Casey becoming President once again. Have noted you are a Tasmanian, Joyce (Sandars) despite living and joining up in Victoria and to let you know the sub query has now been fixed after much scratching around in my waste paper basket. John (Larkin) I can't imagine how the free subs came about as this is not so, but thanks for your letter.

Glad you are keeping well Rupe (Fisher) and that we'll possibly see you in Brisbane and may we also see you from W.A. Joyce (Pugh), thanks for your best wishes. I do hope your ear problem Earle (Heap) has improved also the cataract op. was successful, despite all this you say you hope to make it to Anzac Day. I hope you've been successful in selling your house by now Val (Miller) I certainly can sympathise with you re your knee op. but certainly exercise is very important, I still visit physio twice a week and exercise twice a day, it's certainly a slow recovery. I didn't get up to Brisbane as I had planned Betty (Chessell) but will be up in August for, our re-union; will ring you from my friends home in Corinda the week before.

Sorry Dave (Geyer) your knee is still a bit troublesome, me too, thanks for your sympathy. Very apt was your remark Harold (Sullivan) about being able to continue the journey, that's all that matters, there is no need to worry about the destination. So glad to get a letter from Joe (Richard). Isn't it a thrill Ken (Brown) to catch up

with old pals. Thanks for the compliment Reg (Harris).

You should know me by now Roy (Ward) ! I'm Norma, not Nancy but what's a name between friends. Glad to read you are 90% back to normal after your fall Jean (Hicks). Sorry we didn't see you in Canberra, Coral and Sandy; perhaps next time. Hoping you are both keeping well now, your Golden Wedding sounded terrific. Was delighted to receive your American stamps Graham (Lobb) as I have been a collector of American stamps since I visited your country way back in the 70's. I remember I reached Washington on my way to friends in Connecticut during a heat wave but enjoyed your City just the same. I must admit the Christian Blind Mission and I divided your stamps. Jacky and I so enjoyed our visit to your most attractive home and lovely garden Alan (Langdon) and the plums were delicious; thank you for the invitation.

Many letters show their appreciation for the work the Committee carries out and how much the Newsletter is enjoyed. I thank all who have sent their best wishes and those still sending me used stamps.

I thought perhaps the following may be of some interest to those people writing books of their war experiences and in need of a publisher, as a fellow I know who has already written a book on the war in New Guinea, has started a publishing business and he has given me the following particulars to make contact:- Clive Baker, Australian Mutual History Publications, 13 Veronica Place, Loftus NSW 2232. phones 015 284 760 and a.h. (02) 521 6515. Any manuscripts about Australians at war please send them for evaluation together with photo copies of any photographs.

Gordon I know will be missed but I know Helen Kenny, who valiantly took on the vacancy will do a great job and I know we all thank her.

Again my little bit of philosophy:—

I've learned that if you smile at people they will almost always smile back.

Norma Keeling.

SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE THEN AND NOW.

(Newsletter tests the *INTERNET*)

THE EARLY DAYS *

When and where did it all begin? Who started this business of listening-in to somebody else's radio messages? It is not all that long ago that radio made its debut as a means of conveying information. I don't know whether in World War I the primitive spark gap radio telegraphy messages were intercepted. From available records it seems that the first Britishers who intercepted on an organised basis were civilians. They eavesdropped on other people's radio traffic using their own radio receivers in their own homes, often after a day's work in the factory or office. These people were radio amateurs who were required to put in four hour shifts listening to frequencies allocated by the British Radio Security Service. The service recruited these elderly amateurs, organised their work and received their logs.

According to that prolific writer on Sigint topics, Major Hugh Skillen, (his first book "Spies of the Airwaves" was published in 1980) "the Germans were pioneers in the organised use of clandestine radio". In 1936 they established a secret radio reporting service to collect information in foreign countries and to transmit the information back to Germany. Major Skillen asserts that "the British were unprepared for radio war." They knew, however, that in the mid 1930s the German agents were operating transmitters in the U.K. The Radio Security Service was established as a counter measure. Slowly and secretly the amateurs were recruited into the Service to be volunteer interceptors. They were asked to sort out from the cacophony of radio signals audible in the U.K. and emanating from Europe, the U.K. and adjacent countries those signals being transmitted by the German agents.

As the headquarters of the Radio Security Service was developed, teams of traffic analysts were trained. In those days they were not known by that name but they tried to achieve the same results. Academics from Oxford and Cambridge were also moved in. We know now just how the whole

business grew and spread over the globe. By war's end in 1945 the British Army had a vast "Y" (intercept) service. It is claimed that the RAF listed sixty eight, yes 68, Wireless Units based in U.K., the Western front, North Africa, Gibraltar, Ceylon, Burma and India. When the RAAF named its radio intercept units "Wireless Units" it was probably following the lead of its British masters. The Royal Navy was in the business, too, but doesn't get much publicity.

Topping the British Sigint pyramid was, of course, Bletchley Park, its shrouds of secrecy torn away in recent years.

NOW

Measured by tax-payers dollars invested, Sigint is now of major importance; certainly in Australia and America and there isn't any major declared war. It has become a sub-set of a wider enterprise known as Electronic Warfare or E.W. CBICA members are in a much better position to be aware of Australia's current Sigint effort than most citizens. Although the wraps were taken off the Defence Signals Directorate some years ago most citizens know little, if anything, about D.S.D. The National Security Agency of the U.S.A. is big in the Sigint business in America. The Agency describes SIGINT as just one category of intelligence information which itself comprises three arms: Communications Intelligence (COMINT), Electronic Intelligence (ELINT) and Telemetry Intelligence (TELINT). NSA provides pages of information about its activities in the field of Signals intelligence with paragraphs about the contributions of the U.S. Navy, Army and the Air Force Intelligence Agency. Your Editor perused this data on 7th March. It had been updated to 4th March 1996.

Now, perhaps we get to the real point of this story. Where do you go if you want up to date information about what is happening now in this wide world? A good public library has vast amounts of information on many subjects. It might be, however, kilometres away from your place of residence and by the time material is written, edited, printed, published and accessed by the library it is a bit stale. Of course there is the news filtered through Mr. Packer's or Mr. Murdoch's media or the A.B.C. What about a personal computer as a means of accessing information in the comfort of your own home at any hour, day or night?

The other day my PC was on. It was "logged on" to the Internet.

The words on the screen asked me for the name of the topic I wished to search.

So I pressed the keyboard letters one a time (how else would you do it) —S~ I~ G~ I~ N~ T . This will test that much vaunted Internet or World Wide Web, I thought with scepticism abounding. Not many people have even heard of the term Sigint, far less have any information about it.

So I "clicked" the search box, fully expecting the screen to tell me something like "search unsuccessful; no match found."

In half a minute, nay much less than that, the screen was full of information about sites on "the Net" where I could browse, at leisure, information about Sigint or Electronic Warfare. There were sixty one (61) listings and I could choose to have them presented on my screen in blocks of ten and ranked from most relevant to least relevant to my search topic.

Overwhelmed by the richness of the data base available to me I quickly chose to look at the National Security Agency pages and skimmed paragraph after paragraph about American sigint. Just to test the system further I then selected the site of "The Journal of Electronic Defense" (Defense ; it was, after all, an American publication.)

To continue with this story I should introduce you to "on-line magazines" or "E (for electronic) magazines". The Journal of Electronic Defense is an on - line magazine with colour pictures, a cover story and articles all concerned with the business of Electronic Warfare. And I mean Business; the magazine is a market place for the manufacturers and consumers of the devices and systems used in electronic warfare. This Journal has a News Group, as well, where one can post messages and seek replies; which I did on behalf of CBICA. I was seeking to indulge in some interchange with someone interested in the history of Sigint. In this commercial world, however, no one responded.

Perhaps you know all about "on line magazines". On the other hand many people express surprise when they encounter any elderly citizen who actually "surfs the Net." It is not difficult, especially if you have a mentor under 35 years of age. The difficult bit is acquiring the cash to buy the gear! Enough for now; perhaps in a later issue of Newsletter another one of our members might continue the theme——legitimate eavesdropping

on " the Net" and what can be discovered about Sigint 1990's style.

** Much of the information in the part of this story headed "The Early Days" was gleaned from the published proceedings of the Enigma Symposia held at Bletchley Park in 1994 and 1995. These two publications record the presentations made at the reunions. They are fascinating accounts of the first hand experiences of British sigint people ; and Australian Geoffrey Ballard. The copyright in the publications is owned by Hugh Skillen. Newsletter's copies of the publications are by courtesy of Geoffrey Ballard.*

VALE

It is with regret that we record the death last year of Mr. Herb GIELIS, formerly of Epping. Only a very succinct note of his death was received a few weeks ago. Earlier in the year he had offered to resign from the Association. Because of his declining health he had felt that he was beyond participating in any CB activities but we prevailed upon him to maintain a link with the Association, however tenuous.

PEOPLE.

WHAT HAPPENED TO MELINSKY ?

Reporter: H. Roy Ward OAM.

Over the past 50 years it has often been a question at re-unions 'what happened to Melinsky ?' Last May, while in England for a few days, I decided to try and find Hugh Melinsky who had been an English Intelligence Officer first with No. 2 Wireless Unit at Coomalie Creek, 80 kilometres south of Darwin and four kilometres west along the Batchelor Road from the Stuart Highway. He later went to Labuan and the Philippines. Hugh arrived at Coomalie Creek a rather raw Warrant Officer and wondering whether he would be forgotten and never get his commission. He was rather a comical sight with lilywhite legs partially hidden beneath those voluminous shorts commonly referred [to] as 'Bombay Bloomers'.

Hugh, Mike Webster at No. 3 Wireless Unit also at Coomalie Creek doing Japanese Army-Air (No. 2 was Navy-Air), Barry Smallman and Tony Carson were the Pommies fresh out of Bletchley Park and sent to help us win the Pacific War. There were 12, in all, in Australia. Melinsky is mentioned favourably in Alan Stripp's book - "Codebreaker in the Far East" and recognised as a very fine writer in Japanese. He returned to England to become a schoolteacher and later became a priest in the Anglican Church and retired a Canon of the establishment. He now lives in Norwich.

Hugh was detached from the Australian Army late in 1945 and spent Christmas in Delhi via Colombo. He returned to Singapore for six months doing practically nothing and arrived in England in June 1946. Between June and October he spent time with the War Crimes Interrogation Unit in London and returned to Cambridge. From 1949 to 1957 he was a schoolteacher then 'reversed the collar'.

He has six grandchildren and has written a short history of 'Grandpa's War'. He has visited Australia twice (1984 and 1987) the latter occasion being hospitalised after a motor cycle accident. Hugh would like to hear from Ken Price who was with him in San Miguel. Can someone help? Hugh and wife Renate live at 15 Parson's Mead Eaton, NORWICH NR4 6PG, ENGLAND, Phone : 44 1 603 455042

From Roy WARD

BETTY CHESSELL is travelling to the USA and may attend the SIS Reunion to be held in Florida in May. Perhaps she can be prevailed upon to provide a report for us when she returns.

Cec. COUSINS reports that it is not difficult to obtain, free of charge, copies of all records of service from joining to discharge. In his case he got back sixteen sheets after writing to the Discharged Personnel Records, Air Force Office, Department of Defence.

Margaret RAYMOND attended a ceremony to unveil a plaque at the Shaw Estate, Kalinga, Qld. This is a site of significance to former members of the A.S.W.G. Hope to include Margaret's account of the ceremony in a future Newsletter.

An unconfirmed report has well known C.B. author, Geoff.BALLARD writing again; not about Central Bureau but about the last time Australia hosted the Olympic Games.

CHANGES IN THE MANAGEMENT TEAM.

In CBICA Inc. we seem to prefer stability in the management team and that has some advantages. On the other hand who knows what an injection of new, fresh talent might do to the fortunes of our Organisation.

The events of the past year created three vacancies for new members on the Executive Committee. We are fortunate that three more Association members were prepared to give up some time to work in the interests of our Association of Sigint pioneers. Anyone who has been involved with community organisations or unpaid committees knows that there are rarely high numbers of willing volunteers for office. Perhaps this is especially the case with groups of elderly citizens. We have the added problem that many, if not most, of our membership resides far from the Sydney headquarters. Anyway—— we have three willing workers and not all based in Sydney. They are your representatives on the management team, (along with the members continuing on, of course) so let's meet them through your journal.

JIM KENNEDY of Turramurra, 'phone 02 489 4334, served with the RAAF 1943 - 46 in number 4 W.U. in Australia and the islands finishing going ashore on D-day on Labuan, Borneo with No. 2 Detachment, from recollection under Flight Lieutenant Ramage. In civvy street Jim had a career in Law graduating LLB at Sydney Uni. in 1948 and practiced as a city solicitor in his family law firm until about 1985-86 when he became a consultant, part-time, for several years.

Jim sums up his recollections thus "Such was the tight security surrounding the Unit operations generally, the word "SIGINT" was unknown to the 'erks' and the need to know seemed to be the applicable criterion for the passage of all information."

JOHN SHOEBRIDGE of 8/81 Shirley Rd., Wollstonecraft, was posted to RAAF Command in Brisbane and after a short familiarisation course at Central Bureau was allocated to 2 Wireless Unit during its formation at Townsville. Later he followed this Unit when it became fully operational at Darwin.

Some nine months later he received a further posting back to Central Bureau and worked in a general clerical capacity in the office of Captain Nave, who occupied a hut within Ascot Park. John says that on his Discharge Certificate his RAAF trade was designated "Recorder W".

GORDON SWINNEY lives in Gateshead near Newcastle in N.S.W. Phone number is 049 43 0106. He spent the war in the Sydney University Regiment, 110th Light Anti Aircraft Unit and the final three years in the RAAF with 4 Wireless Unit, initially at 21 Henry Street and subsequently at Morotai, Hollandia and Labuan. Gordon says he "gravitated" to a group comprising Roy Perry, Jim Kennedy, Doug Mc.Nally, Geoff Milne and on the fringes, Bernie Stapleton, Con Weir and Donald Mc.Kenzie Craig.

On demobilisation "nobody seemed to know to whom we belonged it wasn't until sometime in the 60's that Jim, Doug, Roy, Geoff plus a couple of others started to march in Sydney with RAAF Radar. Much later Doug discovered we were lost souls of something called Central Bureau and here we have been for the last eight or ten years."

After twenty two years school teaching Gordon has had an ongoing career of twenty six years with Swipe Australia Pty. Ltd. and, at age 74, he is still energetically promoting the Company's products.

A WORKER FOR C.B.I.C.A. Inc.

A Secretary, according to dictionaries, is a recorder and a writer, a collector of information and a helper. Over the last ten or so years Gordon R. Gibson has been all of those things for C.B.I.C.A. Inc and a bit more besides. He has been a motivator, a communicator and someone who has been clearly identified as a pivotal in our organisation. Now he has retired, once again, from the work force both paid and unpaid and has embarked with wife Sue on "the journey of a lifetime". When they return in about twelve months Sue and Gordon will be seasoned world travellers

Let us place on record our appreciation for the many, many hours of paperwork and creativity which Gordon has contributed to C.B.I.C.A. Inc. In discussions on the Executive Committee, (yes, indeed, there are some from time to time) he would strongly defend a position with which he may have aligned himself, but would retreat with goodwill when faced with a majority in opposition, which happened infrequently. Shouldn't this be the norm on all committees?

Those of us fortunate enough to have been able to attend, have fond memories of Sue and Gordon's CB barbeques at their former home in Pymble. Before the days of Combined Reunions these barbeques were the Association's major social event other than Anzac Day. It was at these functions that we met the family, Dean, Philip and Kate all of whom helped. Those youngsters of days gone by have grown up now but Dean, with his computing skills, continued to be a behind the scenes worker for CB until a few weeks ago. Our thanks are due to the Gibsons, all of them.