



CENTRAL BUREAU INTELLIGENCE CORPS ASSOCIATION JUNE 2016

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This ANZAC Issue further commemorates the ANZAC Centenary

Sixty three of us met for lunch in the familiar "Windows Room" at the Pullman Hotel – an ideal venue – spacious, lovely outlook, good food and wonderful company. That there were 12 marching behind the CB Banner along Elizabeth St this year is indeed a tribute to all especially the five or six "veterans". Congratulations, but it could be time to shout, "Please push my wheelchair!" Don't be too proud. H.K.

HELEN KENNY'S REPORT

ANZAC Day: a time of reflection; rosemary for remembrance.

Thank you **Samantha Gibson**, 14 year old granddaughter of Gordon Gibson for your sketch of a sprig of rosemary, which illustrates this issue and will illustrate future Newsletters.

I haven't marched for years, but remember asking **Dennis Moore** why our green and gold banner had holes in it. Banner Carrier Dennis replied that the holes were to prevent wind filling the banner like a sail and sending the banner bearers flying.

Since the death of Dennis, his son, Rob, has taken on the banner bearing duty. Rob says there's been an improvement in banner design. He'll describe it for us when he has time.

The late **Les McClean**'s son, David, has been a banner carrier, and the clan was there. (How well we remember the times when Les presided over our gatherings at the restaurant, Philip's Foote, in The Rocks.)

Others didn't agree with the new route. **Mark Brackley**, who carried the banner with **Rob Moore** thought it seemed too long. His 91 y.o. Dad, **Col Brackley**, was one who found the march hard going. **Ian McBride**, grandson of Dennis also came to the Pullman.

Mark Brackley and **Ailsa Hale** said there were fewer bands with which to keep step. Fewer school band involvement may be due in part to ANZAC Day falling in the school holidays.

The big question, "Are the authorities planning to make the Elizabeth Street Route permanent?" The new Light Rail should be given a hurry up so the March can revert to the Cenotaph and George Street!

Thoughts go to **Frank Hughes**, now in a nursing home at Tweed Heads. [Eileen writes that this move was taken after severe illness and a hospital stay.] His apartment holds his desk, and a bookcase full of books.

He's able to go to lunch and shopping with Eileen and to have visits from the toy poodle that he loves. We miss our Committee Member.

Last Remembrance Day, **Noeline Hansen** brought a Bletchley Bear (replica of Turing's Teddy) with her.

This year she spent ANZAC Day with her husband, Dave, at Shalom Nursing Home, attending the service there and watching the march.

After I wrote about Noeline's bear, I received an unexpected surprise – a present of one from **Rob and Bev Isdale**, of the Chermside and District Historical Society. They fancied, "I might like one!" How right they were!

I have never owned a teddy, but had a much prized Golliwog and a Nigger Boy money box! You put a penny in his hand, pressed a lever, and Nigger Boy's red lips parted in a smile as he swallowed the penny. Delicious!

How politically incorrect now. I hope Teddies (called after Theodore Roosevelt) are never so maligned. Teddy Roosevelt was somewhat maligned.

I took my Bletchley Bear to the ANZAC Day luncheon, meeting my dear friend Diana Parker, and her son – my godson, Geoff. They had flown up from Melbourne and were staying at the Pullman, Hyde Park. As we stepped out of the lift, Geoff gave me a bear hug – most appropriate.

It turns out he's a collector of bears, and has been since he received Edward Bear when he was six. He's sixty + now.

On his iPad – much better than our old colour slides – he showed me family photos first – then bears – real bears in Canada, and photos of bear models. He was intrigued by my Bletchley Bear. By the time you receive Newsletter, one might be on the way to him from Bletchley Park!

Lastly, I had a brief visit to Canberra for a family birthday, and managed to call on Vic Lederer, who is 101 not out!

The veteran of the Middle East and the Pacific is a CBer, due to be 102 in October. He lives with his wife in Curtin, ACT. He said he carried the CB banner in 1986.

Vic and I are both deaf, so we had a shouted conversation, helped/interpreted by his wife Valentina. The talk proved delightful.

In the next issue, we hope to publish some of his memories and part of our talk – making it the "Lederer Issue".

Greetings to all, and sympathy to Joy Granger's family.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – ANZAC DAY, 2016

ANZAC Day Celebrations 2016

What a memorable and beautiful day it was. With a near record attendance of 60 members, relatives and friends, this year's ANZAC Day Reunion was once again a great success. Not to mention that we also had our youngest guest this year, a gorgeous and very well behaved little baby (Rocky) belonging to Bruce Bentwitch's contingent. We certainly had all the generations of CB members and supporters represented.

In the words of my Dad, Gordon Gibson: "Long live CB!"

This was Central Bureau's 42nd Annual Reunion, the first having been held on 18th October 1974, attended, incidentally, by forty odd ex CBers, who later became founding members of the CBICA.

President Katy extended a warm welcome to all and formally introduced the new committee, thanking the outgoing committee for their tireless service to CB. Treasurer Annette and Secretary Bruce brought us up to speed on those who had travelled long distances to be there and those who were sadly not able to be with us. Everyone seemed to have a wonderful time, chatting, recalling events of long ago, eating delicious food and drinking. Finally the Army Cadet Band marched in and topped off our gathering with some stirring tunes, including a bit of fun opening the floor to more amateur musicians to have a try.

Prior to these festivities, many wonderful men and women had taken part in the ANZAC Day March. My apologies if I have left anyone off my list (as I feel that I have) or have incorrect details, however, as I have them they were: Col and Mark Brackley, Kathleen Burns, Gordon and Dean Gibson, Ailsa and Craig Hale, Bruce, David and Brian Lovett and Rob Moore.

Whilst it was a bit of a shemozzle at the form up positions due to it being the first year for the new route, the weather was simply stunning and the crowds were out in force to show their support and cheer on everyone, particularly our CBers, of course! Once again our sincere thanks to our stalwart banner bearers Rob and Mark.

On ANZAC Eve, Gordon Gibson and his family gathered in Martin Place for the Wreath Laying Ceremony, once again joining with the AIA in a brief but moving service at the Cenotaph.

ANZAC Day 2016 was certainly a memorable and moving occasion.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Well, winter has finally arrived! As I'm writing this we are bunkering down for a wet and windy afternoon with a dreaded East Coast Low tracking down the coast towards Sydney. It has been such a beautiful, long Indian Summer that we didn't even unpack the doonas until a week or so ago!

The ANZAC Day Reunion Lunch was a resounding success with 60 people attending and thankfully we were back in the beautiful Window's Restaurant overlooking Hyde Park. It was a delight to meet again in person many of you whose names have become so familiar from your correspondence and phone conversations. It was also a privilege to meet many of the friends and relatives who have steadfastly supported Members to attend this very special day.

A big "Thank You!" goes to everyone who has continued to support CBICA with their subscriptions and especially to those who have generously made donations over the past year. Eileen Hazzard has very kindly sent us a copy of Ian Shaw's book "On Radji Beach" - the story of the Australian nurses after the fall of Singapore. Thank you Eileen! If anyone else would like to read it please let me know.

I was sad to hear of the passing of Jack Bleakley ('The Eavesdroppers') earlier this year. I had many interesting phone conversations with him about his war experiences as a Kana Intercept Operator like my Mum. He passed on some great photos and copies of documents. My niece also visited him at his home in Balwyn and she found, as I did, a real kindred spirit - Vale Jack!

My best wishes to you all for a healthy, happy and warm winter!

To relatives and friends of CBers who are interested in seeing CBICA continue into the future, we extend a warm welcome to you to join as associate members! Our annual subscription is \$15 which you can forward to me:

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to offer my first Secretary's Report.

Joy Granger set a high standard, and although it has been a couple of years since she relinquished her position as Secretary, I am aware that she is held in extremely high esteem by the membership. Along with others, Helen and I attended Joy's funeral, which was a most moving Service. In each eulogy, the influence of her service with Signal Intelligence at Henry Street, was emphasised. She was indeed a wonderful model for family and friends. Helen and I are conscious there is a strong emphasis on Sydney in this edition of Newsletter, but that is not intentional. Helen made a small request in March Newsletter for those of you in country towns and interstate to submit reports, particularly of ANZAC Day commemorations, or other CB related activities you may enjoy. Gatherings may only bring together one or two Cbers, but these are important, and of interest! So again, you are encouraged to forward reports or other items of interest. Please post contributions to Helen at her address in the masthead of Newsletter, or email them directly to me – bgoudge@optusnet.com.au.

One only has to look at the mailing list to see how far spread Cbers are – even in UK. Apologies, primarily due to tyrannies of distance, or ill health, were received from **Allan Norton, Kelvin Hocking, Jean Robertson, Don Dunn, Ronnie O'Neill, Gordon Richard Gibson** (from Port Macquarie), **Alwyn Petherbridge, Wendy Clarke, David Hansen, Nancy Goldsteen, Stephen Kirsten, Ellen Perry** (Roy Perry's widow), **David, Bruce and Brian Lovett** (marched but couldn't make the luncheon), **Alan Fookes, Kelvin Hocking, Margaret McCafferty, Ronnie O'Neill, Coral Hinds, Rev. Robert Brown, Helen Bond, Keith "Zero" Falconer, Vic Lederer, Joan Carolan, Eileen Hazzard, Frank Hughes, Jackie Keeling, Doug Pyle and Nell Pyle**.

The wonderful 75th Commemoration at Henry St last July was a powerful acknowledgement of those for whom "Their Strength Lay in Silence". That there were representatives from the armed forces of Canada, USA, and New Zealand, as well as our own Services, was a remarkable tribute.

In conclusion I would offer a quote from the speech made by Derek Dalton, Assistant Secretary of Australian Signals Directorate, at Henry St during that commemoration:-

"FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ROOM TODAY THERE WERE NO MAGIC WANDS OR MAGICAL INCANTATIONS TO SOLVE THE CRITICAL PROBLEMS THEY FACED.

"THEIRS WAS A BATTLE OF THE MIND AND THE HEART.

"THERE CAN BE NO HIGHER CALLING THAN TO PROTECT YOUR HOME AND THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE.

"THE VETERANS OF THE BUREAU HERE TODAY HEARD THAT CALL AND RESPONDED MAGNIFICENTLY.

"THEIR WEAPONS WERE NOT RIFLES AND GUNS.

"THEIR WEAPONS WERE THEIR INCREDIBLE TALENT FOR SOLVING PUZZLES, THEIR IMAGINATION AND THE SHEER DETERMINATION TO PREVAIL IN THE FACE OF INCREDIBLE TECHNICAL CHALLENGES."

Thank you,
 Bruce Goudge
 (Hon) Secretary
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AROUND THE TABLES

CATHRYN GIBSON: (Daughter in law of **Gordon Gibson**)



We breathe a sigh of relief – it’s not raining! As far back as we can remember it has rained on ANZAC Day. Tears for all those gone – but finally a sunny day for all those still alive. A smile for all our faces. Elizabeth Street is teeming with peoples’ faces, strangers joined in force to cheer, wave and thank those marching. A voice goes out – “I can see the banner – here they come.” We all run back to the barrier, and our voices start, low and slowly growing louder: “CBI”, “Gordie”, “Gordon”. We cheer. The usually stoic gentleman finally cracks a smile and his hand gives us a wave. Our voices grow louder: “Gordie”, “Gordon”, “CBICA”

Our Dad, our Grandfather ...”we are so proud of him. Gordon!”

GORDON AND SUE GIBSON: are proud and pleased to be here again today – so thankful for the enthusiasm and hard work of the new Committee. Today we get to enjoy ourselves. Actually we have been relaxing and enjoying life recently. We returned only three days ago from a wonderful trip to Wangaratta and surrounds. As soon as today is complete we pack again for a two day trip to Brisbane, followed by two weeks in Noosa. Enjoy life. Do whatever you can while you can! Cheers to everyone. My name is **DEE** and I am so proud to be part of Gordon’s “CHEER SQUAD”. I want to thank you so much for your service to our country.

KATY DENIS: What a wonderful day! It started with the March and cheering on Dad (Gordie) and all the Cbers. We were definitely the loudest – full with pride and joy. Beautiful sunshine and smiles all round ... and some tears in the eyes of those in the crowd. Then onwards to the luncheon in our beautiful “Windows Room”. Around 60 CB supporters – how wonderful. It has been a beautiful day of Remembrance and honouring all those who served, and are still serving. I am so proud to be CB’s new President.

CHRIS DENIS: My father in law is **Gordon Gibson** and I am one of many of his supporters. I am also husband of the new President.

TIM GIBSON: My Grandpa **Gordon Gibson**, marches. I support him.

DEAN GIBSON: I am lucky enough to join my father, Gordon Gibson, in the march – an honour!

ROB MOORE: (**Dennis Moore's** son) The new March route was a great success – flat, more crowd room and this year great weather. A big thank you to all those who were able to march this year.

BRUCE BENTWITCH: (CB original) brought 12 family members to the ANZAC Day luncheon – a total of 13. One was Baby Rocky – our youngest. Will anyone beat the Bentwitch record?

Alan Bentwitch: Son; **Jenny Skata:** Daughter; **Stan Skata:** Son in law;
Amanda Skata: Granddaughter; **Sam McCartney:** Grandson in law;
Tim Bentwitch: Grandson; **Lil Bentwitch:** Granddaughter in law;
Rocky Bentwitch: Baby Great Grandson; **Mark Bentwitch:** Grandson;
Tricia Bentwitch: Granddaughter in law; **Maria Bentwitch:** daughter in law;
Michael Bentwitch: Grandson.

GEOFF PARKER: (Son of **Diana Parker** – one of the Garage Girls!) From Melbourne. First time attending. Wonderful to see all the folk and my godmother Helen Kenny.

DIANA PARKER: Good to be able to make it again.

KATH BURNS: My eyesight now weak. Love to all.

JENNIFER LINGARD: (Friend of **Helen Kenny** and niece of **Capt. Eric Nave** {CB}). Privileged to be here and share the time with such wonderful people. Many thanks.

PHILIP LINGARD: Wife of **Jennifer Lingard**, above, and very pleased to have been invited. The second time to share lunch with this august company. Thank you Helen.

SANDRA BULLON: (daughter of **Les McClean**) Lovely to see the CBI Banner marching on still. Also good to see some dear old faces – long-time friends of Dad – still smiling.

LES McCLEAN FAMILY – DAVID McCLEAN (Les's son) & **JANELLE McCLEAN:** Wonderful to see the CBI group still functioning and meeting for lunch on ANZAC Day. Les would be very proud to see everyone still enjoying themselves. He would be having a drink for you wherever he may be.

JACQUI & ROBBIE GRANGER: (**Joy Granger's** nephew and niece) Thank you to Central Bureau for inviting us to this lunch today. We are very proud and honoured to attend on behalf of our late aunt – Joy Granger. Joy passed away on 31st March, and although she will be sorely missed by us all – it is wonderful to have this opportunity to catch up with you all today, as we know you were all very close to her heart.

PETER DONOVAN: accompanied by (**Margaret Donovan**). Peter and Margaret are now Grandparents. Peter is still going to his UNSW office three days each week and working on a couple of papers on WW2 cryptology, but much more on conventional mathematics.

JENNY EDWARDS: (accompanying **David Dufty**) I am enjoying being David's research assistant as he writes his book about Australia's amazing (and far too long secret) code breaking heroes. It has been a privilege, honour and delight to meet some of the CB Veterans. Thank you for a lovely event and great company. Warm wishes to all.

THE LANGDONS: (Family of Pamela Langdon, widow of Alan Langdon – CBer.)

DONNA: (Daughter in law); **PAMELA LANGDON:** widow;

ANNA LANGDON: (Granddaughter of Alan Langdon);

DAVID LANGDON: Son; **GEOFFREY LANGDON:** Son.

It has been a real pleasure to attend this special luncheon – my daughter Helen and I (Geoffrey) flew up from Melbourne just for the day, and even though we just missed our 8.00 a.m. flight by minutes, we were here in good time! Very special to share with our dear Langdon Family.

HELEN CHARLESWORTH: I love sharing this special event with the Langdon Family and Mum, in memory of our Dads – Geoff and Alan. Thanks again.

DAVID DUFTY: This is my second CBICA ANZAC Day, and again, a real pleasure to be here.

AILSA HALE: Wonderful to see my soldier friends, even if it is only once a year. The weather today is perfect – just right for the March.

JOYCE GRACE: What a wonderful day – even though I missed marching – just did not arrive in time. It is so nice to have five of our “Garage Girls” from Chermside and Ascot here today (all over 90!) Thanks to our new team at the helm of our organisation – keep up the good work! I was also treated to a nice surprise as my niece, Sharon, arrived unexpectedly from Brisbane.

SHARON BABYACK: (Attending with **Joyce Grace.**) So proud to be with my Great Aunt today and meet some of the “Garage Girls” whom I have heard so much about over the years.

MARY HOGAN: ANZAC Day – always precious to my family. Now we meet old friends to remember the sacrifice and we will never forget. 70 years on our hearts are the same when we were together, but I'm much slower.

ROSEANNE HOGAN: (Attending with my mother, **Mary Hogan.**) What a wonderful opportunity for “the girls” to get together, catch up, share stories and reminisce. Great venue, great day, good food.

RUTH MacDONALD: Great to be back with the CBers this year and do hope there will be many more to come and celebrate with all the lovely members and friends.

MURIEL GRIFFITHS: A wonderful atmosphere to lunch with such lovely people. Everyone is so friendly. The food was beautiful and the kitchen staff was most helpful to assist Ruth with special food. I thank you so much for a beautiful outing.

JUDITH & BRUCE GOUDGE: It is always a pleasure for us to join my step-mother (Helen Kenny) at this annual event. The March, with new route, was as impressive as always, and interesting for us this year to see so many young members of our Defence Forces marching in uniform. “Windows Restaurant”, in the Pullman, is an ideal location for our luncheon – spectacular views, beautiful food, with the staff so generous and caring. Bringing a very enjoyable day to a close and sending us on our way, the Australian Army Cadet Band dropped in with a rousing collection of music so well known to us. The sun shone on every aspect of today’s commemoration!

VALE

JOY GRANGER

September 1, 1921 to March, 31, 2016



On April 6th some CBers were able to attend the “Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Joy Granger”, for so long secretary of CBICA, and for so long, our friend.

The Service was held at the RSL War Veterans’ Village Chapel on Collaroy Plateau – the place where Joy had made her home amid bushland for many years.

At 21 Henry St she worked in the grand old mansion. Of this time she said, “I was alone in a room. A hand would pass a message through a window. Other hands took the message away!” Only after the war did we meet her and she us.

The opening music at the Service was J.S. Bach’s Cantata No 208 “Sheep May Safely Graze” and the Communion Hymn was J.S. Bach’s beautiful “Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme”.

For many years Joy had played the organ in this chapel.

In the next Newsletter we will print an edited version of the moving Eulogy given by her nephew Robbie Granger. Two

other nephews, Michael Granger and Richard Porteous, gave spoken “reflections” of their aunt.

When the service ended, Joy’s relatives and friends gathered for refreshments in the adjacent Lone Pine Room.

STAN HARPER

Passed away November 29, 2015

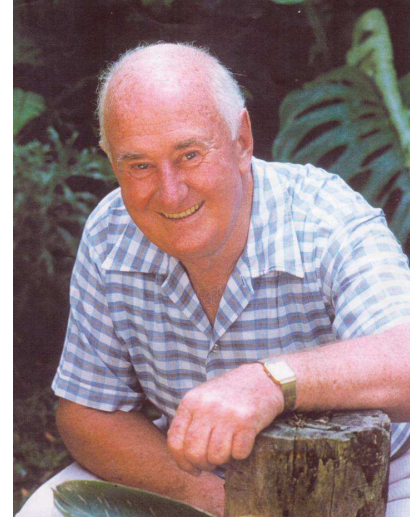
Stan Harper was originally a member of the RAAF Wireless Unit’s Association (which finished up in 2013) along with Will Renshaw, Allan Norton, Jack Bleakley, Keith Falconer and a number of other characters.

He spent 2.5 years in the RAAF. He was in uniform seven days after his 18th birthday. He was also involved with the Signal Intelligence Service in the Philippines and he actually worked for General Douglas Macarthur, who had set up Central Bureau, which developed into a huge unit. Stan listened to Japanese messages and passed them on to translators. Many said this unit shortened the war.

Stan went to Biak - there were 70,000 American troops there and a small contingent of Aussies. He then moved to Leyte Island in the Philippines. Twenty Aussies then moved to Manila where they had led the whole intelligence group. Later he moved to San Miguel. He

had a good time there and was treated well. Stan commented that the RAAF offered him a lot and the experience assisted him. In hindsight he was too young to appreciate what was offered to him. In recent times he has been treated well by Veterans Affairs.

Stan was a Rotarian... in the truest sense of the word! He honoured the badge for 39 years, and fulfilled with distinction many positions at the Rotary Club of Forest Hill including being a much-loved president in 1986/87. His warm heart and creative intellect was dedicated to the essence of Rotary. Mentor of many, alert to the needs of visitors and new members, he was Mr Reliable. Stan was active in projects big and small - tirelessly working alongside others - a great team player. A conscientious DG's representative, a clear-thinking secretary for a 1300 strong district conference, Stan the man endeared himself to many other Clubs, Rotarians and fellow citizens. Stan and Joan generously hosted exchange students including a student from China. Stan was the recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship and three sapphires, a committed centurion and a benefactor. The latter means that his contribution to the Rotary Foundation will continue to aid people around the world after his death.



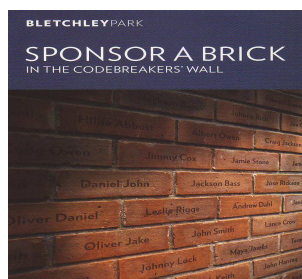
His delight was founding Probus clubs - at least 11 in the Whitehorse area. He thoroughly deserved the nickname Mr Probus as he coordinated the growth of this extremely valuable program throughout the district.

Stan and Joan generously set up the Harper Family bequest which has been used to support community service projects for • The young in sporting and education fields • Handicapped and disadvantaged people. The aged Stan's outstanding service to the local community was recognized by the City of Whitehorse with a citizenship award.

In celebration of his long and distinguished Rotary career and his 90th birthday, the Rotary Club of Forest Hill enjoyed a delightful evening with Stan, Joan and the family. One of Nature's gentlemen, Stan Harper you have indeed been a gift to the world and you have inspired many-we salute you.

IN BRIEF

CODEBREAKERS' WALL AT BLETCHLEY PARK – SPONSOR A BRICK



CBers have been given the opportunity to Sponsor a Brick at on the Codebreakers' Wall at Bletchley Park. Full details will be in the next edition of Newsletter.

BLNHEIM, MAUREEN GRACE (nee Marshall)

Maureen is a cousin of a friend of Annette's and is asking if anyone knows of Maureen. Please let Annette know if you have any ideas or recollections of Maureen.

Service: Royal Australian Air Force

Service Number: 108733

Date of Birth: 3 Dec 1920

Place of Birth: LISMORE, NSW

Date of Enlistment: 11 Feb 1943

Locality on Enlistment: VAUCLUSE

Place of Enlistment: SYDNEY, NSW

Next of Kin: BLNHEIM, ROBERT

Date of Discharge: 14 Mar 1944

Rank: Aircraftwoman

Posting at Discharge: 2 Embarkation Depot

Snippets of family history, as told to Grahame Vidler, in 1995.

During the second World War, Maureen was in the WAAAF as an ACW, in which position she operated in Morse code and teleprinters - both classified positions and well paid. Her initial training was in Melbourne, thence to Townsville, Charters Towers and Bundaberg. She had contact with planes patrolling the coast and with troops in Darwin. In addition to the above skills, Maureen also learnt semaphore and the Aldus lamp.

Upon her marriage to Bob Blenheim, he wouldn't give permission for her to go to New Guinea – this was standard practice for husbands of married staff.

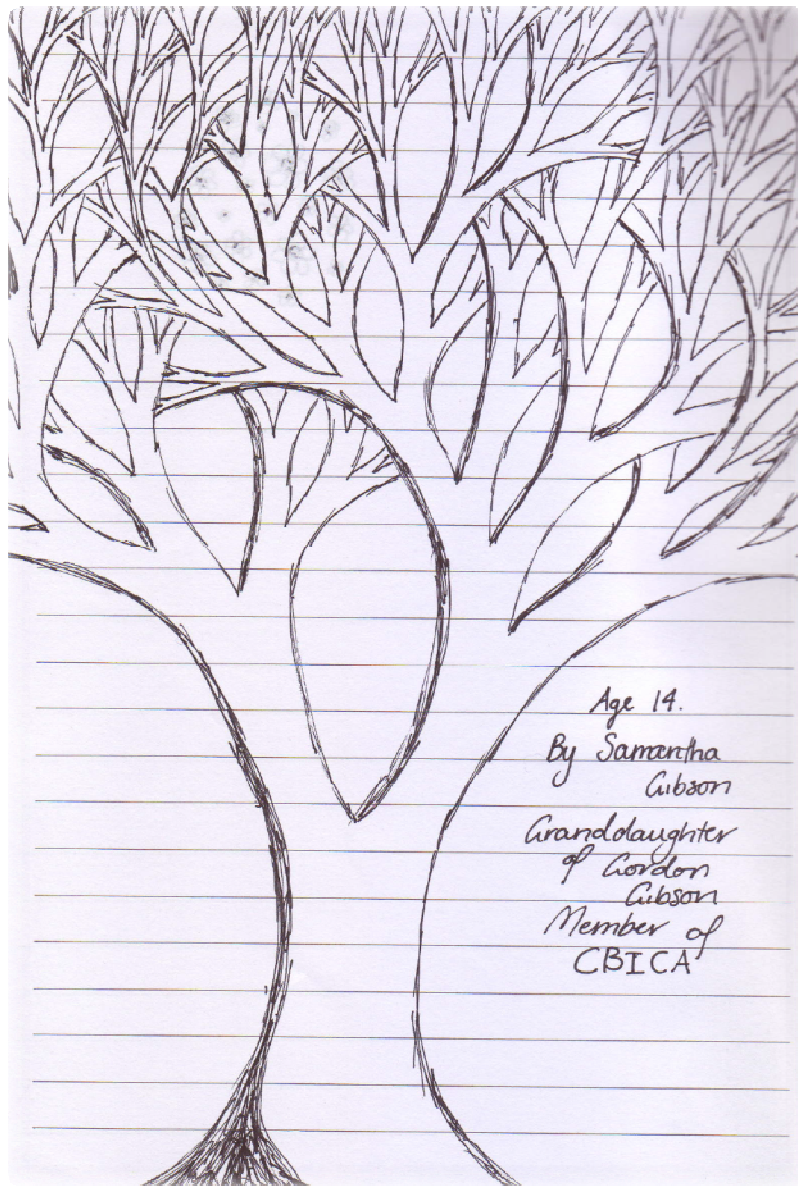
When it came time to be a mother, she didn't know that she was carrying twins! Carol was born at 6.20 pm, and Anne at 6.30. What a surprise!

When Maureen died on 14th November 2000, aged 79, she left behind 6 children, 13 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren.









[Is this the CB Family Tree? Newsletter would welcome contributions – written or sketched by “others” in the “Family”. H.K.]