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Season's Greetings

and

Best Wishes

for the

year ahead

**Farewell Function
of
4th Field Survey Squadron
held
Saturday 25th November, 1995**

The planning for the function began at least three months before, under the direction of the OC, Major Peter Demaine, and a small project committee headed by Sgt. Steve McGuinness, assisted by Spr. Greg Richards and at times by Sgt. Dave Longbottom.

All who participated in the preparation are to be congratulated, but in particular, Steve McGuinness for doing a great deal of the hack work, such as tracking down former members. The day was under way just after 11 am., with a steady stream of visitors arriving constantly, and registrations showing about 240 people attended. With so many, Steve is unsure if all names were recorded, and apologises for any omissions.

An auction of unit paraphernalia acquired over many years took about two hours to run from mid-day on, accompanied by much mirth. Items included TV sets, refrigerators, flags, unit T-shirts, helicopter skids, animal bones, sea shells, radios, pictures, a sailor's hat, aerial photographs, electrical goods, etc, all too numerous to mention and including a host of curios scavenged during numerous bush trips. The auction raised about \$2,500, to pay any outstanding social club accounts, etc, with the remainder going to a trust fund toward a squadron history.

Later in the afternoon was the official part I suppose, when both Col. Don Swiney and Col. Simon Lemon addressed the gathering, reminiscing on the Corps as it was and what little remains of the future.

A display of several hundred photographs was set up in what was the drafting area, showing scenes of life in the bush, party times, various sporting activities, parades held, etc, covering the period 1952 - 1995. Obviously a tremendous amount of thought and effort had gone into preparing the display.

Of all the yarns being told, Frank Cohen could go back further than most, doing astro fixes in the middle '40's in Arnhem Land, then working on the Woomera Rocket Range site in early 1947 with Len Beadell. John Hillier, Don Ridge and the late Wally Relf rated frequent mentions.

Although a long day, time seemed to go all too fast, and in trying to meet up with as many as possible, it left very little time for a decent catch-up yarn. A bit sad in many ways.

At mid-night there were probably still fifty or so in party mood but this dwindled to four only to watch the sun rise. A BBQ breakfast about 9 am. on the Sunday morning for the fifteen or so who stayed overnight was greatly appreciated. The last hand shakes before leaving finished the farewell function, except for the clean-up, and I was told by Honest Stevo Hinic that the unit vehicle compound was not a pretty sight, considering that between 50-60 cartons of beer were consumed plus soft drinks and a dozen bottles of spirits. A long farewell.

ALEX MUNRO

Listed below are the names of visitors from interstate who attended the squadron function. Again, apologies for any mistakes or omissions.

From Victoria

Ross Hyde	-Bendigo
John Hogan	- Bendigo
Barry Hogan	- Bendigo
Fred Cowie	-Bendigo
Bob Garrity	-Bendigo
Bill & Jan Griggs	-Bendigo
Gary Warnest	-Bendigo
Peter & Jenny Imeson	-Bendigo
Brian & Brenda Johnson	-Bendigo
Perry & Leanne Langeberg	-Bendigo
Andy & Gloria Lucas	-Bendigo
John & Tracy Philips	-Bendigo
Terry Purdey	-Bendigo
Graham & Loris Beasley	-Dandenong
Alan Hawkins	-Moorabin
Brett Van Leeuwin	-Wodonga
Glen & Don Swiney	-Kangaroo Flat
Phil & Donna Smalley	-Huntley
Roger & Effie Rees	-Wodonga
Phil Meagher	-Eaglehawk
Neil & Jan Jones	-Wodonga
Jason & Leslie Wells	-Jan Juc
Brenton Whittenbury	- Box Hill
Dave & Sue Stephenson	-Bendigo
Michael & Lorraine Hogan	-Wodonga
Joy & John Hillier	-Ebden
Stewart Symonds	-Bendigo

From N.S.W.

Laurie & Marianne Newton	-Sydney
Tara Bucknall	-SME Kacula
'Bill' & Rona Choy	-Sydney
Peter Rossiter	-Ballina
Brett & Dani Parkin	-SME Kacula

From N.T.

Steve Rose	-Darwin
Dave Lambton-Young	-Alice Springs

From W.A.

Frank Cohen -Claremont
Ray Sargeant -Karrinyup
Pat Wood -Hamersley

From QLD

Derek Chambers -Albany Creek
Peter Bates-Brownsword -Kepera
Stan & Helen Campbell -Lawnton
Ian & Hazel Small -Yarraman
Peter & Robyn Tangey -Mitchelton

From Tasmania

-Gill Park

From A.C.T.

Bob Comley -Curtin
Barbara & Arthur Henson -Belconnen
Col. Simon Lemon -Survey Directorate
Lt. Col. Peter Cates -Survey Directorate

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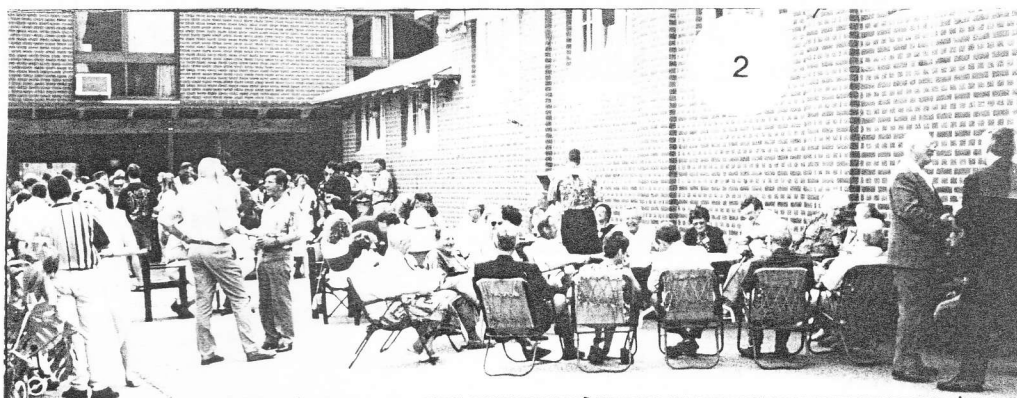
Keith Todd -Caloundra, QLD
John Bloor -Kingsley, W.A.
Ann Beadell -Elizabeth, S.A.
Bob Roach -Bendigo, VIC
Jim Stedman -Alexandra Hills, QLD
Andrew Caudle -Philip Bay, NSW
Don MacDonald -Mossman, NSW
Bob Ballard -Semaphore, S.A.
Peter Warwick -Robina, QLD
Phil Bray -Duncraig, W.A.
Bob Hayden -Kangaroo Flat, VIC
Dave Wicker -Portland, VIC
Gordon Santo -Goodwood, S.A.
Clem Sargent -Isaacs, ACT
Frank Buckland -Mawson, ACT
Don Ridge -Bendigo, VIC
Maj. Greg Oaten -Queenscliffe, VIC
Maj. Graham Wastell -Darwin, N.T.
Maj. Bob Coote -Brisbane, QLD
WO1 Graham Ragless -Darwin, N.T.

Local 'vintage' visitors were - Jean Relf, Bob & Margaret Love, Colin & Lyn van Senden and George & Marj Ricketts. A consolidated list of all who attended is included.

WELCOME

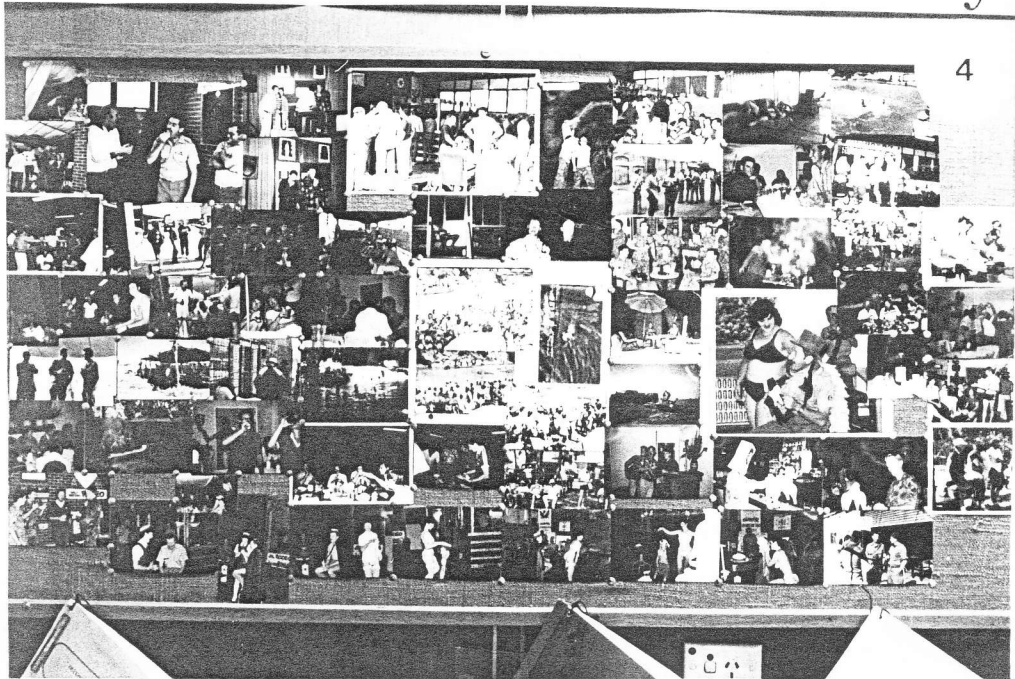
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4th Field Survey Squadron

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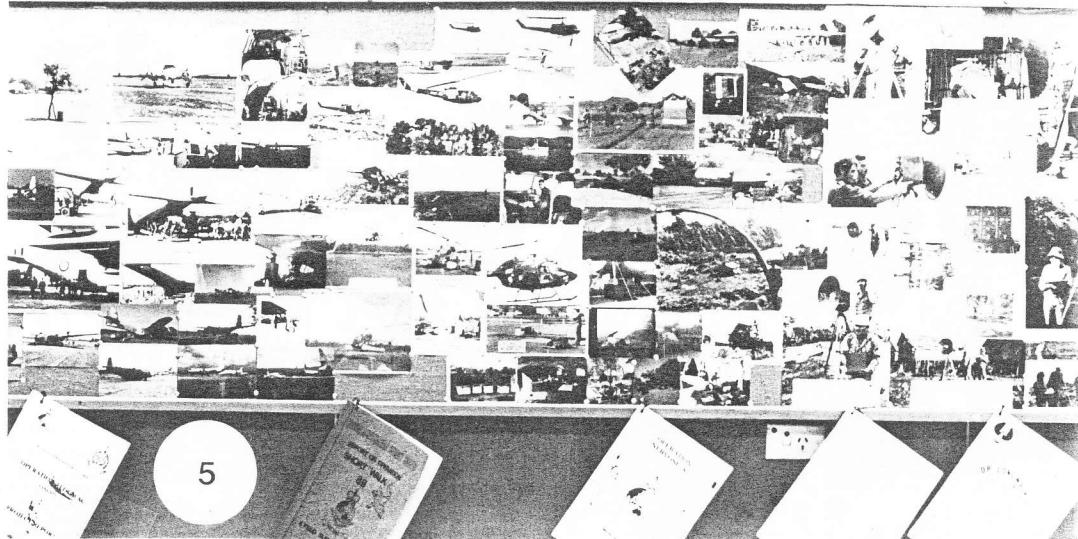
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"The places we called home" 1952 -1995



"In our spare time we managed some work"



surveyors, we make good sportsmen





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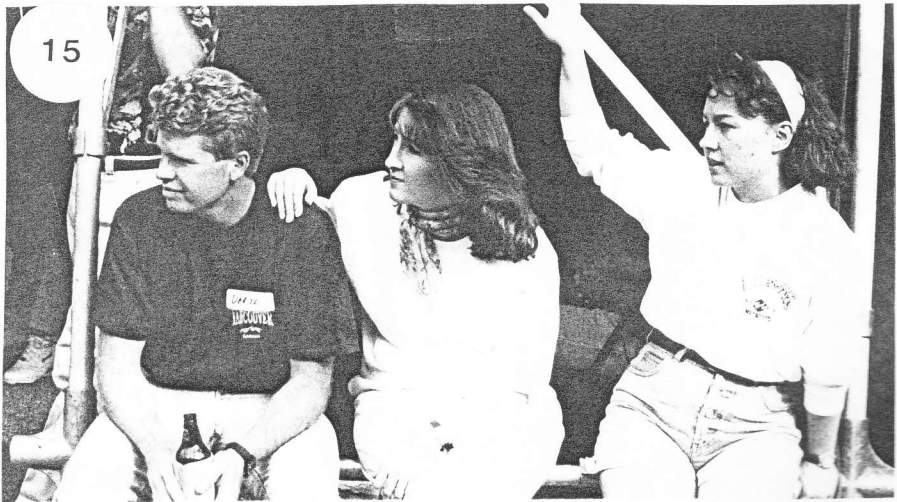
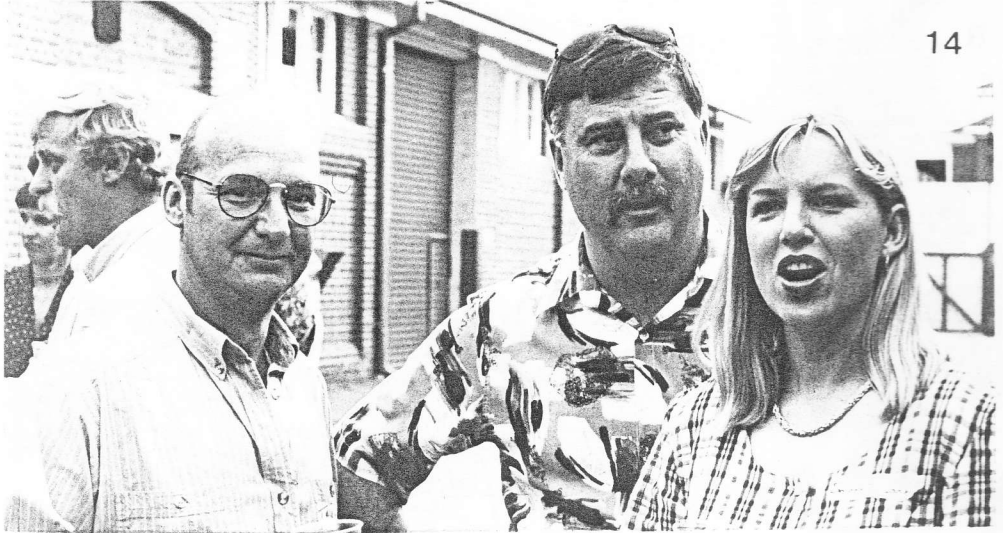
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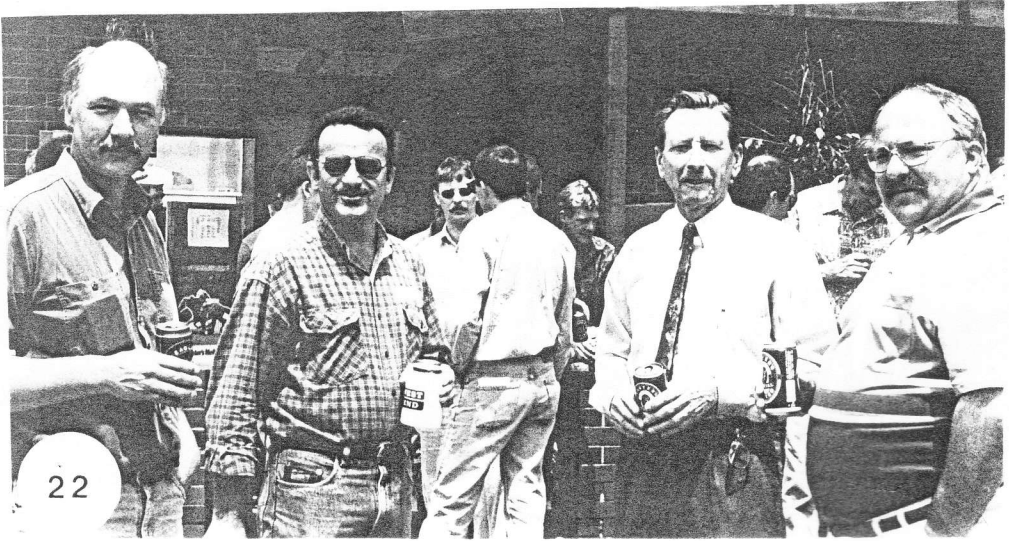
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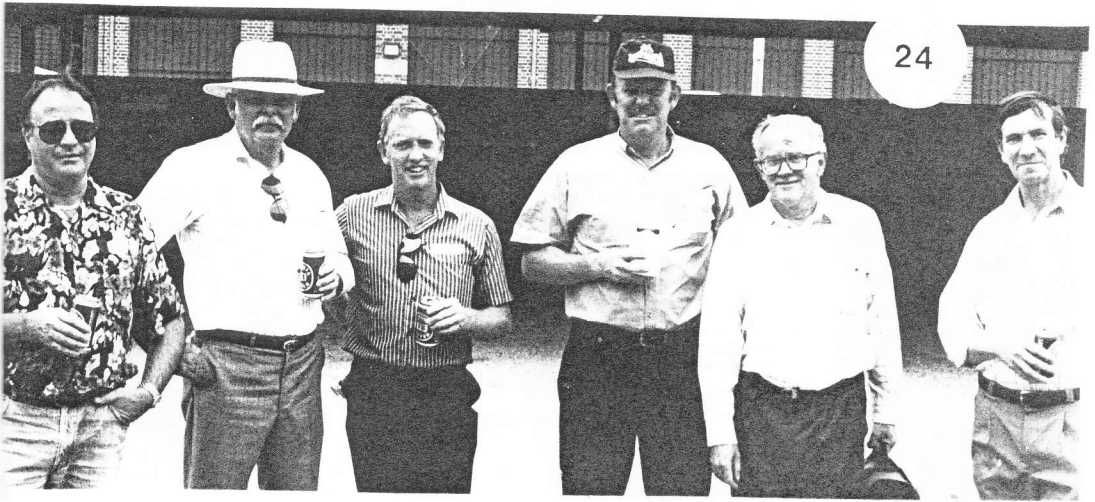


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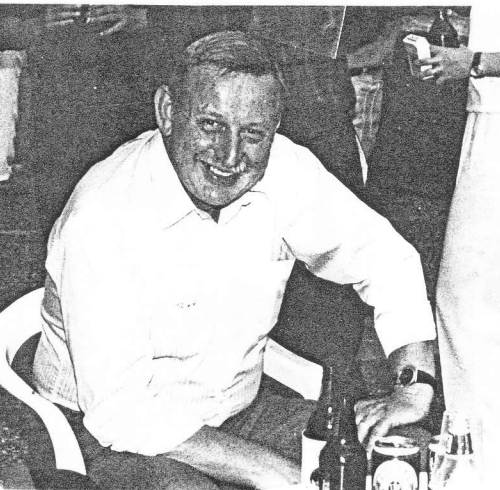
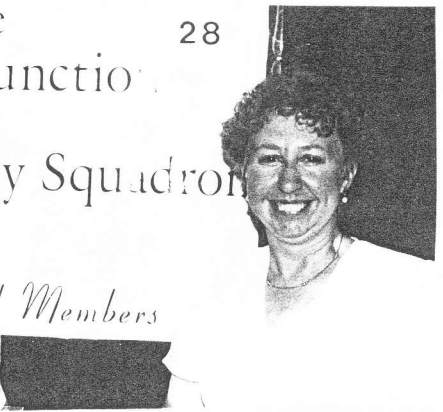
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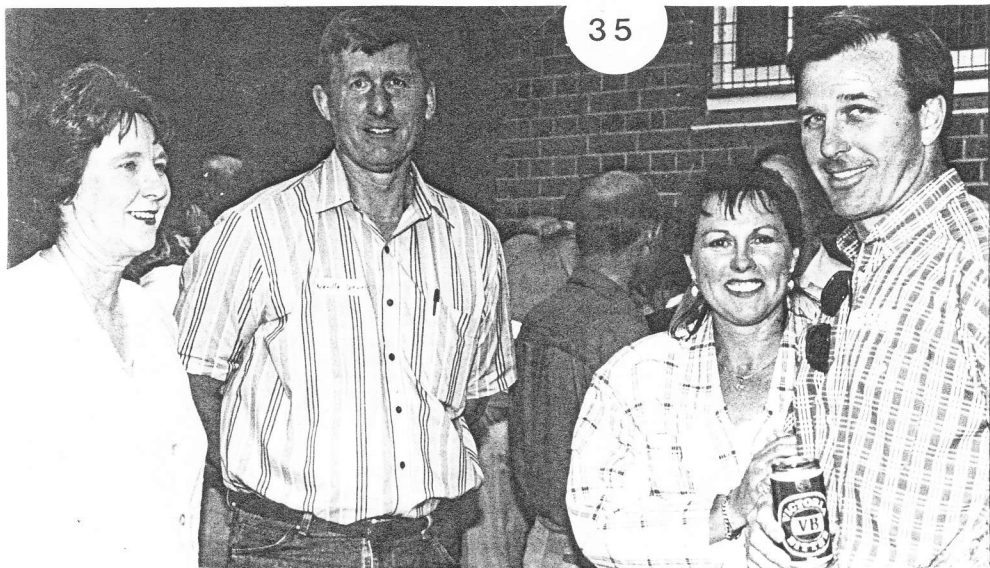
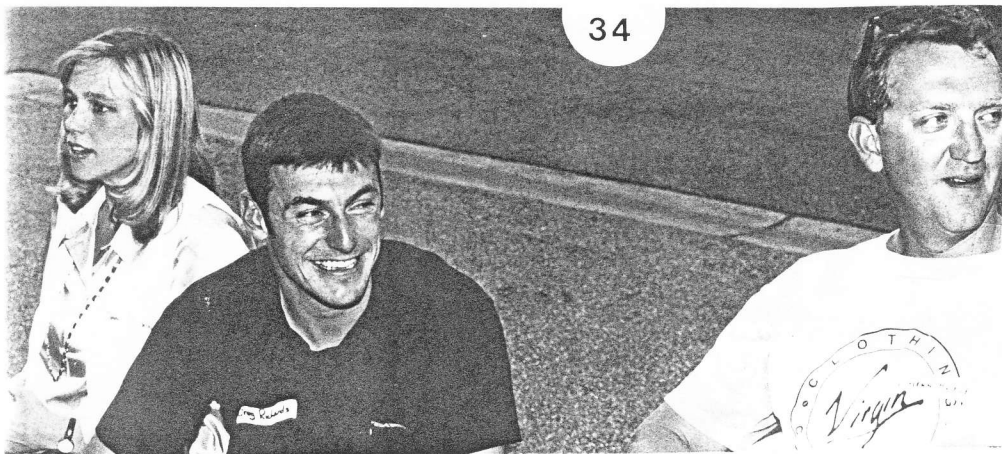
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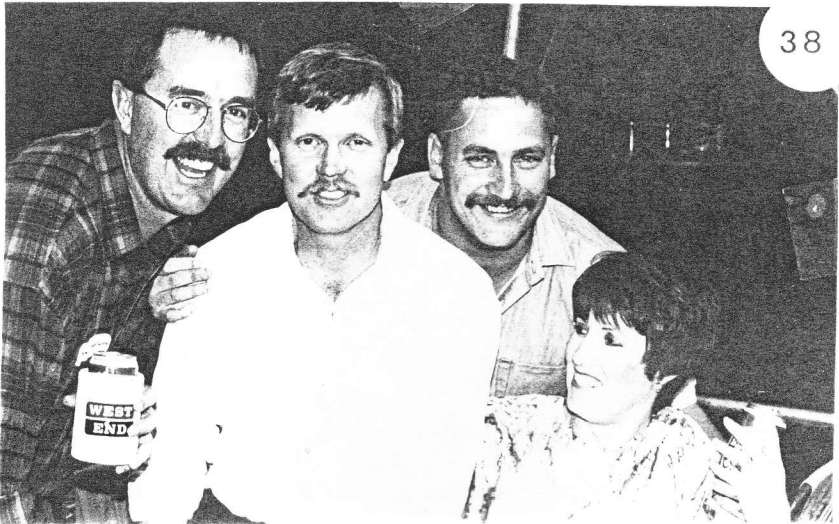


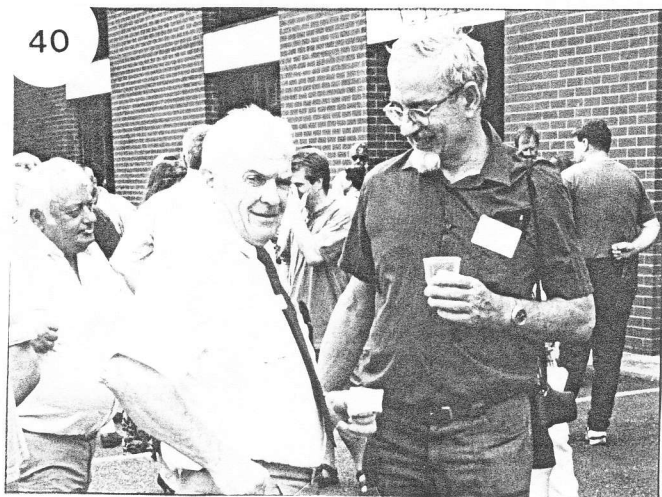
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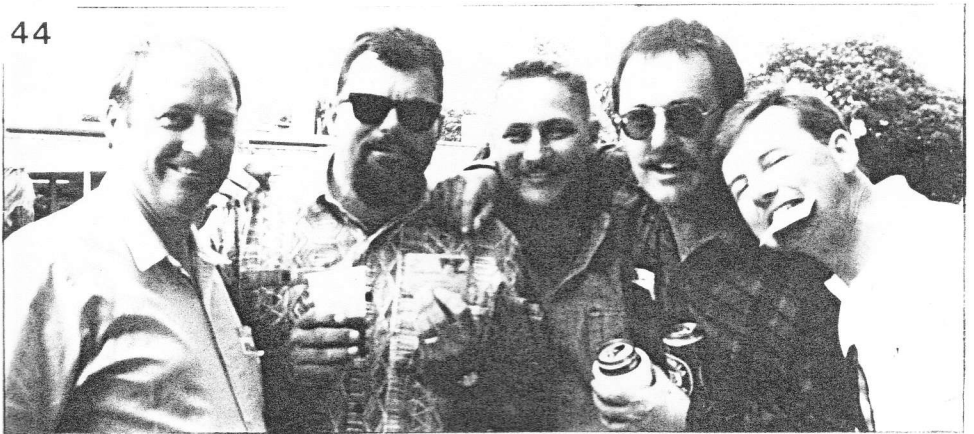
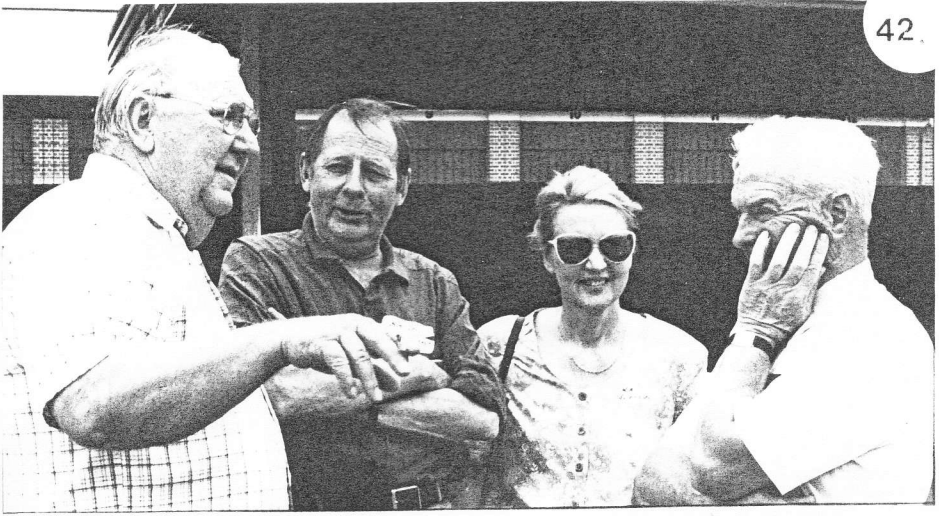


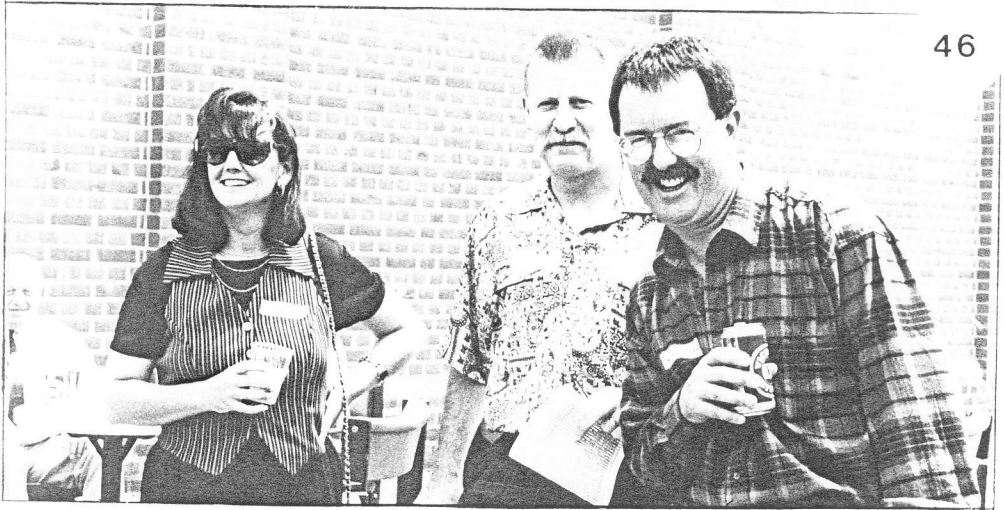


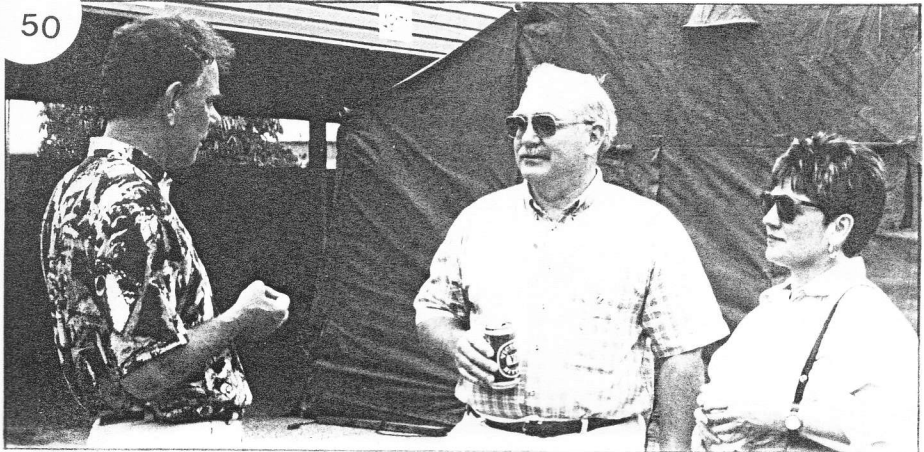




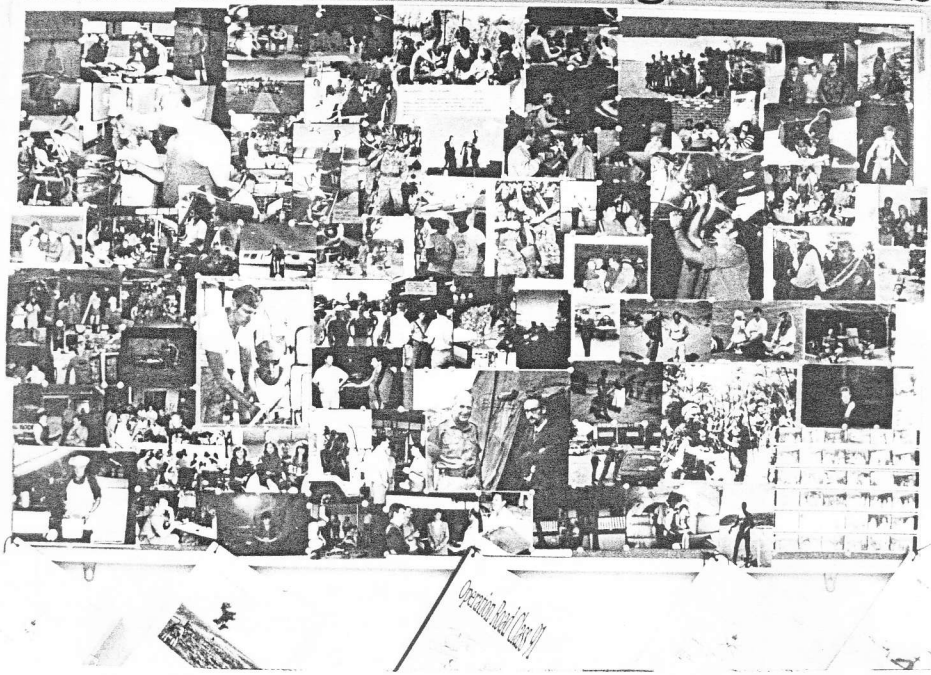




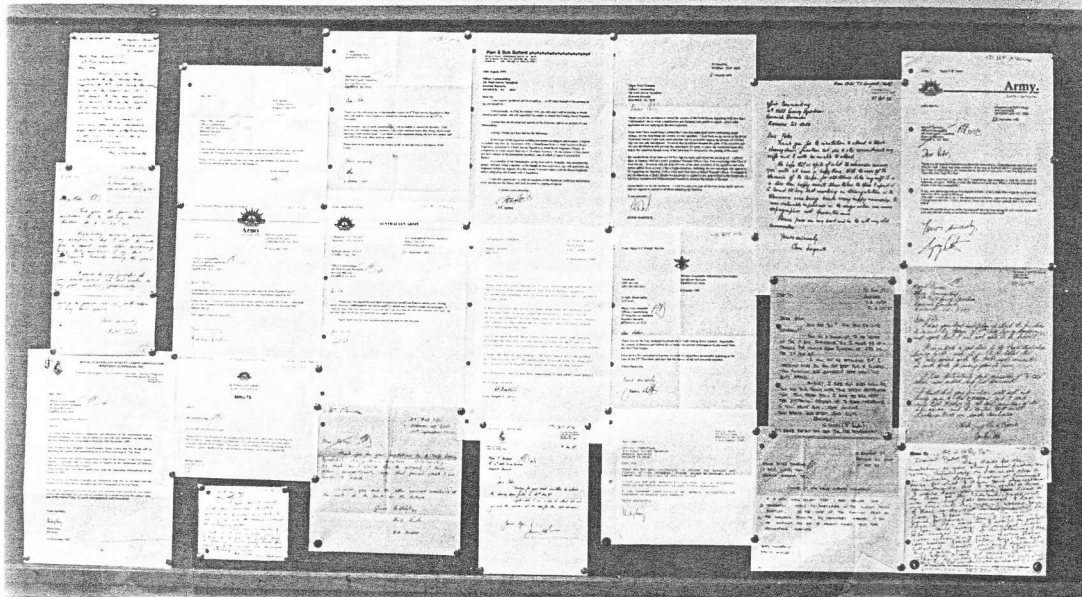




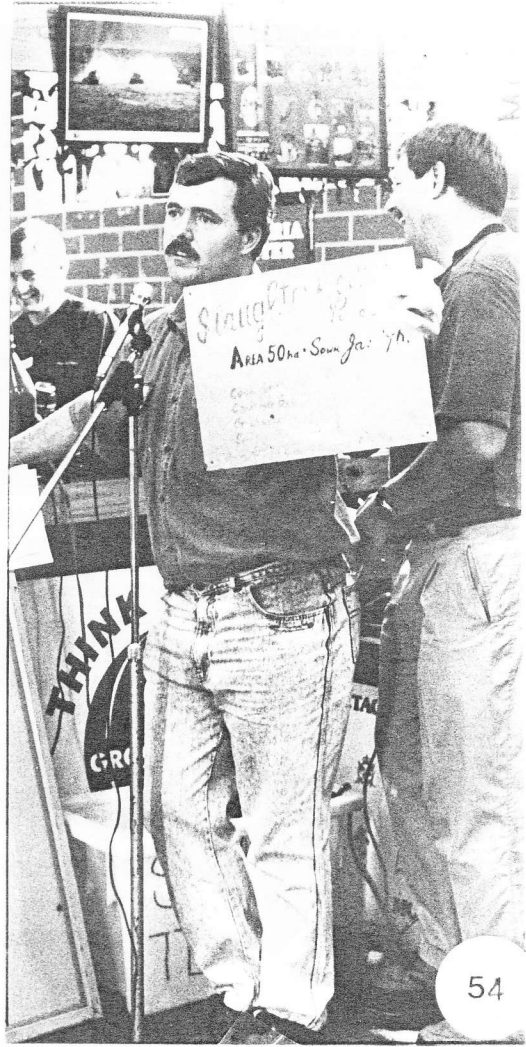
"Those that shared our good times"



"Sorry we couldn't be here"



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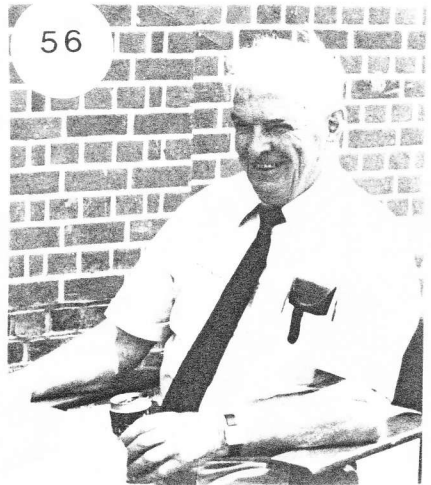


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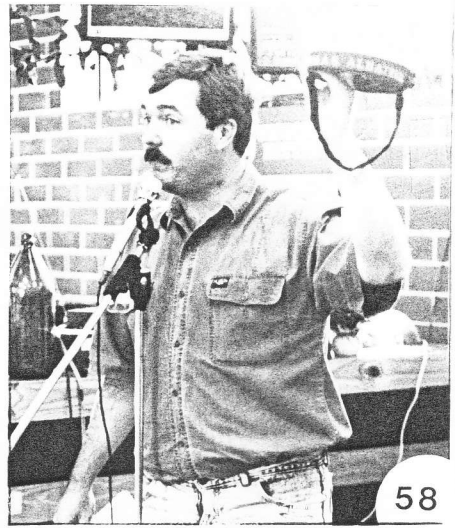
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Photograph Captions

1. Entrance sign
2. Function scene. Pat Wood and Bob Griffin at centre
3. Function scene
4. Part of photograph display
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6. Part of photograph display
7. Function scene during speech time
8. Function scene during speech time
9. Col. Simon Lemon addressing the gathering. Maj Peter Demaine to RH side
10. Function scene during speech time
11. Function scene during speech time. Don Swiney at the microphone.
12. L to R Allan Adsett, Jason Wells, Brian Johnson, John Zuringer, Doug Willis, and Alan Hawkins.
13. L to R John Philips, Bob Garrity & Perry Langeberg.
14. L to R Terry Purdy, John & Sharon Jones
15. L to R Daryl & Natalie Miller with Fran Calvert
16. Out front for group photo.
17. L to R Bob Griffin, Steve Rose, Bob Comley, John Hillier, George Campbell-Kennedy, Ted Bear, John Murray.
18. L to R Peter Cates and Brian Johnson with Lorraine & Dave Longbottom
19. Col. Simon Lemon with Stan and Helen Campbell
20. L to R Daryl Miller and Hans Evertz
21. L to R Bob Love, Grant Mc Guinness and Colin van Senden.
22. L to R Bob Dikkenberg, John Phillips, Alex Munro and Fred Cowie.
23. L to R Barry Richardson, Ross Hyde and Loris Beasley only. John Murray and Eva Gruszka at back.
24. L to R Ken Jeffery, Don Swiney, Glen Weatherell, Bill Griggs, Graham Beasley and Mick Dempster.
25. L to R John Nathan, Ian Small, Pam and Brian Trueman
26. Ivan Chilton
27. Out front for a group photo.
28. L to R Geni Mc Guinness, Leonie Clarke and Rosemary Hammer.

29. Helen and Roy Castles with Effie Rees.
30. Out front for a group photo. Frank Cohen in the white hat.
31. Sue and Andy Capp
32. L to R Peter Tangey, Stewart Adrain and Max Coletti.
33. L to R Bob Griffin, Steve Rose, Ted Bear, Alex Munro, John Hillier, George Campbell-Kennedy and John Murray.
34. L to R Danni Parkin, Greg Richards and Glen Huxley.
35. L to R Dianne and Neville Stone with Marianne and Laurie Newton.
36. Items for auction.

Reserve Troop

37. L to R Stevo Hinic, Bob Dikkenberg, Jason Phillips, John Frith, Rosemary Delaeter, Tony Stephens, Luke Mills, Simon Davis, Bob Mills, Lincoln Smith, Greg Higgs, Dave Irving, Darren Freeman, Angelo Pantelidis, Roy Castles and John Wicker.
38. Johnno Again, Dave and Sue Stephenson with Doug Willis
39. L to R Mick and Barbara Hanson with Peter Bates-Brownsword.
40. John Hogan and Steve Rose.
41. Mick Davey, Doug Willis and Peter Hardy.
42. Ted Bear, Brian and Pam Trueman with John Hogan.
43. Pat Cox, John and Joanne Scharber with Derek Chambers.
44. Allan Adsett, John Zuringer, Doug Willis, Johnno and Tony Rawcliffe.
45. Lyn van Senden and Margaret Love.
46. Lea and John Wicker with Johnno again.
47. Doug Willis, Tony Rawcliffe, Dave Lambton-Young, John Wicker and 'Bill' Choy.
48. Happy auction bidders.
49. Perry Langeberg, Cheryl Deluca and Wendy Mc Carthy.
50. Kevin Boehm with Alie and Daniella Wilkie.
51. Part of photo display.
52. Display of apologies received.
53. Assistant auctioneer Dave Longbottom.
54. Auctioneer Steve Mc Guinness and Dave Longbottom.
55. Proud Dad Jeff Manaley.
56. John Hogan(again)
57. Facing camera. Pam and John Harrison, Peter Rossiter, Bob Comley with Naomi and Frank Bryant.
58. Auctioneer Steve Mc Guinness.
59. Peter and Rosemary Hammer
60. Peter Imeson, Kevin Ryan, Maj. Peter Demaine, Jason Wells.

Anzac Day March

Several people have asked whether the demise of the Corps will mean not being able to march under our present banner, or even at all as a survey group. We are certain it will make no difference, certainly for 1996, and for the future. The only thing is the possibility of being moved back within the parade groups and George Ricketts intends to check the situation with the RSL. Remember that all former members are entitled to march, and a good turn-out on the day is needed. Please mark the day in your diary.

Australian Service Medal 1945-75 Clasp PNG

A letter was received from Lt.Col Peter Jensen in Canberra, stating that Central Army Records Office has confirmed that Army personnel serving in the former territories of Papua New Guinea in the period 16th Feb. '51 to 16th Sep '75 for not less than an aggregate of 180 days are probably eligible for the award mentioned above.

Individuals who believe that they may be eligible for the award of the medal and clasp should write to:-

“Soldier Career Management Agency,
Central Army Records Office,
Medals Section,
GPO Box 393D,
MELBOURNE VIC 3001”

Corps Day Parade 1st July, 1996

There is a rumour that a parade is to be held at the School of Military Engineering at Kasula, NSW, next 1st July, to mark the final day of the Royal Australian Survey Corps and the incorporation into the Royal Australian Engineers. I have no other information right now, but I know there is some interest in attending. Full details will be in the next newsletter.

History of the 4th Field Survey Squadron

The O.C. Major Peter Demaine is very keen for a history of the squadron to be written, and recently arranged a meeting with George Ricketts, Bob Love and myself, to discuss the matter.

The meeting was reasonably brief naturally enough as only the broad concepts of such a project could be discussed at this stage, but some things were decided in principle.

It was decided that the history be written under the direction of our Association and that all photographs and records of possible historical significance now held by the squadron be entrusted to the executive committee for safe keeping. In addition, any cash remaining from the recent auction at the break up reunion, be placed in a trust fund, to provide part financial assistance in the preparation of the history. Such a project would probably take at least two years, on a part time basis, and require the services of numerous volunteers.

Another meeting will be held early in 1996, when the dust has settled a bit and more is known of what is available, with the aim of presenting a plan of action for discussion at the next AGM on Anzac Day.

ALEX MUNRO

Anzac Day Venue 1996

At the moment nothing has been decided. Peter Demaine is confident that we can still use the present survey premises before being handed over to HQ 9 Brigade, but nothing is definite as yet. There is a rough chance that a permanent location is available with Keswick Barracks, but this is still being checked out. Where we finally hold our reunion will be announced in the next issue of this newsletter in time for Anzac Day.

Gone is the dapper Sapper

A chap said hullo to me in Victoria Square recently. I don't know you I thought. After another hard look I discovered Gordon Santo hiding under a very bushy beard and matching hair-do. As Gordon said 'No point in retiring unless you can relax a bit', is very true. Gone forever is the short neat haircut that was his trademark for all his years in the Corps.

VALE

JACK GORE

Jack died in the early hours of 18th October, 1995, at Bendigo, after a long period of ill health. I believe Jack was about eighty years old.

Not generally known, but Jack was an old Port Adelaide boy originally, enlisting during WW2 and posted to Fortuna about early 1943 until the war ended, when he discharged. Not happy with civvy life, he re-enlisted some months later and returned to Fortuna in his trade as a printer, in which he was well regarded. I spoke by 'phone to Neil Rankine at his home in Eaglehawk a few days ago, and Neil reminisced about time just after the war when he and Jack and the late Harvey Hall and Tubby Arman toured Australia, visiting all the capitals and giving printing displays as part of a recruiting tour by the Regular Army. Neil also told me that Jack called for a few of his old printing mates to visit him for final farewells only a day or two before he died.

I think Jack finally discharged at Fortuna in the early 1970's with the rank of Major, but memory is a bit hazy on this. In recent years he was president of the Ex-Fortuna Survey Association.

Jack was a popular and highly respected soldier, and will be missed by his many friends throughout Australia. The condolences of all Association members go to Phyl and family in their sad loss.

GILL ROSE

Wife to Steve Rose, Gill died in Darwin on Sunday, 3rd December, 1995, as a result of cerebral haemorrhage linked to treatment for her long illness with cancer.

Steve attended the closing down reunion of 4 Field Survey at Keswick Barracks only the previous weekend.

Gill was cremated the following Friday after a funeral service attended by the many friends that Gill and Steve knew in Darwin. From all Association members and particularly those of the former Central Command Fd Svy Unit, sincere sympathy is extended to Steve.

ATTENDEES - 4 FD SVY SQN CLOSURE FUNCTION

Stewart Adrain
Ian Baldwin
John Bath
Paul Beavis
Moyna Briggs
Tara Bucknall
Stan & Helen Campbell
Rob Carpenter
Derek Chambers
Tony & Leonie Clarke
Max & Janine Coletti
Pat Cox
Mick Davey
Simon Davis
Cheryl Deluca
Rene & Margaret Dikkenberg
Jim Dunn
Martin Evans
Darren Freeman
Bob Garrity
Bill & Jan Griggs
Peter & Rosemary Hammer
John & Pamela Harrison
Wally & Carol Herbst
Stevo Hinic
Mick & Lorraine Hogan
Ross Hyde
Edwin & Marlene Jacobs
Brian Johnson
Dave Lambton-Young
Simon Lemon
Bob & Margaret Love
Wendy & Tony McCarthy
Grant & Genny McGuinness
Phil Meagher
Luke Mills
John & Jean Murray
Angelos & Vasiliki Pantelidis
Mal Paterson
Gary & Chris Petts
Tony Rawcliffe
Barry & Wendy Richardson
Dennis & Jenny Rockley
Kevin Ryan
Mick Sarson
Mark Sinderberry & Kerri Evans
Lincoln Smith
Tony Stephens
Stewy Symonds
Brian & Pam Trueman
Colin & Lyn van Senden
Jason Wells
Doug Willis
Bob & Ellen Wortley

Allan Adsett
Peter Ball
Ted Bear
Ian & Pat Belmont
Ian Brown
Francis Calvert
Kelvin Campbell
Roy & Helen Castles
Ivan & Joan Chilton
Steve Clark
Bob Comley
Dick Crawford & Tracey Ives
Peter Davies
Jon & Trudy Dean
Peter Demaine
Frank Downie
Gunther Ebenwaldner
Hans Evertz
John Frith
Bob & Myrtle Gourley
Rick & Denise Grimshaw
Mick & Barbara Hansen
Alan Hawkins
Greg Higgs
Barry Hogan
Glenn & Leanne Huxley
Peter & Jenny Imeson
Ken & Beth Jeffery
John & Sharon Jones
Perry & Leanne Langeberg
Mark Linwood
Andy Lucas
Brenton & Margaret McDonald
Mark McInerney
Daryl & Natalie Miller
Wally & Eileen Mooney
John Nathan
Brett & Dani Parkin
Darcy Patrick
John & Tracey Phillips
Roger & Effie Rees
Greg Richards
Steve Rose
Peter Sandberg
John & Joanne Scharber
Phillip & Donna Smalley
Neville Smith
Neville & Dianne Stone
Ken & Lorraine Talbot-Smith
Peter Tuddenham
Gary Warnest
John & Lea Wicker
Brenton Whittenbury
John Zuringer

Matthew Arnold
Peter & Barbara Bates-Brownsword
Graham & Loris Beasley
Kevin Boehm
Frank & Naomi Bryant
George Campbell-Kennedy
Simon & Sue Capp
Peter Cates
Bill & Rona Choy
Frank Cohen
Fred Cowie
Mr & Mrs Len Croxton
Peter & Dianne Davis
Rosemary & Scott Delaeter
Mick & Rhonda Dempster
Harry & Dianne Dunn
Peter & Julie Elverd
Brian Fauth
Paul & Barbara Frost
Bob & Pam Griffen
Eva Gruszka
Peter Hardy
Arthur & Barbara Henson
John & Joy Hillier
John Hogan
Wade Huxley
Dave Irving
George Kennedy
Neil & Jan Jones
Rob & Julie Langley
David & Lorraine Longbottom
Jeff & Nicole Manaley
Steve & Janet McGuinness
Derek McIntosh
Bob & Mary Mills
Alex & Joan Munro
Laurie & Marianne Newton
Gill Park & Brett Knuckey
Chris Pearce
Terry Purdey
Jean Relf
George & Marj Ricketts
Peter Rossiter
Ray Sargeant
John & Jacquie Shephard
Ian & Hazel Small
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