



QUEENSLAND NEWSLETTER MAY 2010.

COFFEE MORNINGS

One irreverent member chose to refer to the regular meeting of this small group of members as the Old Farts Club (OFC). Unfortunately it is all too true so OFC we shall remain from now on!

Further to the invitation made in March, 7432 Will Keys sent out a formal invitation to the members of the OFC to join him and others with a Southern African connection, for lunch at the Queensland United Services Club (QUSC) on Wednesday 14th April at 1230.

The day arrived and, as per a prior arrangement, I was picked by 6278 Gerry Dyer in his Audi (retirement perk) leaving the 4 x 4 with Wendy and we drove off to Mt Gravatt to collect 6604 John Gold.

I was sitting in the front and couldn't help noticing that Gerry was changing controls to the left of the steering wheel with his right hand so, somewhat concerned about this particular skill, asked him the reason only to learn that he was recovering from an operation to the rotary cuffs in his left shoulder! This started an interesting conversation to me as I have a similar problem with two torn cuffs, the only difference being that I was told that if I had been a 29 year old sportsman the specialist would have operated straightaway but, being an OF, he wouldn't bother as the other two cuffs would gradually take over the job. I still have trouble lifting my fork to my mouth but fortunately I hold my wine in my right hand!

Having collected John we arrive at the QUSC in good time and around the time of the lunch we are joined by a friend of Will's, Frank Gutridge, a Corporate Executive who was educated at Peterhouse, served in the Rhodesian Intelligence Corps and now lives in Brisbane. While living in Rhodesia he was employed by the Bata Shoe Company.

Also joining us was Rob Krohn, another friend of Will's who used to play Rugby for the SA Defence Forces and Under 20 for Natal, a black Belt for jujitsu. who is a Chartered Accountant and Corporate Executive.

The final guest was John Shenfield, another Chartered Accountant in Merchant Banking and, like Rob, a recognised Rugby player in South Africa.

It was a superb lunch accompanied by wines and went on until around 4pm when our party was the last to leave the Club.

TRAVEL

We wish Will and Jacqui bon voyage as they left on a holiday on the 14th May.

HEALTH

5147 Wally Wilton contacted me on 16th May to apologise for not answering my emails and phone call which I had made to seek the results of his hip operation at the end of last month.

He was in good form and doing well enough in rehab to consider discarding one of his crutches. I am so pleased to report that he has obviously recovered well from the op.

Christine Lenz has updated news of her 84 year old father 4016 Eric Jones: "Dad keeps going, but his arthritis makes movement difficult and his memory is really bad, which is hard for us all. I am just grateful that we live in the best country in the world, where they provide meals on wheels, what a wonderful service!

All the best, Christine.

VISITING MEMBERS

6893 Brian Oberholster contacted me seeking assistance for his son Gary, who is currently living in Brisbane. Members responded and at least four of you recommended that he seek employment with Government Departments.

I have passed on all recommendations though I fear that we aren't going to be of much help here.

Brian and his wife Miriam will be here around the Xmas period and it looks as if Wally Wilton and Billy Budd plus myself and maybe one or two others will get in touch with them then.

HISTORY OF THE FORCE VOLUME THREE

Just a reminder that Nick Russell is holding copies of this work for sale and any more members wishing to purchase a book should get in touch with him direct. Two more members have taken advantage of my last message on this subject,

MEMORIAL TO THE BSAP

No further developments have been reported from the UK.

I have had no confirmation from anyone that he and/or she are going to join Rosemary and me at the Unveiling, although John and Mary Gold may still be in the UK after the wedding of a member of the family.

We have paid for our tickets and will collect them from the Travel Agent in June, have arranged accommodation with family and will be present at the Whitwell Reunion Braai on Saturday 24th July; night stopping at a Hotel at Whitwell and then catching a coach to Alrewas for the Unveiling on Sunday 25th July.

It's likely to be quite an emotional reunion, not only as it is the Last Parade on one of the finest Police Forces in the world, but to catch up with all the other wrinklies, wobblies and crumblies who have indicated that they are going to be there, some of whom I last saw in 1980.

After that it's Heigh Ho for another 9 weeks before we return. We are taking the opportunity to celebrate Rosemary's 2009 80th birthday, her 81st in July and an early celebration of my 80th with family and friends in the UK and to say farewell as this is probably the last time we will see them.

PENSIONS

No further news on this subject.

BSAP WEBSITE

Andy Field still reminds us that the BSAP website is up and running and is now seeking photographs of Committees and any other memorabilia.

EMAIL BLOCKAGES

Mail Delivery System (MAILER-DAEMON@connect.com.au) keeps sending me the following messages:

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Now I have sent this address several queries asking for assistance to which there has been no reply! It therefore remains a complete bloody mystery and nuisance.

I recently sent out an investigatory inquiry and have received satisfactory answers from most of you. I have cancelled the ones who have not replied from the List of Qld Members and hope that will resolve the issue satisfactorily. The next test is obviously when I sent this newsletter out.

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