

MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING



Photo of Prof. Francis by the late Paul Mosig

Civil Engineering Class of 1967

50th Reunion Dinner

University House
Friday 17 November 2017

50 YEAR REUNION ATTENDEES

Gordon Alderson

Peter Balfe

Graham Brown

Dave Caffin

Roger Chalmers

Ron Clarkson

Murray Cullinan

Phil Cummins

John Davies

Gary Edwards

Clem Furphy

Ted Gallagher

Peter Gill

Andrew Goad

Barry Guttridge

Jeff Harding

Rod Hiscox

Rob Hutchings

Angelo Ianazzo

David Jay

Denis Johnston

Stuart Longmuir

Robert Marks

Jim McMeckan

Tony Moodie

Renzo Negrelli

John Noonan

Ken Ogden

Dave Peile

Ian Rankine

Geoff Rees

Rob Simonsen

John Smith

Bob Solly

John Taylor

Bob Vickers

Peter Walker

Jason Whyte

VALE

The following members of our class are no longer with us:

Terry Wong

Keith Madden

Alex Kouzmin 8 May 2011

Brian Logan 6 October 2013

Leigh Proudfoot 30 May 2015

Paul Mosig 30 October 2017

THE CHAIRMAN'S CUP



This is the cup that has sustained 50 consecutive reunions. Purchased by Tony Moodie in 1968 from Kozminski Jewellers, using John Irwin's donated dinner payment after he absconded to the USA, it has been passed on each year to the next convenor. Thanks Tony and John.

The past convenors are listed below.

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| 1968 | P.J. Balfe | 1993 | M. Cullinan |
| 1969 | J.R. Irwin and A.R. Moodie | 1994 | A.R. Moodie |
| 1970 | A.C. Goad | 1995 | R. Hutchings |
| 1971 | C.C. Furphy | 1996 | W.J. McMeckan |
| 1972 | B.A. Guttridge | 1997 | K.B. Romuld |
| 1973 | F. Blatt | 1998 | J.J. Whyte |
| 1974 | R.W. Simonsen | 1999 | P.J. Balfe |
| 1975 | P.J. Gill and J.J. Noonan | 2000 | G.W.C. Edwards |
| 1976 | K.B. Romuld | 2001 | B.R. Logan |
| 1977 | D.E. Gallagher | 2002 | P.J. Gill and J.J. Noonan |
| 1978 | R.A. Clarkson | 2003 | C.C. Furphy |
| 1979 | I.M. Rankine | 2004 | A.C. Goad |
| 1980 | J.S. Taylor | 2005 | R.W. Simonsen |
| 1981 | R.A. Negrelli | 2006 | J.S. Taylor |
| 1982 | R.R. Hiscox | 2007 | P.J. Balfe |
| 1983 | D.R. Peile | 2008 | R.W. Vickers |
| 1984 | J.J. Whyte | 2009 | J.C. Smith |
| 1985 | K.W. Ogden | 2010 | W.A.S. Longmuir |
| 1986 | J. Harding | 2011 | R.A. Clarkson |
| 1987 | G.C. Brown | 2012 | R.E. Marks |
| 1988 | R.H. Solly | 2013 | R. Hutchings |
| 1989 | A.M. Iannazzo | 2014 | J.J. Whyte |
| 1990 | R.W. Vickers | 2015 | P.J. Gill and J.J. Noonan |
| 1991 | D.K. Johnston | 2016 | K.W. Ogden |
| 1992 | P.J. Balfe | 2017 | P.J. Balfe |

2017 Reunion Rogues Gallery



Alderson, Gordon

Interests are three awesome children and four gorgeous grandchildren / Friends in my retirement village and resolving traffic engineering difficulties at our main gate / Church especially my small group friends / Eating and exercising healthily / Politics especially the national emergency with energy prices and stability wrought by climate science fraud / How to adapt my decision-making website to become an App/ Volunteer driving around Geelong Port for the Mission to Seafarers / Public and school bus driving for fun and cash flow



Balfe, Peter

Happily retired with Anne enjoying time with our 2 children, their partners and our 5 grandsons at either Surrey Hills, Rhyl (Phillip Island) or any other holiday destination we can drag them to. Very busy with outback travel in a camper trailer each winter, golf a couple of times a week, fishing whenever I can, and home maintenance for self and offspring. Ambition is to master watercolour painting, catch bigger fish than Ian Rankine, grow superb tomatoes and convene the 75th Reunion in 2042.



Blatt

In 2008 I retired from Rio Tinto to work 50% as a consultant and to play more music. As time went by I worked 100% as a consultant and played no music. In 2010 I was reemployed full time by Rio Tinto to manage a project in Peru. Jacki and I lived in Lima until completion of the project mid 2014. Since then I have been laying about, smoking cigars, minding and enjoying (sometimes) our youngest grandchildren (3 boys between 1 and 4), playing more music and coming to grips with being a great grandfather. Jacki and I have bought a house in Geelong to get away from the rat race and we hope to move there early next year.



Brown, Graham

Joined MU Eng School in 1966 as a blocko, and forever more, was led astray by other Civ Eng reprobates. Have now been retired for 3 years after helping 2 sons develop a madly successful smoke alarm installation and maintenance business. Stopped playing cricket many moons ago and now content by playing lawn bowls. Harder than it looks!!! Also play bridge 3 times a week – keeps the grey matter oiled up. Also volunteer at the Salvos once/week for 40 odd people, preparing & serving lunch and cleaning up afterwards. Learning to cook in my advancing age!!!



Caffin, David

I don't get much done I'm afraid. Walk the border collies, ride the bike, campaign against Adani, talk to the family.



Chalmers, Roger

These days, when I'm not sleeping or playing bridge, I'm either involved with our many family get-togethers or helping my nephew with his engineering degree at Sunshine Coast University, or planning our next break away from this hectic lifestyle.

I made enquiries at the engineering school a few years ago about buying an MUESC tie....the staff looked at me blankly, so I could only assume they were no longer an item. A shame, because I wanted a piece of memorabilia.



Clarkson, Ron

Retired ten years and have caravanned around Australia twice. The second time was this year when my son and his family were on an extended camping trip. We spent time with them at Mataranka N.T. and a week at Cape Range National Park W.A. snorkelling at Ningaloo Reef. We have also travelled extensively overseas, with Antarctica being up there with the best. We have eight grandchildren between us aged 4 to 12 years. I also attempt golf twice a week.



Cullinan, Murray

Lots of rewarding time with grandkids (3 to 21 years) and family generally. Time also with friends including monthly card game playing 'redog', and book discussion, with 5 mates for the past 10 years. Traveling in Australia and overseas. Enjoying our beach house when we can get there. Biting the downsizing bullet, trading in the family house for an apartment off the plan. Working 3 low stress days a week.



Cummins, Phil

Phil and Jenny live on four acres on the Goulburn River downstream of Eildon. We have a significant orchard, a vineyard, an olive grove and a large rose garden. Phil still works around 3 days/week and both of us are heavily involved in local organisations. Our five grandchildren are all in Melbourne, only a couple of hours away, so that makes the discharge of our Grandparent roles reasonably simple.

Of recent years many of our winter breaks have been spent travelling or cruising in Europe or North America or voff-road caravanning in the far north. Nobody wants to leave this area during summer.

**Davies, John**

Family activities together with my wife and involvement with grandchildren are a priority for me. I try to keep physically healthy, attending a gym 2-3 times a week, play golf irregularly and stimulate the mind with current affairs and reading. Singing continues to be an important part of my life. I no longer sing either Gilbert and Sullivan or Opera, but now sing oratorios and classical pieces with Camberwell Chorale. My wife and I also enjoy travelling the outback and the occasional 5 week trip overseas.

**Edwards, Gary**

Heather and I still residing at Benalla on the Broken River. Current interests revolve around 3 children and 3 grandchildren and caring for my 102 year old father currently undergoing " Jarryd Roughead " type melanoma treatment which necessitates fortnightly drives to Burwood ..Other interests are Probud and Uniting Church, where I'm currently managing a revised access project, the occasional auditing project for my engineer son and travel when we can-- Sri Lanka this year and booked for Scandinavian cruise next year.

**Furphy, Clem**

I am best described as a Gentleman Farmer and Leisure Specialist, with a large garden and a love of outback camping and theatre going. We have a small vineyard and a group of friends who help grow the grapes, make the wine, and drink the wine. Cate and I had four children who have all flown the nest and are doing well in the world, with the current fruit of my loins expanded by eight grandsons and one grand-daughter.

**Gallagher, Ted**

Still working three or four days a week on a couple of interesting projects. Whilst I still enjoy project management, I plan to call it a day by the middle of next year. This will give me more time to spend with my five grandchildren, write the family history, a bit of travel and catch up with neglected maintenance around the house. I will also be busy as President of the Royal Philatelic Society of Victoria. I'm still competing in the annual Pier to Pub swim at Lorne with some success in the "old buffers" category.

**Gill, Peter**

Peter and Margaret have six children and ten grandchildren mainly in Melbourne. All are in good health and keep us busy. We have just moved into Spring St in the city near my office. Whilst not employed I am enjoying various business investment activities including Board positions together with golf at Royal Melbourne and the National and regular squash. We enjoy overseas trips most years some with family members and are looking forward to city life and culture.



Goad, Andrew

We have four delightful grandchildren and love being involved in their activities. As well as travelling overseas we enjoy spending time at our beach house in Fairhaven. I am a Member of the Austin Healey and Jaguar Car Clubs and participate in Club activities, along with working on my cars. I have also joined a local walking group, which includes a couple of others from our "Year of '67".



Guttridge, Barry

I married Marie in Bristol in 1969, honeymooning in Spain. We returned to Australia in 1971 and I went to work firstly for the MMBW and then CRB..and then Vic Roads. I retired around 2000 and until recently have been a Builder/Renovator around Melbourne. We have two children, Craig and Samantha, both with long time partners, but alas, no grandchildren.



Harding, Jeff

Fifty years on, I am almost fully retired with six terrific grandkids, a wonderful wife, a love for golf, reading, walking and cycling, and a crook back. My passport gets regular use, I'm almost competent in Italian, belong to 2 book groups, play bridge and poker regularly, still pine for my old Riley car, and have discovered my green thumb. Generally, life is great, I have very few regrets and look forward to an interesting next decade.



Hiscox, Rodney

Still doing some engineering in a relaxed manner. Mainly deal with on-site issues concerning concrete formwork and blockwork. Still playing golf with increasing handicap and drinking with decreasing handicap. Recently attended the launch of a book on Dr Frank Stableford at Wallasey Golf Club near Liverpool, inventor of scoring system.



Hutchings, Rob

Retired life is pretty good with a wonderful partner, Sue, and a blended family of five children and six grandchildren in Melbourne and another due early November. My daughter's wedding to celebrate in Cambridge, UK, May 2018. Lots of renovation work on family homes, and joinery using air dried blackwood recovered after the 1983 bushfires. Trekking locally and globally – including Japan, Patagonia, Canada, US and Europe. Member of a guys group who walk once a month.



Iannazzo, Angelo

Left Melbourne on graduation for typical overseas experience, came back after 20 years in oil industry sectors worldwide, with wife & 3 kids for education. Still living overseas in Hong Kong (13 years) with Deirdre, lost count of home set up after no 40. Blessed with 5 children & now 5-6 grandchildren (all in last 3 years) all living away in New York, London, Dubai & Melb. We are a modern 21 century family. Good health, excellent IT communications and travel a must and we both are still working, because we like it. Fortunate we had the best professional and life experience time as an Engineer. Not sure about how our kids will cope and in their future.



Irwin, John

Margo and I have lived in Houston since 1979. Both children, one daughter-in-law and one grand son are now back here again also—so time with family is a big focus. I try to lead a healthy life and enjoy volunteer activities such as supporting Melbourne University and our Australian Consulate/Austrade. I have always felt very grateful and fortunate to have attended Melbourne University.



Jay, David

David takes on the golf course several times a week. Attempts to maximise times away for holidays to places we (David and Robyn) have yet to see before we won't be able. Family and friends are a major focus for our lives and we now have time to read, go to movies or whatever takes our fancy. Keeping healthy and fit for our eighth and ninth decades



Johnston, Dennis

My current interests are dominated by - grand-children (12 of them), a perhaps unhealthy obsession with golf, travel (usually involving golf), holiday house at Anglesea, my watercolour painting. A new interest in cooking - much encouraged by my lovely wife Linda. And I have tried to retire completely several times but continue to be asked for advice. Relevance deprivation keeps me going back! I reckon that my professional services "use by" date is still a little way away but my "best before" data has definitely passed.



Lechte, Peter

Formally retired end of 2016, but still doing voluntary work for VU. Apart from family, grandchildren and all the fun involved there, current interests include WATSAN / WASH and related issues, establishing a house at Torquay, 50 yr catch-up on "general" reading, sport (but past it!), travel and all the history and geography that goes with it (much more interesting than when done at school!), plus current local / global events.

**Longmuir, Stuart**

Fully retired now for five years. Playing golf badly but regularly. Travelling a lot with the Indian Pacific last year and Egypt early next year."

**Marks, Robert**

A single dad for over 19 years. My son Josh will start in the Westpac grad program in Feb. My daughter Zoe is finishing her PhD before completing her medical degree. I have been with Eve for 10 years, and step-granddad to her 4 grandkids. Travel quite often: to Melbourne to see family and Zoe, soon to Sri Lanka, most recently to Oregon to see the eclipse. Otherwise editing the journal of the Royal Society of NSW.

**McDonald, Phil**

I retired 4 years ago after spending 46 years in local government. We subsequently sold our townhouse in Newtown & purchased a unit in a new development in Doncaster East, in which we have lived for the last 2 years. This is much closer to our 2 sons & their families & we now spend a lot more time catching up with them & babysitting our grandchildren. We have 4 grandchildren (2 girls 6 & 3 & 2 boys 17 & 3). We been on a few holidays in the last 4 years mainly in Australia but also a Rock & Roll cruise around the South Pacific (which was great!). I am very involved with the Owners Corporation committee for the development we live in. This keeps me busy.

**McMeekan, Jim**

Basils Farm <http://www.basilsfarm.com.au/> is a key interest in recent years. Basils Farm is 20 hectare property located on the Bellarine Peninsula with a magnificent 270 degree view overlooking Swan Bay. We have capacity to entertain 200 guests in the café, cellar door and surrounding gardens. The property comprises 4.5 hectares of pinot noir, chardonnay and shiraz vines, market gardens, llamas, baby doll sheep, chickens, ducks etc. As my wife Tina says, 'the whole catastrophe!'"

**Moodie, Tony**

Myself and my wife Marjory still working. I am occupied from my home office with an involvement in residential and commercial building and looking after the civil infrastructure design and construction management aspects of several large, slow moving, multi-stage residential subdivisions in Melbourne and Cairns. Any spare time we have is taken up with our five grandchildren, weekend gardening and all-too-infrequent visits to the family beach house at Sorrento. I hung up the weekend car-racing helmet a few years ago and now enjoy sneaking away during the week for a game of golf with a few mates or a round or two of clay-target shooting.



Negrelli, Renzo

I retired 6 years ago Golf is my current major pastime. Handicap not improving but 2 holes in 1 in last 2 years major golfing achievement. Have 4 gorgeous grandkids which with vegetable gardening keeps me busy.



Noonan, John

I now find an increasing proportion of my time taken up with travel and grandchildren. The grandparent duties being a common feature of school holiday time.

When other commitments permit, I am still working around 4 days per week, though mostly with providing advice to others taking primary responsibility for the work, most recently concerned with West Gate Bridge and the new Australian Bridge Design Code.

I still enjoy good health, averaging 60-70km a week of cycling and continuing with my Italian language studies.



Ogden, Ken

Ken ceased full-time work in 2007, and for a few years thereafter ran his own consultancy in transport policy and road safety. That activity has now dwindled to nothing, and he now enjoys travelling (which he'll continue to do while his and Elaine's health permits), spending time with the grandkids, helping out at the Anglican church in Ringwood, and enjoying the occasional lunch with old friends and colleagues.



Piele, David

Retired at 60 and went cruising with Robyn on our 45' yacht in the South Pacific and Asia. In 2015 we crossed the North Pacific from the Philippines to Canada, via Japan. We spent 3 months this year sailing the inland passage from Vancouver to Glacier Bay Alaska and back. We have 2 children and 3.5 grandchildren spread between Melbourne and San Francisco.

When in Australia we live in a small cottage on 5 acres at Musk Vale near Daylesford



Rankine, Ian

Play golf twice a week at Rosebud Country Club, golf trips 3-4 times a year, annual 15 day beach fishing trip to Eden, annual 2 month trip to Sunshine Coast to avoid our winter, volunteer with local council assisting running seniors programs, handyman for family & senior neighbours.



Rees, Geoff

Now semi-retired but my real interests are with my 3 children and my 5 grandchildren and their activities. My wife Jan and I love travelling having recently travelled around the world, but no cruising yet, until we get older. We have a motor launch and cruise Sydney Harbour and beyond, golf, surfing and tennis. My daughter wants me to design all the structures in her new house, so I am now studying to become a structural engineer again, - Roark's Formulas for Stress and Strain.



Seyler, Peter

Resting" [involuntarily unemployed/retired] in Medan, North Sumatra, after engagements as an independent Advisor on Quality Assurance on an ADB flood control project for Medan [2004]; and thereafter by the ADB [2005-2010] and UNDP [2010-2013] on their Project Management and Supervision Teams for post tsunami / earthquake reconstruction of Aceh and Nias; followed by intermittent short term engagements with the ADB on Geothermal Energy Projects in Java; and with Consultants supporting Indonesian Government Regional Solid Waste Management programmes.



Simonsen, Rob

Just turned 76 in Oct. Now fully retired with last engineering & mining consulting work finished in Feb 2015.
Still playing golf occasionally.
2nd marriage to Julie has just passed 16 years & has us with 7 kids, 8 grand kids & 2 Great grandsons between us.



Smith, John

My current interests are cruising to exotic places. Photo is an island at Vanuatu with french boat behind. Also I continue with live drawing which I started in 4th year at Melbourne Uni. And am involved in amateur Astronomy. When not looking after grandchildren.



Solly, Bob

After my recent qualification as a Social Worker, I am looking for someone who will employ a 71 year old in Aged Care Mental Health. No luck so far but there are not many male social workers. In meanwhile, I am doing volunteer work in the hospital system and with the "Vinnies" I examined the NDIS in detail and in a work placement, I was advocating for children entering the scheme so this is also an area I may pursue.



Taylor, John

Caravanning and overseas holidays. Regular visits to family in HK and Chicago. Supporting the RSL at Glen Waverley on property development issues. Keeping fit through regular walking and cycling. Member of local Probus Club. Fishing and golf. House renovations. Grandparent duties. Writing my contribution to family history. Ongoing interest in transport, planning, environmental and economic issues. “

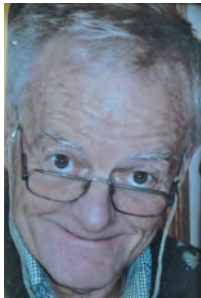


Vickers, Bob

Having retired from the world of consulting more than ten years ago I am now deeply embedded in Spending the Kids' Inheritance. Wife Tetet is my accomplice and thankfully the four children are supporters.

Downsizing is in action right now.

Life is a mixture of travel and golf. I play twice each week at Riversdale Golf Club and also try to play in Bali two or three times each year. Other recent trips have been to Provence, France and to Berlin where son Andrew lives with his girlfriend.



Walker, Peter

Peter Walker turned 73 this year and has been married to Margaret for 45 years. We have really enjoyed living here in Geelong the past 11 years. Margaret & I have three grown-up children and five grandchildren. My own interests include competitive lawn bowls, building and operating model trains, enjoying activities with Margaret & our friends at the PROBUS Club, singing in our St Bernard's Church Men's Choir and escaping winter on extended caravan trips. We thank God that are able to enjoy these activities.



Whyte, Jason

Now retired, I spend two days a week volunteering at Richmond Primary School. I have been allowed to take some classes on subjects such as magnetism, solar electricity, friction, levers, states of matter and heat. I have joined Williamstown Sailing Club to sail my 5m Hartley trailer sailer. I bought it in 2016 and I had not previously sailed, so I am on a damp learning curve.



1967 Class of Civil Engineering

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