



# Qualitas Non Quantitas

## 95<sup>th</sup> Entry Halton Apprentices

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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Attestation



### Brainstorming Session

Thank you for indicating your interest in the 95<sup>th</sup> Entry Australian venture.

As I am a bit of a novice at world travel and having no real knowledge of Australia (but a desire to see some parts of it, subject to being able (bodied, that is), I have been wondering about the complexities of the venture, whether it might be possible to co-ordinate something with others and concluding what on earth have I taken on?

I ask myself whether there might be any benefit in discussing the whole venture with everyone else to ascertain: (for example – my personal list – not conclusive)

Preferred Airline for travel & why	Can we get discounted travel
Merits of stop-over en-route outwards and/or inwards	
Start / end (Perth / Sydney or vice-versa)	
Alice Springs & Uluru (Ayres Rock)	Great Barrier Reef (Cairns area or what)
Have to be in Sydney for <b><u>22 April 2010</u></b>	Proposed Re-Union itinerary etc
ANZAC Day (26 April 2010) in Sydney (which happens to be the 95 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gallipoli)	Wreath laying (Tony Eve's idea)
Excursions (in Sydney; out of Sydney; elsewhere; Tony's idea – included herein)	
Dates, durations, internal travel	Where, when, how
Accommodations (Hotels; Motels; B&B; tents; under vehicles; by a billabong; etc)	
Personal Itinerary planning / merging	etc, etc, etc.

Consequently, having decided that there might be some benefit (certainly to me) and my belief that we ought to investigate whether we can co-ordinate anything with each other, I have hired a Conference Facility and you are cordially invited to attend a brainstorming session at:

## **Vanquish Conference Room**

**Aston Hall Hotel**, Sheffield, S26 2EE

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008**

(No RSVP – Just turn up if you want to)

Have you been having similar thoughts? If so, I hope to see you there for your very valuable input (especially if you already have experience to draw on). If you can't make it but wish to contribute then please advise your input.

It is very difficult to pick a date and venue that will suit everyone and I might have clashed with your holiday arrangements – sods law will play these tricks - however, I stuck a wet finger into the air and made my arbitrary “Hobson’s choice”.

I have opted for somewhere central to Britain (hence Sheffield) and also easy to get to.

**Aston Hall Hotel** is located just off **M1 Junction 31** – follow the A57 to Sheffield, turn right almost immediately to ASTON on Worksop road (B6067), pass the Fire Station on Left, the Hotel is ½ mile further on LEFT. There is also a good selection of Travel-lodge/Days Inn venues within a few miles if anyone is considering travelling on the Saturday.

The good news is we have the room for the whole day exclusive use and I have included a flip chart & markers. I'll be there first thing after breakfast, having taken a room for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> night. I propose that we congregate around 10.00 am, breaking for lunch (optional) about 12.00 to 13.00/13.30 and close around 16.30 pm (if anyone is still around that long).

**Note: Lunch & refreshments will be by personal arrangements**

The hotel has a 3 course Sunday lunch menu at £17.95 and there will probably be bar-snacks available, too. Also, I feel sure there would be a Pub & other catering venues nearby.

Please also bring means of taking notes etc. A planning calendar is attached for your convenience.

*With best regards,  
Alf*

## **SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR THE “AUDACIOUS SOCIAL EVENT”**

Australia is a very long way to travel for a meal, so we have set out a draft proposed schedule to give some structure to the lead up to the re-union dinner and allow for the fact that not all will arrive at the same time. The event will be planned along similar lines to the following draft.

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010:**

Say 14.00hrs onwards: Meet & greet at a suitable informal venue. Need location with beer, snacks, sweet-sherry, beer, sitting space, beer etc, probably somewhere close to accommodation.

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2010:**

Morning: Free time to recover from jet-lag/hangover, go shopping; late breakfast; whatever.....

Afternoon: Meet after lunch for a boat trip or other sight seeing tour? (Optional for those with extended hangovers)

Evening: Plan to meet one hour prior to start of meal & festivities etc. Enjoy super meal in outstanding Company.

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010:**

Morning: Survivors use free time to recover from anything.

Afternoon/Evening:

- a) More sight-seeing ???
- b) Attend something at Opera House (just because we can) ???
- c) Perhaps a Barbie on a beach ???

### **ANZAC DAY (25 April)**

ANZAC Day is the anniversary of the Gallipoli landings in the 1<sup>st</sup> World War by the Australian & New Zealand Army Corps. One special note: 2010 will be the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

As the 25<sup>th</sup> April falls on a Sunday in 2010, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> is reserved for all the “Public Holiday” activities.

### **THEN WHAT? Some notes for thinking about:**

An idea from Tony Dapre, to quote: I have just returned from Wagga Wagga about five hours out of Sydney. You may or may not know that RAAF Wagga Wagga was and still is the apprenticeship training school like Halton, although they don't call them apprentices any more. I thought it might be a good idea to arrange a visit there during your visit in 2010, therefore the following is an idea of what I have in mind:-

Hire a coach to pick everybody up and drive to Canberra, about 2.5 hours drive. Have a day and a night in Canberra, visit the War Memorial which is very worthwhile, Parliament House etc. I would organise an affordable motel for everybody.

Carry on from Canberra to Wagga Wagga, about 3 hours and visit the RAAF base. I have already been in touch and there will be no problem with this as long as we can make it from Monday to Thursday. We could then either stay overnight with a visit to the RSL for the evening or go back to Sydney which is 5 hours away.

This trip could be extended a bit if required as there is also an Air Force museum (Temora) about an hour away from Wagga on the way back to Sydney and I am told they would definitely turn it on for a group such as ours. We could also include a stop over in the Blue Mountains which is well worth a visit so maybe a four day trip would be the order.

Some information on the Temora Aviation Museum: Naturally you can access the website anyway (*See <http://www.aviationmuseum.com.au>*). I have been in touch with the museum and they have not planned any flying dates that far ahead so maybe if we were to have a confirmed booking for a sufficient number of people they could be asked to ensure that there are a couple of pilots there that day. The pilots are all volunteers.

Rough itinerary / costing for suggested trip:

Hire coach 40 persons 4 days  
3 nights accommodation in middle of the road motel  
Entry to Temora Museum  
cost approx £210 at today's prices (covers driver food/accommodation as well)  
personal food & drink would be by individuals  
depends on numbers

Tony Dapre has suggested that we need to consider the following:

1. The intended itinerary especially relating to the time it is intended to stay in Sydney.
2. With whom they will be travelling.
3. Any friends or relatives in or around Sydney with whom they will be staying and who might wish to be involved in the functions.
4. Other intended hotel arrangements.
5. Is accommodation required at the Hyde Park Inn through the RSL arrangement.
6. Can they provide proof of service documentation for the RSL membership.
7. Any dietary/allergy specifics.
8. Do they intend to march in the Anzac Day parade on 25th. April.
9. Would they like to be involved in a Harbour Cruise together.
10. Will they be coming on the 4 day trip.

Tony Eve suggested a wreath: The advice from Tony Dapre is that it would not be a part of the march and although we do march past the Cenotaph there is no opportunity to stop and lay the wreath as you would probably be trampled to death by the marchers behind. I am sure there would be nothing to stop us all congregating at an alternate time and having a wreath laying ceremony on behalf of those who haven't made it to 2010 and I could chase up the protocol if it is felt this is a good idea. I would have no problem arranging a wreath and fresh flowers would be so much more appropriate. If thought it an idea we could of course hold this ceremony at my RSL in Forestville. Our Cenotaph also has a Memorial Walk around the Cenotaph and a paver could be laid dedicated to all the deceased members of the Entry thus they could attend in spirit if not in person.

### **In Memoriam**

Friends who have passed on. In our thoughts and prayers.

Michael McColl Young	Roland Bath	Keith Burdass
Clive Wilson	Rod Pritchard	Jerry Padgen
Colin Pollard	Bob Jupp	Mike Thatcher
Mike Frankling	RL (Bob) Horsham	Glyn Bolderson

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