



## SOAKS Old Boys Newsletter Number 8 2022

Welcome to the 8th **SOAKS Old Boys** Newsletter for 2022. In this edition, there are exciting new SOAKS Old Boys Profiles to view. Both the August and September drinks are highlighted. October drinks promises to be a grand occasion with Richard Hamlyn-Harris down from NSW to catch up with the SOAKS Old Boys community, especially team mates from the 1972 premiership winning team. **'From the Vault'** takes readers back down memory lane once again. And in **'Heard and Noted'** there is plenty of SOAKS Old Boys news.



I hope that you enjoy all the news, humour and nostalgia.

### SOAKS Old Boys Calendar of upcoming Events

#### Friday 7 October

(SOAKS monthly drinks from 5 pm @ Tom McHugo's with special guest Richard Hamlyn-Harris)

#### Friday 4 November

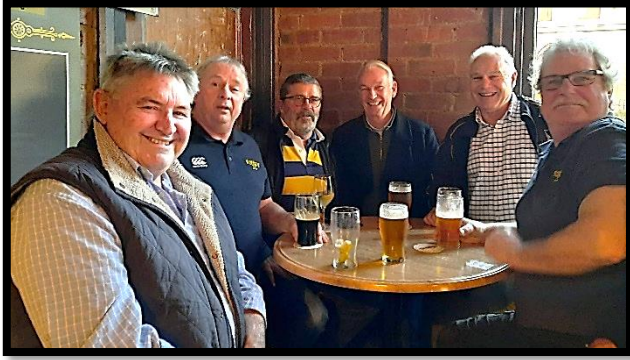
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### SOAKS August Drinks



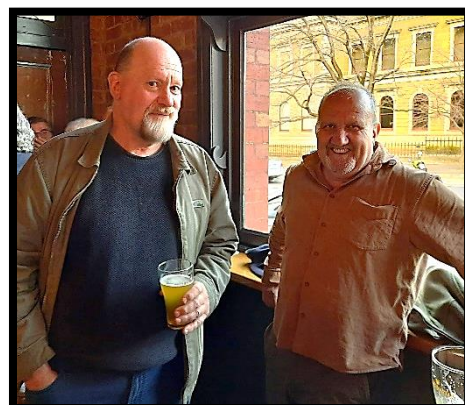
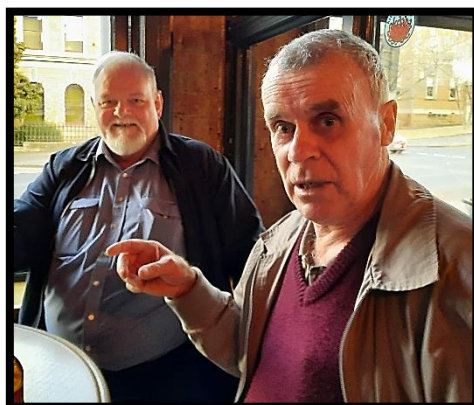
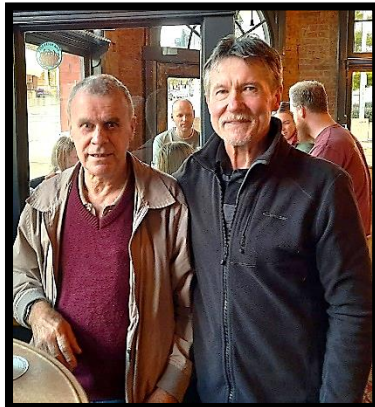
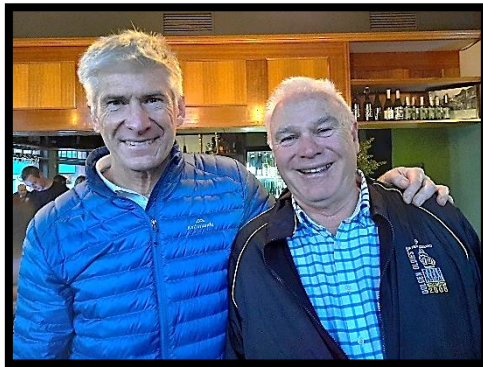
#### August 2022

'SOAKS Corner' at Tom McHugo's Hotel was populated with some happy drinkers in the form of: Nigel Shepherd, Lynton Foster, Richard Boulton, Mark Dwyer, Clyde Eastaugh (down from Devonport), Greg O'Keefe and Peter Tucker



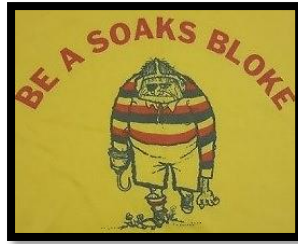
## September 2022

'SOAKS Corner' was once again the place to be for Damian Kerin, Dave Morris, Tim Oxley, Steve Harris, Mal Riley, Nigel Shepherd, Mark Dwyer, Richard Boulton, Garth Barnbaum, Fred Morey, Greg O'Keefe, John Gillon, Andrew Herbert, Barry Woods, Lynton Foster and Dave Kilpatrick.





## A SOAKS Bloke Profile



### Name and Nick name (if any)?

Stefan Alteruthemeyer, Stef or Alter. Dr Alan Tucker liked 'Rooted Alternator' but he mostly said that when calling me out in his waiting room.

### When did you play for SOAKS?

1982 -1985

### Why did you decide to play for SOAKS?

When I came to Hobart in the beginning of 1982, I was watching a game of touch rugby in Sandy Bay when Dr Alan Tucker came over and introduced himself and asked if I wanted a run. I had a go and he asked if I wanted to play for Associates. I said that I need a job and a place to live and he said he would see what he could do and I should come back next week. The next week he had a flat for me in Waimea Avenue, Sandy Bay and a Maître d' job at the rooftop restaurant of a

hotel in town. I had never worked as a waiter before, but I held that job for nearly the entire time I was at Uni in Hobart.

### Did you play rugby with other clubs? (Name of Club/s and Year/s)

After school in 1978 I played for Cottesloe in WA. Played Schoolboys and Colts for WA before going to Tasmania.



In Tasmania I only played for SOAKS until I went home. I did play Colts and Seniors for Tasmania.

1986 -1990 Cottesloe in WA

1991-1992 I played in Cologne, Germany for a mixed ex-pat German team which was an experience!

1993-1994 I agreed to play for Mt Lawley WA even though I was really too old. They had one 3<sup>rd</sup> grade team and only their captain had played before. He was a lawyer friend of mine and got me to agree to play until they won their first game. I played halfback which impressed the opposition halfbacks no end! It took until half way through the second season but then we won a few and then I retired.

### What position/s did you play?

Mostly number 8, but then also on the flank. Geoff Galloway loved the number 8 and Nashy had to have the 6 so in the end I wore 7, but I was happy on the side where my ears were not copping such a hiding.

### **What are your 3 fondest memories of your time with SOAKS?**

Best would be the road trips to play teams up north. The ride with Doddy where he raced the E class Merc with 5 of us in the jag will never be forgotten. The girls at the clubs were always very friendly as Twanga demonstrated.



Winning the 1984 State Premiership was great as was that whole season. I seem to remember we won a lightning carnival in that season too...there was nothing we could do wrong.

**(Editor's note:** Stefan can be seen in this photo from the 1984 Grand Final. Wearing his number 7 jersey, he is in the bottom left of the photo securing the ball held by Greg Schmidt. Other notable SOAKS pictured are: Andrew Herbert, Greg Dodd, Geoff Galloway and Tim Mitchell.)

I was pretty poor in those days and preoccupied with earning money and studying, but I was welcomed from the outset and always felt I could come and go as I was able.

### **Who was your most respected local rival? (name and club)**

I didn't really know or care who we played from week to week. I remember there was always a good competition between the loose forwards and Fred Galloway when we played, Taroona. Made me laugh that he could not play for SOAKS because his girlfriend said so.

### **In your time with SOAKS who had the most influence on you and why?**

The 2 coaches Greg Hill and Bevan Eathorne did great things with motivating the team, but I was most influenced by Geoff Galloway. He did crazy things like showing up to training wearing garbage bags under his jumper to sweat off a bit of weight.

I once saw him reach out and take a ball right off the foot of an opposition player who was about to kick it. When Greg Hill sent us to sprint around the goal posts Geoff would chase me all the way and then congratulate me on holding him out.

### **What other non-playing role/s did you take on with SOAKS (if any)?**

Being the ultimate non-volunteer, I am difficult to rope in. I did agree to coach a team of young kids at New Town High, which were a bunch of delinquents mostly with criminal records already. I had so much fun and they did really well. I was not prepared for the phone calls from parents asking for help in raising their kids. Nor for the cheer squad when they came to our games and shouted all I was doing wrong from the sidelines.

### **What was the funniest thing you remember from your time with SOAKS?**

Geoff and his garbage bag training outfit was pretty good. I am not sure if Geoff was the victim or the instigator of this, but you will remember that there were always some guys who did not have tape or Dencorub etc. and were always borrowing it. Somebody brought in a tube of Dencorub for horses and then helped apply this to the victim's back. There was a delayed reaction while this stuff kicked in, but I remember this guy rolling around on the ground trying to get it off. It probably was not that funny but it sure looked it then. Upon reflection, I doubt if anyone would have had the guts to do that to Geoff. The state trips were amazing and the crazy stories are endless. Dead ant at the airport and running from taxis...what happens on tour stays on tour!

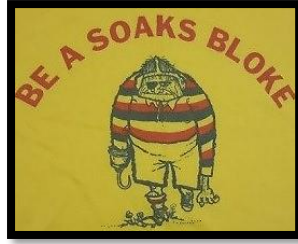


### **Any other comments?**

Thanks to David Standish for contacting me. It is great that you guys have kept SOAKS alive. Completing the profile has been a surreal experience and we will do all we can to come over to Hobart next year.



## A SOAKS Bloke Profile



### Name and Nickname

John Alker-Jones (mainly Alker, or occasionally Alkertraz or Akerbilk or perhaps Alcapone)

### When did you play for SOAKS?

I played for SOAKS from 1965-1968

### Why did you decide to play for SOAKS?

It was a natural progression / expulsion from the University of Tasmania Rugby Club.

### Did you play rugby with other clubs? (Name of Club/s and Year/s)

Melbourne University Rugby Club 1969 and 1970.

### What position/s did you play?

I started playing inside centre in 1963 with University. Then the following year at outside centre before Harry Cox suggested I should play open head front row! (I thought that was the end...playing with the pigs, but I never looked back!!)



### What are your 3 fondest memories of your time with SOAKS?

Well, it wasn't the cold showers at Clare St!

Without a doubt it was the camaraderie, not just during the rugby season, but the whole damn year. It became such that training and playing were interrupting the social life: BBQ's and the impromptu parties at Dick Buttfeld's place, the fish nights at Bongo, 'Tonkle' and 'Randy' Riley's flat where there were always the arguments about the best way to cook abalone or crayfish! Plus, I can't forget Orrie Cox's shortbreads.

### Who was your most respected local rival? (name and club)

To be fair, at first grade level, most players display certain envious traits or skills. Some unfortunately were just dirty players who could have been, possibly even better players and respected, without their need to resort to underhand tactics.

My memory of a respected opposition player would have to be Paddy Montgomery (Harlequins) who was as wide as he was tall, with the lowest centre of gravity possible and a hip movement (that would make most girls cry) that seemed to make him almost impossible to stop!

However if you asked for my opinion of the most respected SOAKS player, it would be the whole damn team!

### In your time with SOAKS who had the most influence on you and why?

There were players and supporters you always remember as close friends who had an influence on you. To be realistic and fair, you would have to say the whole team left some sort of mark on you.



You learnt humility, self-reliance, aggression and determination, but most of all you had friendship.

### What other non-playing role/s did you take on with SOAKS (if any)?

SOAKS Club President in 1968. I'm not sure whether I discharged my duties as fully as I should have!



### What was the funniest thing you remember from your time with SOAKS?

It seems terrible to think that through all the magnificent times we had one particular incident didn't send some sense of the ridiculous to the memory bank!

Well, perhaps two do come to mind. John 'Tonkle' Smith comes to mind (out fishing, as was his wont) at one of Dennis and Kitty Gee's BBQ Smithy and his band of merry fishermen lost the fly wheel off the top of their small outboard motor! Plus, they only had one oar! It took them some hours to return to the BBQ. There was a level of consternation, but relief, on their return and a good anxiety relief laugh at their expense.

Again, another JT Smith laugh: 'Tonkle' and mate Ned were home in Orange for Christmas and New Year. As expected, they consumed an amount of alcohol that attracted the attention of the police. When asked their names, their reply was "John Smith and Ned Kelly." Needless to say, into the slammer for the night they went! In

the morning, parents confirmed the names of John and Edward!

### Any other comments?

I always feel a twinge of jealousy when I read SOAKS newsletter. It speaks heaps about a club that can stay together for so long. Just think of those dedicated drinkers that feature every time, and that they all can remember how to get home and back again! That's dedication for you. Also, undoubtedly, the skilful organisation and newsletter. Thank you, Greg.

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## From the Vault

September 9, 1967

THE RUGBY NEWS

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### Rugby's spread in Tasmania

The spread of Rugby throughout the Australian States has become marked in the last few years, with an increase in playing standard and numerical strength most apparent.

In Hobart, host city for the recent Australian under-16 carnival, the progress the game is making is particularly evident.

The way in which the carnival organisers hosted players from four States, including two teams from New South Wales, was indicative of the strides the game is making in Australia's most southern city.

Perhaps the progress of Rugby in Hobart and the spirit that exists there is typified in the following article.

It was written by George T. Wilson, one of the founders of Rugby in Tasmania and now patron of the Tasmanian Juniors, as a forward in the programme of the national under-16 titles:—

"The first Rugby club in Hobart was founded in 1933 at the University of Tasmania, in part by men who had their schooling in Sydney. It pursued a modest course until the war, when enlistments from its ranks were so large that it went into honourable retirement.

It was revived in 1945 when all 23 players who comprised the Rugby code in the city assembled Saturday by Saturday at the old Hutchins School ground, divided into two elevens with the odd man as referee, and got down to business.

Not without fierce opposition, the big leap forward came in 1955 with the introduction of schoolboy Rugby at the Hobart High and Hutchins Schools.

From these small beginnings it has now spread to every secondary school in Hobart except Warrane and Elizabeth High.

This year the Junior Rugby Union controls a competition comprising 41 teams and almost 800 players in grades ranging from primary to under 19.

Primary School Rugby got under way in 1963 at Princes Street and Glenorchy schools, and is now quietly penetrating into all the suburbs of the city, south, east and north.

Progress in the lower schools is a reflection on the work of a dedicated body of under 19 players who serve as organisers, coaches and referees. Up to date it has cost the Rugby Union precisely nothing.

Any casual Saturday observer who glances at the new Eastern Suburbs ground at North Warrane, or the Glenorchy club's Rugby centre off Eady Street, or the splendid University pitch by the waterfront on Sandy Bay Road needs no reminder how widely the game has now radiated throughout the city.

'From the Vault' contains some very interesting items from 1967 and 1969. Three of the four items have a very strong Tasmanian Rugby connection whilst the fourth item recalls the time when an international rugby tour really meant a **tour!**



## Sydney team steals the show

# Deepening strength in juniors

The team selected to represent Sydney scored a resounding victory in the Australian under-16 Junior Championships which concluded in Hobart, Tasmania, last weekend.

The team, chosen from all the Unions which play junior Rugby in Sydney, won its three rounds of the championship carnival, then defeated a selected team representing the Rest of Australia 25-0 to wind up the carnival.

Teams from Sydney, N.S.W. Country, Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and Tasmania contested the eight-day carnival.

The titles were highly successful, revealing a deepening of strength in the southern States and extracting some superb football from the New South Wales sides, particularly the Sydney team.

Tasmania won their first two games of the carnival against Western Australia and South Australia to qualify for the final against Sydney, who had defeated Country and Western Australia.

Tasmania's effort was their best in an Australian carnival.

The southern States generally played some quite good football, and their enthusiasm is such that they already have laid plans for a tour of New Zealand at the end of next season.

A combined team from Western Australia, South Australia, Tasmania and Victoria will make a fortnight tour of the North Island.

The plan is to have a New Zealand coach join the party on arrival and work with the players throughout the tour.

There is no denying that Rugby is on the improve amongst the juniors in the "Cinderella" States, and carnivals such as the recent Hobart effort are bolstering the standard considerably.

But, irrespective of the efforts of the other States, the Hobart carnival belonged to a Sydney team which turned on some scintillating Rugby.

The Sydney team, 20 players in all, played four matches without loss, tallying 101 points while conceding only nine.

They defeated N.S.W. Country 13-1, Western Australia 34-0, Tasmania 29-6 and The Rest of Australia 25-0.

Perhaps the greatest pointer to the calibre of the Sydney players, though, is the manner in which they scored their tries.

The team scored 25 tries to one in the carnival overall.

Of these 11 went to the wingers, eight to the centres and three to the halves.

Forwards scored only three of the 25 tries.

The team produced evidence enough to suggest a lot more will be heard of some of the players in the not-too-distant future.

The Sydney team which made the trip was—

FULLBACKS: R. Olsen (N. Subs.), R. Kirkpatrick (Gordon).

THREE-QUARTERS: P. Gamble (Gordon), A. Hicks (N. Subs.), I. Leonard (Parra.), G. Kaslar (Druin), R. Dalkeith (Parra.).

FIVE-EIGHTH: A. Spargo (Manly), HALFBACKS: P. Carson (N. Subs.), C. Tocchini (Manly).

BACK-ROW FORWARDS: P. Warman (Gordon), G. Owen (W'gah), G. Owens (Gordon), D. Richardson (Parra.).

SECOND-ROW FORWARDS: G. Pearse (Gordon), G. Meakin (W'gah).

FRONT-ROW FORWARDS: J. Luchetti (N. Subs.), K. James (St. George), E. Hynes (E. Subs.), (R'wick).

HOOVER: B. Allan (Manly).

The side's hardest match came on the first day of the carnival when they came up against the team representing N.S.W. Country.

Down 0-3 at half-time after Country had scored an early try, Sydney bounced back with a field goal by fullback Ross Olsen, two share tries by inside-centre Ron Dalkeith and halfback Peter Carson, and two conversions by winger Tony Hicks.

The Country try, scored in the opening minutes of the game, was to

prove the only occasion on which the Sydney line was crossed during the carnival.

The team hit its straps in the second match of the carnival against Western Australia.

Some superb play by the halves Chris Tocchini and Alan Spargo and a straight-running performance by inside-centre Geoff Kaslar provided opportunities galore for the outside backs.

They responded with 10 tries.

Left-winger Phillip Gamble notched three of them, the other winger, Tony Hicks, two, and the outside-centre, Ian Leonard, helped himself to a further two.

Sound ball delivery from an energetic forward pack and some superb running and handling gave the less experienced West Australians little chance.

The story was much the same in the final against Tasmania, although the locals made it heavy going for a period in the second half after Sydney had run up a 17-0 half-time lead.

The team scored eight tries in this game and would have had a bigger margin but for some unlucky goal-kicking.

The final match of the carnival saw the Sydney side, as the carnival premiers, take on a team selected from all the other competing sides.

In this match, five converted tries gave the Sydney team a comfortable win, though the game was a deal harder than the scores would indicate.

The performances of the Sydney side improved considerably as the carnival progressed.

Their forwards were able to dictate much of the play and their backs capitalised on the opportunities offering.

The team won many laurels from the Tasmanian officials for their standard of play.

It's a fair bet that many of them will soon be making their presence felt in grade ranks.



# Southern States schoolboys to tour New Zealand

Schoolboy footballers from the southern states who go to New Zealand next year for a five match series are in for a treat which should widen their knowledge of football.

As they proceed around New Zealand they will be coached by leading coaches and ex-internationals and also attend lectures and talks. It will be a real educational tour.

They should return full of football ideas, which will not only add to their skill, but deepen their interest in Rugby.

The team which will make the tour is the Under 16 group, which completed a most successful carnival in Adelaide on September 6.

In this carnival, which N.S.W. City won handsomely (it had a bobby dazler team), a team from Manawatu (N.Z.) competed and the N.Z. boys, no slouches at Rugby, found themselves well outplayed by N.S.W. City, which won 32-6.

N.S.W. City team manager, Col Edwards, and coach, Bob Levett, on their return to Sydney gave an indication of the power football played by the N.S.W. City side.

In four matches played they scored 30 tries and 14 goals for a total of 122 points and allowed only nine points to be recorded against them. These points were for one try and two penalty goals.

Obviously the team was well schooled and the players must have known to the fullest extent possible, the fundamentals of the game.

According to information given to the Rugby Union, the State had in winger Peter Tillbrook of the Maroubra Club a player of wonderful potential.

He scored seven tries in the series, kicked three penalty goals and converted six tries.

He shaded the rest of the team for individual brilliance, but was not far ahead of outside centre, Morgan Anderson (North Sydney), who showed plenty of finesse and was always able to penetrate, and Don McDonald (Bexley-Kingsgrove), who proved a most valuable link in the try-scoring back-line chain fielded by N.S.W. City.

Tribute also was paid to the cap-

tain of the team, Grant Andrews (West Pymble) for the manner in which he led.

In the forwards, Dennis Eagar (Westmead) stood out for his tight, rugged play and John Grounds (South Hurstville) starred in the lock role.

## Players Chosen for Tour

After the carnival selectors chose players they will nominate for the New Zealand tour.

Those nominated were:

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA:** Gary Savage (lock), Mark Schulz (winger), Peter Haynes (forward), Kim Dow (five-eighth), Garry Preston (forward).

**TASMANIA:** Simon Gethen (centre), Thad Rose (forward), Dennis Simms (centre), Andrew Skinner (hooker).

**VICTORIA:** Raymond Wright (centre), Alan Moodie (five-eighth), Timothy Burns (half-back), Greg Howden (forward), Phillip Littlewood (winger), Glen Hill (forward).

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA:** Graeme Farrington (forward), Dennis O'Keefe (forward), Peter Wiley (winger), Ross King (winger), David Lilburne (fullback), George Kallis (forward).

The team will be in New Zealand during next August and upon its return will meet a N.S.W. side.

Last year, when the Southern States side which went to New Zealand drew with N.S.W., which showed the development made during the N.Z. series.

South Australian Ron Williams is the manager of the team and he will be assisted by John Suckling of Western Australia.

## Full results of the carnival:

**Round 1:** N.S.W. Country 15 d. Victoria 6; South Australia 12 d. Tasmania 0; N.S.W. City 41 d. Western Australia 0; Manawatu 22 d. Queensland 14.

**Round 2:** N.S.W. City 25 d. Vic-

toria 0; Manawatu 6 d. South Australia 3; N.S.W. Country 22 d. Western Australia 9; Queensland 9 d. Tasmania 3.

**Round 3:** Victoria 5 d. Western Australia 3; Manawatu 45 d. Tasmania 3; Queensland 15 d. South Australia 14; N.S.W. City 23 d. N.S.W. Country 3.

**Final Round:** Western Australia 14 d. Tasmania 11; South Australia 13 d. Victoria 8; N.S.W. Country 12 d. Queensland 5; N.S.W. City 32 d. Manawatu 6.

**Final Positions:** N.S.W. City 1, Manawatu 2, N.S.W. Country 3, South Australia 4, Queensland 5, Victoria 6, Western Australia 7, Tasmania 8.

## Schoolboys in South Africa

The Australian Schoolboy team which recently visited South Africa had an outstanding tour.

In their 7-match programme they lost one and drew another. The attractiveness of their play drew big crowds — over 10,000 in some areas — and proved beyond doubt the wisdom of sending the team. It was not fully representative of under 17 football strength in Australia, players being limited to certain schools.

## Results of the tour:

Defeated Northern Transvaal Schools 11-8.

Defeated Western Province Schools 10-3.

Defeated Eastern Province Schools 29-5.

Defeated Border Schools 27-3.

Drew with Free State Schools 11 all.

Lost Griqualand Schools 10-19.

Defeated Transvaal Schools 37-0.



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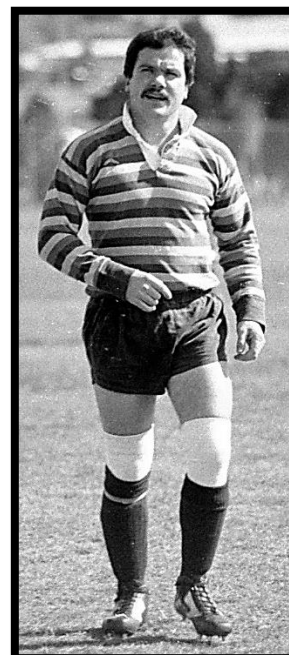
Monday, June 30	v. Eastern Transvaal	Springs	Won	27-13
Wednesday, July 2,	v. Orange Free State Country	Welkom	Won	47- 9
Saturday, July 5,	v. Griqualand West	Kimberley	Lost	13-21
Tuesday, July 8	v. Rhodesia	Bulawayo	Won	16-11
Saturday, July 12	v. Natal	Durban	Lost	14-19
Monday, July 14,	v. S.A. Country team	Wellington	Won	13-12
Wednesday, July 16	v. South Western Districts	Oudtshoorn	Won	32-23
Saturday, July 19	v. Eastern Province	Port Elizabeth	Won	17- 0
Wednesday, July 23	v. Border	East London	Won	22- 9
Saturday, July 26	v. Gazells	Johannesburg	Won	27-17
Tuesday, July 29	v. Far Northern Transvaal	Pietersburg	Won	26- 0
Saturday, August 2	v. SOUTH AFRICA	Johannesburg	Lost	11-30
Wednesday, August 6,	v. Boland	Wellington	Lost	3-12
Saturday, August 9	v. Western Province	Cape Town	Won	14- 9
Tuesday, August 12	v. Central Universities	Port Elizabeth	Won	26-11
Saturday, August 16	v. SOUTH AFRICA	Durban	Lost	9-16
Wednesday, August 20	v. North Eastern Cape Districts	Graaf-Reinet	Won	12-11
Saturday, August 23	v. Orange Free State	Bloemfontein	Won	25-14
Wednesday, August 27	v. Western Transvaal	Potchefstroom	Lost	6-18
Saturday, August 30	v. Northern Transvaal	Pretoria	Lost	3-13
Monday, September 1	v. South West Africa	Windhoek	Won	38- 8
Saturday, September 6	v. SOUTH AFRICA	Cape Town	Lost	3-11
Wednesday, September 10	v. North Western Cape Districts	Upington	Won	37- 6
Saturday, September 13	v. Transvaal	Johannesburg	Lost	14-23
Tuesday, September 16	v. Combined Services	Pretoria	Lost	3-19
Saturday, September 20	v. SOUTH AFRICA	Bloemfontein	Lost	8-19

### From the Vault

Special thanks go to Leigh Sealy for contributing the following images. Leigh has spent a good deal of time scanning his old slide collection.

Both SOAKS champions Dave Morris and Greg Hill (right) cut dashing figures in these two fine rugby portraits.

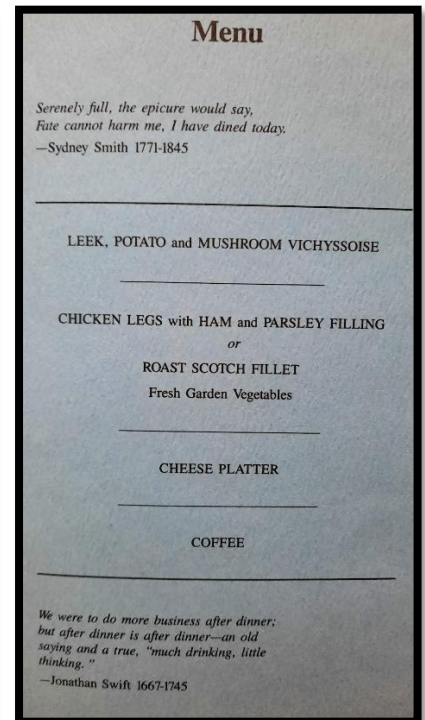
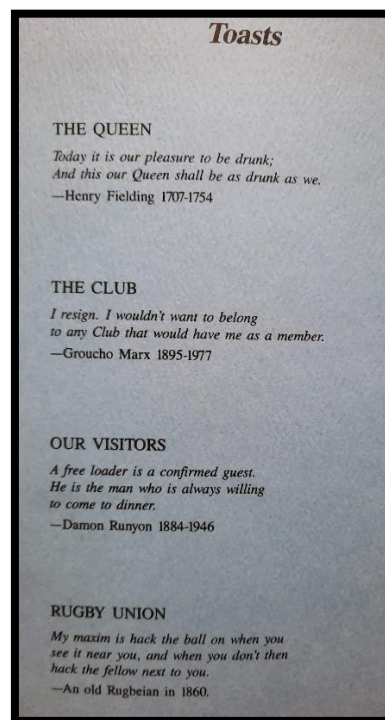
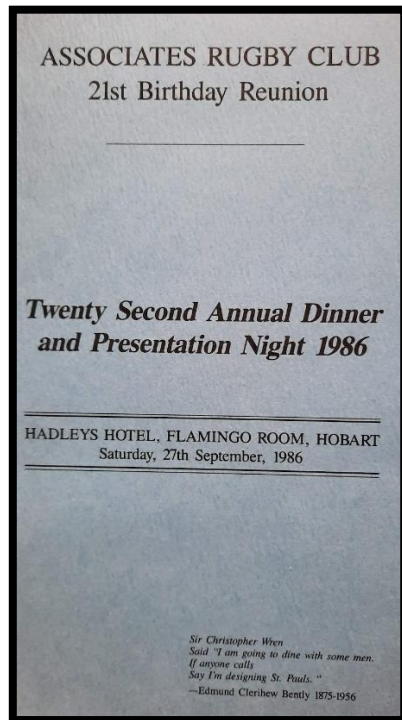
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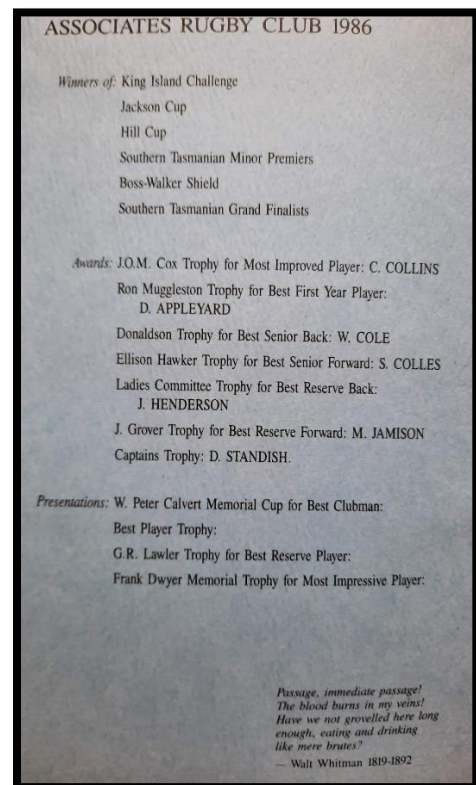




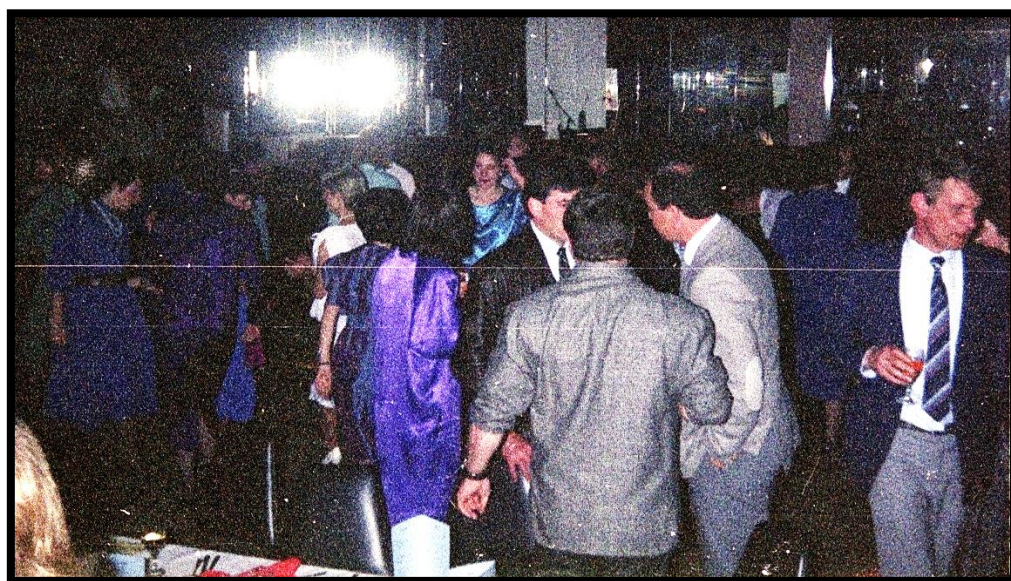
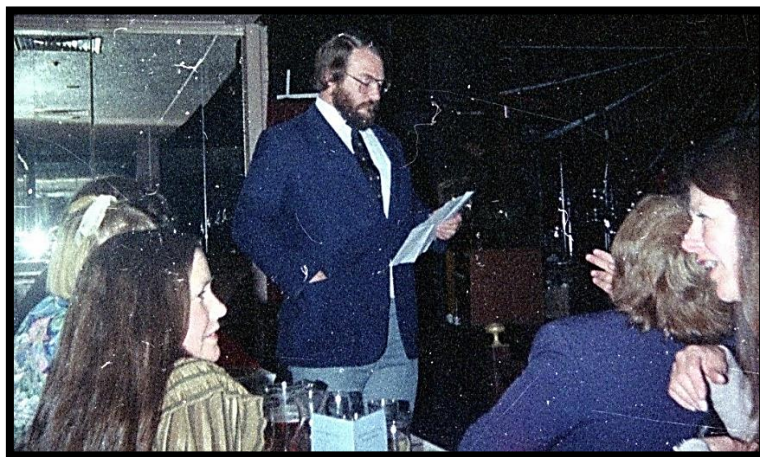
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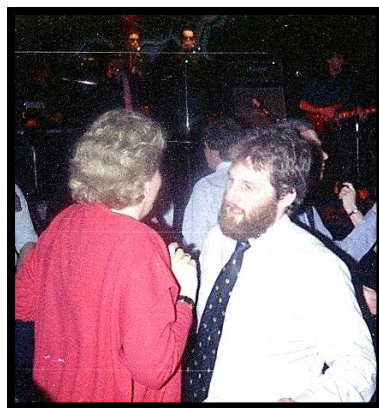
September 1986 witnessed the fondly remembered Annual Presentation Dinner and the Club's 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Reunion function held at Hadley's Hotel. It was a moment in time when the glad rags and fineries were dusted off and worn with pride as the Club kicked back and celebrated the season that was and the Club's history to that point. The menu booklet and photos provide a glimpse into the evening that unfolded, including SOAKS high-pitched choir in full voice, belting out another crowd favourite!












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## Heard and Noted



SOAKS legend James Henderson was in the news recently. As the manager of AFL super coach Alastair Clarkson, James oversaw Clarkson's much heralded signing with the North Melbourne Football Club. According to the *Mercury*, James played a 'pivotal role in discussions' as part of Clarkson's 'due diligence' before committing to the 'Shinboners'.




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In Brisbane for his High School reunion, SOAKS champion, Mark Dwyer took time off from the reunion activities to catch up with fellow SOAKS champion, Brisbane-based Steve Colles. The venue was the Pig 'N' Whistle at Riverside and it appears that it was pints all round, but boys surely not pints of XXXX!

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## SOAKS Stars Sparkle in the Pool

Peter Tucker, Anne Henderson and Richard Boulton were excelling in sport once again at the recent Tasmanian Masters Short Course Swimming Championships. Anne is the sister of SOAKS champion James Henderson and is herself a noted swimmer and marathon runner.



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## Where's Herbie now?

Andrew Herbert, roving reporter for the SOAKS Old Boys Newsletter, caught up with Michael Keating in Sydney recently. Keats is seen demonstrating for Herbie the finer art of red wine appreciation. During his travels, Herbie does a wonderful job of maintaining the SOAKS connections across the country.



Chief Hawker submitted the accompanying humorous meme. As an experienced prop forward himself, Chief's voice of authority about the psyche of forwards 'speaks' for itself!



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