

## “Centenary Celebrations”

### The Gala Dinner

A fantastic gathering of two-hundred and ten past and present members, descendants and families, were joined by the sponsors at this gala event to celebrate a centenary of athletics with Ivanhoe Harriers. The event was held in the Streeeton Room in The Centre Heidelberg and the buzz of excitement and conversation hit you as you approached the entry foyer, hastening your feet inside.



*The Streeeton Room in the Centre Heidelberg*

Nametags were issued to all attendees, and these came in very handy as, unfortunately some might say, appearances do change with age. The meet and greet time, prior to the dinner, was absolutely alive with happy reunions, hand shakes for everyone, a few lucky ones even scored a kiss and hug from some of the ladies. Old timers who had not seen each other for over 50 years dredged up memories and stories of heroics in days gone by; meanwhile the younger members marvelled at the fact all these grey-haired guys were once very keen athletes.

Special guests on the night included the Vicar of St James Church Stephen May, Chris Branigan, Head Coach of Athletics, Ivanhoe Grammar School, the local MP Anthony Carbines whilst the Banyule Mayor Cr Craig Langdon also dropped by to add the council's congratulations.

The evening was hosted most capably by life member Jeff Franklin who started ceremonies with a brief introductory welcome to everyone and a special “thank you” to sponsors Stewart Oldmeadow of **Miles Real Estate**, Michael Wallis representing **Blue Rock Law** and **Windsor Income**

**Protection.** Jeff also gave a warm welcome to descendants of former club greats, Mary Osborn, daughter of the Club founder Sydney Buckley and Margaret Picken daughter of Ron Mill.

Jeff then referred to the brilliant work done by Andrew Edney in researching and producing the 300 page history of the Club saying:-

*“This undertaking by Andrew has been huge and we, as a Club, are so very proud of Andrew’s skill and persistence, and of course the final brilliant result. Please acknowledge Andrew’s outstanding contribution to the Club”.*

Andrew received a standing ovation.

John David the current club president followed Jeff with the formal welcome. He warmly welcomed everyone saying:-

*“It is fantastic to see we have over 200 people here this evening with most of our life members present, or represented by their families. Tonight is an opportunity to celebrate this major milestone for our club,”*

John went on to thank the sub-committee who has worked tirelessly to make this event the success it obviously is, the multitude of tasks undertaken having culminated in the smooth running of the evening. A round of applause for the sub-committee greeted these comments before the president gave a brief outline of the current status of the club with encouragement to everyone to support an increase in club membership.

*“Times have changed, we are a comparatively small club but the committee and I have a clear focus on what is needed for further development.”*

John concluded with an appeal for past members who may still have an itch to compete to contact the club with an expression of interest and, if they don’t feel up to it, encourage their children or even grand children to come along and see what it’s all about.

Interspersed within the three-course dinner, both the women’s and men’s Teams of the Century were announced with certificates presented to those in attendance.

The great 100-year history book *‘From St James Church to Willinda Park’* was launched during the evening with many members buying a copy on the night. This publication would not have been possible without the support of Miles **Real Estate** and anyone who has not purchased a copy is missing a great read. Not only is the history of the club traced throughout the century, but it covers every aspect of the club, records, Olympians and premierships, and interesting anecdotes, including a huge number of action photographs, some of which have not been seen before.

Throughout the entire evening there was an entertaining slide show continuously running. This showed many of the former greats of the club, and some of the current hopefuls in action. A good number of these photographs appear in the book. Thanks go to David Burke for putting the slide show together.

Later in the evening, that stalwart of the club and esteemed coach **John Boas**, had the privilege of inducting **Ian Campbell** as a Life Member and Ian gave an excellent speech in reply (see latter story).



In the absence of the team captain *Alf Watson*, vice captain *Gary Honey*, spoke on behalf of the recipients of the award, saying that associated with every self focused, elite athlete was a group of other athletes which provided training partners, encouragement, mate ship and camaraderie, and it was these athletes who were so often the forgotten heroes of the sport. Gary then proposed a toast to Ivanhoe Harriers to which all present responded heartily.

After the meal Team of the Centaury members gathered together for some memorable photo taking.

In wrapping up the event, everyone certainly left with a smile on their face. The evening added yet another fond memory for the past members who were heard determining that the gap until they next meeting will not be as long.

*Based on a report by Noel Burrows*

## Teams of the Century

**B**oth the Women's and Men's teams of the Century were announced amongst much applause at the Centenary Dinner on October the 11<sup>th</sup>. The full list of recipients which really is a team of champions, is detailed in the Centenary Book, '*From St James Church to Willinda Park*'.



*Logo of the Sponsor of the Cenenary Book*

*Jeff Frankin announcing the Team of the Century*

Wow! What a Men's Team it is. The quality is extraordinary.

- Of the 57 athletes chosen, 38 have won at least one Victorian championship title, 30 being in the Open ranks.
- The team includes 22 Australian champions with 17 of those titles won at Open level.
- 21 of the athletes have represented Australia in International Competition.
- 2 have been to the World Games, and a massive 7 went to the Commonwealth Games.
- 5 have been chosen in an Australian Olympic team.
- Additionally there are 2 international coaches attached to the team, 1 of which coached at both the Commonwealth and Olympic Games.
- Remarkably every one of the events, bar one relay, has at least one international representative selected.



## **TEAM OF THE CENTURY**

*What a team, what a club.* The following athletes were selected:

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>
100m	Ian Campbell, Braden Fraser, Peter Crane	Sarah Dosen
200m	Peter Crane, Ian Rogers, Murray Paine	Sarah Dosen
400m	Keith Eiseman, Gary Honey, Bryan Humphrey	Sarah Dosen
800m	Mal Norwood, Tony Williams, Sam Fragomeni	Lauren Richardson
1500m	Tony Williams, Mal Norwood, Mike Hilliardt	Anne-Maree Griffiths
Mile	Tony Williams, Basil Coombs, Geoff Legge	
5000m	Mal Norwood, Tony Williams, Steve Austin	
10000m	Darren Wilson, Steve Austin, Mal Norwood	
Marathon	Darren Wilson, Damien Cook, Ray Brown	
3000m Steeple Chase	Richard Russel, Lachlan McArthur, Barry Greig	
110m Hurdles	Alf Watson, Ron Mill, Gary Holliday	Carlee Van Dyk
400m Hurdles	Alf Watson, Peter Bate, Charles Green	Danielle Lynch
Long Jump	Gary Honey, Ian Campbell, Fred Holpen	Sarah Dosen
Triple Jump	Ian Campbell, Peter Beames, Gary Honey	Janine O'Donnell
High Jump	Michael Hawley, Clive McNally, Robert Heffernan	Danielle Lynch
Pole Vault	Neil Honey, Andrew Vearing, Jim Poulter	Jacinta Lynn
Shot Put	Graham Hicks, Doug Park, Bub Hiscock	Sarah Mtandwa
Discus	Graham Hicks, Charles Rann, Doug Park	Patricia Rogers
Javelin	Sig Kosick, Ray Buckland, Tom Hancock	Annie Guillet
Hammer Throw	Mal Gleeson, Joshi Philip, Stephen Hall	Sarah Mtandwa
Decathlon	Terry Beaton, Andrew Vearing, Neville Gavan	
4x100 Relay	Ian Campbell, Gary Honey, Ian Rogers, Peter Donlan	Sarah Dosen, Catherine Brennan, Jacinta Lynn, Danielle Lynch
4x400 Relay	Neil May, David Mahady, Jason Veitch, Craig Rayner	
Cross Country	Steve Austin, Darren Wilson, Tony Williams, Mal Norwood, Richard Russell, Geoff Legge	Anne-Maree Griffiths
3000m Walk	Tim Erickson, Marcus Dwyer, Brian Oke	Julia Dwyer
20km Walk	Tim Erickson, Marcus Dwyer, Joe Anderson	
50km Walk	Tim Erickson, Peter Bethell, Russell Miller	
Team Managers	Noel Burrows, Jack McCann, Jeff Franklin, Chris Cole	Phil Ramsay
Coaches	John Boas, Mort Smith, Tom Hancock, Ron Brinkert	Peter Rule



*Some of the members of the Team of the Century*

## The Club Sponsors

The club extends a very big thank you to our Sponsors. Without your help we understand that this special time in our club history would have passed with much less recognition. We strongly encourage all club members, friends and associates to use the services our sponsors provide.



## Life Membership Citation

As mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, stalwart of the club and esteemed coach John Boas, had the privilege of inducting *Ian Campbell* as a Life Member during the Gala Dinner.

John told the assembly how Ian's athletic career and life in general was a fine example of good work ethic and not being intimidated by the reputations of others high profile athletes. To illustrate these points John, in a light hearted manner, related some incidents from Ian's Career. The following edited extracts are from John's speech:-



*"In mid 1973, when the just 16 year old Ian Campbell came down to training at Warringal Park and joined in with my other 400/800 runners. After a few weeks, Ian started pestering me for a training program for triple jump.*

***John Boas delivering the citation for Ian Campbell's Life Membership.***

*I did some homework. and came across an article detailing the multiple jump training of the Soviet Union sprinter, Valerii Borzov. He had won the 100 and 200 metres at the Munich Olympic Games. I discovered that this bounding training was the staple training diet of the East European triple jumpers who were dominating the event at the time. By October 1974, after some 15 months of this bounding type of training, complemented by lots of the dreaded 150s and an introduction to the weight room Ian was ready to rumble. He had grown about 10 cm, and put on a few kgs and his jumping had gone ahead in leaps and bounds.*

*Ian's first appearance in Ivanhoe colours was in the round one of A Grade interclub for the 1974-75 season at the Olympic Village Track. We were against the era's superpower, Box Hill, who turned up with their best team, including 6 Australian representatives. In the 100 metres, Ian led the reigning Australian champion, Graeme Haskell, by 3 metres at the 60 metre mark, but was overhauled in the last 10 metres to go down by a metre. Ian's fadeout prompted Haskell to deliver one of the most memorable sledges ever heard on an athletics track "Get back to the weight room, kid". Everyone around the track heard it- and had it been a soccer match, there would have been a riot- Ivanhoe had over 200 members at the time. Ian took out his fury at the insult on his Box Hill opponent in the triple jump, beating Australia in the Commonwealth Games representative Don Commons. Don never really got over it and was even more upset when, a week later, Ian not only smashed the Australian under 19 triple jump record by some 60 cm, but was selected, ahead of him, and all the other senior triple jumpers, to represent Australia at the New Zealand Games in Christchurch in January 1975. Ian was, at that time, the youngest male athlete ever to represent Australia.*

*Ian's confrontations with Haskell and Commons showed that he was not going to be intimidated by his elders, and supposed betters, and this showed even more in Christchurch. What happened in the call room and out on the runway is too long to repeat here, but Ian was the only one to keep his composure when faced with the big stare from his idol, the great Viktor Saneyev, the dual Olympic champion and world record holder. Ian finished second to Saneyev, with another jump over 16 metres and ahead of the top USA jumper and one of the top Europeans. This was the start of Ian's career at national and international level the details of which can be found in the Centenary Book.*

*When at Washington State University, Ian, was not intimidated by the black athletes showed everyone that white men could run very fast and also jump. Ian won the NCAA indoor triple jump title in 1977 and 1978, the latter with a jump of 16.97 metres- just short of the then world indoor record. His performances for WSU led to his induction into the WSU Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.*

*Ian, just three months after having contracted mononucleosis, went on to gain a silver medal at the 1978 Commonwealth Games in Edmonton, and then whilst still recovering finished 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 1979 World Cup.*

*By the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow, Ian was fully recovered, but was probably denied the ultimate prize and certainly of a silver medal by a cabal of old men who were in varying degrees, self-serving, corrupt or simply too naive to be in the positions they held. Ian's 3<sup>rd</sup> jump in the final has been shown to be at least 17.50 metres; recent examination of video footage has shown that it was a valid jump.*

*A severe ankle injury he sustained while competing indoors in the USA in early 1981, forced Ian into early retirement. This denied him the chance of redemption at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984.*

*Premature retirement allowed Ian to pursue other opportunities in business. He joined Nike in 1982 and rose quickly up the corporate ladder to hold many senior management positions. A major achievement of Ian's time with Nike Europe was in bringing "in from the cold" as Nike athletes many of the stars of the former Empire of the Soviet Union, including the all-time great Sergey Bubka.*

*After a brief stint as CEO of the Richmond AFL Club, in 2003 Ian founded his own sports management and marketing company, Primco Pty. Ltd.*

*Looking at it now, Ian's most significant contribution to athletics was not necessarily his wonderful performances, but the example he set of what could be done, and that Australian jumpers could take on, and beat the best in the world, despite the handicaps of distance, state sponsorship and the performance enhancing drug culture prevalent elsewhere in the world. Australian athletes then, and even today to some extent, were too easily intimidated by their international opposition.*



*Ian's uncompromising attitude and commitment to training set a new standard for his own group and also for other Australian athletes. This attitude to training, together with his ability to rise to the challenge and perform at, and often above, his best in the major meets, stood him in good stead during his time at Washington State and then in major international competitions.*

*Perhaps even more far-reaching was Ian's input into the training programs of the jumps group. After the 1978 Commonwealth Games, Ian returned from WSU and led the group through the type of training he had been doing, particularly what he had been doing in the weights room. This advice gave an extra edge to the group's training and competition performances. The results of which were shown by the performances of the next superstar to arise out of the group - Gary Honey.*

*From the mid- 1970s to the mid 1990s, if you were not at the AIS, the OVT horizontal jumps training centre was the place to be for aspiring horizontal jumpers. The line of succession from Ian to Gary and then to David Culbert and, indirectly, to Jai Taurima and the Australian horizontal jumpers of the 2000s, continues today.*

*Ian showed that not only could it be done, but what had to be done and how to do it for athletes to reach and then perform at the very highest level, particularly in the major meets."*



***Ian Campbell at the Gala Dinner***

Ian now joins the ranks of 26 other noteworthy Ivanhoe veterans as a Life member. In his heart felt acknowledgement speech Ian attributed the great help John Boas , and the club, had given him, over many years, had enable him to become world renowned in the triple jump. In talking about the club he said:-

*"What Ivanhoe did for me was incredible....I can't put it into words. That's what this Club is about, its not about me, its what it has done for people over the years, over a hundred years , it really is an outstanding organisation and everybody in this room should be proud.*

*Those leanings, those teachings, listening to what people said and how they conducted their own lives. My career was over at 24. My ankle blew apart- not a good sign for a triple jumper.....But because of what I had learned in my life as well as what I had learned as an athlete, I was able to transition into another life and live my life in a blessed way. I'm really appreciative of that. So, in closing, I owe this Club an enormous debt, and its a debt I can never repay."*

Ian's speech was truly inspirational and highlighted the many benefits members gain, not just athletically, but in personal development, by becoming involved with this great club.

# Thanks and congrats to dinner organizers



*Noel and John share a happy moment*



*Raffle winner David Burke*

Special thanks go to The Centenary Committee which met monthly at Jeff Franklin's home over many months and made the evening such a success. The Centenary Committee comprised Jeff, Noel Burrows, Andrew Edney, John Wallis, Wendy Russell, John Boas and Peter Rule. Their combined skills covered sponsorship, budgeting, book production, marketing, communication etc with an aim to produce a great night for the Club with a positive impact on revenue. This was achieved.

Thanks to the sponsorships the dinner achieved a small profit, the raffle made \$916 and to date we have sold 136 books which together with the generous underwriting sponsorship of *Miles Real Estate* means we now have a profit on the book of over \$2,000. A great result which helps put the Club in a stronger financial position as it enters the new century.



*A small selection of the clubs premiership flags*



# Correspondence.

Several letters and many emails of congratulations were received by the organizers. Of particular note were one from the *Mayor of Banyule* and another from *The Rev'd Stephen May* the vicar of St James Church



*Dear Jeff and Joan,*

*I want to thank you both for your hospitality on Saturday night. I really enjoyed the evening, especially our discussion about Mal Norwood. Congratulations on a wonderful evening. I trust that the club goes from strength to strength in the future and more champions are nurtured through the club.*

*One more thing, I'm wondering whether you can give me the contact details of Sydney Buckley's daughter please, so I can contact her when we dedicate the upgraded hall later this year. We will issue an invitation to the club to send a representative as well.*

*Warm regards, Stephen (The Rev'd Stephen May)*

## **Centenary Congratulations e-mails**

Noel, thank you for the note, it was a great night, but wished I had been able to stay longer- and see Ron Stephen or Downie- but next time! Phone calls on Clifton birthdays aren't just to say, "Happy birthday". One of us lives in France, one in England and me here, so we don't see each other very often. So birthdays are long catch-up phone sessions. Best wishes to you and Janice. **Tony Clifton**

Just a big thank you for all the effort you have put into this night. Sorry not to say hello on the night but as you know there were many to catch up with and many others we failed to see also. My wife and I totally enjoyed ourselves  
Regards **Albert and Rosemary Rain**

Just a note to say how much myself and Patty thoroughly enjoyed the Centenary celebration night. It was great to see so many people, old athletes and young, family and friends joining in and revelling about days of track and field.

I have only tonight framed my certificate and proudly hung it on the wall, and at the same time, still feel 'blown away' upon being accepted as a member of the Ivanhoe Harriers Team of the Century.

I often say to people about my time training, competing and developing friendships over those many years ".....they were some of the best years of my life"! Once again, thank you. Regards, **Joseph Anderson**

What a brilliant night! Absolutely brilliant. The best function I have ever attended for the Club. Loved catching up with old mates and enjoying reminiscing about better days. The whole night bought back some of my fondest memories of growing up and chasing dreams. I feel really valued, humbled and proud to be part of the Team of the Century – so a heartfelt thank you to those responsible please. As for the book – well; what a beautiful piece of history I am looking forward to getting stuck into. Congratulations to you Andrew and all those who assisted you. You should be enormously proud of what you've achieved here for the club and I'm sure everyone will treasure their copy. I am even motivated to get fitter. Well done to the whole organising Sub-committee and thank you. **Richard Russell**

Both Wilma and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and the opportunity to "catch up" and renew friendships from the past. Our congratulations to both yourself and the Organising Committee for a most memorable evening .....a great way to celebrate this the Centenary Year of the Ivanhoe Harriers. Also thanks for passing on Alan Stone's contact number; it must be some 50 years since we last made contact. Kind Regards **Warwick Unsworth**

John Hardie and I would like to thank you and all who were involved in Saturdays nights function it was truly great and we had a great time and it was great to catch up with some very old friends and thank you again for thinking to invite us all the best to you and yours keep in good health. **Bill Gleeson**

Just wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed the evening last Sat. a lovely meal and it was great to catch up with you both and all the "kids" of nearly 40 years ago and of course many others. An old photo to follow of our hike up Mt. Bogong in April 1977 which was recalled with the other 2 Noel's on Sat. night, weren't we young then ! What happened to Bruce Acland ? Would you be able to forward the photo on to Noel Roberts and Noel McDonald by email if pos. please ? I am going to send an email to David Lynch to let him know all about the evening, do you have any spares of the Program etc ? Please convey our thanks to all who were responsible for organising a wonderful evening. Our kindest regards to you both. **Val & Col. Hamley**



Congratulations on the dinner. I wish that circumstances allowed me to be there. What is the face book page name? I would like to look at the pictures and see if I remember anyone. Thanks for keeping me in the loop, Noel  
Kind regards **Bryan Humphrey**

My congratulations to the Committee who made the event possible. It was an enjoyable night and it was great to catch up with people who I had not seen for years - and to recognise people who I only knew by name. Well done and thanks for the privilege. Kind regards, **Wayne Stanley.**

Fantastic event Saturday, thank you ever so much to you and your team for all your hard work. You looked in great shape and lovely to see Janice too. I have just landed in Paris to catch up with my wife. I am so pleased I delayed my departure one day to get to Melbourne. But we are now in Prague and celebrating my belated 60th birthday.

Warmest regards **Andrew Young**

A great night. Thanks for your efforts. Marnie and I had a great time. The Ivanhoe Harriers Athletics Club has impacted on a lot of lives. It was an emotional night, the memory of which I will cherish. Best wishes, **Tony Williams**

Noel. Many thanks for your comments. They are greatly appreciated. I also saw people I haven't seen in nearly 40 years. Extraordinary really! A great Club and great people! Would love to catch up on one of our coffee debriefs!

Best, **Ian Campbell**

Congratulations to you and all the people responsible for Saturday's event. I'm sorry that we had to leave a bit early but for Mary and I it was a big day and for Robin our chauffeur, who had to get back to the country. It seemed to be a successful event for everybody and I would be glad if you could pass on my congratulations to all those concerned.

I was delighted to see so many of the old faces My best regards and good wishes to everyone **Peter Bethell**

Have heard that the evening was a great success and that you did a marvellous job organising such an event. As I hadn't heard from anyone from Heidelberg Athletics and have been having all sorts of problems with a virus since June!! (ok now) felt it best not to accept. Would you believe the Herald-Sun notice I placed months ago came in the paper about a week before the dinner and I had about 3/4 replies. To be honest I couldn't remember any of them!! That shows my age doesn't it? I am not sure whether you heard from any of them as I gave them your email address.

Yes I did receive a phone call from Alan last night-what a surprise! it was just great to catch up with him, we had a great chat and he has left his phone number, you never know I might catch up with him again! So glad the evening was a success. Cheers **Liz Wright (Nesbitt)** HWAAC

Already I have emails from other attendees. It was all too exciting and I may have drunk more than usual in my high spirits. Congratulations to you and whoever else is responsible. It would help me hang onto the memories if I was able to get hold a list of the attendees and of the apologies. I hope Evelyn is OK. I seemed to be first to arrive and the last to leave....nothing unusual there. Luckily for me, Brooksie was able to drive me home to my very door! **Michael Hennessy**

### **Apologies received**

Lovely to receive your email. I am now living in Queensland and will not be able to make it to the Reunion. I will forward this email onto my daughter, Jacinta Lynn, who was an athlete with the club. She is currently living in Darwin but may be interested in catching up with everyone. I would definitely be interested in purchasing a copy of the book covering 100 years of the club. Please advise how I can do this. Cheers, **Karen Lynn**

Thanks for the update on the Centenary celebration. Unfortunately, Corinne and I will be unable to attend as we will be in New Zealand. The original date suited but not the revised one. Naturally, I'm very disappointed at not being able to attend this momentous occasion and see all the old members of the club, but that's the way it goes. I would still like to secure a copy of Andrew's history book so will speak to him about that in due course. Good luck with the organization and please still keep me updated. Regards, **Bruce Meakin.**

Scheisse ! Change of date buggers me completely. My booked flights are probably changeable BUT I have also booked and paid for daughter Emma and her son Eddie to come to Germany with me for five days. These are Easyjet tickets which will not be refundable. Re-arranging things is likely to cost me upwards of \$1000 and the displeasure of Emma who would have to rearrange her holidays, so it looks like I'll very regrettably have to be a non-starter at the IH centennial. Can't be helped - as they say \*\*\* happens. I was looking forward to the occasion but you can't win 'em all. Keep me posted as to what's going on and do convey my apologies to the gathering. **Bob Cochrane**

Thx for your message re the IH Reunion. Unfortunately, I will be in PNG on the Kokoda Track with my daughter on that date. However, I am catching up with Bruce Meakin and Jeff Franklin in lieu of in a couple of weeks **Hugh Burch**

My wife and I will be leaving for our big trip to Europe in late August and unfortunately won't be back in time. What a shame, it would have been good to catch up..... I'd be interested in receiving any feedback etc... from the centenary reunion if possible. thanks again cheers **Ian Bathie**



Thanks Noel. Unfortunately other commitments won't allow me to attend but good luck with the night. **Ross Beames**

Thanks for your email with details of the reunion. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend, we will be overseas(England) at that time. This is one of those things that could not be avoided. I was looking forward to the reunion - stiff. Please consider this an apology. I am interested in receiving correspondence, if it is not irksome for you, including purchasing a copy of the book. Thank you for all your hard work to date, much appreciated. Yours etc.  
**Graeme Balaam**

Thank you for the invitation to the Ivanhoe Harriers Centenary/Reunion. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend, as I will be overseas on that date. I hope you have a very successful evening and I wish you all the best. Please make my apologies. **Andrew Treadwell**

Great to hear about the 100 Reunion coming up in October. I have to inform you that these Geddes' are on an extended trip to Canada and we won't be home until nearly the end of October. Betty is from Alberta, and in retirement we have been spending June to October in Canadian Summers ! Shocking work I know but someone has to do it. We have the use of a little motor-home over here and between Relatives, site-seeing and trout fishing in the glorious Rockies it is a busy time. I will be sad to miss the Reunion as would my old Dad, David, who passed in 2008 age 93. Please extend the Families best wishes to all, there are some great memories from those times. We would like to order the book about the Harriers. Best regards **Graeme and Betty Geddes**, at present in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada!

Unfortunately I will be overseas at the time. Please pass on my apologies and I hope the weekend is very successful.  
Regards, **Ross Forbes**

Unfortunately I am living in Darwin and will be unable to attend. Sounds like a fantastic night. Yes mum has been keeping me informed and forwarding all emails. Unfortunately getting time off work is not so easy as I just don't have the annual leave to take. Thanks again for the invite and I hope the night goes well. Kind regards, **Jacinta Lynn**

Unfortunately we will not be able to attend this event as we have a wedding on the same day/night. I would be interested to find out more about the book and team of the century so if you can inform me when you can that would be great. Chat soon. Stay Active, **Mark Jansz**

I'm sorry but Jude and I are unable to go to the dinner as we have another engagement that night. (365 nights and the 2 things I want to attend on the same night - what are the odds?) I hope all goes well and thank you for your efforts to make it happen. **Lawrie Rikus**

Unfortunately I am unable to attend this night due to a prior commitment. Kudos to the organizing committee for their great work in getting this event off the ground. Regards, **Dave Mahady**

I will not be able to come to the Centenary Dinner as we will now be overseas. I am sure it will be a wonderful celebration and regret not being able to be there with you. Regards. **Frank Ricco**

I would love to come to the dinner but will be coming back from study overseas. Thanks for the invite and give my sincere regards to all those from the 80s who were so supportive of me especially Bruce. I continued in aths for a little while but illness and injury forced me to stop. I however became active in masters aths some time ago and participated in a variety of competitions and represented Australia at the Oceania Games - gold and bronze medal in cross country and half marathon team. Cheers **Gerard Cronly**

Thank you Noel for making contact with me and thinking of us. We won't be attending this milestone dinner however, we wish everyone all the best on this special occasion. Noel we thank you again and send our best wishes to all at Ivanhoe H. Best regards **Colin Noden**

This is to inform you that I shall not attend the Club's Centenary Celebration. Nevertheless, I sincerely wish all past and present members of Ivanhoe Harriers, and their partners and friends, a most enjoyable evening and improved success to the Club in the future. Best Regards, **Chris Cole**

Thanks very much for the invitation to the dinner. Unfortunately I will be unable to attend what I am sure will be a fantastic night. Have a great night. Ta. **Damien Cook**



Sorry I am overseas so cannot attend. Hope you have a wonderful time. Regards, **Caitlin Dagher**

I will not be able to go to Melbourne for the 100th Anniversary reunion Dinner. I hope the event is a great success. Well done to you and the committee for a big job organizing it all. Kind Regards, **Neil Tuffield**.

Apologies for the late reply, however I will be unable to attend the event. I hope the night goes well and is a successful celebration of a great club. Kind regards, **Stuart Adderley**

Please accept my apologies for not replying sooner; my current medical condition is going to prevent me from attending your big night and joining in the celebrations. You and Janice and the other organizers have done a wonderful job and I am sure the night will be a great success. Pass on my best regards to all those attending. **John Freeman**

Unfortunately I will be interstate on holidays and cannot attend. I would have liked to respond more positively to support your efforts however I have no doubt the centenary celebration will be great success. **Peter Barrett**

Please pass on my apologies as I will be unable to attend the function due to a family party on the same night. Will be jogging in the Melbourne 1/2 marathon next day with my daughter so hopefully may see some old club mates. Hope everyone has a great evening, all the best. **Mal Norwood**

Unfortunately I have a bad clash with a daughter's event and won't be able to make it. What a shame! Brian I know won't either as he lives in Thailand Best wishes for a super time Regards **Martin Hodgson**

Thank you for the invitation but as i have another engagement on that date i will be unable to attend. It sounds like the event will be a great success. Regards, **John Glancy**

It is with regret that I have to tell you that Julia and I will not be able to make the Centenary. I have very fond memories of my time with the harriers tossing the javelin with my puny arms, rising above 10ft in the pole vault with an aluminium pole with no flex and even putting the shot just a few steps from my spindly legs. But we gave all these things a go for the sake of the team. Tim, my eldest boy and now 45 years old, also gives everything a go. I have been accepted on his support team for the Croc Trophy mountain bike challenge being commenced in North Queensland commencing on Saturday 18 October. Family support has won over perceived great victories of the past achieved in the Ballarat Lake Wendouree relay and the Racecourse run in snowy and sleeting conditions. The Ivanhoe Harriers helped define my attitude to competing hard for a team and seeking to win fairly. Have a great night. **Peter Goulding**

I would like to register as an apology. However I am interested in obtaining a copy of the book. Is there any way that can be done. Best regards **Clive McNally**

Thanks for your invitation to the Ivanhoe Harriers Centenary Reunion but I'm afraid I can't make it down to Melbourne at that time. Kind Regards, **Neil Rasmussen**

Unfortunately I will not be in Melbourne that weekend. Regards to all. If you have Jeff Legge's email address handy please pass it on to me (with his consent) I will be in Sydney in December. **Henry Friede**

Yes I did think about the dates and whether it was going to be possible. I needed to come now because of a few family issues and also my wife's birthday. My work in Cambodia is building up and I can't really afford the time during October. So unfortunately I will be an apology but would have really liked to have been there. Thanks for taking the time to follow up. Kind regards, **Bryan Humphrey**. AVI Cambodia.

I am currently working in Qatar. I unfortunately will not be in Australia for the date of this reunion. Thank you for the invite. The reunion sounds fantastic. Thanks and Regards, **Ian Sabransky**

Unfortunately I will be unable to attend as I will be away with work during October with a new Defence Contract mobilisation in NSW & Qld. Apologies, for the late notification. Cheers, **Steve Docherty**

I will be an apology for the centenary dinner. It also happens to be the eve of the Melbourne Marathon and I'm running. Regards **David Brett**



Please accept my apologies. Circumstances make it difficult for me to travel from the Sunshine Coast. This is compounded by my Wife having surgery the week leading into the Re Union. I would be grateful if you could remember me to my fellow Ivanhoe Harriers and especially pass on the enormous impact the Club and multiple individuals have had on my life. The fact I completed a PE Degree, was Director of Athletics at AGSV School Trinity Grammar, was Fitness Coach at the Northern Knights AFL Team then Essendon Football Club, as well as setting up the Sunshine Coast Sports Performance Academy that ran as a successful Business from 2001 to 2009, was in no small part, because of my 15 odd years at the Club. Many fond memories, lots off hard work and some success. Constant shenanigans and practical jokes. Many life time friends. Spending 3 – 5 nights a week at the Heidelberg Track and weights Room for a very long Period provided me great knowledge and a ‘safe haven’ from what, at the time, was a difficult and challenging home life. I thank everybody for their care. Regards, **Craig Smythe**

Thank you for your kind words and invitation for Ivanhoe Harriers Centenary. I apologize for my late reply and unfortunately with regret, I will not be able to attend. I also wish to send my best wishes, as I’m sure you will all have a great night, **Peter Constantine**.

I hope the celebration goes well. Unfortunately I will be unable to come down for this event. Been to Oz twice this year, one for 2 weeks and another for 1 day. I will also be back in March next year, and so unable to squeeze this one as well. Are you still running or just running things? Regards, **Gordon Beith** (The Flash)

It is with great regret that we cannot attend this wonderful historic dinner for the Ivanhoe Harriers – but wish all of you a truly magnificent celebration which not many clubs could boast about – we cannot attend due to family commitments – at first we had thought it would be possible – but unfortunately it could not be put in place and out of our control. It is a pity that in could not be. Thanking you for your kind invitation to this remarkable event as we are aware on how much organizing and effort goes into such an event – please thank all those who were involved to make this happen and kind regards to all the past members and new ones that keep the Ivanhoe Harriers Club alive and thriving – it is a great achievement and credit to all concerned. If you have time it would be nice to receive some feed back as to how the celebrations went – that would be really lovely – and if there is any written information or booklet that may be still left to purchase – if at all possible.

Kind regards and have a splendid evening and stories to recollect and enjoy. **Harry and Julia Schaeche** Perth WA.

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