The Chronicles of the ATEM Ghosts’ Lunch

The ATEM Emeritus Chapter is also called the Ghosts’ Chapter

We are the retired members of ATEM who are committed to continue to assist ATEM over the years.

We hold one extravagant lunch every year at the time of the Tertiary Education Management Conference.

These are the Chronicles of those lunches.

All proceeds from our activities are donated to the ATEM Foundation.
The Long Table
ATEM GHOSTS
Monday 25th September

Entree
Zuppa de Farro - Tuscan Vegetable and the Farro Grain
(Traditionally Believed to Improve Health & Vigour)

Main
Braised Beef "Bourgignon", Potato Mash & Baby Vegetables

Cheese
A Selection of Local & International Cheeses

Coffee or Tea

Minutes
1. Colin Plowman elected convenor
2. Raffle raised $500 towards sponsorship of pre-Dinner Drinks at the Annual Dinner

Giles Pidford
Secretary. 25/9/00
ATEM Ghosts 2nd Annual Lunch

Monday 8 October at 12.noon for 12.30 pm
Stanner Room, University House ANU.

Crushed lobster soup followed by roast suckling pig and Beef Wellington
carved on the table by Chef. Full silver service. Redolent Cheeses.

WINES: 96 Penfolds Grange, 98 Birks Wendourie Shiraz, 98 Lindemans St George
Cab/Sav, 98 Wynns John Riddoch Cab/Sav, 97 John’s Blend Cab/Sav, 98 John’s Blend
Shiraz, 98 Rosemount Balmoral Syrah, 98 Hardy’s Eileen Shiraz, 98 Katnook Estate
Cab/Sav, 98 Henschke Keynton Estate and 96 Bethany Grand Reserve Shiraz.

Agenda

1. Attendance and apologies
2. Confirmation of Minutes of the meeting held in September 2000;
3. Election of Convenor for 2002 Ghosts lunch to be held on Monday 30 September in
   Brisbane;
4. Conduct of raffle
5. Other Business

SIGNATURES OF ATTENDEES
ATEM Ghosts Lunch 2001

The following ATEM Ghosts met on Monday 8 October 2001 for lunch in the Stanner Room, University House ANU: Colin Plowman (Convenor), John Chapman, Jim McLauchlan, Peter Scardoni and Giles Pickford. Guests Murray Groves, David Chatto, Patrick Cavanagh and Jan O’Connor were welcomed. Apologies were received from John Topley, Peter Wills, Louise Elliott, Trish Burgess, Margaret Ziersch, Kevin Silberberg, Bob Speechley, Arthur O’Neill and Barry Cameron.

Those present enjoyed a crushed lobster soup, followed by Beef Wellington, roast vegetables and a roast suckling pig, carved by Chef (who had recently returned from a sojourn in the Antarctic). They then relished a variety of cheeses of great style and antiquity until 7.30 pm. Above them in the Scarth Room a party of Alumni from the University of Auckland raged on into the night.

The wine list for the day received approbation: 96 Penfolds Grange, 98 Birkes Wendourie Shiraz, 98 Lindemans St George Cab/Sav, 98 Wynns John Riddoch Cab Sav, 97 John’s Blend Cab/Sav, 98 John’s Blend Shiraz, 98 Rosemount Balmoral Syrah, 98 Hardy’s Eileen Shiraz, 98 Katnook Estate Cab/Sav, and 98 Henscke Keynton Estate. All this for a stringently priced $250 per lunch.

The framed and wine-bespattered minutes of the historic first meeting were passed around the room as some present recalled that day a year ago in Melbourne. The minutes were neither confirmed nor denied.

The Ghosts considered the program for 2002. There is only one Ghost in Queensland, John Topley, and he had kindly offered to assist in the choice of a venue and in the obtaining of quotes. The offer was accepted with gratitude. The urgent need to recruit a Ghost in South Australia was noted, as the 2003 Conference will be held in Adelaide.

Ghosts active in ATEM include the Convenor, Colin Plowman, Louise Elliott who served on the Canberra 2001 Conference Organising Committee, John Chapman who runs the ATEM NSW Office, Peter Wills who runs the ATEN NZ Office, Jim McLauchlan who serves on the Board of Directors of the ATEM Foundation Pty Ltd, Sean Magee who advises the same Board on Business Development, Giles Pickford, Peter Scardoni and Trish Burgess who work in the Association Secretariat. Other Ghosts are active in their chosen fields of work or are peaceful in full-time retirement.

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

The 2002 ATEM Ghosts’ Lunch will be held in Brisbane at 12 for 12.30 pm on Monday 30 September 2002 at a place to be decided by John Topley.

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Degustation Menu
Designed & executed by Lien Yeomans
For the Australian University Ex-Registrars
To be held at the restaurant on Tuesday 1st October at 12.00pm for 12.30pm.
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Welcoming beer
Pacific Oyster with ginger & lemon leave
Pewseyvale Riesling
Prawns dressed in lemon myrtle oil & sea salt
Scallops in rice wine
Redbank Sunday Morning Pinot Gris
Prawns in coconut sauce
Sour fish soup
George du Bocuf Beaujeuauais Chiroubles
Green Papaya Salad with prawn & pork
Spicy beef
Choices of reds from GP Wine list
Black rice pudding
Coffee, Tea & Port
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The South Australian Cricket Association Welcomes the ATEM Ghosts to their 2003 Annual Dinner

MENU

Canapes
Rare Roasted Peppered Beef Fillet with Pesto on Toasted Leunia
Crumbed prawn Cutlets with Lemon and Parsley Mayonnaise

Entrée
Scallop and Leek Tart with Petite Frisee Salad
OR
Parmesan and Herb Crusted Lamb Cutlets with Ratatouille and Aoli
OR
Chicken and Rabbit Terrine with Cornichons Apple Chutney and Grissini Sticks

Main Course
Roast Fillet of Beef served with Sweet Potato Chips, Sauteed Mushrooms and Hollandaise Sauce
OR
Oven Roasted Rack of Lamb with a Honey Soy Marinade and served with Bok Choy
OR
Beer Battered South Australian King George Whiting served with Hand Cut Chips

Cheese
Platter of Australian Fine Cheese Selection served with Dried and Fresh Fruits, Nuts and Water Crackers.

WINE LIST

Bowen Estate 1994 Cabernet Sauvignon
Coriole 1993 Lloyd Reserve Shiraz
Cullen 1994 Margaret River Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot
Grant Burge Meshach Shiraz
Joseph 1994 Coonawarra Sauvignon Merlot
1992 Thomas Hardy Coonawarra Cabernet Sauvignon
Leasingham 1994 Classic Clare Cabernet Sauvignon
Orlando 1994 Russett Ridge Cab Shiraz Merlot
Penfolds 1993 St Henri Shiraz
Petaluma 1994 Coonawarra
Woodstock 1994 Shiraz
Penfolds Bin 707
Penfolds Grange 94

There will be a raffle of a book donated by Bob Speechley. It is a copy of Dennis Lillee’s biography signed by the author.

We are being addressed by renowned cricketing writer Bernard Whimpress, who will speak on the theme for the evening:

The Importance of Recondite Insouciance in 20th Century Sport

Bernard Whimpress is Curator of the Adelaide Oval Museum, Publisher/Editor of the cricket journal Baggy Green, Author of several books on sports including Passport to Nowhere (Aborigines in Australian Cricket 1850-1939). He has a doctorate in history from Flinders University.
The 2004 ATEM Ghosts’ Lunch

Carol Harding (Guest of Honour and President of ATEM Tasmania)
Colin Plowman (Convenor of Ghosts)
Tom Gregg (President of ATEM)
Jim McLauchlan
John Chapman AM, OAM, ASM
(Recipient of the 2004 ATEM Meritorious Service Award)
Trevor Short
Jerry Mayer
Giles Pickford
Peter Scardoni
Bob Speechley
Deborah Havelka
Arthur O’Neill

Guest Speaker Dr Joe Canon - a veteran of the Sydney Hobart Yacht Races

Apologies have been received from Richard Easther, Trish Burgess, Barry Cameron, Warwick Nicoll, Alistair Richards, John Topley and Peter Wills.

WINE LIST

2 Penfolds Grange Hermitage
4 Penfolds Bin 707 Cab Sav
4 Seppelts St Peters Shiraz
4 Domain Cab (Coal River, Tasmania)
4 Vasse Felix Cab Sav
4 Coldstream Hills Shiraz

MENU

Breads: Oven Baked Cob Loaf or Grilled Foccacia
Entrée: Shippies Sea Food Chowder or Barilla Bay Oysters Natural
Main: Shippies Sea Food Platter or Reef and Beef Scotch Fillet
Desserts: Cheese Platter with Fruit

Minutes
1. Colin Plowman selected Convenor for 2005
2. Proceeds of Lunch go to ATEM Foundation
**Ghost Lunch**

*Starter*
Creamy seafood bisque with garlic shrimp

2002 Plantagenet Shiraz  
1997 Penfolds Kalimna Shiraz

*Entrée*
Salmon Carpaccio with a Baby Caper Omelette

1993 Seppelt Grt Western Shiraz  
1996 Wynn's Black Label Shiraz

*Main Course*
Harvey Scotch fillet topped with King prawns,  
Coffin bay oysters and scallops, with garlic cream

1996 Lindeman Pyrus Cabernet Sauvignon Merlot  
Malbec Cabernet Franc  
1994 John Riddoch Cabernet Sauvignon

*Cheese*
Selection of Tasmanian Roaring Forties Blue, Maffra  
clothbound cheddar, with Muscatels & Paprika crisps

Penfolds 1986 Grange Hermitage

Lavazza Coffee or Loose Leaf Tea  
Brown Brothers Muscat

*Earthquake at Newcastle during the hunt, registered 1.3 on the Richter Scale*
The 7th Ghosts’ Lunch
Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of ATEM

Apologies: John Topley (Qld), Trevor Short, (Tas) Bob Speechley (Vic), Alistair Richards (SA), Jerry Mayer (NSW), John Chapman AM (NSW), Peter Castleton (Tas), Chris Jeffery (WA)

Ghosts: Jim McLauchlan Host (NSW), Colin Plowman (Convenor of Ghosts) (ACT), Warwick Nicoll MNZM (NZ), Peter Scardoni (ACT), Giles Pickford (NSW)

Guests: NSW Branch President (Guest of Honour), Tom Gregg (ATEM President) (NZ) Carol Harding (Tasmanian Branch President), Vice-President Richard Easther (Tas), Carol Russell (NSW), Arthur Hunt (Qld), Neil Voyce (NZ)

Menu

ENTRÉE
Freshly shucked Sydney Rock Oysters with chardonnay vinaigrette and trout pearls
Or
Double cooked Kurobuta Sweet Pork Belly

MAIN
Baked Barramundi with pea and ham consommé and baby gnocchi
Or
Daube of Beef with garlic potato puree and French Beans
With
Tomato and mozzarella salad with aged balsamic green salad and Rocket and reggiano parmesan salad

CHEESE
Maffra Australian cheddar, Isigny Ste Mere Camembert, Kervella and Bleu D’ Auvergne
with coffee or tea

Wine selection

1977 Penfolds 707 (SA),
2002 Battely Durif (Beechworth)
2000 Domaine A Coal River (Tas)
2003 Twofold (Heathcote)

2003 Yering Station Reserve (Yarra Valley)
1997 Rockford Home Block Magnum (Barossa)
2002 Craggy Range (Gimletts Gravel NZ),
2003 Clonakilla Shiraz (Murrumbateman NSW)
2002 Bloodwood (Orange NSW)

The proceeds of the annual Ghosts’ Lunch are donated each year to the ATEM Foundation.
The 8th ATEM Ghosts' Lunch
*Vic Exhausta Periculosissima*

Held at Lanyon Homestead on Tuesday 25 September 2007

**Present**

Colin Plowman (Convenor)
Tom Gregg (ATEM President)
Steve Langley (ACT Branch President and Guest of Honour)
John Mullarvey (ACT)
Peter Scardoni (ACT)
Ros Engledow (ACT)
David Chatto (ACT)
Amanda Hart (ACT)
Vin Massaro (Victoria)
Lorraine Perry (Victoria)
Bob Speechley (Victoria)
Deborah Havelka (Victoria)
Arthur O'Neill (Victoria)
Judy Szekeres (SA)
Trevor Short (Tasmania)
Neil Voyce (New Zealand)
Jerry Mayer (NSW)
Jim McLauchlan (NSW)
Giles Pickford (NSW)

**Menu**

Champagne & White Wine

Antipasto Platters

Steak and Chou of Lanyon Vegetables
Or
Choice of two Pasta

Gelato
Selection of Superior Wines

Proceeds to the ATEM Foundation

[Signatures]
2008 ATEM Ghosts’ Lunch – Riccarton House, Christchurch

Acceptances
Warwick Nicoll, MNZM, Host (Aotearoa)
Tom Greggs, ATEM President (Aotearoa)
RC Ali Hughes, Guest of Honour (Regional Chair Aotearoa)
Neil Voyce, Aotearoa
Brigitte Murray, Aotearoa
RC Joanne Austin, Bass
Wendy Short, Bass
RC Judy Szekeres, Central
Rex Jones, Central
Jerry Meyer, NSW/ACT
Giles Pickford, NSW/ACT
Peter Scardoni, NSW/ACT
VP Chris Pepper, Western

Apologies
Jeff Long, Peter Castleton, Trevor Short, Bob Speechley, Alistair Richards, Trish Burgess,

MENU

Citrus, chilli, marinated kalamata and queen’s green olives

Entrees
Crispy fried whitebait salad with preserved lemon dressing and salad greens

Mains
Crispy Skinned Groper with sweet parsnips, spinach and saffron vanilla sauce with shoestring fries
Or
Chargrilled Canterbury lamb with new potato and fresh herb salad, caper and olive salsa
Plus
Mixed salad greens with balsamic dressing

To Follow
A choice of four cheeses with crackers, grissini, chutney and fruit

WINE LIST

Muddy Water Unplugged Riesling 2006, Waipara, NZ
Leaning Rock Pinot Noir 2003, Central Otago, NZ
Nevis Bluff Pinot Noir 2002, Central Otago, NZ
Logan Cabernet Merlot 1999, Orange, Australia
Terrace Edge Syrah 2007 Waipara, NZ
Chapel Hill ‘The Vicar’ Shiraz Cabernet Merlot 2001, McLaren Vale, Australia
Penfold’s Hermitage Grange 2001, Barossa Valley, Australia (donated by the ATEM Secretariat)
2008 Ghosts Lunch: A Day of Firsts

The Ghosts’ Lunch at TEMC 2008 was a good show according to everyone there at Riccarton House south-west of Christchurch, and several others including the waiters.

For a start it was the first lunch in nine years when there was an amendment to the Agenda (moved Toni Hodge, seconded the agenda-maker). The Minutes of the first meeting held in 1999 were passed without amendment as they have been every year since the Ghosts’ Lunches began.

Things got off to a rocky start when the Penfold’s Grange was opened before the arrival of the President. However the host, Warwick Nicol, thought nothing of that and declared the meeting open.

There was the usual Latin Grace and a welcome by the host who gave a thumbnail sketch of the history of the South Island from the comfortable position of a North Islander. In his response the South Islander President pointed out that the local Maori had always thought that the North Island was a fish which had been pulled out of the sea in a thoughtless and unfortunate moment. Members of the far away West Island listened carefully and learned.

The Convenor of Ghosts Giles Pickford, who remained unsteadily seated, gave his annual report. His first act was to place the Great Seal of the Ghosts on the amended Agenda, which immediately became the minutes of the meeting, carried unanimously, at the beginning of the proceedings.

He then welcomed the Ghosts and Guests and proposed a toast to absent friends. He made special mention of Colin Plowman who had convened the Ghosts for the last nine years with distinction. He then made mention of John Mullarvey who was the first person in the history of the organisation who had donated $100 to the ATEM Foundation without attending a lunch. Members noted that the Ghosts had donated $11,100 over the years. We were all very sorry that Colin and John and all the others could not be there, and wished them all well.

Giles then welcomed the Guests: Ali Hughes (Guest of Honour and Regional Chair Aotearoa), RC Joanne Austin of Bass, RC Judy Szekeres of Central, Rex Jones the ATEM Treasurer, VP Chris Pepper, and Toni Hodge the ATEM Secretary.

Two other special people were mentioned.

Trevor Short (previous Secretary of ADFA and President ACT Branch) who had attended many lunches over the years was represented by his daughter Wendy, who thus became the first proxy Ghost to arrive at our table.

Another first was Brigitte Murray, the youngest member of the Ghosts, Opera Diva, and marketing manager of Campus Living Villages. Brigitte was attending her first Ghosts’ Lunch. As the day wore on the Convenor of Ghosts, who had attended her operatic Arias at the TEFMA Dinner the night before, knelt before her and offered her his undying fealty. His pledge was graciously accepted. This was another world first because the Convenor of Ghosts has never knelt before anyone else in his long and uneventful life.

At the end of a great day the sun came out for an hour and we all went home to get two minutes of transcendental meditation before going off to The Bog (Irish Pub) to hear the President of ATEM and other ruffians up there on the stage singing the songs of rage and defiance that we all love.

Giles Pickford
Convenor of Ghosts
1 October 2008
2009 ATEM Ghosts Lunch

In Attendance:

Viv Carson, Host, Tropical Region; Jo Miller, Regional Chair, Tropical Region (Guest of Honour); Stephen Weller, ATEM President, Bass; Rex Jones, ATEM Treasurer, Central; Tom Gregg, Aotearoa; Brigitte Murray, Aotearoa, Bob Speechley, Bass; Debra Havelka, Bass; Wendy Short, Bass; Jerry Mayer, NSW/ACT; Giles Pickford, NSW/ACT; Peter Scardoni, NSW/ACT; Nik Fominas, NSW/ACT; Paul Toohey Darwin Journalist

Apologies

Colin Plowman, NSW/ACT; Patricia Tse, Hong Kong; John Chapman AM, NSW/ACT; Warwick Nicoll MNZM, Aotearoa; Trish Burgess, NSW/ACT, Peter Castleton, Bass; Robert Thomason, Bass, Denese Gray, NSW/ACT, Jim McLauchlan NSW/ACT, Trevor Short, Bass

Menu

Entree: Char Wagyu beef rissoles (4), tomato chili jam, garlic Ciabatta
OR
Rocket, pear walnut salad, blue cheese dressing

Main: 200 gm scotch fillet, Crispy chat potatoes, grilled bacon, mustard & onion jam
OR
Fish of the day, market fresh vegetables

Dessert: Cheese duo with handmade lavosh muscatel

Wines

Henscke Hill of Grace 1997 – Eden Valley, SA
Grant Burge Filsell Shiraz, 1999 - Barossa Valley, SA
Mount Langi Ghiran Shiraz, 2005 – Grampians, VIC
Nanny Goat Pinot, 2006 – Otago, NZ
St Hallet Faith Shiraz, 2007 – Barossa Valley, SA

Our 10th Lunch opened at The Char @ Admiralty on the last day of the Conference. We usually meet on the Tuesday but that was impossible this year for two of us. Some were a bit daunted at the thought of finishing the lunch and then moving on to the Conference Dinner. Bob Speechley reminded that some time ago this would not have daunted any of us. Those were the days...

The festivities began with a 1997 Henschke’s Hill of Grace, the price of which recently shot past Penfold’s Grange, our traditional starter for the last nine years. Working on the principle that it is advisable to do something extravagantly silly at least once a year we drank to the health of our absent friends with the most expensive wine in Australia. This time the absent friends we toasted were: Colin Plowman, Patricia Tse, John Chapman AM, Warwick Nicoll MNZM, Trish Burgess, Peter Castleton, Robert Thomason, Denese Gray, Jim McLauchlan, Trevor Short, Viv Carson and Jo Miller.

The Convenor welcomed Paul Toohey as the Ghosts’ first Visiting Fellow. Paul is a freelance Journalist in Darwin who has won two Walkley Awards and written a book on the murderer Bradley John Murdoch called “The Killer Within”.

The Convenor then tabled the “Chronicles of the ATEM Ghosts’ Lunch” in which the wine bespattered minutes of previous meetings are stored. It was agreed that the Minutes of the 2008 Lunch in Christchurch could be neither confirmed nor denied.

The Convenor at this point became incredibly boring and spent 5 minutes bringing the Ghosts up to date with the trivia. The Ghosts have raised around $12,000 for the ATEM Foundation, which is our core business apart from collegial congeniality. The Ghosts are supporting a PhD student at RMIT, Heather Davis of Geelong who is also an ATEM Councillor. She is currently in the midst of a major survey, the administrative costs of which are supported by the Ghosts. We wish her every success. Finally the Bust of Maurie Blank, commissioned by the Ghosts in 2003, is now back in Victoria and will be displayed in the ATEM President’s Office, and passed on in perpetuity. The Convenor then concluded his annual address much to the audible relief of all present.

However, to everyone’s consternation, Bob Speechley then took the floor and informed members of the date and place of the next Lunch. It will be at 1.00 pm on Tuesday 5 October 2010 in the MCG. Members will leave the Conference at 12.30 pm and go by ferry to the MCG. There will be a tour of the MCG National Cricket Museum after lunch. That concluded all formalities.

Snippets of conversation overheard at the lunch:

“Reforming ATEM was about as hard as turning a super tanker around in treacle” Tom Gregg, ATEM President 2003-9

“When I was uninformed I used to think that FM meant frequency modulation. I now know that it means facilities management” Giles Pickford on completing his first year in the TEFMA Secretariat

“I was surprised they didn’t decant the Hill of Grace through muslin” Rex Jones

The old Admiralty building was a top venue for the Lunch. We were told that it was the only building left standing after Cyclone Tracy.