

# Dunera News



A publication for former refugees from Nazi and Fascist persecution (mistakenly shipped to and interned in Australia at Hay and Tatura, many later serving with the Allied Forces), their relatives and their friends.

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## *74th Hay Reunion*

6-7 September 2014

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*Many thanks to all the contributors.*



Rebecca Silk  
President  
Dunera Association

## From the President

Welcome to Dunera News number 91 for southern hemisphere winter 2014.

We are happy to report a most successful visit to the wartime camp sites and the Wartime Camps Museum in Tatura. Our thanks go to the Tatura Historical Society for their hospitality and efforts to ensure the day was enjoyed by all.

Following the visit we received letters correcting some statements that had been made regarding the numbers of internees and their arrival dates in Tatura. I am most grateful to Bern Brent and Mike Sondheim for correcting the record, and we encourage readers to let us know about any factual inaccuracies when they occur.

Also, you will read about some more individual Dunera Boys of Renown. Whatever the walk of life the Dunera and Singapore internees went into, their achievements were impressive.

Recently I had a trip to Europe and Israel. The trip to Europe takes 20–30 hours by plane, but it is a fraction of the travel time it took in the 1940s. I tried to imagine the feelings of the Dunera internees, having spent two months at sea and finding themselves isolated in Australia, while the war raged on in Europe and the fate of their families was unknown. They must truly have felt forgotten.

This year we are our holding reunion events as usual. I ask that you make a note of these dates:

**Hay Reunion.** 6–7 September • **Sydney Reunion.** Wednesday 10 September at the Sydney Jewish Museum • **Melbourne AGM and Luncheon.** 11 November at Quest Kimberley Gardens.

Notifications and details of events will be sent to members.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the reunions. In the meantime, I wish you good health and happy reading!

# Tatura Visit 2014

Report from Janet Arndt, daughter of Dunera Boy Kurt Arndt.

On 27 April 2014 some of us went to Tatura for Tatura Day. It was, as always, great to revisit the Museum, meet the locals and unite with friends.

On this visit I went to Camp 3, about “10 miles from Tatura” with Arthur Knee as our guide. Arthur and his wife Lurline have written a wonderful book which I highly recommend called “Marched In”, it is about the internment camps in Tatura.

I hadn't been to Camp 3 before and as this was the one in which my parents Kurt and Wally had lived (in Compound D). I was most interested to walk around and see the remnants of buildings that were once there. Most poignant was the entrance to the hospital with the word HOSPITAL still there on the ground.

As we walked around I tried to imagine how my parents and my aunt and uncle, Lolo and Hellmuth Jakubowicz (Jackson) lived there. One can still pick up pieces of broken china lying on the ground.

None of the buildings remain. The Nissen huts were taken away by neighbouring farmers and used on their properties.

Compound D housed the Singapore Group, including Karl, Slawa and Eva Duldig, Ilse, Werner and Miriam Baer, Kurt Blach and the Seefelds including Valerie, a little girl who many years later became my parents' carer – what a wonderful circle of events. My aunty Lolo was one of the people who looked after the little ones, including Eva Duldig.

Life in the camp produced a lot of enterprising occupations. My uncle Hellmuth made scuffs (footwear similar to thongs) out of discarded tyres and my dad was a pretty good handyman, earning extra money for cigarettes etc!

There were only two children born in Camp 3, Tommy Layton, who was with us on the visit, and Ron Jackson. I wasn't born until 6 June 1944, after my parents were no longer in Tatura.

I'll soon be 70, I'm finding as the years go on that my family history is becoming more important. I'm glad that in dad's final years we had many chats. My mum was less talkative. Dad was a good raconteur, with many amusing stories to tell about life in the camps and in the army. I am most appreciative of the chance to visit the site of the Internment Camps and the Wartime Camps Museum at Tatura.

**Janet Arndt**



## EXHIBITION

### Mid-Century Modern: Australian Furniture Design

At The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia from 30 May to 19 October 2014.

Open 10am–5pm, closed Mondays.

Admission fees apply: Adult \$10 | Concession \$7 | Children (16 and under) Free.

*Mid-Century Modern: Australian Furniture Design is the first major exhibition dedicated to Australian furniture of the 1940s to the 1970s; a period of dynamic social change as Australians embraced modern ideals to encapsulate a new, cosmopolitan mode of living characterised by innovative and flexible furniture design.*

*New methods of furniture design took hold in Australia after World War Two, prompted in part by the availability of new materials, and sometimes the shortages of others, the development of new production techniques and the influx of European immigrants who were skilled in the traditions of fine furniture making.*

The home interiors in the exhibition will be very familiar to many of us who grew up with post-war European influenced architecture and design. Among the works are many pieces designed by Dunera Boy Fred Lowen and Fler furniture.

The Fler company began in 1946, making furniture in Richmond, Victoria. Fler's founders, Fred Lowen and Ernest Rodeck met at Tatura Internment Camp in 1941 and struck up a lasting friendship which eventually also became a successful professional partnership. The name Fler is made up of the two men's initials.



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## NEWS & VIEWS

### Group Portrait Project: Local Heroes of Stonnington

The Murray Betts Group recently asked Eva de Jong-Duldig, Founding Director of The Duldig Studio, to participate in their Group Portrait Project which celebrates the local heroes of Stonnington, who live their lives with passion and a commitment to others. They wanted to share their beauty and quotes with the rest of the community – a celebration of the beauty within us all.

A blow up reproduction of the wonderful photo Philip Betts took of Eva is now featured in the window of their office at 1 Finch Street, East Malvern and will remain on display till the end of July.

The growing collection of portraits can be viewed on the Murray Betts Group website – [www.murraybettsgroup.com.au](http://www.murraybettsgroup.com.au)

A future publication will feature all the portraits in a Calendar.





PHOTO: ANDREW CHAPMAN

## Dunera Association Hay Reunion 6–7 September 2014

In recognition of the 74th Anniversary of the arrival of the Dunera Boys at the Hay Internment and POW Camps 7 and 8 in 1940.

### PROGRAM DETAILS

#### Friday 5 September

From 6pm **Dinner at JJ Bistro, Riverina Hotel.** PAYG – Pay As You Go  
A la carte menu.

#### Saturday 6 September

9.30am **HAY RAILWAY STATION**  
Symbolic re-enactment. Siren and sounds of four steam trains, 48 carriages, arriving at Hay Railway Station. Museum displays will be open.

9.45am **SYMBOLIC MARCH**  
March from railway carriage to Dunera Place to *March of the Hebrew Slaves* from Verdi opera, *Nabucco*.

10am **DEPART HAY RAILWAY STATION**  
Follow “Dunera Way” from the station to Camps 7 and 8 by car convoy. Tour of Camps 7 and 8, Racecourse/Showground, Garrison areas. Stop at Dunera Commemorative Obelisk in Dunera Way. The obelisk was unveiled at the 50th anniversary in 1990.

11am **MORNING TEA** PAYG  
Havachat coffee shop opposite the Post Office, 120 Lachlan Street.

11.45am **HAY WAR CEMETERY**  
Visit Hay General Cemetery and the camp River Farm site by car convoy. Stop at riverside beach where Jewish boy Theodore Tartakover (b. Hay 1880) first trained for swimming. He competed at the London (1908) and Stockholm (1912) Olympics. Visit the grave of Menasche Bodner, the only Dunera Boy who died in Hay and buried in the Jewish section at Hay Cemetery.

1pm **LUNCH** PAYG  
Hay Services Club. Dining Room, 371 Murray Street. A la carte menu.

2.30pm **OPTIONS**  
Dunera Museum at railway station • Free time to wander Hay or rest.  
• Film showing: *When Friends were Enemies* – location TBA.  
Judy Menczel’s 1991 Dunera story for SBS. Free, open to the public. Duration: 58 mins. • Hay Gaol Museum: Site of the first military hospital where sick Dunera Boys were sent until the camp hospital was completed. The gaol was also a high security lockup for Japanese POWs. It is where Italian Captain Simone escaped from his cell. • Shear Outback Museum. A history of Australian shearing on display. Shearing demonstration at 3.30pm. Also has a cafe and souvenir shop to browse in. • Visit Bishop’s Lodge. 1890 historic house and garden. Open Saturday 2–4.30pm.

7.00pm **DINNER** PAYG  
Bishop’s Lodge Motel Restaurant, Sturt Hwy, South Hay. A la carte menu.

#### Sunday 7 September

9.30am **MORNING TEA** FREE  
With David and Coleen Houston at their property Budgewah. 21km from Hay, along Maude Road. Look out for a white mailbox and flag. Drive 4km in and meet David at his Budgewah woolshed.

#### EVENTS REGISTRATION

Please register before 29 August 2014

FRIDAY: Dinner at JJ Bistro

SATURDAY: Morning tea / Lunch / Dinner

SUNDAY: Morning tea at Budgewah

Please advise David Houston by email (preferred), fax or phone, of the number and names of people attending the events. It is essential we know numbers for catering and seating. Advance payment is NOT required.

Contact David Houston: [davidhouston23@bigpond.com](mailto:davidhouston23@bigpond.com)

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## DUNERA BOYS OF RENOWN

Continuing on with our series of stories on Dunera Boys of Renown, where we feature some who are perhaps not so well known in the community, as well as pieces on those who are better known.

If you would like to submit your own story on a Dunera Boy, or comment on

the stories, we welcome your contributions. Please send your story to: [duneraboys@gmail.com](mailto:duneraboys@gmail.com) or mail to The Secretary – Dunera Association, PO Box 72, South Melbourne Delivery Centre, VIC 3205. (300-400 words and a good quality photo if possible.)

### Richard Sonnenfeldt 1923–2009

In his own words:

I was brought up as a German boy but, being Jewish, was lucky enough to be sent to boarding school in England in 1938. I was deported on the Dunera, sent to Hay, but again lucky to be released along with six others, taken back to Sydney and on to the Dunera. The ship developed trouble, we were taken off at Bombay and freed – being left in the hands of the Jewish Relief Committee.



PHOTO: RUBY WASHINGTON

It took six months for the US Consul to verify my credentials and issue me with a US visa. I arrived in New York in April 1941 and joined my family who had caught one of the last boats out of Lisbon. I wanted to enlist but was not accepted due to being of German origin. But a further 18 months on in 1943, I was given US citizenship, drafted and served in the Infantry in Italy and France. Then with the third and seventh armies in Germany and Austria. I saw battle at the Bulge and was there at the liberation of Dachau concentration camp, something I never forgot.

Then it became really interesting. General Donovan head of the OSS, picked me to become an interpreter, in fact the chief US army interpreter. After two months training in Paris we started going to places where we spoke to witnesses, perpetrators, victims and resistance fighters in the preparation of evidence for the Nuremberg trials. I interpreted for Goering, Rudolf Hoess (Kommandant at Auschwitz), Rudolf Hess (Deputy Leader of Nazi Party), Albert Speer (Minister of Armaments) and many others. The method used was to ask questions or show documents to the defendants, to which the answers were known.

In one session Goering interrupted me saying that he resented my pronunciation of his name as “gering” (in German “little nothing”). I agreed to pronounce his name Goering and he agreed not to interrupt my interpreting. My memoirs *Witness to Nuremberg* are about the trials and have been translated into German.

Back in America in 1946 I went through Johns Hopkins University in engineering, followed by becoming principal developer in colour TV at Radio Corporation.

I had many interests after retiring and continued the ambition to prove my mettle. With a crew of friends and my son, I crossed the Atlantic in an open cockpit boat at the age of 70, did it three times.

My family, including my grandchildren have visited my place of birth, Gardelegen in Germany. I was honoured by the city, though I did recognise some old party followers. I have also addressed school groups in Germany and talked on TV on the Holocaust. There is an interest especially among the young in Germany to understand the events of the Nazi period.

I would call my Dunera voyage the start of a very exciting life.

References: *Dunera Newsletter* no. 70 June 2007.  
YouTube – *An interview with Richard Sonnenfeldt.*



### Steven Strauss 1922-2010

Steven Strauss was born in the small town of Lauterbach in Germany. His name at birth was Siegfried, which he changed in 1945 while in the Australian Army. He was 12 years old when Hitler came to power. Strauss recalled being in Albert Einstein's house many times; Einstein had gone abroad and the house was rented by his school, which was next door.

By the time of Kristallnacht on 9 November, 1938 – when Nazis burnt synagogues and Jewish businesses and rounded up Jewish men – Strauss was living in Berlin. A teacher from his old school asked him to take Einstein's visitors' book (in which he had seen Mahatma Gandhi's name) and private correspondence to the French cultural attache for safekeeping. The documents were in a large envelope marked in English "A stone of wisdom". The words "a stone" translate to German as "ein Stein".

On July 3, 1939, with the help of one of his former school teachers, Strauss left for England, hoping to get to an uncle in the United States. He was 17.

He had visited his mother and sister the month before. It was to be the last time he saw them. "After my internment in 1940, I received several letters from my mother and sister, the last dated 30 March 1942," he said. "My mother and sister were deported to a concentration camp in or near Riga shortly after." His sister was 18 when she was murdered; he never knew how his mother died.

During his short stay in England he was sent back to school, then worked as a trainee in a clothing factory. He also got a walk-on part as a soldier in *King Lear* at the Old Vic Theatre. The cast included John Gielgud and Jessica Tandy, and he was paid four shillings a performance.

In mid-May 1940 he was interned, first at a racecourse and then on the Isle of Man, before being put on the British transport ship Dunera on 10 July 1940, at the age of 18.

He once told his son, Simon, that en route to Hay, an Australian guard gave him an orange and it was then that he realised for the first time that he had come to a compassionate place.

In late 1941, the internees were given the option of returning to England or joining the Australian Army. Strauss joined the 8th Employment Company.

While staying at the Tatura camp, Strauss managed to study for his leaving certificate and after serving in the army, he won a scholarship to Melbourne University – the beginning of his illustrious career.

Never one to boast, he was, nevertheless, the first non-Australian-born lawyer to

be admitted to the Victorian bar (1950) and the first to be appointed a Queen's counsel (1965). He was appointed a Family Court judge in July 1976. Seven years later he was appointed a temporary member of the appeals division of the court, and was made a permanent member in 1985. He retired from judicial office in 1994 and in 1996 was admitted as a barrister of the Supreme Court of Queensland and practised as a consultant.

At his farewell from the Court in November 1993, his contribution to Family Law was described as profound. The Court's tribute notice noted his great humanity and wisdom; and described him as one of its intellectual leaders, and a true gentleman.

Source: *Sydney Morning Herald*. 15 October 2010.

### Kurt Lewinski 1921-2005

By Mike Sondheim.

Kurt Lewinski grew up in East Prussia. In 1938 he went to ORT School (Jewish vocational training) in Berlin to learn a trade in preparation for emigration.

In late August 1939, Kurt and 95 other ORT boys were sent to England to attend a technical school in Leeds.

In the dark days of Dunkirk in the mid-1940s, the 18-year-olds were interned and sent to Australia on the Dunera. After 28 months in the camps in Hay and Tatura, Australia granted them release for fruit-picking in the Shepparton area, followed by enlistment in the Australian Military Forces, 8th Australian Employment Company under Captain Broughton with about 600 other "boys".

In Hay, Kurt started modelling small animals from wooden offcuts, just using his pocket knife which he had been able to hide from the thieving guards on the Dunera. Fellow internees encouraged him to take tuition in drawing and graphic arts at the camp school. He furthered his wood carving technique and made small items such as ashtrays, cigarette boxes and bookends, which brought in some handy pocket money.

He joined the other two Dunera Boys, Fred Lowen and Ernest Rodeck, in their FLER enterprise and it became his lifetime job. Fred and Kurt developed a close



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friendship, both passing away within the same fortnight.

In his spare time, Kurt perfected his hobby by producing small animals each showing the characteristic features of their breed.

Kurt actively participated in all Dunera and ORT activities as a committee member. He attended reunions, as well as the occasional visits to Tatura and Hay, where he enjoyed the locals' hospitality.

Kurt married Senta in the early 1950's. Their many friends – mostly from the early ORT and Dunera days – enjoyed their great hospitality. Senta died in 2002.

Despite his longstanding diabetes, Kurt was able to enjoy a relatively healthy life. Kurt's diaries from internment and his time in the 8th Employment Company are in the Archives of Australian Judaica at the University of Sydney.

Source: *Australian Jewish News*. 8 April 2005.

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## MESSAGES

**Brenda Behar** posted in Friends of the Dunera Boys

My father Jack Benjamin (AKA Benjy) was in Hay at age 16 - the youngest boy there. Originally from Germany and then went to England on the kindertransport. Anyone remember him?

**Erica Fischer** posted in Friends of the Dunera Boys

Upcoming in October, published by Hesperus Press and translated by Andrew Brown: *Over the Ocean*, my docu-fiction about the Dunera Boys and my parents Erich and Irka Fischer.

[www.amazon.com/Over-Ocean-Wartime-Story-Enduring/dp/1843915049](http://www.amazon.com/Over-Ocean-Wartime-Story-Enduring/dp/1843915049)

Dunera Boy – **Walter Kaufmann** visit to Sydney

For people who know Walter Kaufmann, here is a note about a visit by Walter and his wife to Sydney later this year:

*Through PEN Club, Sydney, we have been able to rent an apartment from 28 August to 14 September at 18/8 Wylde Street, Potts Point. Owner of the apartment is Dave Stirling – phone (Sydney) 0411 117 074. We would love to hear from you and meet with friends while in Sydney.*

*Warm greetings from Walter Kaufmann in Berlin*

[walterkaufmann@telecolumbus.net](mailto:walterkaufmann@telecolumbus.net)

## SEEKING INFORMATION

Dear Tatura Internment Camps descendants

As the present sole survivor of the Tatura 3 and 4 male compounds which held Dunera Boys as well as Malaysians and Singaporeans, could I ask, via these pages, what happened to people I remember well but never saw or heard of again after the war?

I left Melbourne in 1949, never to live there again.

There are some people I recall quite clearly but have no idea what happened to them. They are:

– **Dr. Ehrenfeld**, who ran the Tatura choir.

– **Gottlieb** and **Litauer**, who were my tutors for months. I did run into Gottlieb a couple of times in the late 1940s and remember meeting his then girlfriend who, I believe, he later married. In particular, I recall him giving a talk in Tatura about rocket-propelled space missiles that he had experimented with in Germany. Sixteen years later, Sputnik (the world's first artificial satellite), was propelled by just such a rocket.

– What happened to **Fleischer** and **Holzbauer**, two of our three-man band that introduced me not only to *Tiger Rag* and *Golden Wedding* but also to *Waltzing Matilda*? I know that the third man Wuerzbuger, returned to Europe.

– And what became of **Erich Blitz** who, never ruffled, was our camp leader for a good while?

– And there was **Feibes** who, in my time, had a stamp shop in Collins Street?

– There was also a young Italian guy called **Emilio** who, for one reason or another, found himself in the 8th (Employment Company).

I should be grateful for some news about the fate of any of the people above either via the pages of Dunera News or to me at – PO Box 7035, Farrer, ACT 2607. Or to my email – [beegabee@bigpond.com](mailto:beegabee@bigpond.com)

Thank you.

**Bern Brent**

June 2014

## SEEKING INFORMATION

My name is Iris Ugurel and I live in Berlin.

I am at present organising a memorial stone (so called “Stolperstein”) in front of the house where I live to honour David, Dora and Heinz Hirsch, a Jewish family who lived in this house in Berlin and were deported to Riga in 1941 and murdered there a few days later.

Dora (nee Klein) is the older sister of Georg Klein, a Dunera Boy, from his father’s first marriage and was born in Altenwalde (Pomerania) – now Liszkowo in Poland.

I found out that Georg Klein was around 40 when captured in Sandwich, England, he was part of the group transferred to Orange, and he was released to Ardmona in February 1943 and later lived in Darling Road, Malvern.

The idea of the Stolperstein project is to find out as much information as possible about the wider family and to be able to tell the stories of these people.

Because of this I’m trying to find some more information about Georg Klein. While we have tried to trace details of Dora’s husband, David Hirsch, the Dunera connection of Georg Klein is at present our best lead.

We are aware that Georg’s first wife Erika Klein, who lived nearby the Hirsch family in Berlin, was also a victim of the Holocaust. Her parents were Georg and Hedwig Caspary.

I would appreciate if a Dunera Boy or a descendent thereof, who may have befriended Georg would contact me, with the hope of obtaining some more information about Georg and his family.

I would be grateful for every hint regarding my search.

### Iris Ugurel

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### Editor’s note

We had a small story regarding the Stolpersteine project in Dunera News no.89. The project was created by the artist Gunter Demnig. By December 2013, there were Stolpersteine in over 16 countries, with over 43,500 stones installed and many requests for more. Read about the project at – [www.stolpersteine.eu/en](http://www.stolpersteine.eu/en)

## Corrections

### Internees who went directly to Tatura Internment Camps.

In *The Dunera Affair: A Documentary Resource Book* (1990), 96 so-called German internees are named on List no.2, 254 German internees on List no.3 and 202 Italian internees on List no.4 as having disembarked at Melbourne and therefore going directly to internment at the wartimes camps in Tatura.

Dunera Boy Bern Brent has taken us to task for describing the numbers as “a few” going directly to Tatura from Port Melbourne. (Dunera News no.88. July 2013) **He writes:** *I have before expressed objections about ‘a few’ of Dunera people being disembarked at Port Melbourne. The Dunera News will be studied by historians long after we are gone. The written word is often regarded as sacrosanct and I think we should try and be factual.*

*For starters, there were the Arandora Star survivors: about 200 Italians and 250 Germans. They are sometimes ignored, but they were also on the Dunera. Most of these were UK residents but not all. Those Germans and Austrians who had lived in Britain were A-cases interned at the beginning of the war. Among them were Jewish people including orthodox. Then there were about 100 B- and C-cases – I was among them – interned after the fall of France in May, June and July 1940.*

*A month later, the ‘anti-Nazis’ were transferred from Tatura (camp) 2 to Tatura (camp) 3. I am no longer certain how many Arandora Star people were among us but I would think about 50–60. That would make about 160. We were soon joined by the ‘Singaporeans’ and ‘Malays’.*

Bern is absolutely correct there were at least 350 Dunera refugee internees, including Arandora Star survivors, plus 200 Italian prisoners and a small group of Germans. A few weeks later 266 (including men, women and children) joined them from the Singapore Group. We are grateful to Bern Brent for correcting the record.

### References:

*The Dunera Affair* (1990). Edited by Paul R Bartrop and Gabrielle Eisen. Published by Schwartz and Wilkinson, and The Jewish Museum of Australia.

*Marched In* (2008). By Lurline and Arthur Knee. Published by Tatura and District Historical Society.

### Dates of arrival of internees at Tatura Internment Camps.

Mike Sondheim has taken us to task for being inaccurate about the dates of arrival of the Dunera internees at Tatura and Hay respectively.

**He writes:** Hay is always mentioned as our first location in Australia after the Dunera arrival in Sydney of 6 September 1940. True, the great bulk of us arrived in Hay on Saturday morning 7 September 1940 on 6 or 7 trainloads, in brilliant sunshine.

However, the Dunera passengers will recollect a short stop in Port Melbourne on 3 September when a large number of our Dunera brothers were disembarked and transported directly to Tatura, together with some German and Italian internees and prisoners of war. Hence this group set foot on Australian soil some 3 days before the group in Sydney.

While at Tatura, together with the Germans, the Dunera Boys were separated from the main group and settled in Tatura camp 3. This was after representations to the Australian Army Camp Commander. Much later, in 1941, this group of Dunera Boys at Tatura were rejoined with the group from Hay in Tatura camp 2.

Therefore, Tatura was the internee's first camp in Australia. Not Hay.

And furthermore, the Singapore contingent disembarked about 3 weeks later (25 Sep 1940) from the Queen Mary in Sydney and were taken directly to Tatura.

Tatura, together with Hay, looks forward to our joint 75th anniversary in 2015.

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#### FROM THE TREASURER

Membership Renewal 2014

A new financial year in Australia is upon us and therefore our annual appeal to you for funds to assist in continuing the valued work of the Dunera Association is front and foremost. Once again the economic conditions have not been conducive to donating hard-earned money. However, our financial needs in providing you with informative newsletters, as well as meaningful functions with costs to you that are affordable, remain.

Your contributions by way of an annual membership and/or donations are most valued. I thank each and every one of you who contributed financially to the Dunera Association in the past year, with the hope that more of you will contribute this year. The membership fee is \$25 and though small, really helps us to survive. Any further donations are welcome. I would like to pay respects to all our Dunera Boys or their widows, whilst reminding them that membership fees are NOT required from them.

I would also like to remind our Singapore group, that we count you as 'one of us' and value you as fellow members of the Dunera Association. We welcome your members to the Dunera functions, particularly the annual luncheon in November and reunion functions in Tatura.

I wish you all a healthy and prosperous new financial year.

**Ron Reichwald**  
Treasurer

## Application for Annual Membership

Financial year 1 July 2014 – 30 June 2015

Dunera Association Incorporated. Corporation No. A0018624W

I hereby apply for membership of the above, and in so doing agree to abide by the rules of the Association as detailed in the Associations Incorporation Act (2012).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dunera Boy:  Yes  No

Relation or connection to Dunera: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (please write clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Use email for notices and newsletter:  Yes  No  
(Selecting to use email will help save postage costs.)

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Membership (\$25 per household) – Membership: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by:  Cheque  Money order  Direct deposit  Internet transfer

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Direct payment – At any Westpac branch or internet bank transfer

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By cheque or money order – made payable to Dunera Association.

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## **SAVE THE DATES 2014**

**Dunera anniversary in Hay**  
Weekend of 6–7 September

**Dunera Reunion in Sydney**  
Wednesday 10 September

**Dunera Reunion in Melbourne**  
**AGM Dunera Association**  
Tuesday 11 November

News and information on events will  
be updated on our Dunera Association  
facebook page

### **– Friends of the Dunera Boys**

#### **Dunera Museum at Hay**

Carol Bunyan – Volunteer Researcher  
lcb5@bigpond.com

(NOTE: the first letter is a lowercase “L”)

## **IN MEMORY**

**Walter Travers** 15 May 2014. Sydney

**Max Meth** 14 May 2014. Sydney

**Ronald Gilbert** 5 May 2014  
Lancashire, Great Britain

**Dr R Walter Dunn** Dec 2012  
British Columbia, Canada

*Our very sincerest sympathies  
to their families and friends.*

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