



**AUSTRALIAN ARMY APPRENTICES ASSOCIATION  
INCORPORATED**

ACT Incorporation No: A04404

PO Box 4091, Kogarah Bay, NSW 2217 [www.austarmyapprentice.org](http://www.austarmyapprentice.org)

Patron: Major General Andrew Mathewson, AM

**907**

## AAS GRADUATION PARADES

### Notes

1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Intakes, respectively, graduated in mid-1952 and mid-1954, whereas all other graduations occurred in December of each year. This excludes, of course, those “A Intake” Musicians who also graduated mid-year.
2. The 6<sup>th</sup> Intake was the last of the intakes (except for Musicians) to be recruited at 6-monthly intervals.
3. Please contact the author ([moderator@austarmyapprentice.org](mailto:moderator@austarmyapprentice.org)) if you have any evidence (or good memory) of the locations that are missing.

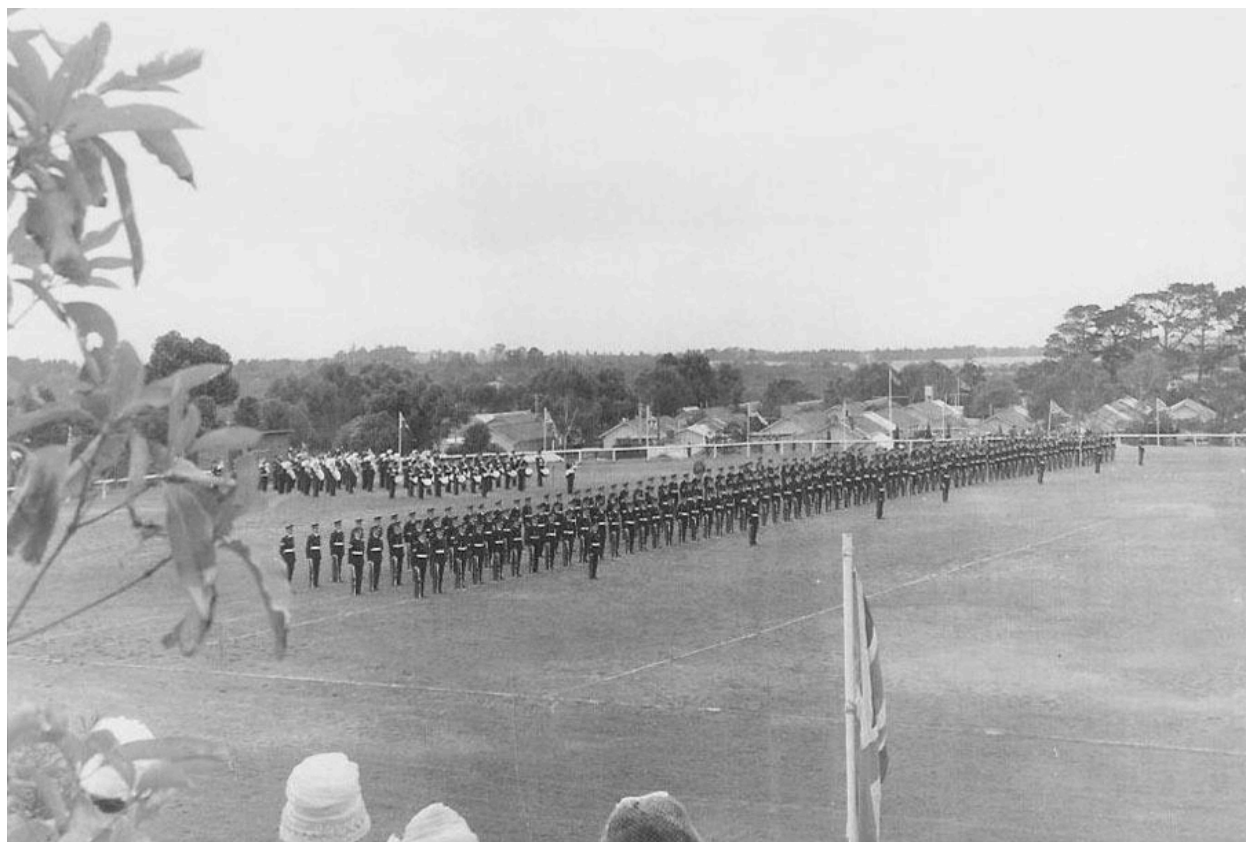
### Balcombe

Year	Intake(s)	Parade Location	Date/comments/source
1951	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mace Oval	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 51: The Age, Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> 1951
1951	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mace Oval	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 51: The Age, Dec 17 <sup>th</sup> 1951
1952	3 <sup>rd</sup>	YMCA Hall	Jun 53: Norman Anderson 5/8517, 3rd F&T
1952	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	Dec 52: SPAASSM Photo 27,01,00001; Sid Cheeseman, 4 <sup>th</sup> VM
1953	5 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Hall	Jun 53: Sid Cheeseman, 4 <sup>th</sup> VM
1953	6 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 53: Graduation Booklet; Sid Cheeseman, 4 <sup>th</sup> VM
1954	7 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 54: Graduation Booklet; Max Farrow, 9 <sup>th</sup> F&T
1955	8 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 55: Graduation Booklet; AAS Journal, 1956; Max Farrow, 9 <sup>th</sup> F&T
1956	9 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 56: Graduation Booklet; AAS Journal, 1956/57; Max Farrow, 9 <sup>th</sup> F&T
1956	11 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	Clerks, Dallas Mulhall, 11 <sup>th</sup> Clerk; Brierley Bailey OAM, 11 <sup>th</sup> Clerk
1957	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	AAS Journal, 1957/58
1958	11 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	Less Clerks: see 1956, AAS Journal, 1958/59
1959	12 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	AAS Journal, 1959/60
1960	13 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 60: Graduation Booklet; Photo and AAS Journal, 1960-61
1961	14 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	AAS story board Balcombe Parade Ground; Norm Wells 14 <sup>th</sup> VM
1962	15 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 62: Graduation Booklet; SPAASSM Photo 34,01,00011
1963	16 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 63: Graduation Booklet; Graduation Booklet; Bob Engstrom, 16 <sup>th</sup> BL
1963	17 <sup>th</sup>	Parade Ground	Clerks, June: Chris Coape-Smith, 17 <sup>th</sup> Clerk
1964	17 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec 64: Graduation Booklet; John Skubis, 17 <sup>th</sup> C&J

<b>Year</b>	<b>Intake(s)</b>	<b>Parade Location</b>	<b>Date/comments/source</b>
1965	18A Musicians + 19 <sup>th</sup> Clerks	Parade Ground	11 <sup>th</sup> Jun 65: Graduation Booklet
1965	18 <sup>th</sup>	Citation Oval	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 65: Graduation Booklet; Geoff Williams, 18 <sup>th</sup> VM
1966	19A Musicians	Parade Ground	9 <sup>th</sup> Jun 66: Graduation Booklet
1966	19 <sup>th</sup>	Citation Oval	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 66: + 20 <sup>th</sup> Musicians: Graduation Booklet; Otto Aberle, 21 <sup>st</sup> VM
1967	20A Musicians	Parade Ground	8 <sup>th</sup> Jun 67: Graduation Booklet
1967	20 <sup>th</sup>	Citation Oval	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 67: Graduation Booklet; Kerry Jones, 20 <sup>th</sup> EM; Mal Campbell, 22 <sup>nd</sup> EF
1968	21A Musicians	TBA	June: TBA
1968	21 <sup>st</sup>	Citation Oval	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 68: Graduation Booklet; Jeff Heron, 21 <sup>st</sup> RM
1969	22A Musicians	Parade Ground	5 <sup>th</sup> Jun 69: Graduation Booklet; Keith Lowe, 22 <sup>nd</sup> F&T, BSM 1969; photo Mal Campbell, 22 <sup>nd</sup> EF
1969	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Citation Oval	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 69: Graduation Booklet; Don Gray, 22 <sup>nd</sup> RM; Keith Lowe, 22 <sup>nd</sup> F&T, BSM 1969; Mal Campbell, 22 <sup>nd</sup> EF
1970	23A Musicians		4 <sup>th</sup> Jun 70: Graduation Booklet
1970	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Citation Oval	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 70: Graduation Booklet; Keith Lowe, 22 <sup>nd</sup> F&T, BSM 1969
1971	24A Musicians	TBA	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun 71: Graduation Booklet
1971	24 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 71: Graduation Booklet; Brian Williamson, 24 <sup>th</sup> RM
1972	25 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	TBA; YouTube video: Paul Whitehead, 26 <sup>th</sup> Fitter Maint
1972	26 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 72: Graduation Booklet; YouTube video: Paul Whitehead, 26 <sup>th</sup> Fitter Maint
1973	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 73: Less ETs, photo: Ian (Bear) Malcolm, 27 <sup>th</sup> VM; Mark Ryan, 33 <sup>rd</sup> VM
1974	28 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 74: Less ETs + 27 <sup>th</sup> ETs
1975	29 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 75: Less ETs + 28 <sup>th</sup> ETs
1976	30 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Less ETs + 29 <sup>th</sup> ETs: AAS Journal, 1976; Craig Malcolm, 31 <sup>st</sup> ET
1977	31 <sup>st</sup>	TBA	Less ETs + 30 <sup>th</sup> ETs: Craig Malcolm, 31 <sup>st</sup> ET
1978	32 <sup>nd</sup>	TBA	Less ETs + 31 <sup>st</sup> ETs: Craig Malcolm, 31 <sup>st</sup> ET
1979	33 <sup>rd</sup>	TBA	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 79: Less ETs + 32 <sup>nd</sup> ETs: Mark Ryan, 33 <sup>rd</sup> VM
1980	TBA Musicians	Peninsula School Mt Eliza	20 <sup>th</sup> Jun 80: Graduation Concert Booklet
1980	34 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 80: Less ETs + 33 <sup>rd</sup> ETs
1981	35 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 81: Less ETs + 34 <sup>th</sup> ETs
1982	36 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 82: Less ETs + 35 <sup>th</sup> ETs

## Bonegilla

Year	Intake(s)	Parade Location	Date/comments/source
1983	37 <sup>th</sup>	Latchford Barracks TBA	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 83: Less ETs + 36 <sup>th</sup> ETs
1984	38 <sup>th</sup>	Latchford Barracks Oval No 1	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 84: Less ETs + 37 <sup>th</sup> ETs: Murray Heron, 37 <sup>th</sup> ET
1985	39 <sup>th</sup>	Latchford Barracks TBA	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 85: Less ETs + 38 <sup>th</sup> ETs
1986	40 <sup>th</sup>	Latchford Barracks TBA	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 86: Less ETs + 39 <sup>th</sup> ETs
1987	TBA	Latchford Barracks TBA	7 <sup>th</sup> Feb 87: TBA
1987	41 <sup>st</sup>	Latchford Barracks TBA	17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 87: Less ETs + 40 <sup>th</sup> ETs
1988	42 <sup>nd</sup>	Latchford Barracks Oval No 1	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 88: Less ETs + 41 <sup>st</sup> ETs: Graduation Booklet, Jeff Heron, 21 <sup>st</sup> RM
1989	43 <sup>rd</sup>	Latchford Barracks TBA	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 89: Less ETs + 42 <sup>nd</sup> ETs
1990	44 <sup>th</sup>	Latchford Barracks TBA	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 90: Less ETs + 43 <sup>rd</sup> ETs
1991	45 <sup>th</sup>	Latchford Barracks TBA	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 91, Army College of TAFE: Less ETs + 44 <sup>th</sup> ETs
1992	46 <sup>th</sup>	Latchford Barracks TBA	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 92, Army College of TAFE: Less ETs + 45 <sup>th</sup> ETs
1993	47 <sup>th</sup>	Latchford Barracks TBA	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 93, Army College of TAFE: Less ETs + 46 <sup>th</sup> ETs
1994	48 <sup>th</sup>	Latchford Barracks TBA	10 <sup>th</sup> Dec 94, Army College of TAFE: Less ETs + 47 <sup>th</sup> ETs
1995	49 <sup>th</sup> + 48 <sup>th</sup> ETs	Latchford Barracks TBA	



### 13<sup>th</sup> Intake Graduation Parade – first with SLR – December 1960 – Mace Oval

*Note: Norm Wells, 14<sup>th</sup> VM advises that these weapons were withdrawn for war emergency use and reissued in time for the 14<sup>th</sup> Graduation Parade in December 1961*