



AAS GRADUATION PARADES

Notes

1. The 3rd and 5th Intakes, (or Classes) respectively, graduated in mid-1952 and mid-1953, whereas all other graduations occurred in December of each year. This excludes “A (or 0.5) Intake/Class” Musicians who also graduated mid-year (2-year course). “A” (mid-year) Intake Clerks (6-month course) graduated in December each year.
2. The 6th was the last (except for Musicians and 10th Clerks) recruited at 6-monthly intervals.
3. From December 1979, 3rd Year Electronics Tradesmen (ETs) either “graduated” early with their intake/class and then remained at the School until they had completed their training, or they left before their graduation and returned at the end of that year for graduation with the intake/class after them. Third year ETs were allocated to the Senior Apprentice Company (SAC). This practice ceased in 1987 with the graduation of the 40th Intake.
4. Please contact the author (news@austarmyapprentice.org) if you have any evidence (or **reliable** memory) of the locations or other information that are missing/incorrect.

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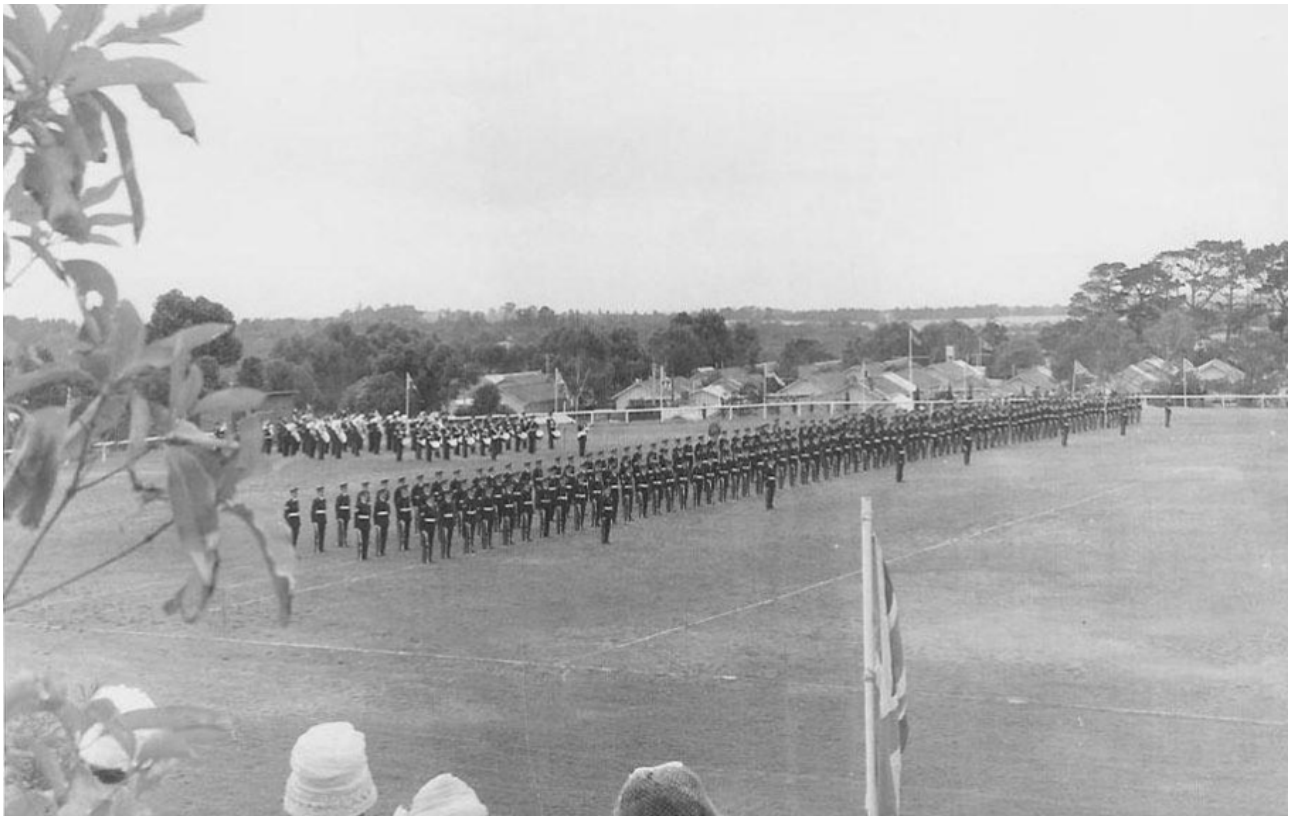
Year	Intake/Class	Parade Location	Date: Comments: Source/s
1951	1 st	Mace Oval	17 Dec 51: The Age, Dec 17 1951
1951	2 nd	Mace Oval	17 Dec 51: The Age, Dec 17 1951
1952	3 rd	ANZAC Hall	Jun 52: Rubella Epidemic & heavy rainfall: Norman Anderson 5/8517, 3 rd Fitter & Turner, Harry Cole, 7 th Vehicle Mechanic, AAS Journal Vol 1 No 1 1952
1952	4 th	Mace Oval	Dec 52: SPAASSM PhII, Binder 27, Item 01, various Images, Sid Cheeseman, 4 th Vehicle Mechanic
1953	5 th	ANZAC Hall	Jun 53: Sid Cheeseman, 4 th Vehicle Mechanic
1953	6 th	Mace Oval	12 Dec 53: 1953 Graduation Booklet, Sid Cheeseman, 4 th Vehicle Mechanic
1954	7 th	Mace Oval	11 Dec 54: 1954 Graduation Booklet, Max Farrow, 9 th Fitter & Turner
1955	8 th	Mace Oval	10 Dec 55: 1955 Graduation Booklet, AAS Journal, 1956, Max Farrow, 9 th Fitter & Turner
1956	9 th	Mace Oval	15 Dec 56: 1956 Graduation Booklet, AAS Journal, 1956/57, Max Farrow, 9 th Fitter & Turner
1956	11 th Clerks	Mace Oval	TBA: Dallas Mulhall & Brierley Bailey OAM, 11 th Clerks
1957	10 th	Mace Oval	14 Dec 57: AAS Journal 1957/58, Graduation Concert Fri 13 Dec 57
1958	11 th	Mace Oval	13 Dec 58: less Clerks, see 1956: AAS Journal 1958/59; Terry Dillon 11 th Fitter & Turner
1959	12 th	Mace Oval	12 Dec 59: AAS Journal 1959/60
1960	13 th	Mace Oval	10 Dec 60: first with SLR, 1960 Graduation Booklet, Photo and AAS Journal, 1960-61
1961	14 th	Mace Oval	Dec 61: AAS story board Balcombe Parade Ground, Norm Wells 14 th Vehicle Mechanic
1962	15 th	Mace Oval	8 Dec 62: 1962 Graduation Booklet

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1963	16 th	Mace Oval	7 Dec 63: 1963 Graduation Booklet, Bob Engstrom, 16 th Blacksmith
1963	17 th Clerks	Parade Ground	Jun 63: Chris Coape-Smith, Peter Kable & Michael Kusternig, 17 th Clerks
1964	18 th Clerks	Parade Ground	Jun 64: Michael Kusternig, 17 th Clerk
1964	17 th	Mace Oval	19 Dec 64: 1964 Graduation Booklet, John Skubis, 17 th Carpenter & Joiner
1965	18A Musicians + 19 th Clerks	Parade Ground	11 Jun 65: 1965 Graduation Booklet
1965	18 th	Citation Oval	18 Dec 65: 1965 Graduation Booklet, Geoff Williams, 18 th Vehicle Mechanic
1966	19A Musicians	Parade Ground	9 Jun 66: 1966 Graduation Booklet
1966	19 th	Citation Oval	10 Dec 66: + 20 th Musicians: 1966 Graduation Booklet, Otto Aberle, 21 st Vehicle Mechanic
1967	20A Musicians	Parade Ground	8 Jun 67: 1967 Graduation Booklet
1967	20 th	Citation Oval	9 Dec 67: 1967 Graduation Booklet, Kerry Jones, 20 th Electrical Mechanic, Mal Campbell, 22 nd Electrical Fitter
1968	21 st	Citation Oval	7 Dec 68: 1968 Graduation Booklet, Jeff Heron, 21 st Radio Mechanic
1969	22A Musicians	Parade Ground	5 Jun 69: 1969 Graduation Booklet, Keith Lowe, 22 nd Fitter & Turner, BSM 1969, photo Mal Campbell, 22 nd Electrical Fitter
1969	22 nd	Citation Oval	6 Dec 69: first with the Governor-General's Banner, 1969 Graduation Booklet, Don Gray, 22 nd Radio Mechanic, Keith Lowe, 22 nd Fitter & Turner, BSM 1969, Mal Campbell, 22 nd Electrical Fitter
1970	23A Musicians	Parade Ground	4 Jun 70: 1970 Graduation Booklet
1970	23 rd	Mace Oval	8 Dec 70: 1970 Graduation Booklet, Keith Lowe, 22 nd Fitter & Turner, BSM 1969, Al Black, 23 rd Radio Mechanic
1971	24A Musicians	Parade Ground	3 Jun 71: 1971 Graduation Booklet, Robert Gourlay, 24A Musician
1971	24 th	Mace Oval	7 Dec 71: + 25 th Musicians: 1971 Graduation Booklet, Brian Williamson, 24 th Radio Mechanic
1972	25A Musicians	Nil	Jun 1972: AAS Journal 1972
1972	25 th	Mace Oval	5 Dec 72: 1972 Graduation Booklet, YouTube video, Paul Whitehead, 26 th Fitter Maintenance, Mick Donohue 25 th Fitter & Turner
1972	26 th	Mace Oval	5 Dec 72: less ETs: 1972 Graduation Booklet, YouTube video, Paul Whitehead, 26 th Fitter Maintenance
1973	27 th	Mace Oval	1 Dec 73: less ETs: + 26 th ETs: AAS Journal 1974, photo, Ian (Bear) Malcolm, 27 th Vehicle Mechanic, Mark Ryan, 33 rd Vehicle Mechanic
1974	28A Musicians	TBA	6 Jun 1974: AAS Journal 1974
1974	28 th	Mace Oval	7 Dec 74: less ETs + 27 th ETs: Henry Moulds & Ross Darcy, 27 th ETs & Paul Prickett, 28 th Electrical Mechanic
1975	29 th	Mace Oval	6 Dec 75: less ETs + 28 th ETs: Roy Cuzens, 29 th Fitter Maintenance

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1976	30 th	Mace Oval	4 Dec 76: less ETs + 29 th ETs + 31 st Musician: AAS Journal 1976, Craig Malcolm, 31 st ET & Les O'Heir, 30 th Vehicle Mechanic
1977	31 st	Mace Oval	10 Dec 1977: less ETs + 30 th ETs: Craig Malcolm, 31 st ET & Ian Bateman, 32 nd Motor Mechanic, Brett Gould, 31 st Electrical Mechanic
1978	32 nd	Mace Oval	TBA: less ETs + 31 st ETs: Craig Malcolm, 31 st ET & Ian Bateman, 32 nd Motor Mechanic
1979	33 rd Musicians (early grad)	Peninsula School, Mt Eliza	Jun 79: 7 early graduates are listed in the Dec 79 Graduation Booklet: Ray Keuning, 33 rd Musician
1979	33 rd	Mace Oval	8 Dec 79: + 32 nd ETs: Mark Ryan, 33 rd Vehicle Mechanic & Hoss Morton, 33 rd Musician
1980	34 th Musicians	Peninsula School, Mt Eliza	20 Jun 80: 1980 Graduation Booklet
1980	34 th	Mace Oval	6 Dec 80: Ross Hawes 34 th ET & Stewart Fox, 34 th Motor Mechanic
1981	35 th	Mace Oval	12 Dec 81: Dean Joyce, 36 th Motor Mechanic
1982	36 th	Mace Oval	11 Dec 82: 1982 Graduation Booklet, Dean Joyce, 36 th Motor Mechanic

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1983	37 th	Latchford Barracks	10 Dec 83
1984	38 th	Latchford Barracks Oval No 1	8 Dec 84: Murray Heron, 37 th ET
1985	39 th	Latchford Barracks	14 Dec 85
1986	40 th	Latchford Barracks	13 Dec 86
1987	TBA	Latchford Barracks	7 Feb 87: MINI Graduation Parade: Graduation Booklet, SPAASSM PhII, Binder 08, Item 20
1987	41 st	Latchford Barracks	17 Dec 87
1988	42 nd	Latchford Barracks Oval No 1	10 Dec 88: Graduation Booklet, Jeff Heron, 21 st Radio Mechanic
1989	43 rd	Latchford Barracks	9 Dec 89:
1990	44 th	Latchford Barracks	15 Dec 90: Rick Cole, 43 rd , Chris Warren, 44 th & Anthony Cooper, 45 th ETs
1991	45 th	Latchford Barracks	14 Dec 91: Army College of TAFE (ACOT)
1992	46 th	Latchford Barracks	12 Dec 92: ACOT
1993	47 th	Latchford Barracks	11 Dec 93: ACOT
1994	48 th	Latchford Barracks	10 Dec 94: ACOT
1995	49 th	Latchford Barracks	8 Apr 1995: ACOT
1995	50 th	Nil, trainees transferred to ACOT on 1 Nov 1995	Nil: the 50 th Intake was recognised at the Association AGM in October 2019



13th Intake Graduation Parade – first with SLR – 10 December 1960 – Mace Oval

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