



## AAS GRADUATION PARADES

### Notes

1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> was the last (except for Musicians and 10<sup>th</sup> Clerks) recruited at 6-monthly intervals.
3. Until January 1955, the Army School of Music remained separate from the AAS. At this time, Apprentice Musicians were considered part of the AAS and graduations from December 1956 included Apprentice Musicians.
4. From December 1979, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> Intake.
5. The December 1972 graduation (with the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Intakes) was the first where the traditional training system of three years at the AAS then one year in a workshop (3 + 1) was replaced with a 2 years + 2 years system (except for ETs which remained at 3 years + 1 year). From that time, Musicians who joined at the beginning of each year graduated from Balcombe at the same time as the other trades in that Intake.
6. The Army School of Music moved to Simpson Barracks, Victoria when the AAS moved to Bonegilla, Victoria in 1982/83, meaning that the 36<sup>th</sup> Intake of Musicians was the last who graduated from the AAS at Balcombe.
7. Please contact the author ([news@austarmyapprentice.org](mailto:news@austarmyapprentice.org)) if you have any evidence (or **reliable** memory) of the locations or other information that are missing/incorrect.

### Balcombe

Year	Intake/Class	Parade Location	Date: Comments: Source/s
1951	1 <sup>st</sup>	Mace Oval	15 Dec 51: The Age, Dec 17 1951
1951	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mace Oval	15 Dec 51: The Age, Dec 17 1951
1952	3 <sup>rd</sup>	ANZAC Hall	Jun 52: Rubella Epidemic & heavy rainfall: Norman Anderson 5/8517, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fitter & Turner, Harry Cole, 7 <sup>th</sup> Vehicle Mechanic, AAS Journal Vol 1 No 1 1952
1952	4 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	Dec 52: SPAASSM PhII, Binder 27, Item 01, various Images, Sid Cheeseman, 4 <sup>th</sup> Vehicle Mechanic
1953	5 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Hall	Jun 53: Sid Cheeseman, 4 <sup>th</sup> Vehicle Mechanic
1953	6 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	12 Dec 53: 1953 Graduation Booklet, Sid Cheeseman, 4 <sup>th</sup> Vehicle Mechanic
1954	7 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	11 Dec 54: 1954 Graduation Booklet, Max Farrow, 9 <sup>th</sup> Fitter & Turner
1955	8 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	10 Dec 55: 1955 Graduation Booklet, AAS Journal, 1956, Max Farrow, 9 <sup>th</sup> Fitter & Turner
1956	9 <sup>th</sup> + 10 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Mace Oval	15 Dec 56: 1956 Graduation Booklet, AAS Journal, 1956/57, Max Farrow, 9 <sup>th</sup> Fitter & Turner
1956	11 <sup>th</sup> Clerks	Mace Oval	TBA: Dallas Mulhall & Brierley Bailey OAM, 11 <sup>th</sup> Clerks

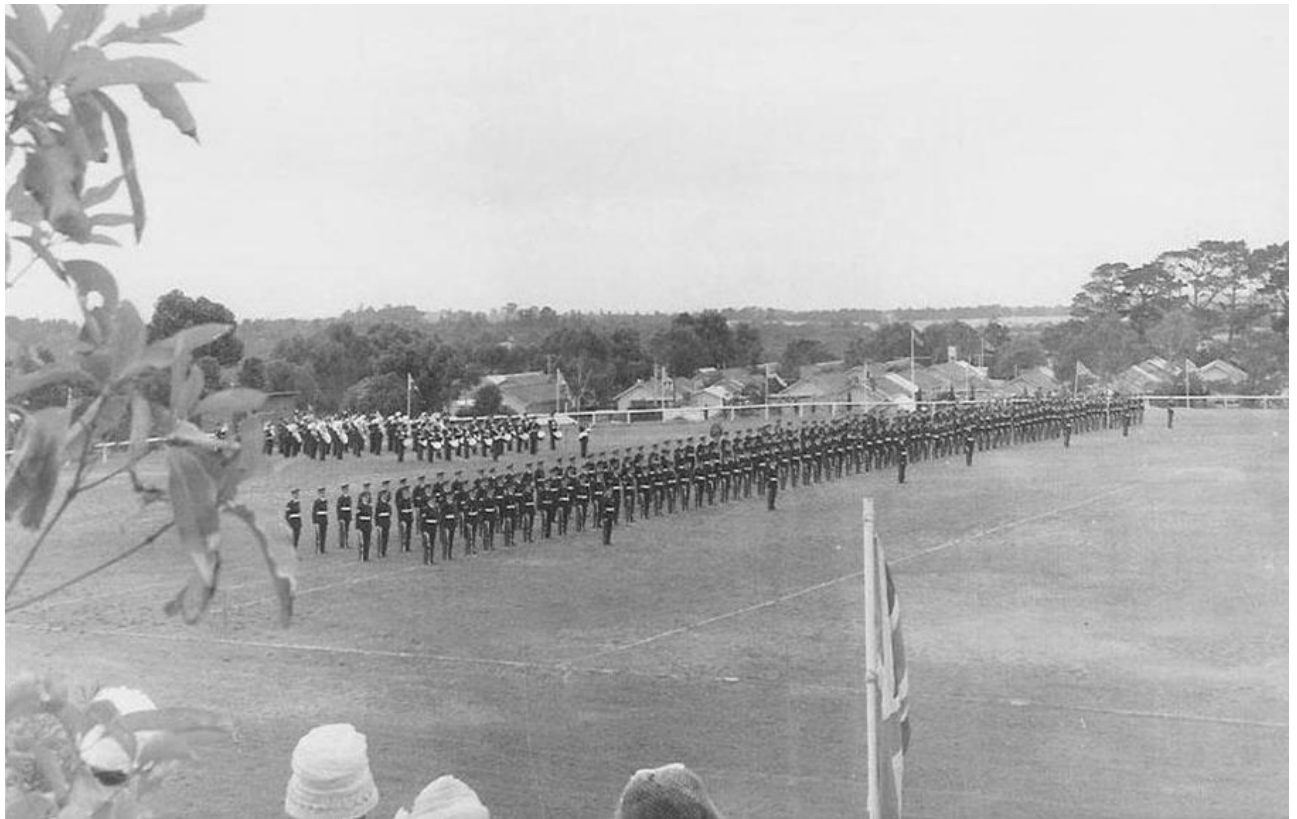
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1957	10 <sup>th</sup> + 11 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Mace Oval	14 Dec 57: AAS Journal 1957/58, Graduation Concert Fri 13 Dec 57
1958	11 <sup>th</sup> + 12 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Mace Oval	13 Dec 58: less Clerks, see 1956: AAS Journal 1958/59; Terry Dillon 11 <sup>th</sup> Fitter & Turner
1959	12 <sup>th</sup> + 13 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Mace Oval	12 Dec 59: AAS Journal 1959/60
1960	13 <sup>th</sup> + 14 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Mace Oval	10 Dec 60: first with SLR, 1960 Graduation Booklet, Photo and AAS Journal, 1960-61
1961	14 <sup>th</sup> + 15 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Mace Oval	Dec 61: AAS story board Balcombe Parade Ground, Norm Wells 14 <sup>th</sup> Vehicle Mechanic
1962	15 <sup>th</sup> + 16 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Mace Oval	8 Dec 62: 1962 Graduation Booklet
1963	16 <sup>th</sup> + 17 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Mace Oval	7 Dec 63: 1963 Graduation Booklet, Bob Engstrom, 16 <sup>th</sup> Blacksmith
1963	17 <sup>th</sup> Clerks	Parade Ground	Jun 63: Chris Coape-Smith, Peter Kable & Michael Kusternig, 17 <sup>th</sup> Clerks
1964	18 <sup>th</sup> Clerks	Parade Ground	Jun 64: Michael Kusternig, 17 <sup>th</sup> Clerk
1964	17 <sup>th</sup> + 18 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Mace Oval	19 Dec 64: 1964 Graduation Booklet, John Skubis, 17 <sup>th</sup> Carpenter & Joiner
1965	18A Musicians + 19 <sup>th</sup> Clerks	Parade Ground	11 Jun 65: 1965 Graduation Booklet
1965	18 <sup>th</sup> + 19 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Citation Oval	18 Dec 65: 1965 Graduation Booklet, Geoff Williams, 18 <sup>th</sup> Vehicle Mechanic
1966	19A Musicians	Parade Ground	9 Jun 66: 1966 Graduation Booklet
1966	19 <sup>th</sup> + 20 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Citation Oval	10 Dec 66: 1966 Graduation Booklet, Otto Aberle, 21 <sup>st</sup> Vehicle Mechanic
1967	20A Musicians	Parade Ground	8 Jun 67: 1967 Graduation Booklet
1967	20 <sup>th</sup> + 21 <sup>st</sup> Musicians	Citation Oval	9 Dec 67: 1967 Graduation Booklet, Kerry Jones, 20 <sup>th</sup> Electrical Mechanic, Mal Campbell, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Electrical Fitter
1968	21A Musicians	TBA	Jun 68: TBA
1968	21 <sup>st</sup> + 22 <sup>nd</sup> Musicians	Citation Oval	7 Dec 68: 1968 Graduation Booklet, Jeff Heron, 21 <sup>st</sup> Radio Mechanic
1969	22A Musicians	Parade Ground	5 Jun 69: 1969 Graduation Booklet, Keith Lowe, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Fitter & Turner, BSM 1969, photo Mal Campbell, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Electrical Fitter
1969	22 <sup>nd</sup> + 23 <sup>rd</sup> Musicians	Citation Oval	6 Dec 69: first with the Governor-General's Banner, 1969 Graduation Booklet, Don Gray, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Radio Mechanic, Keith Lowe, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Fitter & Turner, BSM 1969, Mal Campbell, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Electrical Fitter
1970	23A Musicians	Parade Ground	4 Jun 70: 1970 Graduation Booklet
1970	23 <sup>rd</sup> + 24 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Mace Oval	8 Dec 70: 1970 Graduation Booklet, Keith Lowe, 22 <sup>nd</sup> Fitter & Turner, BSM 1969, Al Black, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Radio Mechanic
1971	24A Musicians	Parade Ground	3 Jun 71: 1971 Graduation Booklet, Robert Gourlay, 24A Musician
1971	24 <sup>th</sup> + 25 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Mace Oval	7 Dec 71: 1971 Graduation Booklet, Brian Williamson, 24 <sup>th</sup> Radio Mechanic
1972	25A Musicians	Nil	Jun 72: AAS Journal 1972
1972	25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> + 26 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Mace Oval	5 Dec 72: less 26 <sup>th</sup> ETs: 1972 Graduation Booklet, YouTube video, Paul Whitehead, 26 <sup>th</sup> Fitter Maintenance, Mick Donohue 25 <sup>th</sup> Fitter & Turner

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1973	26A Musicians	TBA	Jun 73: AAS Journal 1973
1973	27 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	1 Dec 73: less ETs: + 26 <sup>th</sup> ETs: AAS Journal 1974, photo, Ian (Bear) Malcolm, 27 <sup>th</sup> Vehicle Mechanic, Mark Ryan, 33 <sup>rd</sup> Vehicle Mechanic
1974	27A Musicians	TBA	6 Jun 74: AAS Journal 1974
1974	28 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	7 Dec 74: less ETs + 27 <sup>th</sup> ETs: Henry Moulds & Ross Darcy, 27 <sup>th</sup> ETs & Paul Prickett, 28 <sup>th</sup> Electrical Mechanic
1975	28A Musicians	TBA	Jun 75: AAS Journal 1975
1975	29 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	6 Dec 75: less ETs + 28 <sup>th</sup> ETs: Roy Cuzens, 29 <sup>th</sup> Fitter Maintenance
1976	29A Musicians	School of Music Parade Ground	Jun 76: AAS Journal 1976
1976	30 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	4 Dec 76: less ETs + 29 <sup>th</sup> ETs: AAS Journal 1976, Craig Malcolm, 31 <sup>st</sup> ET & Les O'Heir, 30 <sup>th</sup> Vehicle Mechanic
1977	30A Musicians	School of Music Parade Ground	Jun 77: AAS Journal 1977
1977	31 <sup>st</sup>	Mace Oval	10 Dec 1977: less ETs + 30 <sup>th</sup> ETs: Craig Malcolm, 31 <sup>st</sup> ET & Ian Bateman, 32 <sup>nd</sup> Motor Mechanic, Brett Gould, 31 <sup>st</sup> Electrical Mechanic
1978	32 <sup>nd</sup>	Mace Oval	TBA: less ETs + 31 <sup>st</sup> ETs: Craig Malcolm, 31 <sup>st</sup> ET & Ian Bateman, 32 <sup>nd</sup> Motor Mechanic
1979	33 <sup>rd</sup> Musicians (early grad)	Peninsula School, Mt Eliza	29 Jun 79: AAS Journal 1979, 7 early graduates are listed in the Dec 79 Graduation Booklet: Ray Keuning, 33 <sup>rd</sup> Musician
1979	33 <sup>rd</sup> Musicians	Peninsula School, Mt Eliza	7 Dec 79: AAS Journal 1979
1979	33 <sup>rd</sup>	Mace Oval	8 Dec 79: + 32 <sup>nd</sup> ETs: Mark Ryan, 33 <sup>rd</sup> Vehicle Mechanic & Hoss Morton, 33 <sup>rd</sup> Musician
1980	34 <sup>th</sup> Musicians (early grad)	Peninsula School, Mt Eliza	20 Jun 80: 1980 Graduation Booklet, AAS Journal 1980
1980	34 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Peninsula School, Mt Eliza	Dec 80: AAS Journal 1980
1980	34 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	6 Dec 80: Ross Hawes 34 <sup>th</sup> ET & Stewart Fox, 34 <sup>th</sup> Motor Mechanic
1981	35 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	Peninsula School, Mt Eliza	Dec 81: AAS Journal 1981
1981	35 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	12 Dec 81: Dean Joyce, 36 <sup>th</sup> Motor Mechanic
1982	36 <sup>th</sup> Musicians	TBA	Dec 82: AAS Journal 1982
1982	36 <sup>th</sup>	Mace Oval	11 Dec 82: 1982 Graduation Booklet, Dean Joyce, 36 <sup>th</sup> Motor Mechanic

### Bonegilla

Year	Intake/Class	Parade Location	Date: Comments, Source
1983	37 <sup>th</sup>	Latchford Barracks	10 Dec 83
1984	38 <sup>th</sup>	Latchford Barracks Oval No 1	8 Dec 84: Murray Heron, 37 <sup>th</sup> ET
1985	39 <sup>th</sup>	Latchford Barracks	14 Dec 85
1986	40 <sup>th</sup>	Latchford Barracks	13 Dec 86

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



**13<sup>th</sup> Intake Graduation Parade – first with SLR – 10 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*