

# Brian King Family History



**\*Edward & Anne King ( nee Layton) Born**

**Quainton near Weedon, England in 1792**

**Father & Mother of Charles Edward King, born in England on March 09, 1829,  
(Died 1888) and arrived in Adelaide on the sailing ship “Teresa “ on May 09, 1847.**



**Maria King**



**Charles Edward King**

**Charles Edward & Maria King ( nee Hunt)**

Shortly after arrival in South Australia, Charles went with a friend named Quelsh to the gold diggings at Forrest Creek..

He returned 3 years later with 300-400 pounds in his pocket.

He married Maria Hunt and took up 80 acres of land at Christies Beach.

Their family was Mark ( my grandfather was born 1862), Joseph, William, Maria & Sarah.

As wire was not available they used stone for fences. This can still be seen today.

In 1871 Charles purchased 640 acres at Georgetown for a cost of 1 pound per acre, and the family moved there.



Mark attended Prince Alfred College – one of the very early students  
Involved in selling farm machinery, he moved around quite a lot, and the family lived in many places including Northam WA, Launceston & Burnie in Tasmania, and Katanning in WA.

Mark married Marion Welbourn on January 1st, 1894, and had a family of 4 boys  
Charles Leonard ( my father), Layton, Harold Welbourn & Melville – Len was born in Mundoorra, South Australia on October 30th.,1894

### Mark King 1880



Marion & Mark King on their 60th. Wedding Anniversary - January 1st, 1954



Mark & Marion with their 4 sons, Len (CL), Harold, Layton & Melville

Len joined the Light Horse in 1914, and after some time in Adelaide & Brisbane, was shipped to Egypt. In



1915 he was sent to Gallipoli with his regiment, and spent 6 weeks at Anzac Cove, and the trenches before being invalided to England with severe dysentery.

He returned to Egypt, rejoined his regiment, and spent the rest of the war in Egypt, The Sinai Desert, and Palestine & Syria

He witnessed the last mounted charge of the century with the Australian attack on the township of Beersheba. He returned to Australia in 1919, as the regiment stayed on in Syria to curb the Arab uprising. Len kept a diary of the whole war, which we have, and really tells the story of the whole war

“CL” in Egypt about 1915

1923 Len King married Agnes Catt, daughter of Col & Mrs AC Catt of Glenburnie in Mitcham. Their first son, Roy Leonard was born on April 15th, 1924, and the second son, Brian, on January 18th, 1929. They built their home at 67 Greenhill Road, Toorak Gardens, and that is where Roy & Brian were brought up, attending Rose Park School.



Len & Agnes King with Roy about 1925



Len King with Roy & Brian at Greenhill Road, about 1930

My early days at Rose Park School were fun - I can remember playing marbles in the gutter on the way home from school, it was about a mile from home, we also investigated the water pipes that ran under Victoria Park Racecourse. My parents were keen gardeners, and one of my jobs was to wait for the greengrocer's horse and cart to come along, and I would walk behind to pick up the "manure" for the garden

In 1938 I was sent to Cookes Plains for the summer school holidays to stay on the farm owned by my mother's cousin, Charles Sage. Early in 1939, we had the hottest summer on record, and the temperature climbed to 125F, and I will always remember the fowls running across the farm yard, and dropping dead from the heat.

Luckily the farm house was very old and had walls about a foot thick, so although there was no air-

conditioning in those days, the house was relatively cool It was a

wonderful summer being able to travel on the harvester, help herd the sheep, milk the cows, and to have the most marvellous scones with strawberry jam and thick scalded cream. During the 2nd World War - 1939/1945 I was at school, firstly Unley Central Primary, then Unley High School until 1943, and the Prince Alfred College for 1944 & 1945..



**Roy, Agnes, Len & Brian about 1943**

I passed my Qualifying Certificate to go from Primary to Secondary School, and achieved the Intermediate Certificate at Unley High School with 6 subjects and a credit, and finally got my Leaving Certificate at

PAC. Unfortunately, my time at PAC was not the best for studying, as we all believed that we would be "joining up" and the teachers were not the greatest. I joined the school's Air Training Corps, and was fortunate to get a trip to Mt Gambier, where we were given some flying lessons on Tiger Moths - great fun. During this time I also won the prize for the best shot at the firing range.

After the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbour in December 1941, and their rapid advance through Asia, it was a worrying time for us, as they had bombed Darwin, and looked as if they couldn't be stopped. During this time, we helped build slit trenches at school, and a makeshift bomb shelter in our back yard.. I also became a despatch rider ( on bike) for the Civil Defence.

In 1944 brother Roy joined the Navy, and was Radar Petty Officer on a corvette HMAS Bunbury.

I can also remember the fuss that was made when a couple of Japanese Mini-Subs entered Sydney Harbour, and sank a ferry

It was big thrill when the 7th Division AIF returned from the Middle East in 1943, and they marched up Unley Road..we were all very proud of them as they had been the "Rats of Tobruk" and also served at El Alamein. They did not have long at home

before they were shipped off to New Guinea to fight the Japanese After finishing at PAC in early 1946, I did a few months at an accounting college, before joining the Union Bank of Australasia as a junior postal

clerk. This was in the building in King William Street which is now Edmund Wright House, and is heritage preserved, I did a couple of years at the Bank, finishing up as teller's clerk at the Gawler Branch in 1948



By this time I had met a lovely young lady, Valerie "Sue" Grove-Jones, who became, and still is my "best mate".

In 1946, my father "CL" had started a small travel agency handling reservations for Linnetts est House on Kangaroo Island, and in shortly

after my brother, Roy returned from the Navy and joined him..

As it has started to grow, in 1948, I thought that I should leave the bank and join them as well This grew into Kangaroo Island Tourist Office, Pt Lincoln Tourist Office, Victor Harbor Tourist Office, and finally into King's Tourist Office. It was situated on the 7th. Floor of Edments Building in Rundle Street

It was fun, and I can well remember a visit from Mr Reg May, the GM of Poly Tours in London, for whom we were vying for an agreement. We thought that we should paint the office, and Basil King ( no relation) who was helping us with sales and running a Campers Hire Service suggested using a spray gun. Well, the gun got clogged, and Lucy Noble ( our girl Friday)

whipped off her stockings, and poured the paint through them as a filter. Afterwards she washed them out and wore them home - It was "team fun"

As the company grew, we moved into a basement office in King William Street, and became King's Travel Agency, and developed into general retail sales, and packaging of tours to Tasmania and Western Australia. In those days, the railways would not give us an agency, and we had to queue up at the Railway Station to get tickets. This was particularly hard during the Wild Flower Season in WA, when it was necessary to be first in the queue, meaning a 4:00 am start !

On March 31st, 1951 Sue Grove-Jones and I were married at St Theodore's Church of England at Rose Park.

We had met at the local dance at Masonic Hall at Tusmore, and I remember taking her home from the dance after a "friend" asked me to.. Anyway it progressed from there, and imagine my surprise when she asked me to her 17th birthday party. After many dances at Masonic and St Theodores, with Daryl Blackwell and his Jazz Band, many picnic's in the hills with our friends, we became engaged to the surprise of no one.!

I had started playing Rugby Union, and the wedding had to be at 5:00 pm to allow my rugby mates to finish their match, and be at the wedding.



Sue & Brian's Wedding :  
March 31st, 1951



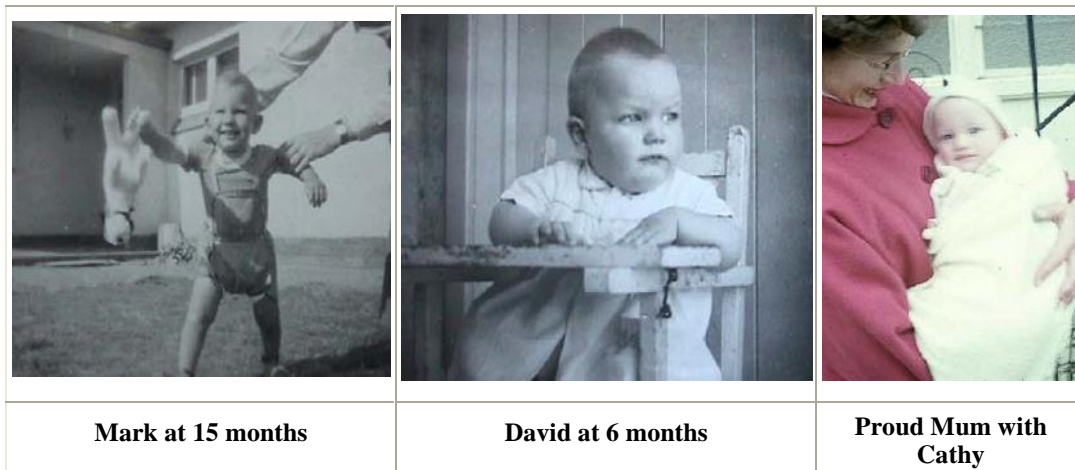
Roy King, Jan Potter, Brian & Sue, Betty Marchant & Bob Francis at the  
Wedding Feast

## PERIOD 1951 - 1960

During this period we were blessed with 3 children, Mark Welbourne born Oct 1st., 1952, David John, born May 2nd., 1954, and Cathyrn Elizabeth, born Oct 6th., 1959

Our first home was at 4 Grainger Road, Somerton Park, which at that time almost all empty paddocks, having been previously a vineyard





We lived at 4 Grainger Road, Somerton Park, and I played rugby for The Old Collegians Rugby Club, and had joined the Apex Club of Glenelg..

It was through both Apex and Rugby that we made many life long friends :-

John & Yvette Hirst, Peter & Joan Roper ( Rugby) - Doug & Dawn Reiners, Don & Jackie Rawson, Peter & Margaret Hodgson, John & Betty Garrett ( Apex)

These were happy & busy times, with Rugby on Saturday afternoons, and Apex taking up much spare time.

I was fortunate to win the "Most Improved Player" in 1953, and the "Best Player" for 1954



This was also a time for the business to grow, as we moved into the basement of 56A King William Street, expanded quite dramatically into overseas travel as well as domestic, had tours running to Tasmania and Western Australia, and had the agency for the News Readers Mart.

I also commenced overseas travelling with my first overseas trip in 1952 to England and Europe travelling BOAC on a Super Constellation. It took 2 days each way with stops in overnight stops in Darwin & Beirut.

Trips also to South Africa on a Super DC7 , and to India on a Constellation. These were exciting days, as travel was in it's infancy, and everything was new and growing



**1957 - Group Arriving in Johannesburg**



**1957 - Brian in Durban with Zulus.**

These were the "middle" years of my life The time when the business was growing, the family growing up, and very much on the treadmill of life.

At the same time, King's Travel was growing, and in 1963, we moved premises to 26 Currie Street, a ground floor office, from where we continued to expand the business. About this time "CL" had stepped back, and my brother Roy & I took respective roles in running the business, Roy in Marketing, and myself in Operations. Earlier we had begun packaging tours to Western Australia for the Wildflowers, and to Tasmania, and CL had also taken a group to the South Pacific Bowling Carnival in Suva, Fiji, so it was decided that this area of the business should be expanded into a separate division under the name of Partitours.. Our first manager was an ex British Army Major, Roy Stewart-Rattray..

Our first programmes were to Fiji and the South Pacific, where we established a good product and name within the trade, and in fact one of our first brochures named the Coral Coast, which still bears that name today. From here we entered the Asian market with packages throughout Asia from Japan to Bali. At this time we also acted as General Sales Agents for Penn Overland Tours , who operated adventure coach tours to England via Africa & the Middle East, and also for Newmans Coach Tours of New Zealand.. thus giving a wide range of product.

Offices were established in Melbourne and Sydney under the management of Ian Henderson and Ron Webster, so that our product could be sold through other travel agents, and thus we became a Travel Wholesaler, and subsequently the name was changed to King's Holidays.

Brother Roy was very heavily involved in the establishment of AFTA ( Australian Federation of Travel Agents) and spent many years on the Board as State President and also as National President, and this gave the company many contacts. One of these was a Hugh McCarron who had set up the Koala Motel Chain, and was Chairman of the Motel Federation of Australia, and the company was asked to take over their national booking office . This necessitated opening offices in Perth and Brisbane to give us National coverage.

My role as Operations Director involved setting up contracts, collation of material and services, and the preparation of the material for brochures, and at the same time ensuring that the product worked, and that reservations were handled effectively

This entailed a lot of overseas travel:-

Asian contracting of hotels and services meant a 5/6 week jaunt from Bali - Jogjakarta - Jakarta - Singapore - Malaysia - Thailand - Hong Kong - Japan & Taiwan, and the South Pacific 3 weeks visiting New Caledonia - Port Vila & Fiji, with odd visits to Apia and Tonga.

It was very exciting to be able to visit these areas of Asia before they became the popular tourist areas that they are in 2000. I remember landing in Singapore on the original airport which was near where the reclaimed area and New World are today. Many Singaporeans still lived in road side villages, and not the skyscrapers that one sees today

Similarly in Hong Kong, many thousands of people were living in shanties, dotted along the hills surrounding Hong Harbour, and were often washed away during severe storms and typhoons. Both Singapore & Hong Kong were "shopping paradises" as the Aussie dollar (pound) was strong, and the Asian currencies weak.

I was one of the very first tour operators to visit Northern Thailand, and found that the Chiangmai area was virtually untouched, and wonderful to see

In 1967, I well remember my first visit to Bali, just after President Sukarno had been deposed, and went to the Bali Beach Hotel, the only highrise building on the island, and it had been a "white elephant".. There were NO guests, and the whole hotel smelt musty.. things have certainly changed since then.

All these areas at this time only had a small number of hotels suitable for western tourists, so it was possible to make good friends with the managers, and set up strong rapport, and the good name that King's Holidays had was made with the co-operation of these people.

Due to the strong Australian dollar, and the weak Yen, Japan was a very popular destination from Australia, and we ran a number of escorted group departures, one of which Sue & I escorted with a very



lovely group of Aussies. I remember the fun that was had by all when they tried their first Japanese communal bath in Hakone, particularly as the room had one way glass ( the wrong way), and all could see what was going on..

I have made many lifelong friends during this time including Tan Chee Chye in Singapore, John Larsen in Bangkok, S L Pow & Charle Kwok in Hong Kong, and Toyama "San" in Hakone, Japan.

We were also General Sales Agents for Poly Tours of London, and the Office for the World Association of Travel Agents, and this allowed us to set up a series of Round World Escorted Holidays following the route of Pan America Flight 1 ( Hong Kong - Bangkok - Delhi - Teheran - Beirut - Rome - London - USA - Australia) which I also contracted

#### **David & Mark at Grainger Road.**

#### **4 Grainger Rd, Somerton Pk**



All this time the family was growing, attending firstly Paringa Park School, and in secondary school, the boys attended Westminster College.



Our social life was very heavily involved with Apex, and holidays were often taken with the "Mob" (Reiners, Rawsons & Hodgsons). Twice we went to the snow fields at Bright in Victoria, and many happy holidays were spent at Victor Harbor, where we went practically every January.

All this time the family was growing, attending firstly Paringa Park School, and in secondary school, the boys attended Westminster College. Our social life was very heavily involved with Apex, and holidays were often taken with the "Mob" (Reiners, Rawsons & Hodgsons).

Twice we went to the snow fields at Bright in Victoria, and many happy holidays were spent at Victor Harbor, where we went practically every January couple of holidays in the snow at Bright in the Victorian Alps with the "mob" were great family fun.

Some of the highlights were the "Gambling Nights" at Sheidows Barn, and at the Mentally Retarded Children's Home in Clarence Park

Also during this time, we had our first black & white television, and the currency change from pounds to dollars.

The whole aspect of Australia was changing with the influx of migrants from all parts of Europe, bringing with them different and varied cultures and expertise.. it was a period of rapid change with 6:00pm hotel

closures being extended to 10:00 pm, new restaurants opening with very different cuisine and much more personal life and activity.

About this time, our elder son, Mark, (age 16) decided that he had had enough of schooling - much to our disappointment- and with a guitar under his arm, he took off on a six month "hitch hike" around Australia. A worrying time for us, but he made it OK, and finally returned safe & sound about six months later. We managed to keep an "eye" on him through our King's Travel State Managers, so all was well.



In 1969, as Grainger Road was getting a bit small, we sold, and bought a house at 384 Cross Road, Clarence Park, which was somewhat larger, and also closer for me to go to work in town.

## **1970 - 1978 : A very different 8 years & the end of an era.**

King's Travel had really gone through a huge expansion, with the tour products selling very well..We were operating group tours to many parts of Asia almost on a weekly basis, and also groups to Fiji and the South Pacific, and USA/Canada.

The office at 26 Currie Street became the Adelaide Branch under Neil Rhodes, and the "heirachy" moved to other premises further down Currie Street as "Head Office" with Tour Planning, Operations, Marketing & Accounting on a national basis..



Roy's son Dean, and my son Mark joined the company, and worked for the Adelaide Office.

Left : Roy, Mark, CL, Dean & Brian together at King's Travel

### **5 Kings ( not a bad hand !)**

During this period, we entered the inbound market, setting up sales offices in Tokyo and Los Angeles.

This expansion put a very heavy strain both on resources and finance, with accounting unable to cope, and therefore results not being correctly monitored, and in the end it was necessary for the King Family to relinquish their control to a NSW Company Asia Pacific International under the control of Hugh McCarron

My position was Operations Director, responsible for the effective tour operations, brochure production, and the majority of the overseas contracting. Operational teams were maintained in all states, with Head

Office overseeing the lot. The inbound division also came under my control. So I was rarely at home, much to the detriment of my family.

During this time, they were all growing up. Mark working in the office, David attending Westminster College, and in 1973 Cathy started at Methodist Ladies College.

Under Asia Pacific International, the company continued to expand, absorbing another Tour Wholesaler - Air Tours Australia, and also became involved in other enterprises. The head Office of the company was moved to Sydney, together with Accounting, Tour Planning etc. Both Roy & I remained in Adelaide for a while, until it became necessary for me to move to Sydney to monitor the tour operations, contracting and the Inbound Division. This happened in May 1978, and for 6 months, I stayed in Sydney with Sue commuting every so often.

It was a very traumatic time, in that the continual expansion was putting huge strains on the ability of the company to survive.

#### **CL's 80th Birthday**

It was about this time that "C.L" became very ill, and in September 1978 he died. I will always remember some of his last words to me.. He said that he had had a dream in which he saw in the Adelaide Advertiser that Kings Holidays had gone into liquidation.. and no truer words were said, as in December 1978 the company was closed, and several divisions "sold off". I returned to Adelaide in December 1978 unemployed !! This was the end of an era and the demise of the King's "travel dream"



#### **1979 - 1992 "Building a Business"**

Returning to Adelaide just before Xmas in 1978, I had to set out to re-establish ourselves

the first two weeks in January 1979 we had a family holiday at Encounter Bay, and on January 18th, 1979, I had my 50th birthday - Unemployed !!

Fortunately, I had been partly instrumental in setting up a consortium of tour operators with Garuda Indonesia Airlines to operate tours to Bali under the Garuda Golden Holidays banner, and through this had established contacts with Murray Cook of Venture Holidays in Melbourne, and Tony Millmore of Australia & Pacific Holidays in Sydney. A couple of years earlier Tony had closed the A & P Office, and had opened a Venture Holidays office in Sydney in partnership with Murray. With this in mind I contacted Murray with a view of opening a Venture Holidays office in Adelaide on the same 50/50 basis.

This was achieved, and the Venture Holidays SA / NT office was opened at 20 Waymouth Street, on April 1st 1979 by the then Lord Mayor Mr Joseph.

This was opened with a small staff of three... Geraldine Wicks ( who had previously been my secretary at Kings), Roseanna Tyrrell, and myself.. In fact the work had started earlier in my den at Cross Road, setting up the arrangements etc. After a short while we were joined by Sue, making a total of four persons.

We really only had a Bali Product, some Asian Products, and a few retail contacts who had followed from Kings. Our first brochure launch was at the Oberoi Hotel, North Adelaide, and we were joined by Murray Cook and my son Mark ( who by then had joined Murray in Melbourne), and we were thrilled by the support given to us by the Travel Industry in Adelaide. (Mark subsequently left Murray and started another wholesale company in Melbourne - Orient Express Holidays)

By 1984, the company had grown, and it was necessary to move premises, and ground floor accommodation was found at 30 Currie Street - so there I was back in Currie Street !! By this time, Seig Moellner who had been Product Manager at Kings had joined Venture, and all the product input for the whole of Venture Nationally was prepared in Adelaide. I was back contracting having the responsibility for Singapore, Malaysia and the West Coast of USA

The Venture product was well accepted by the trade in SA & NT, and the staff had grown to about 20 persons

About this time, the Directors decided to "computerise" the company and a firm of accountants, appointed to handle the job. Unfortunately, it was based on a Local Area Network connected to a Wide Area Network, and the technology was new and really untried. The result was a disaster, and in the end we sued the accountants for the whole project... which we won !!

The a small company "Compusol Pty Ltd" was employed, and Ventana was born. This whilst causing some problems, did in fact work quite well, and helped Venture Holidays to expand considerably.

By the early 1990's we had moved to 101 Currie Street, had a staff of over 30, and were handling 11,000 passengers a year from SA & NT, and my other son David had joined the company as Financial Manager.

By 1991, I had decided to step back, and as neither Mark nor David wished to take on the MD role, I offered my 50% share to an ex Kings employee, Ian Garritt, who had been involved with Vacations Unlimited and Viva Holidays. This he accepted and I retired as Director, but remained as a Consultant.

In 1992, another disaster, Murray Cook who owned 100% of Victoria & WA, and 50% of NSW & SA over extended himself with the purchase and renovation of a building in Melbourne, and went Bankrupt !

Thos obviously put extreme pressure on the other directors, and Tony Millmore took up all of NSW and I came back into the SA company with a 50% holding

Fortunately we were well supported by the Trade in SA & NT and we also took over the role of product development and brochure production, previously handled by Melbourne.

Only by our goodwill with hotels, services & agents were we able to carry on.



### **The Family over the same Period 1978 - 1993**

Mark & Kim had a son, Michael born on June 20th, 1985, but unfortunately, Kim & Mark separated in 1987, with Mark going to Los Angeles to open an office for Traveland. This was eventually closed, and Mark went to Hong Kong, and opened a specialist wholesale operation - Travel Asia - specialising in holidays in China. at this time his partner was a Zita Poon. When the Gulf War occurred in 1991 the business collapsed, and Mark finally returned to Melbourne in 1993, and started another company Supa Holidays.

### **Mark & Kim with Michael in 1986**

David is a chartered accountant, beginning his career with Touche Ross & Co, before travelling to England to work for a couple travel companies. On his return to Adelaide he firstly joined a small accounting firm before coming to Venture Holidays in 1988 as Financial Manager. The company had some accounting problems, and David "came to the rescue"

In March 1989, David married Diana Flanagan, and they have two children, Nicholas born Sept 14th, 1989, and Lucy born September 6th, 1991. David has continued with Venture Holidays, and is responsible for the financial & administrative control of the company. They have continued to live in Adelaide, which is a blessing in that they and the grandchildren are close



During this period Cathy completed her Teaching degree, and as she was unable to find a position in Australia, taught for 2 years in New Zealand, firstly in the South Island at Otautau, and then in the North Island at Hamilton. She enjoyed the experience, but was glad to get back to SA. After a time contract teaching, she finally got permanent position in Whyalla, where she spent some years.

Finally she received a position in Adelaide, although it was out near Elizabeth, but at least she was able to rent a flat near South Road, and was near the family.

Cathy spent a year on Exchange teaching in Hamilton, Canada, swapping positions ( and homes) with a Canadian teacher. It was quite a challenge, but in the end she really enjoyed the experience. While she was in Canada Sue & Brian had a holiday with her, and drove around Ontario, Quebec, and Eastern USA.,

Sue & Brian enjoyed many overseas holidays during this time, including visits to England, Europe, took a group on a holiday to Greece, including a cruise to of the Greek Islands, Turkey, Israel & Egypt, visited



Cathy in Canada, and also went to USA. Brian was still contracting USA, having handed Singapore & Malaysia to others.

## **1993 – 2002**

### **Venture Holidays**

This period of 10 years has really flown, in Venture Holidays, Ian Garritt took over the role of Managing Director, and Brian stepped back into a consultative role. However for the still maintained the USA contracting until 1999 when Ian took over. The business has continued to flourish, with David also taking a more important role, and is the Director responsible for all administration & finance, working closely with Ian.

In April 2000, our NSW Partner, Tony Millmore sold his part of Venture Holidays to a Public Company, Park Plaza Kemayan Ltd, owners of several hotels, and Explore Holidays. This was done without consultation with Venture SA, and has made life for our company a little different. The events of September 11, 2001 ( the bombing of the World Trade Centre in New York), and the subsequent war on terrorism in Afganistan, has dampened the desire of people to travel, and has made business conditions quite difficult

I have semi retired, and only keep an eye on things on a Friday, and through the computer contact.

## **The Family**

In 1993 Cathy married Philip Goff, and carried on teaching until the birth of their son, Timothy in March 1998. They have a lovely home in Hawthorn, which has been extended, and now Cathy is a very keen gardener. David, Diana & Family firstly lived in a older house in Rosslyn Park, which they renovated, and more recently sold, and now live in a house at Wattle Park with a lovely view over the city of Adelaide. Michael is living in Elsternwick, Victoria with Kim and her new husband Gary, whilst Mark continued to live in Melbourne & be involved in travel until August 1999 He was seeing a lot of Michael and they were coming quite close.



Unfortunately, Mark was murdered in a home invasion on August 29<sup>th</sup>, 1999, and this was a great shock to the family.. There is little to say, except that he is sadly missed. The culprit was apprehended, and is now serving a 17 year sentence.

Sue & Brian had their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001, and Cathy arranged a surprise party at her home, inviting many of our friend, and it was really a wonderful day.

Whilst not travelling as much, we still manage to get away, and in January 2001, we went on a one day trip by air to Antarctica, a trip that ww wont forget. We have also had trips to Europe and USA, plus a car trip around Australia





		
<b>Iguassu Falls - Argentina</b>	<b>Grand Canyon - Arizona</b>	<b>Anarctica</b>

In 1995 we sold our house at Cross Roads, Clarence Park, and moved into our town house at 9/31 Weewanda Street, Glenelg South.

We are only 3 minutes from the beach, and love walking along the beach in the mornings.

	
<b>Glenelg Beach from Mark's Memorial Seat</b>	<b>Sunset at Glenelg Beach</b>

### We and the Grandchildren

			
<b>Sue &amp; Michael at Mark's Grave July 2001</b>	<b>Lucy , Nicholas &amp; Tim June 2000</b>	<b>Cathy, Phil, Sue &amp; Tim October 2000</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Sue – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary March 2001</b>



February 22<sup>nd</sup> ., 2002.

Whilst not travelling as much, we still manage to get away, and in January 2001, we went on a one day trip by air to Antarctica, a trip that ww wont forget. We have also had trips to Europe and USA, plus a car trip around Australia





		
<b>Iguassu Falls - Argentina</b>	<b>Grand Canyon - Arizona</b>	<b>Anarctica</b>

In 1995 we sold our house at Cross Roads, Clarence Park, and moved into our town house at 9/31 Weewanda Street, Glenelg South.

We are only 3 minutes from the beach, and love walking along the beach in the mornings.

	
<b>Glenelg Beach from Mark's Memorial Seat</b>	<b>Sunset at Glenelg Beach</b>

#### OUR GRANDCHILDREN

			
<b>Sue &amp; Michael at Mark's Grave July 2001</b>	<b>Lucy , Nicholas &amp; Tim June 2000</b>	<b>Cathy, Phil, Sue &amp; Tim October 2000</b>	<b>Brian &amp; Sue – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary March 2001</b>



## February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – Continuing the Brian King Family History from 2002 - 2012

Well a lot has happened since February 2002. Unfortunately Sue was diagnosed with Alzheimers, and whilst the loss was gradual, her memory deteriorated over the next 4/5 years.

We still managed to travel, and in July 2007 we had a holiday to Singapore and Hua Hin. It was a very nice holiday, particularly as we were able to help Chye & friends celebrate Millie's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday

		
Sue, Millie, Darren, Darren's wife & Chye in Singapore	Sue on the Beach at Hua Hin	Sofitel at Hua Hin, Thailand

We also went to Chiangmai, so it was an enjoyable holiday.

In May 2003 we attended the Rotary International Conference in Brisbane. There were quite a few from the Glenelg Club. We drove both ways, and managed to catch up with Sue's old friend Jean Vievers (Wallond), in Surfers Paradise. Jean used to live nearby on Diagonal Road, Somerton Park. Also we caught up with Ron & Gloria Craig in Sydney.

September 2003, we were off to Europe – Rather than do “one night stands” it was decided that we would base ourselves at the village of Boningen (Near Interlaken) at the lovely Swiss Hotel Schossli where we had stayed some years before.

From there we were able to cover a lot of Switzerland, and yet not push ourselves too hard. We flew into Frankfurt, and after a night at an airport motel drove straight through to Boningen. On the return we did a quick visit to Baden Baden in Germany

		
Enroute – Coffee Time	Hotel Schossli Boningen	View from Hotel Schossli

		
Sue in Spiez on her 74 <sup>th</sup> . Birthday	Top of the Worlds at Schiltern	View from Beatenberg – Glorious Alps


It was a wonderful holiday, and we were able to see a previous Exchange Student, Stephanie Huser and her family. Sue's memory was deteriorating a little, and I needed to watch her from time to time.

In April 2004 we did a Murray Houseboat trip with the Hirsts and the Ropers – the weather was good, and we had fun.

		
Celebrating with the Hirsts & Ropers	This wasn't a really good spot to moor !	Sunset over the River Murray

In July 2004 we went to Trinity Beach in North Queensland, staying at a property we had previously used – On the Beach. Here we caught up with an previous Venture employee Julie Jensen.. We hired a car and also went up to the Raintree National Park we we stayed for a couple of nights

April 2005 saw us attend the Rotary District 9520 Conference in Port Lincoln, and that was great as we were able to see Stewart, Debbie & Family, and also visit the old Sinclair family home “Green Patch” which was destroyed in the 2005 Bushfire

		
Sue with Julie Jensen	Trinity Beach	View of Green Patch






September 2005 saw us again at trinity Beach, with our friend Margaret Hodgson.. It was good to have Margaret with us, as she has been a constant good friend and companion for Sue. Again we hired a car, and drove up to the Daintree Natikonal Park, but did not stay this time. Also had a day with Jacqui Rawson, and her friend Pat, who were holidaying in Cairns.

		
Sue & Margaret enjoying breakfast on the balcony	Pat, Jacqui & Margaret in Trinity Beach	On The Beach – Our Home in Trinity Beach

2006 wasn't a good year, Sue's memory was getting worse, and needed in home care, and in April I was diagnosed with prostate cancer, necessitating an operation in June.

However, we were able to have an Houseboat Holiday with the Hirsts & Ropers in March (including our 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary), visit Merimbula to see Cathy, Phil & Tim over Easter, and make our final overseas trip together on the Gemini Cruise to Hong Kong, Vietnam, Malaysia & Singapore in September

		
Our 55 <sup>th</sup> . Wedding Anniversay Dinner	First Night on the Solitaire	Morning Tea on the Way to Merimbula
		
Phil, Tim & Sue on their balcony	The Gemini arriving in Hong KONG	Sue & Yvette enjoying Shipboard Life

## 2007-2008

In January 2007, Brian underwent 7 weeks of Radio Therapy, and Hormone treatment for the prostate Cancer, This meant that Sue had to have Respite and Home Care. Thankfully we were able to place her at the Church of Christ facility at Black Forest whilst I had treatment. Also we were able to get some respite time at Kapara Nursing Home on Moseley Street, just across the way from home.

In July we went on another River Murray Houseboat Holiday, and this was to be our last holiday together., as in October 5<sup>th</sup>, after making the hardest decision of my life , I found it necessary to place Sue in permanent care at Kapara.



Sue went into Kapara Nursing Home on October 4<sup>th</sup>., 2007 – She seemed to settle in quite well, and had a nice room overlooking a small garden. We managed to include her favourite chair, a small TV/DVD set and a small fridge, so she was able to enjoy her brandy & dry each evening at 5:00 pm.. I went there between 4:00 – 5:00 pm on most days, and had lunch with her on Sundays. It was possible to take her on drives from time to time.

Over the next 12 months, although deteriorated, but seemed quite healthy. During late in 2008, she lost her false teeth, and although I tried to get her new ones with two dentists, she couldn't handle the procedures. After this she lost weight, and seemed to be failing. She passed away on February 26<sup>th</sup>., 2009. - VERY SAD TIME AND A TREMENDOUS LOSS TO ME.- During all this time she never seemed to lose her sense of humour

Luckily we had a family Christmas in 2008 with David & Family and Sue was able to join in – She enjoyed a couple of glasses of champagne and had a meal





## 2009

In January 2009 I had my 80<sup>th</sup>. Birthday, and I spent a week with Cathy & family in Merimbula – Cathy gave me a Helicopter Trip over Merimbula, and it was a great birthday

In early February David arranged a “Big Birthday Bash” at the Somerton Surf Life Saving Club, and all my friends and rellies were invited. It was a wonderful day with the only disappointment that Sue was unable to come.

This of course was just before Sue’s passing, so I guess that I was lucky to have had these events before the 26<sup>th</sup>. February



Brian Cutting his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake



Kim & Michael King with Jacqui R



Brian at his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bash



Taking Off for our Helicopter Ride



Beautiful Merimbula from the Air



Cathy in her Garden

Sue’s passing was quite sudden, and I was coming back from the Supermarket when I received the call from Kapara that Sue had died. I rushed around there, and was able to wish her farewell.



Later in the year, I had arranged to take a Rotary Group to The International Conference in Birmingham, which included a Crystal Symphony Cruise from Rome Via Cinque Ports, Monte Carlo, Barcelona, Morocco, Lisbon, Bilbao, Bordeaux and finishing in Dover. WE had a nice group of about 20 persons including John & Yvette Hirst & Peter & Joan Roper. It was good opportunity after my loss. We also hired a car and did quite a bit of UK

## 2009 – 2012

During this time the family has grown – Tim has been attending a Catholic College in Pambula 9Near Merimbula – Nick has been working for KPMG whilst doing his Commerce studies, Lucy finished at College and started with an accounting firm whilst also studying Commerce and Michael continued and finished his Law G\Degree and has now graduated as a Juris Dr.

		
<b>Tim Goff in 2011</b>	<b>Phil, Cathy &amp; Tim in 2010</b>	<b>Nick doing the BBQ in 2011</b>
		
<b>David, Diana, Nick &amp; Lucy in 2011</b>	<b>David, Nick &amp; Grandpa in Sep 2011</b>	<b>David &amp; Brian at Walker Flat Xmas 2011</b>





In December 2011 I had the pleasure of attending Michael's Graduation in Melbourne – Cathy & Tim also came, so we had a Christmas dinner at Kim and Garry's as well.

		
<b>Kim, Michael, Garry and Amy</b>	<b>Cathy, Michael &amp; Tim</b>	<b>Kim, Garry &amp; Michael at Xmas Lunch</b>



Travel wise, in 2010, I attended the Rotary International Conference in Montreal, Canada followed by a cruise on the Maasdam from Montreal , Quebec, Newfoundland and Boston – We had a small group of Rotarians, so it was a pleasant time. Had an exciting trip from Chicago to Montreal by Yellow Cab when our flight was cancelled !!

In 2011, I went on the Nieuw Amsterdam from Venice, Dubrovnic, Santorini, Sicily, Naples, Rome to Barcelona. This was with two American friends Terri & Debbie. We all went our own way during the day, but it was nice to have a couple of friends for drinks & dinner – It was a fun trip.

		
<b>House of Friendship at RI Conference</b>	<b>Our Yellow Cab &amp; Geoff N &amp; Arthur R</b>	<b>Cruising the St Lawrence</b>
		
<b>Wharf at Dubrovnik</b>	<b>Enjoying the Nieuw Amsterdam</b>	<b>Barcelona Architecture</b>

Well it is now March 2012, I had a good 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday staying with Cathy, Phil & Tim in Merimbula, also a few weekends at Walker Flat with David, Diana, Nick & Lucy. Still going to Rotary each Wednesday evening, and acting as the historian, webmaster, and photographer. Venture Holidays is still going strong with David and his partners, Robert & Ian, and I go in each Tuesday am.

It is now 3 years since Sue passed away, and I still miss her very much.

## 2012 – 2013 -2014- 2015

Well these four years have just flown by.. it is now May 2015, I am now 86 years and still going.

Life is taken up with family, friends and Rotary (currently treasurer), I have seen Michael graduate as a lawyer, Nick graduate as a Bachelor of Commerce and CA, and Lucy also graduate as a Bachelor of Economics.

Tim is now 17 and doing year 12.

Cathy has now her own Tutoring Class of some 30 children, and Phil is doing well at Bega Cheese Factory

David has left Venture Holidays (July 2014) and after a time of unemployment now has started as Finance Manager at St Marks Residential College (2.5 days) and Naval & Military Club (1 day), so life is improving for them

We still enjoy family days at Walker Flat, although Diana has broken her ankle in a water skiing accident.

My travel days have been less busy, but I have managed a cruise to Fiji with friends Margaret Hodgson & Rosemary , And a cruise from Japan to Korea & China ( finally made the Great Wall) In June David & I will be doing a Baltic Cruise from Copenhagen, visiting Kiel, Tallin, St Petersburg, Helsinki, Stockholm & Berlin ( my last frontier)



Here are some Family Pictures over the period

Nick's Graduation



Lucy's Graduation



Diana, David, BWK, Nick, Lucy  
At Pondalowie Bay



Tim at Walker Flat

Nick in Action !



Phil, Cathy, Michael & Tim  
At Walker Flat Xmas 2014

Grandpa Finally Graduates  
With Lucy's Hat !!

