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Was talking to Bill Clues the other day, and he informed me that Ken McLeod has now retired from the P.M.G. Henry Etherton has been in hospital for a gallbladder operation, but is now home, and coming along very well. All the best, Henry.

Sandgroppers Say (cont.) Am looking forward to our trip to Renmark in July:three couples are coming from the West. Could be we are all driving over. Saw an article in the news about Junior Davies;haven't seen him since leaving Italy when we were on leave together. Wish to be remembered to him and hope to catch up with him,maybe on the way over in July.

Best wishes to all for the New Year. Ted Jewell.

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from Jack Riseley, 38A Cooper Place, Beaumont, 5066.

Verna and I hosted a poolside party yesterday and although the attendance was not great, those who attended had a good time. Functions like these are very important, it is thought, because members are aware that something is happening and although they are sometimes unable to attend, like to have the opportunity from time to time to do so.

Flight President Bert Ravenscroft, and his wife Lorna; Madge and Bill Taylor, Pat and Syd. Bartram, Pat and John Carey with their daughter Julianne, Arn. Scholar and his sons David and Peter, and our daughters Donna and Gayle--the latter accompanied by her husband Brian and our grandson Justin graced the occasion. Many of them took to the water and had a splashing good time--enjoyed a hot chicken lunch with salads provided by the ladies, and a few grogs brought along by the boys. A raffle for a couple of bottles of icy cool champagne enabled us all to share a drink with the respective winners and put a few dollars in the Squadron kitty. Many apologies were received, among them being Ron. Badger, whose wife was off colour, Lofty Trewartha who had to visit a bowling club in the hills, Mel. Priest, Jack McGlasson, John Sherlock, who I understand is not too well, Ted. Creighton, and possibly others whose names have not been passed to me.

Lofty tells me he met a chap from 450 who ran into Curly O'Connor (my old "Sparring Partner") while over in the West. Curly, he said, was suffering from arthritis and may have to retire early. If these facts are true we wish Curly "All the very best, and sincerely hope you can get some relief in the immediate future."

With all good wishes from all of us here in S.A. to all the members in other States, I will sign off.

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from Jim. Holliday, 43, Stella St., Holland Park, 4121.

Joan and Don, Brandon again hosted the Xmas function for the boys and their wives of Brisbane City and surrounds. Sunday 7th. December was the day and it was a wet day. The rain poured down. But it didn't dampen the spirits. Indeed as the bottled spirits sank, the body spirits became more buoyant. Everyone was soon floating along on the high tide of festive fellowship, and we became as wet inside as we were outside. Of course, we had to swallow a little water, and it is true that its taste improved with Teachers.

Hero of the day was Host Don.,who battled with the elements to barbeque those beautiful Beenleigh steaks to a juicy brown perfection,despite the plop,sizzle,of the raindrops. The weather was defeated with a clever canopy of beach umbrellas that defied Jupiter Pluvius even more effectively than they do Old Sol. Moral,always keep a beach umbrella in the car boot---you never know when it might rain..

The girls, under the skilful guidance of hostess Joan, turned up some superb trimmings that garnished the golden brown fillets to perfection. What a lovely way to say farewell to 1975. It was a good year---the claret, we mean.

Charlie Warren reports on the wedding of Tim McQuaid's daughter up Barcaldine way. Charlie says it was not only the wedding of the year, but also the wedding of many a year.. Guests reported to him that it was one of the biggest and finest weddings of the district. The greatest pity was that Tim's elder

Charlie's summing up: It was really worth the 1410 miles round trip to witness the great pleasure and pride of Tim and Mrs. McQuaid in this most important event of their daughter's young life. And Charlie says she was beautiful.

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from Arthur Jollow, 40, Nicholson St., Chatswood, 2067.

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As my husband always looks forward to your 458 Squadron News that you send him from time to time ,I am writing some news. You know him as Paul

