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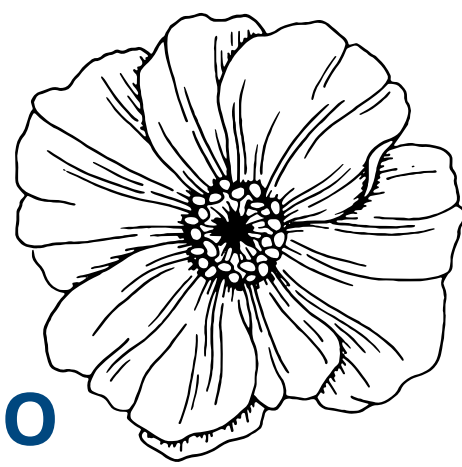
GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Attending the Launch of the Ozy Youth
Choir's Veterans & Families Choir Mob
Event



**THANK YOU ON BEHALF
OF OUR HARBISON
VETERANS**

Their Excellencies the Governor - General
& Mrs Linda Hurley & the Ozy Youth
Choir for having us on this special
occasion



LETTER FROM CEO

On 13th July 2022, Harbison residents Robert and Harold were given the privilege of representing Harbison veterans at the Launch of the OZY Youth Choir Honouring Defence Service Veterans and Families Choir Mob at Government House in Yarralumla, Canberra.

Harbison is committed to respecting and celebrating the individual lives of our residents, and to serving our community.

It was a unique experience to attend Government House and I am so pleased that at least two of our veterans had a once in a lifetime afternoon with the kind and generous occupants of Government House.

I thank Their Excellencies, General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth Australia, and Mrs Linda Hurley, Patron of the choir, for supporting the amazing children of the OZY Youth Choir and for recognising our veterans as guests of honour at an unforgettable and deeply moving event.

I am so grateful that I arrived just in time to experience the singalong and formalities. Well done, Robert and Harold!

David Cochran
Chief Executive Officer



GRAND PRIVATE TOUR OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE



WHAT AN HONOUR



ROBERT BIRINE

Harbison Veteran

Letter



General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, and Mrs Linda Hurley

26th July 2022

Your Excellencies,

I want to thank you for the hospitality and the generosity on Wednesday 13th of July. Thank you for entertaining us and having us on the day and the generosity of the whiskey. Everyone looked after us very well on the day.

Somebody else I wanted to thank is OJ the conductor of the OZY Youth Choir she was very good at organising and the children were brilliant as well

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "Robert Birine". The signature is written on a set of horizontal dotted lines.

Robert Birine

FOR THE
VETERANS
& WIDOW
WHO
COULDN'T
ATTEND



BERTIL
TELLZEN

*HAROLD
GRIFFIN*

ELAINE
CUPITT



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SERVICE

GETTING TO KNOW OUR VETERANS...



Harold
Dickinson

Where were you born?

Leeton, in Western NSW

What is your first memory of enlisting in your service?

My brother enlisted before I did, and I guess I wanted to follow in his footsteps, although we never actually served in the same place together. It was very lonesome early on

Do you remember when you enlisted? How old?

I joined up when I was 18, and by age of 22 I was a guard at the Riverina Welfare farm in Yanco where they kept many prisoners of war (most of whom were Italian).

Where were you based?

During my service I was based in a variety of places, The most memorable of which were England, Scotland, Russia and I also flew Fighter Jet Planes around Japan

What is one of your memorable moments in service?

I remember living in trenches at various points, (I called them "The Dugouts")

GETTING TO KNOW OUR VETERANS...

Robert Birnie (Bob)



Where were you born?

Glasgow, Scotland 1939

What is your first memory of enlisting in your service?

O'clock in the morning

Do you remember when you enlisted? How old?

21 years old

Where were you based?

Norfolk, England

What is one of your memorable moments in service?

Royal Airforce 1962

Handley Page Victor
British Jet Bomber



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