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News about the 3AW Overnights program with Keith McGowan

Memories of the Sydney Harbour Bridge



● Left: Julie Kaye atop a pylon at Sydney Harbour Bridge, 1950s.
● Above: Certificate for reaching the bridge top.

Discussion on the **Overnights** radio program about the 75th anniversary of **Sydney Harbour Bridge** prompted **Julie Kaye of Mount Martha** to write:

"Certainly a most outstanding occasion in **Australia's** history. I remember the first time that I visited this great icon, in the company of my father who was an engineer, and who had a number of books and many photos on the subject.

"He decided on this visit to **Sydney** we should travel over the bridge by as many different types of transport possible. So it happened that we traversed it on foot, by tram, train, bus and taxi. If there had been a bicycle handy, I guess we would have gone by that means also.

"This would have been some time in the 1950s and the picture of me taken while I was sitting on top of one of the bridge pylons shows me wearing my school dress!

"There was a small restaurant and souvenir shop

in this pylon and at the very top level lived two white cats, with blue eyes. I understand that these cats were deaf, as some white cats are, but they certainly seemed quite happy living there near the sky and never seemed in danger of falling.

"I remember going to **Watson's Bay**, on the wonderful little tram, which seemed to travel at break-neck speed, and visiting the memorial to those who had lost their lives many years before in the wreck of the sailing ship **Dunbar**.

"My picture was taken standing with the grand anchor. More recently, I was in **Sydney**, at **Watson's Bay**, but, alas, no longer a tram to travel on, however, the meals at **Doyle's Seafood Restaurant** as just as succulent as ever."

■ "Keep up the good work, **Ash**, it is always a delight to read of people's travels and adventures in the **Melbourne Observer** plus all the items of interest."

- Julie Kaye



Walking in comfort



● Keith and Angela McGowan check out the latest styles in shoes with John Gilmour, at Gilmour's Comfort Shoes headquarters in Glenhuntly.

Strife for friends of Overnights

■ Two businesses associated with the **Overnights** radio program have been hit by bad luck over the past week.

The Cuckoo Restaurant atop **Mount Dandenong** at **Olinda** was hit on Sunday night by two armed robbers.

The hapless robbers demanded a black bag, thinking that it contained the day's takings.

Instead, the bag was full of bread rolls from earlier in the day.

One of the bandits accidentally shot his partner in the raid. Charges are expected to be laid.

The **Camberwell Antique Centre**, often referred to by **Antiques and Collectables Show** panel members **Rick Milne** and **Grant Shallard**, was hit by a theft late last week.

Some \$95,000 of goods were taken.

Overnights joke of week

■ Paddy and Mick are walking down a street in London, Paddy sees a sign in a shop window that catches his eye.

The sign says: "Suits £3 each. Shirts £1 each. Trousers £1.50 a pair."

Paddy says to his pal, "Mick, look! We could buy a whole lot of dose, and we get back to Ireland, we could make a fortune.

"Now when we go into the shop, you be quiet, OK?"

"Just let me do all the talking cause if they hear our accent they might not be nice to us.

"I'll speak in my best English accent."

"Right y'are Paddy, I'll keep my mouth shut, so I will," says Mick.

They go in and Paddy says "I'll take 50 suits at £3 each, 100 shirts at £1 each, and 50 pairs of trousers at £1.50 each. I'll back up the truck and ..."

The shop owner interrupts: "You're from Ireland, aren't you?"

"Well ... yes," says a surprised Paddy. "How der hell d'y' know dat?"

The owner says, "this is a dry cleaners."

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On This Day

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Wednesday, April 4

■ Actor **Anthony Perkins** was born in New York City in 1932. He died in 1992, aged 60.

Rodney Eade, footballer and coach, was born in 1958 (49).

Actor **Hugo Weaving** was born in Nigeria in 1960. He turns 47 today.

Thursday, April 5

■ Actress **Bette Davis (Ruth Elizabeth Davis)** was born in Massachusetts in 1908. She died in 1989, aged 81.

Spencer Tracy was born in Milwaukee in 1900, and died in 1967.

Australian actor **Simon Chilvers** was born in England in 1938 (68). He was in *Rafferty's Rules*.

Friday, April 6

■ **Good Friday.** The late **Gordon Chater** was born in England in 1922. He died aged 77 in 1999.

Country singer **Merle Haggard** was born in California in 1937 (70).

Film producers **Hal** and **Jim McElroy** were born in 1946 (61).

Saturday, April 7

■ The late actor, **Ian Richardson**, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1934. He died this year at the age of 72.

Cornelia Frances (Zulver) was born in England in 1941 (66).

Russell Crowe, actor and musician, was born in New Zealand, 43 years ago.

Sunday, April 8

■ US first lady **Betty Ford** was born in Chicago in 1918 (89).

Actress **Peta Toppano** was born in ZEngland in 1950 (57).

Julian Lennon was born in England in 1963 (44).

Sami Lukis was born in 1970 (37).

Monday, April 9

■ **Sir Robert Helpmann** was born in Mt Gambier in 1909. He died at the age of 77 in 1986.

Actor and narrator **Ron Haddrick** is 78 today.

Fred Hollows, eye surgeon, was born in New Zealand in 1929. He died in 1993, aged 63.

Singer **Jamie Redfern** is 50 today.

Tuesday, April 10

■ **Harry Morgan** of *MASH* was born in 1915. He is 92 today.

Omar Sharif (Miochael Shalhoub) is 75. He was born in Egypt in 1932.

Actress **Jane Clifton** was born in Spain in 1949 (58).

Actor **John Tarrant** is 43 today.