

My name is Bryan. I am a 'Pom' born before the start of the Second World War. I grew up in Liverpool which we jokingly refer to as the capital of Ireland. This was because of the huge number of Irish immigrants to the city, 22% in 1851. Only Dublin and New York had a larger Irish population.

I joined the British army when I was 20 to be a map maker, spending 23 years in the forces; most of the time in the U.K. but three in Singapore. During this time I became a computer programmer and instructor training officers and other ranks in the art of making maps.

On demobilisation I joined a software company specialising in payroll and human resources. This was about 1980 when computers were huge and not overpowerful! During my lifetime I have seen computers shrink from virtually the size of a small house with little power, to what we have today.

I have had a great life with a wonderful family who are the most important part of everything I am. I have four grandchildren, two in the U.K. Though Australia is my home now and where I want to live my years out I still visit England each July to see the rest of the family. It is the main school holiday there at this time of the year which means I can spend a lot of the time with my grandson and granddaughter Jacob and Daisy.

My favourite football (soccer) team is Liverpool, of course. I have followed them since I was about ten. Here I barrack for the Bunnies (South Sydney Rabbitohs) and Hawks (Hawthorn), though I have a soft spot for Storm (Melbourne Storm) and Power (Port Power).

I have travelled, holidayed, in most European countries and worked in Singapore and now live in Central Australia; however, I still want to travel and explore now having Asia in my sights.

When I look to myself I think I am a kindly person who tries to see the best in everyone and hope them of me, although I accept it can be difficult at times. My Christian ideals influence how I live my life with my main ambition to strive to be a better person.