

E-Newsletter

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Scribes Birthdays July 2012



2nd Paul Sheehan



14th Danny Estcourt



19th Terry McHarry



3rd Ada Warren (nee Vardon)



16th Stewart 'Stu' Merrilees



23rd Rick Bray



5th Georgie Dansey nee Lowrey



16th Martin Wruck



25th Dave Jordan 'Tubby'



8th Asleigh Vardanega



17th Geoff Hardwick 'British'



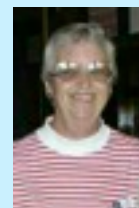
25th Darry Clements 'Bazza'



9th Carol Mills (Nee Ridgers)



17th Don Spender



27th Carol McCarthy



13th Denis Benfield



18th Jennifer Volk



28th Kim Beattie



14th Doug Higgins



18th Grant Vafioulous



28th Chris Watkins

Navy News 3rd May 1985

SYDNEY'S GREY DAY FOR A GREY LADY . . .

Sydney fittingly turned on a grey, teary day for last Saturday's farewell to the former RAN flagship, the aircraft carrier **MELBOURNE**.

A small flotilla of craft accompanied the once-mighty lady on her final voyage through Sydney Heads.

Unlike every other occasion, her decks were bare of aircraft and men.

Navy and media helicopters flew above.

Ex-personnel, many still serving and in uniform, lined vantage points around the harbour to catch a final glimpse.

Ahead of **MELBOURNE** was a long tow to China — and the breaker's yards.

Two days earlier, a large contingent of her former serving personnel marched in her honour under the **HMAS MELBOURNE** banner for the first time in an Anzac Day ceremony.

After the march, they relived her exploits.

Many were there last Saturday to see her go.

The Athol Dolphins near Taronga Zoo — "home" as she awaited her fate following decommissioning — now accommodates just the old destroyer **VENDETTA** and other small craft also awaiting disposal.

Somehow, Sydney just won't seem the same without the **MELBOURNE**.

SETBACK

At the time of going to press, the **MELBOURNE** tow had suffered a setback.

MELBOURNE was reported floating in rough seas off Brisbane.

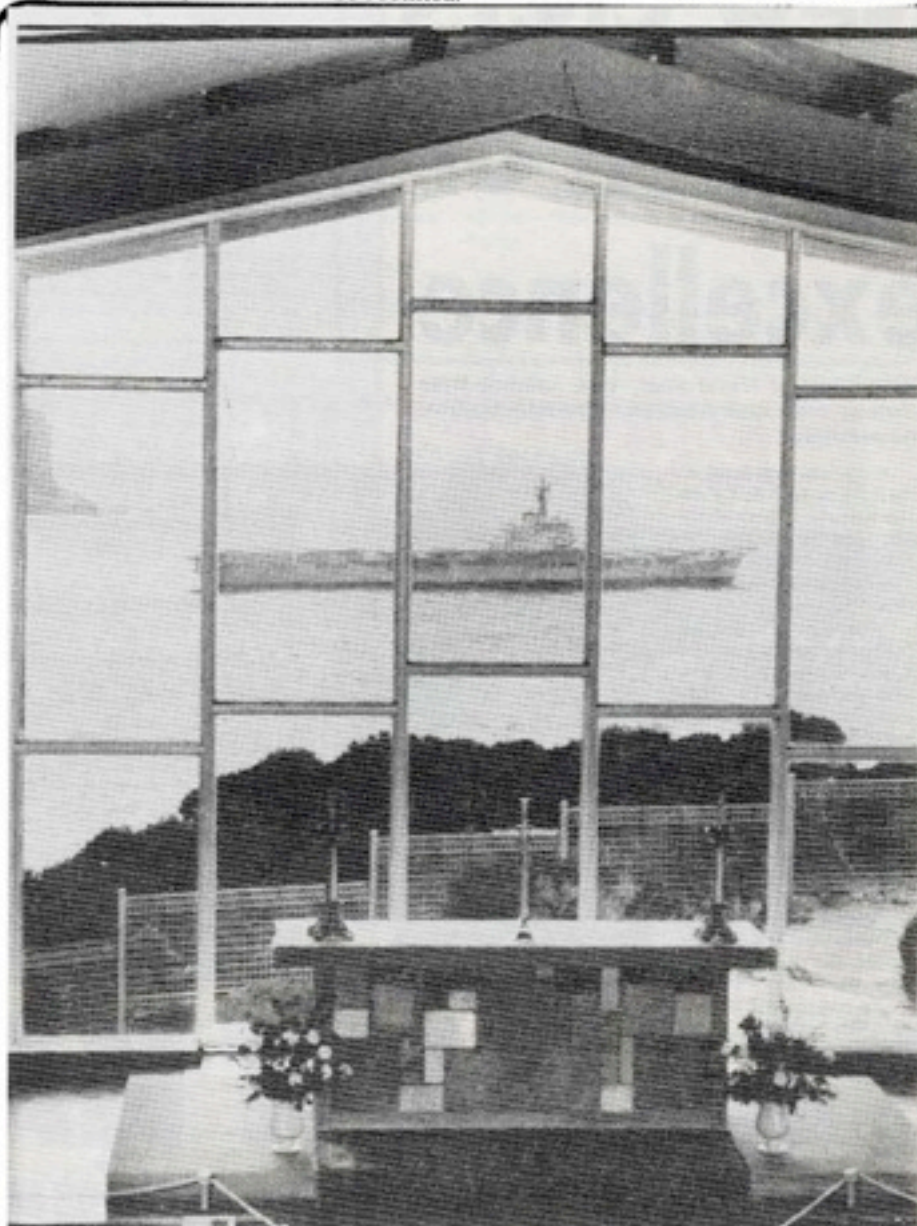
The Chinese tug towing her to Shanghai, the **De Ping**, on Wednesday experienced problems with her towing gear and was

forced to set the former RAN flagship adrift.

Yesterday, two tugs, one from Brisbane and another from Gladstone, were re-

ported on their way to the **MELBOURNE** to assist the **De Ping** while the Chinese tug's towing problems could be rectified.

MELBOURNE left Sydney on Saturday on what was to have been a 35-day, 4400 mile tow to China.



MELBOURNE is framed in the windows of the HMAS WATSON chapel as she leaves Sydney Heads for the last time. (Picture by LSPH Shaun Hibbitt).

Writers Reunion 2013 - April 5 -7

Leave your frowns behind - Smiles compulsory
Register now – 180 places only



The Reunion will be held at :

Outrigger Twin Towns Resort

Wharf Street and Griffith Street
Tweed Heads NSW and Coolangatta QLD

Dress for all events will be Qld attire.

No ties, no jackets.

Registration is on next page. Payment must be made by 31st January 2013. Credit card payments will be accepted by mail.



The Organisers: Laurie Mitchell and Kevin Drinkwater. If you have any queries about the reunion you can contact Laurie on 0402 13 13 13 or Kevin on 040 962 3239.

**You can stay where the reunion is at the Outrigger Twin Towns Resort
Full details of the accommodation offer are on page 5/6.**

Other venues to look at:

www.check-in.com.au

www.bluepelicanmotel.com.au/

www.goldcoasttouristparks.com.au/park/kirra-beach

www.wotif.com/

www.lastminute.com.au

www.booking.com

<http://www.cooksendeavourmotorinn.com/>

www.coolangattaocerviewmotel.com.au/

National WTR Reunion Gold Coast 5-7 April 2013

Full Payment Form

First name		Aka		Surname	
First Name		Aka		Surname	
Street			City		
State			Post Code		
Telephone			Email		

Drinks are not included in the cost

Item	Description	Cost P/P	No	Total Cost
Meet and Greet	Friday 5th 6pm - 10pm	\$30		\$
Dinner	Saturday 6th 7pm - 11.59	\$80		\$
BBQ Lunch	Sunday 7th Noon	\$45		\$
Shirt (Polo Shirt)		\$35		\$
Please ring size required	Male: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 5XL Female: 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22			-
			Total Cost:	
				Less Deposit if paid: (\$25 or \$50)
				Total Payable
Please advise below if you have any special dietary needs				

Method	Instructions
Cheque/Money Order	Cheque/Money Order made out to <u>"Navy Writers Reunion"</u> and send your completed registration form to : WTR's Reunion 2013 PO Box 5020 , Chisholm ACT 2905.
Direct deposit	Pay into Navy Writers Reunion Bank: ADCU BSB: 642-170 Account Number: 100113636 In the reference field provide your last name. Please complete the form on our web site after payment.
MasterCard / Visa	Credit Card accepted - can only be processed via mail. Complete details and send to WTR's Reunion PO Box 5020 Chisholm ACT 2905
Please charge my Credit Card: MasterCard Visa	
Card Number:	<input type="text"/>
Cardholder Name:	<input type="text"/>
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Note: The credit card details will be shredded on completion of transaction.	



**Accommodation Booking Request Form
ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY WRITERS ASSN REUNION
5TH TO 7TH APRIL, 2013**

<p align="center">Accommodation Booking Request Form ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY WRITERS ASSN REUNION 5TH TO 7TH APRIL, 2013</p>			
Guest Name (s)			
No Adults/Children 14+ Yrs.			
No Children 3-13 yrs.		No Infants 0-2 yrs.	
Postal Address			
E-Mail			
Telephone		Mobile	
Arrival Date		Departure Date	
Preferred Room Type			
Credit Card Number			
Credit Card Holder's Name		Expiry Date	
Credit Card Holder's Signature			
<p>(I hereby authorise for a deposit of 1 night's accommodation charge to be deducted from my credit card above). Note: if not paying by credit card please attach cheque for one nights accommodation to confirm booking.</p>			
<p>To post your booking sheet: To fax your booking sheet: To make a reservation over the phone:</p>			
Outrigger Twin Towns Resort Attn: Group reservations PO Box 2020 Tweed Heads NSW 2485		(07) 5536 8899 Attn: Group reservations	Call group reservations on 07 5536 2121 or toll free 1800 19 2020
<p align="center">For further information call group reservations on 07 5536 2121 or e-mail twintowns.conf@outrigger.com.au</p>			

Rates are made available for the above mentioned function and any associated pre / post accommodation, excluding Easter 29th March until 1st April (inclusive) 2013. This is a Booking Request Form. Bookings are subject to room and room type availability.

THIS BOOKING REQUEST FORM IS NOT A CONFIRMATION OF BOOKING. A separate confirmation letter will be issued once accommodation has been secured. Deposit, payment, cancellation and refund policy for Outrigger Twin Towns Resort is identified below.

Room rates: (All contain a kitchenette and bathroom and include complimentary buffet breakfast)

Room Type	1 Night Stay	2 Night Stay	5 Nights or more
Hotel Room (One Queen Bed)	\$169.00 per night	\$149.00 per night	\$129.00 per night
Deluxe Room (Two Queen Beds)	\$189.00 per night	\$169.00 per night	\$149.00 per night

Signatures Restaurant Breakfast vouchers are issued on arrival. They are included as complimentary within the rate and have no cash value. Room rates above are based on up to 2 persons. Up to 4 guests can be accommodated in Deluxe Rooms using existing bedding. Additional guests in Deluxe Rooms incur an extra person cost. Extra person cost: 3 + years \$30 per person, per night.

Apartment Rates: (All apartments are fully self contained. Bedding configurations may vary)

Room Type	1 Night Stay	2 Night Stay	5 Nights or more
1 Bedroom (up to 2 persons)	\$169.00 per night	\$149.00 per night	\$129.00 per night
2 Bedroom (up to 4 persons)	\$239.00 per night	\$219.00 per night	\$199.00 per night

Suite rates above are based on up to the specified number of persons in each room type. An additional person can be accommodated in each type using existing bedding only. Additional guests in Suites incur an extra person cost. Extra person cost: 3 years & over \$30.00 per person, per night. Signatures Restaurant Breakfast vouchers are available and can be purchased in advance at \$19 per person or \$24.50 per person on arrival / in-house. Bedding configurations vary, please enquire with Reservations. Suites are un-serviced; a mid stay clean is provided on bookings of 8 days or more. A starter pack provided, additional linen and amenity requirements are available at additional charge.

Terms and Conditions

DEPOSIT POLICY

One night accommodation paid by credit card or cheque. Cheques to be made payable to Outrigger Twin Towns Resort, please include reservation details with your cheque payment. The balance of your accommodation payment is required on arrival in addition to a \$100 security bond.

CANCELLATION POLICY

No cancellation fee will apply if the booking is cancelled (7) days or more prior to guest arrival however an administration fee equivalent to 5% of 1 nights accommodation charge will be applicable. Cancellations within 24 hours of arrival or in the case of a “no show” will incur full accommodation charge