

# E-Newsletter

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## **Reunion 2013**

If you are coming but don't wish to pay in full yet - then just pay the registration fee to secure a place. The link can be found on our front page of the web site.

## **Contact Us**

On our web page is an icon 'contact us' - why not drop us a line every so often and let us know what is happening in your world - whether you are retired or serving.

## **We heard from....**

**Robert (Bob) Allen.** "Was a POWTR when I left the navy in 1978 and am now retired and living in Port Kennedy WA."

**John 'Viv' Richards.** "Afternoon from Manila. I am living in Manila for 3 years thanks to my wife who has been posted here. I will endeavor to provide an update on what has become of Subic for a future Scribbler."

**Penny Parus (Nee Clegg)** "Was in intake March 1965 and served at Cerberus and Harman for Navy Office (DMT). Paid off on marriage in 1967 to NAMW Werner Parus. After marriage, I managed to get a civvy job at Albatross where I stayed until 1971."



## **Sydney Luncheon - Friday 26th October 2012**

Time: 1130 gather with sit down at 1300 and the Writers Association AGM will be conducted before the meal commences at 1300. Menu is an alternate roast, Pork and Chicken, with duff, bread rolls, coffee/tea as usual. Wine and juice at the table is included in the price of \$30 per head.

Those intending to attend should call Mark Mobley on 0407 782 731 or 02 9629 5637 at any time, drop him a line or send an email to [markmobley@isp.net.au](mailto:markmobley@isp.net.au).

Payment is required no later than 22nd October for catering purposes. Cheques or Money Orders can be made payable to the 'Sydney Writer's Luncheon' and sent to 11 Peter Wilson Street, Glenwood, NSW 2768 or an electronic payment can be made to our ADCU account BSB 642 170 our Account number is 100065517. Please don't forget to put your name in the comments box. (If your bank is ADCU you will need to do a 'transfer' into the Account Number shown above.)

**Next year's lunch will be 4th October to coincide with the centenary of the First Fleet Entry - Read the next page for more info.**

**Naval News:****RAN International Fleet Review October 2013****An extract from a CN signal on plans for the Centenary of RAN First Fleet Entry.**

THE REVIEW IS BEING HELD TO COMMEMORATE THE CENTENARY OF THE FIRST ENTRY OF THE RAN FLEET INTO SYDNEY. ON 4 OCTOBER 1913 THE FLAGSHIP, HMAS AUSTRALIA LED THE NEW AUSTRALIAN FLEET UNIT COMPRISING HMA SHIPS MELBOURNE, SYDNEY, ENCOUNTER, WARREGO, PARRAMATTA, AND YARRA INTO THE HARBOUR, TO BE GREETED BY TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CHEERING CITIZENS LINING THE FORESHORE. THIS WAS A MOMENT OF GREAT NATIONAL PRIDE AND IMPORTANCE, ONE RECOGNISED AS A KEY INDICATOR OF AUSTRALIA'S GROWING MATURITY AS A NATION.

THE CURRENT PLAN WILL SEE RAN AND VISITING WARSHIPS R/V IN JERVIS BAY BY 2 OCT 13 TO CONDUCT FINAL PREPARATIONS AND BRIEFINGS. THE FORMAL ASPECTS OF THE IFR WILL COMMENCE WITH ALL TALL SHIPS ENTERING SYDNEY HARBOUR ON 3 OCT 13 AND ALL WARSHIPS ENTERING ON 4 OCT 13, EXACTLY 100 YEARS AFTER THE FIRST RAN FLEET ENTRY. THE CEREMONIAL REVIEW WILL TAKE PLACE ON SAT 5 OCT 13.

THIS REVIEW WILL INCLUDE A MOVING LINE OF SEVEN RAN SHIPS TO FURTHER SYMBOLISE THE 1913 ENTRY. THE DAY'S EVENTS ARE ALSO LIKELY TO FEATURE FORMATION FLY PASTS BY FIXED AND ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT, NAVAL DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS, NAVAL GUN SALUTES, DRAGON BOAT RACES AND NAVAL BAND PERFORMANCES, AND WILL CULMINATE IN A SPECTACULAR EVENING FIREWORKS AND LIGHT SHOW ON THE HARBOUR. OTHER ACTIVITIES BEING PLANNED TO OCCUR DURING THE WEEK INCLUDE: A COMBINED NAVAL MARCH THROUGH THE SYDNEY CBD, SHIPS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, INTER-NAVY SPORTING COMPETITIONS, NAVAL MEMORIAL AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES, A SURF ROWERS EVENT AND A RANGE OF OTHER COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL EVENTS.

THE TALL SHIPS WILL DEPART ON 10 OCT 13 FOLLOWED BY THE FLEET DEPARTING ON 11 OCT 13 TO PARTICIPATE IN EXERCISE TRITON CENTENARY

**Senior Navy Women's Forum** has been revamped as the **Navy Women's Network** and expanded to include all ranks of Navy females, initially in the Canberra and Sydney locations. The Forums are themed around the benefits of networking, communication, and the role of women in leadership.

**THE AUSTRALIAN OPERATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL (OSM)** is being established to replace the Australian Active Service Medal (AASM), Australian Service medal and Campaign medals.

The OSM will be awarded instead of the Australian Active Service medal for all new Defence operations. Will have both an ADF and Civilian variant. The medal with a unique ribbon will be is-

sued for each operation. Second and subsequent awards for the same person will be in the form of another medal with the same medal design but with its own unique ribbon.

**Director General Navy People - relocation** People career management agency, Category management and personnel policy directorates will move from Russell 8 to Building 29 at Brindabella Park (Near the airport)

**Gloves** Naval personnel in uniform may wear approved gloves with winter uniforms when a RAN approved coat or jacket is worn. The gloves are to of a conservative style, black in colour.

Gloves may be worn on ceremonial occasions such as parades and funerals for those attending as a spectator.

**Apple** - Employees of Defence can now get a discount on Apple products

**LCH Fleet Decommissioning.** HMA BALIKPAPAN, BETANO AND WEWAK will decommission in December 2012 and BRUNEI, LABUAN AND TARAKAN are likely to decommission in the final quarter of 2014. They have provided 38 years service in the RAN.

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### The Townsville Daily Bulletin December 10 1981.



#### "A Russell Roundup"

What have Craig, Gary and Steve have in common?

For a start they are all Petty Officers in the RAN. Secondly, they all work at the Defence Departments Russell Offices in Canberra. And thirdly they are all named Russell. Craig Russell left is from Mt Prichard NSW. Joined RAN 10 years ago and now works in defence computing. Married with 2

children. Steve Russell middle is from Launceston, TAS. Also has served 10 years with the RAN. Works in Navy pay section. Steve is married with 1 child. Gary Russell is from Townsville, QLD. He has 17 years service with the RAN and works in Naval Personal Services. Gary is single. Finally, recording the roundup of Russell's at Russell is Navy Photographer Mark Russell of Burnie, TAS.

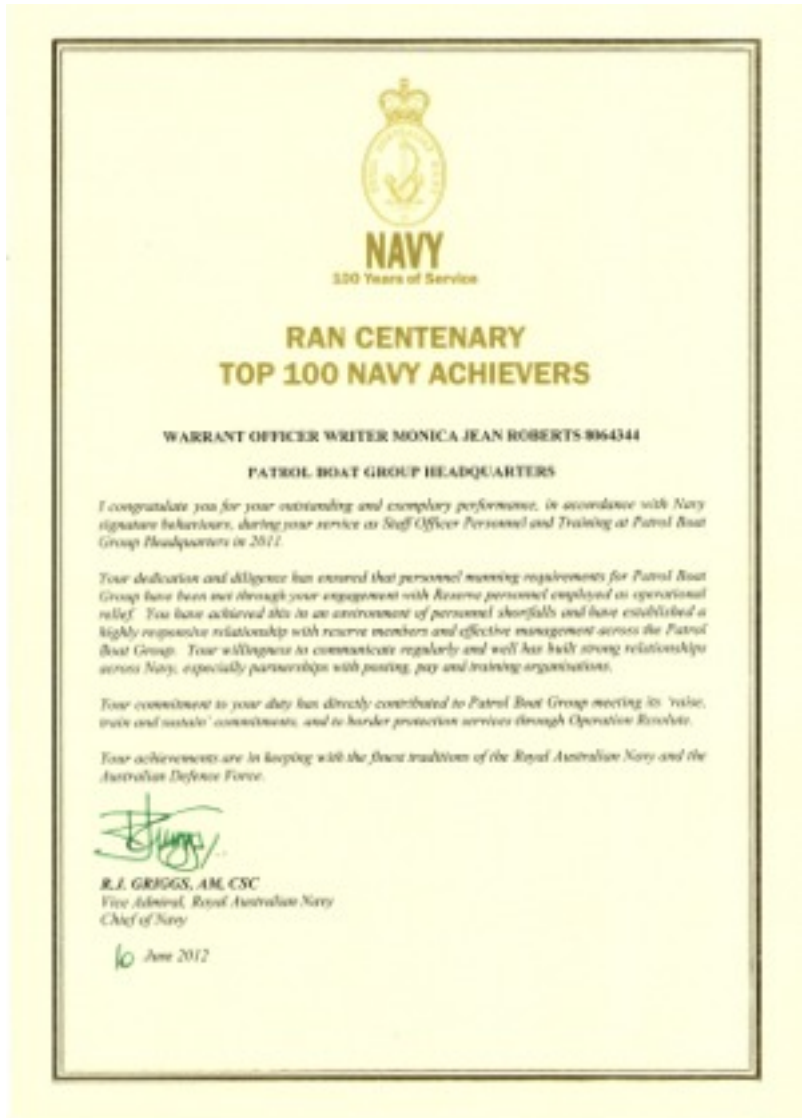


### **Award to Jeannie Roberts:**

Friday 20 Jul 12 at a Clear Lower Deck at HMAS COONAWARRA, Darwin.

The CO presented a certificate (copy also attached) and commemorative coin to Jeannie for being one of the RAN's Centenary Top 100 Navy Achievers. The certificate was signed by the Chief of Navy and the coin was minted at the Perth Mint to commemorate 100 years of the Royal Australian Navy. A very unique award which won't come around again for another 100 years.

Well done Jeanni



**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> October** The Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria, Mission to Seafarers and Company of Master Mariners encourage all Mariners, Merchant and Commonwealth Navies and their descendants to attend the following occasions: 1030 hours - Seafarers' Memorial Service at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. Guests of Honour, The Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC Governor of Victoria with Mrs Elizabeth Chernov, in the Company of Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AO CSC RAN and Mrs Kerrie Griggs. 1330 hours - Navy Week Wreath Laying Commemorative Service in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance with Chief of Navy and Captain Kath Richards RAN, Commanding Officer HMAS CERBERUS.

Please advise NCCV if attending service in the afternoon for catering purposes by Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> October by emailing [naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com](mailto:naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com) or ring 03 9429 9489. Dress :- Uniform, Lounge suit, or day dress, Decorations and Medals.

## *Scribes Birthdays September 2012*



And also these scribes who we don't have a photo of: 9th John 'Jack' Short, 12th Mark Fehlandt, 12th Anthony Pyne, 13th Wayne Newton, 13th Karyn Read (Nee McDonald) 29th Cliff Joyner, 30th Lyn Eagles

And... if you are not on this list we don't know your birthday - so why not update your details on our web site under the icon 'Home' - we only need your date and month.