

E-Newsletter

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Get together Brisbane.....



On Saturday 10th November, 2012, a Scribes Bistro & Beer day (PAYG) will be held at the Yeronga Services Club, Yeronga commencing around 1130. Yeronga Station is only a short distance to the Club.

Train schedule is: Brisbane central to Yeronga: Travel time: about 18 minutes

11.01am Depart Central station, platform 1

You could also catch:

11.31am or 12.01pm or 12.31pm from Central station, platform 1

Any questions, call Thirsty Drinkwater on 0409623239.

Reunion 2013

If you are coming it is time to register. FIVE months to go. The Initial registration form can be downloaded from this link:

<http://www.ranwriters.com/General/GoldCoastReunionInitialRegistrationForm.pdf>

and the final payment form is here:

<http://www.ranwriters.com/General/Reunion%202013%20Newsletter.pdf>

Please note: If you have not booked your accommodation you had better do so now - You **must** fill in the resort form (in the newsletter) if you wish to stay at the resort.

Friday: Meet and Greet:

Registrations from about 1500. Pick up your name tag and pressy bag. Bar from early evening for 2-3 hours. Some drinks will be available for free during the evening. (Wine or beer only) Of course there will be much discussion, stories true, and the odd raffle going on, and of course finger food for all. If you wish to continue on it is a short walk across the overpass to the TT bars/restaurants.

Saturday: Dinner: 1830 for 1900 Three courses (alternate choice) seated. Full bar service.

Sunday: Lunch. 1200 for 1230. It is a lunch - bbq. Full bar service.

Back to that overpass for those inclined.

We heard from:

David Robertson “You asked in the October Newsletter for ex-Writers to drop you a line occasionally to let you know how we're going. I'm going well. Retired now, and working part time at the WA Maritime Museum as a volunteer guide for HMAS Owens submarine on display there. It's a good way to keep in contact with the Navy life, and I've met quite a few ex-Navy people doing the same thing. Unfortunately I've only managed to meet 1 ex-Writer - Jeff Wake - during a memorial service at the museum earlier this year.



If there are any other ex-Writers in the Perth area visiting Fremantle drop in and say hello; and if there are any ex-Navy people interested in an interesting part time "occupation " we could always use more volunteers as guides.

It's good to read the monthly newsletter - there are almost always names mentioned that I can recall serving with or playing sport with. It's good to hear that ex-Navy people continue to make useful contributions to civilian life after serving this country.
Robbo

Frank Gribble says “Joined as Rct.Wtr 11/9/51 Official Number R46008, promoted LDG.Wtr May 1956. After a spell at *Cerberus* posted to 4/53 *Watson* and *after Melbourne, Kuttabul Sydney then Albatross Penguin*. Paid off 10/9/58. In 1957 the rules were you could rejoin within 90 days without loss of rate or seniority for promotion [I was on track for P.O.] I also knew if I did not resign on 10/9/1958, I was off to Manus a place I did not want to go!



So I took the gamble of finding a civee place or going back, I did like the Navy! As luck had it I found a role with the growing Lend Lease Co. Without going into a lot of detail my 90 days to rejoin was soon gone and I had decided [with the Big help of my wife] to study and become very interested in a Commercial Life.

In 1980 I was appointed Chief Executive Mitre 10 A/Asia and in 1986 Managing Director of Showcase and JIMACO-jewelry companies of independent owners. During those years I became a J.P., Chair of NSW Ice Skating Ass. [I CAN'T skate] and spent some time working on the finance committee of Cronulla Football club.



Since 1997, as a volunteer at COTA NSW -and made a Life Member in 2011. What I have written is to ensure there is a life after Navy and therefore it should be pursued and encouraged when its time to leave Pusser's. Best regards Frank Gribble.

Christmas mail for Defence personnel:

All mail (both to and from Australia) must be posted early enough to arrive at the Australian Post Central Mail Facility in Sydney by the following dates:

A. AFPOS 1, 7, 8 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, AND 18: FRI 07 DEC 12;

B. AFPOS 2, 5 AND 11: FRI 14 DEC 12.

Senders should check with Australia Post to determine an appropriate posting date from their location.

Goodwill Donations

Alternative methods of showing support to deployed forces include:

A. E-mail messages can be sent to: messagesothetroops@defence.gov.au

These messages will be widely circulated.

B. Donations can also be made to the RSL AustralianForce Overseas Fund. Donations can be made online at:

WWW.RSL.ORG.AU/CUSTOMDATA/INDEX.CFM?FUSEACTION=DISPLAY_MAIN&ITEMID=9168&ORGID=1689

These donations are used to provide care packages with carefully selected contents to deployed members.

Navy health reform - Sale of Tobacco onboard RAN sea going vessels

The Navy's ongoing practice of making cheap tobacco products readily available will change from 1st January 2013. Navy will adjust the pricing of tobacco products to a level commensurate with tobacco pricing in the broader community.

Navy Diving Roles

From 1st January 2013, Mine Warfare and Clearance Diving Officers and the Navy Clearance Diver category will be open to all people, regardless of gender. The first CD course for women will commence in November 2013.

Navy Shore Canteen

The "RAN CENTRAL CANTEEN FUND (RANCCF)" has been rebranded "Navy Canteens". This new organisation "Navy Canteens" has commenced assuming control of all shore canteens, with Albatross, Cairns and Cerberus already transitioned. The rest will be transitioned over the next few years. They will also continue to operate Navy Ticketing, Navy Holidays.

Scribes Birthdays for November appear on our web site on the home page.

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.

AGM

The Annual General meeting was held at the Sydney luncheon held on the 26th october 2012.

The full minutes and the financial report can be downloaded from the web.

Proposals

The first proposal was to increase the amount that could be spent on wreaths when a member departs. Due to increased costs to provide a decent wreath, it was agreed that the amount that could be spent be increased to \$100.

Should the family require a donation to charity then this was to stay at \$65.

The second proposal was to increase the size of the committee to ten. The results from electronic voting was Abstain: 6 Yes: 24 No: 45. On this count there was no need to proceed with a vote at the meeting.

Committee Elections

The executive Committee were returned unopposed.

There were six nominees for the three committee positions.

48% of all members voted electronically or at the meeting. I wish to thank all those that voted, this showed that scribes do have an interest in the Association.

Each member had to nominate 3 candidates for the committee

The nominations in Alphabetical order and the % of vote were:

1. Alan Axford - 63.5%
2. Denis Benfield - 62.3%
3. James Carroll - 36.5%
4. Frank Carville - 52.9%
5. Kev Cummins - 48.3%
6. Trevor Plymin - 34.2%

On those results Alan Axford, Denis Benfield and Frank Carville were elected to the committee.

I wish to thank all of those that nominated for committee positions.

Reunion 2015

The electronic voting for this AGM was highly successful. We intend to canvas all members early next year where they would like the 2015 reunion to be held.

We will consider all suggestions. For instance Wollongong, Nowra, Cairns, Darwin, Canberra, Mackay, or perhaps a short cruise - with so many ships based here, it could easily be arranged. Or overseas ? Auckland or Bangkok?

The New Committee

PRESIDENT



Lewis Horsfield

VICE PRESIDENT



Marty Grogan

TREASURER



Leonard White

SECRETARY (also web master)



Geoffrey Hardwick

COMMITTEE



Alan Axford

COMMITTEE



Denis Benfield

COMMITTEE



Frank Carville