



E-Newsletter

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Gold Coast Reunion 2013

Numbers are growing and currently 61 have registered for the gathering in 2013.

Our 2013 page on the web site contains details on how to register to attend.

Pussers Rum

We had a great response where you can buy pussers rum in our last issue:

Dan Murphys stock it, price is \$60 700 ml bottle.

Also Imported by Blue Sky Beverages, Bermuda Place, Burraneer Bay 2230, Sydney .

IGA (Ritchies) on the Peninsula, (Frankston), and if you want to know all about pussers rum go to the following web site:
www.pussers.com

Hobart Get Together 2012

The inaugural get together of ex scribes and their families will be held on Saturday 4th February 2012 commencing at 13:00 until 17:00.

It will be held at the Navy Club situated at 63 Davey Street, Hobart. Please RSVP your name and numbers attending by Monday, 16 January 2012. I look forward to hearing from you.

The coordinator is Bert Faella and his contact details are as follows: 71 Roslyn Avenue, Kingston Beach 7050

Mobile: 0411 104 020

Email: thefaellas@netspace.net.au

For those visiting scribes to Tasmania all are welcome to the function just let Bert know.

Departed:

We heard that the following ex Wran's passed away last year: Lesley Todd (Nee Nunn) 20th September 2011. (69 yrs), Doreen Davidson (Nee McKenna) 26th October 2011. (88 yrs), Beryl Downing (Nee Harrison) 27th May 2011. (86 yrs), Wylie Ames (Nee Radford) 22nd February 2011 and Brenda Punshon 8th July 2011. (90 yrs)

These were in addition to the Wran's we have advised in our previous newsletters.

Lesley Todd's biography: www.ranwriters.com/html/Tango_Biographies.pdf

Birthdays 9 January 2012 to 11th February 2012

9th Peter Schultz and Bob 'Joffa' Raymount, 11th Max Bronson and Frank Millen, 12th John 'Paddy' O'Brien, 14th Dave Rickard, Col Bray, Ian Grieve and Elaine 'Lan' Jenkins (Nee Shaw), 15th Angela Ryan, 16th Paul 'Sandy' Shore, 17th Alan 'Tim' Hooley and Robin Dix, 18th Raymond 'Crash' Kennedy. 19th Brian 'Clockwork' Gorringe, Janette Adkins (Nee Moffat) and Jim Tester, 22nd Malcolm 'Mal' Ritchie. 23rd Greg Penno, 27th John 'Chuck' Trafford, 28th Gavin Locke, 29th Frank Bailey-Ganner, February: 4th Jane Trinder (Nee Whitchurch), Irene Robertson (Nee Stankiewicz), James 'Jungle' Carroll and Vic Boreham, 5th Peter Charlton and Steve Watkins, 6th Ray Sexton, 7th John 'Jerry' Lewis, Steve Hinge and Taffy Fauchon, 8th Robynne 'Lou' McWaters (Nee Cross), 10th Wesley Intihar, 11th Stuart 'Stu' Fogo and Mark Koost.



Where is Karen Today?

1991 - The Chief of Naval Staff, VADM Ian MacDougall chats to LWRWTR Karen Sawyer, Mrs Leanne Dinning and Mrs Deanne Fitzsimmons at the HMAS Cairns Anchorage Centre during his recent visit to Far North Queensland.

If you know where Karen is today please let us know.

History - Clive Geoffrey Osborne



S6546. Joined the Army 2nd January 1942 and transferred to the RAN 5/4/1942. He was discharged 30/7/1946. Promoted LS 1/5/1945. He served in establishments *Cerberus*, *Penguin*, *Moreton* and *Magnetic*.

In the time at *Moreton* and *Magnetic* he spend many months on small vessels like *Ladava*. Paid a war gratuity of 132 pounds 15 shillings and 2 pence.

Clive was interested in politics in later life and after a few attempts he was elected to the NSW Parliament as the member for Bathurst 1967-1981(NCP). He passed away in 25th March 1998

Retired members Card.

In the last E News we mentioned the benefits of getting a retired members card. We have had a number of scribes requesting further details.

Extracted from 2010 ADF Transition Handbook:

All members separating from the ADF who are classified as “long-term” members are eligible for issue of a Retired Members Identity Card.

The Retired Member ID card is available for issue to all Permanent Force ADF members who are separating from the ADF and who have served for a minimum period of 18 years.

The Retired Member ID card is also available to Permanent Force ADF members who are required to separate from the ADF compulsorily for any of the following reasons: (a) they are classed as being medically unfit to continue to render military service; (b) they have attained compulsory retirement age; or (c) they have been approved for a Management Initiated Early Retirement; or they are required to separate to meet the needs of the service, i.e. declared redundant.

ADF members whose service is terminated for disciplinary reasons are not entitled to the Retired Member ID card.

The ID card may be an acceptable form of identification for the issue of an access/base pass. Acceptance of the card for access to messes, clubs or other on-base areas remains at the discretion of individual base commanders and local arrangements are to apply.

To obtain an ID card you will need show your drivers licence and your Certificate of Service at the Pass issuing authority.

As each area has different rules on what is required for an ID card it is suggested that you contact them before making a trip - sometimes they need to confirm with navy records that you are entitled which may take a few days.

The following are the contact areas we have been able to determine to arrange for a pass or be directed to the appropriate authority that will issue you a pass.

In the ACT, CP4 Foyer, Campbell Park Offices (62662039/2662) ; R1-foyer Russell Offices (6265 2553/3342).

Sydney: Contact Defence Plaza -Email: ADFTC.Sydneycentral@defence.gov.au or a Transition Office 02 93932847.

Brisbane: Gallipoli Barracks 07 3327239.

Melbourne: Defence Plaza Email: TSS.SouthernVictoria@defence.gov.au or transition officer 03 92823665.

For WA contact Leeuwin or the Fleet Base.

SA Email: Saadf.transitioncentre@defence.gov.au or Transition Officer 08 82596884.

At the recent Writers graduation in November, CMDR Roland Van Geelen, made speech to the new Writers, part of the speech refers to Writers many years ago ... read on....

... During Nelson's time the WTR (or Captain's Clerk) had an office on the quarterdeck or upper deck. He held a high status, was paid the same rate as a MIDN, and had his own cabin in the gunroom.

In those days the Supply Officer was known as the Purser and held the rank of Warrant Officer (this was due to his character being considered suspect and therefore not worthy of being a fully commissioned officer). The regulations of the RN demanded that the SU Officer serve at least one year as a Captain's Clerk, so the WTR was often a young man working his way up to be a Purser or SO.

In a reflection of what is similar to the present day, the CO of a ship in Nelson's time had to present to Admiralty monthly at least 25 different books, forms and returns. Some were simple, others were more complex. All required the CO to rely heavily upon his WTR to collate information and present it to him for signature. Day to day events were also required to be documented and meant that the Captain's Clerk had to be right at the side of the CO. This often carried with it extreme danger. During the Battle of Trafalger Nelson's WTR (PO Whipple) was shot in the chest and killed moments before Nelson himself was mortally wounded. Obviously the French sharpshooter was aiming for Lord Nelson, but got the Captain's Clerk first!

Apart from the Captain, the First LEUT in Nelson's day was also assigned a WTR due to the enormity of the job. When he secured the services of an efficient WTR he generally relegated to that individual everything concerning the internal administration of the ship. Watchbills, leave approvals, personal file entries, pay authorisations. The power was considerable and the influence of the WTR on Jack Tar's daily life immeasurable. The WTR was held in very high esteem. The following story from a warship appeared in a 19th century newspaper will give you an idea of what I mean:

A sailor turned to at the Ship's Office with an urgent personal issue wanting to see the ship's WTR. The WTR waived the sailor away saying he was too busy. The sailor went back on the upper decks and finding the OOW requested that he be allowed to see the First LEUT re a personal matter. The First LEUT was summoned at which point the sailor stated to the First LEUT that he wanted permission from him to see the CO regarding a very important personal matter. The First LEUT was surprised by the anxiety and urgency of the sailor's plea so agreed to his request and wheeled him in to the Captain's cabin. Upon being seen by the Captain the CO asked the sailor what the very important and personal matter was. The sailor replied "...If you please Sir, I would like your permission to speak to the ship's WTR..."

**Presentation to the most outstanding Writer on the Initial Writer Course
November 2011.**



L-R CDMR Roland Van Geelan (Training Authority Supply and health) , Lew Horsfield President RAN Writers Association, WTR Elizabeth Rogers and LCDR Christopher Jones (OIC Supply School).

Dave Hancock in a Navy News item on 12th April 1991. Well done Dave!



**Susan Signs over
the Cash**

LCDR Tony Pearce leads a small but busy Cairns supply team who look after 415 personnel operating and supporting 11 tender vessels.

Between cyclones and floods they manage to fulfill their objectives - and sometimes

have a bit of fun !

Pictured above is CPOWTR Hancock, a graduate of the Nunn and Trivett's Business College, Brisbane, accepting a new challenge - an imprest of \$415,000!.

Signing over the cash to CPO Hancock is the former Supply Officer (Cash), Midshipman Susan Johnson who becomes the Financial Accounting Officer.