



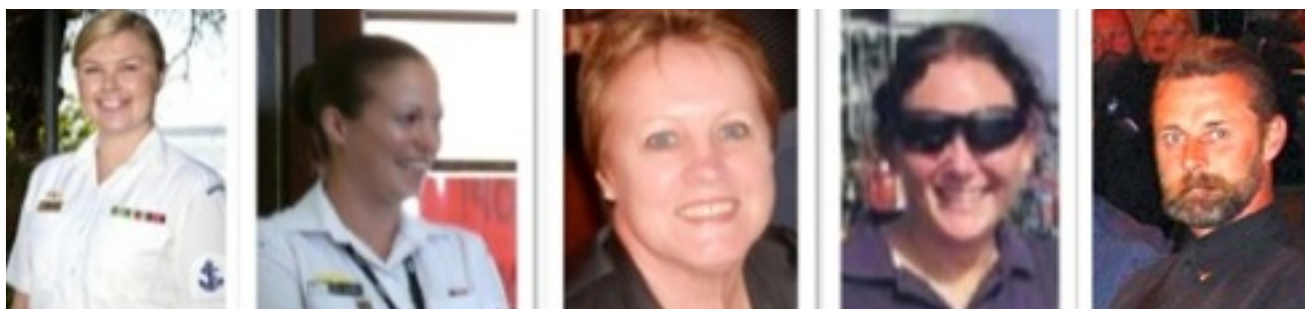
E-Newsletter

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Top 100 Top Navy Achievers as part of the RAN's Centenary Celebrations 2011

In January 2012 an all ship/all shore was issued was promulgated listing the top 100 Top Navy Achievers as part of the RAN Centenary Celebrations in 2011. Listed below are the Writers that were included in this message. The Association wishes to congratulate all achievers. Recipients will be awarded a certificate and a RAN Centenary Commemorative silver coin produced by the Perth Mint.

From l-r **Rebeca Bell** LS FHQ, **Rachel Jayne Kleinert** PO Cerberus, **Monica Jean 'Jeannie' Roberts** WO Patrol Boat Group, **Lauren Joy Tanzer** LS Toowoomba and **Kym Henry 'Dutch' Van Wetering** CPO CAIRNS



Social Luncheons

NT - RAN Top End RAN Writer's Social Lunch

A social function to welcome new RAN Writers to the Top End and a chance to farewell CPOWTR Joy Newman before she leaves Darwin is being held in Darwin on Friday 30 Mar 12. Current serving and Ex Serving members are welcome to attend. The details are: Friday 30 Mar 12, 1200 until whenever, Fiddler's Green Irish Pub at the Darwin Waterfront Precinct Food & Drinks: Pay as you go
Contact Jeannie Roberts at Larrakeyah Barracks, Darwin Phone: (08) 8935 5369 to attend.

QLD Get together

A get together will be held at the Holiday Inn, Roma Street, Brisbane on 14th April at MJ's bar. Time: 1230pm, Contact Greg Morrison on 0417 195 491 if you wish to attend.

*Birthdays 12 March 2012 to
8th April 2012*

12th March: Malcolm 'Percy' Purcell
13th March: Kenneth 'Ken' Bundesen
13th March: John 'Viv' Richards
14th March: Kevin 'Kev' Cummins
15th March: Susan Benson (Nee Theodore)
15th March: Simon Von-Limont
17th: March: Derek Smith
18th: March: Robert 'Bob' Bryce
18th: March: Russell 'Rusty' Houston
19th March: Andrew 'Andy' Beales
21st March: John 'Jack' McCosker
27th March: Nicholas 'Nick' Geyer
28th March: Peter Young
29th March: Margaret Holten-Pickard
1st April: Frank Carville
3rd April: Darren 'Daz' Hetherington
3rd April: Beverley 'Bev' Young (Nee Willox)
3rd April: Cheryl Roney (Nee McCrae)
8th April Leslie 'Les' Dwyer,

Reunion 2013

**Just over 12 months to go.
Registrations are building up and
we have reached 70 of a maximum
of 200 so register now.**

**Registration Form on our web site.
A special reunion newsletter will be
published April re accommodation -**

Times are changing the way Sailors Mess in 2012

A recent review will lead to a number of changes being implemented this year in the Navy as follows:

Cairns: All Living In Accommodation and catering will be combined to the Northern Heritage, using the one galley for all ranks. Segregated dining room arrangements are available. Bar facilities will be combined.

Harman: All meals will be served from the current Junior sailors / Senior Sailors facility using a single galley with combined dining arrangements for Officers and Seniors Sailors. The Wardroom Mess will become a combined Officers and Senior Sailors Bar.

Kuttabul: The Senior Sailors bar will be closed and Officers and Senior Sailors will share the existing Wardroom facility. The Junior Sailors Galley and dining facility will be retained.

Creswell, Cerberus, Watson and Waterhen: No change

Penguin: The amalgamation of the Officers and Senior Sailors dining and bar facilities was combined in the existing Senior Sailors Mess January 2012. The Junior Sailors Galley and dining facility will be retained.

Albatross: Details to be announced later

Stirling: A combined Officers and Senior Sailors dining room and bars will be established.

Dedicated mess events (Mess dinners and functions) can happily sit alongside whole or mess functions. These elements of our service tradition must continue.

Summer Supply Newsletter - Update from W0WTR Marc Henderson



The WTR Category is very healthy with a trained workforce of 252 personnel to meet a current demand of 219, an overbearing of 33 personnel.

Additionally, there are currently 25 personnel in the training pipeline. The recent reduction in demand was due to the disestablishment of 32 approved positions under the SRP shared services review. Although demand has decreased in approved positions, the demand for WTR personnel remains high due to short term temporary positions in Navy projects and ongoing operational deployment obligations.

Morale in the WTR category is high which has been evident during visits to ships and establishments and reflected by the current low separation rate of 5.7%. The positive comments received on the intermediate and advanced WTR courses have been great and reinforces the benefits of the revised training curriculum. Both courses will soon be reviewed to ensure they remain current and meet Navy's professional requirements for WTRs.

It has become quite evident that over the past 12 - 18 months that the knowledge and support that our junior POWTR's are providing is generally of a high standard. It is good to see that the current training that our members now receive (Advanced Writer Course) before taking on these roles is having a positive effect.

Additionally the standard of LSWTRs undertaking accounts at sea has also improved. The introduction of the intermediate Writer Course focusing on the right training at the right time gives these members the required skills to perform these tasks, as well as the confidence to return to sea as a LSWTR.

It is pleasing to see that with all of the ancillary duties and seamanship evolutions, Supply Sailors are still able keep on top of their normal day to day work and maintain the high standards that are required of them. Many of these additional tasks are done without any formal training and little recognition is given to them.

Current issues in the Fleet include the transition of ADF Pay. Although this has been a period of trial and error for both Defence Support Group and our Writers, the Writer branch has taken on this task well. Many lessons have been learned over the transition and a lot of good work has been done - the passion of the Writer branch is still strong.

**For those that did not see this article (Abbreviated)
Navy News Volume 49, No. 16 , September 07, 2006**

Maritime Commander Australia RADM David Thomas has acknowledged the efforts of the RAN personnel who worked hard to ensure the first anniversary of the Sea King accident was a fitting tribute to the nine ADF heroes who gave their lives in the line of duty.

RADM David Thomas recently commended LCDR Angus Mitchell, LEUT Kathryn McCabe and **CPO Writer Morris Jeppesen** for their role in Op Peringatan, which involved ferrying 28 of the deceased's next of kin and some 50 ADF personnel to the crash site at Tuindrau village.

Op Peringatan, which is Indonesian for "remembrance", was the dedication and memorial service held on the Indonesian island of Nias on April 2, 2006 to mark the first anniversary of the fatal crash of Sea King Shark 02 during the Op Sumatra II relief effort.

LCDR Mitchell was commended for his exceptional performance in the planning, coordination and execution of Operation Peringatan. LCDR Kathryn McCabe was acknowledged for her drive, dedication to duty and professionalism while supporting the recovery of Shark 02 after its accident on Nias Island in April 2005.

CPO Writer Morris

Jeppesen (Right in the photo) was commended for his outstanding drive, dedication, and professionalism in the planning and execution of Operation Peringatan.

Two officers also commended for outstanding dedication and contribution to the success of Operation

Peringatan were Director of Organisational Culture, CMDR Carmel Barnes, and LEUT Jillian Brownlie, Manager of Navy programs and Events.



Lest We Forget - Marty Grogan's wife Helen passed away peacefully after a long battle with Alzheimer's on the 23rd February 2012.



Hobart get together - 4th Feb.

By Bert Faella

We had 8 ex scribes 6 from the south and 2 from the north. With families as well we had 15 people there which was great for our first one. We wrapped up around 7 in the evening a bit worse for wear. They all enjoyed themselves.

We will looking at having the next one in the North of the state in about six months. New friendships have been made.

Back l- r James Hart, Peter McGuire, Theresa Hawkins and Catriona Faella (nee Holt) Front row l-r James Saltmarsh Ian Stabb Bert Faella and Rodney Jones

We heard that Lynzey Lake (LS) of *Ballarat*, met up with twelve (12) of her former Writer students at the Dock Hotel in Darling Harbour for a meal and several drinks on the evening of the 18 Feb 2012.

SA SCRIBES REUNION 1/2012 - 26th February 2012.

A pretty bloody good day was had by all those who braved the heat. Trev Atkins brought the dibdabs for the dessert after a nice feed of smallie boys and party pies, pasties and sausage rolls organised by Ajax and delivered as always by the friendly staff of the Strathie.

