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### **Eagles, Judy (nee Nicol)**



Served from 1960 to 1966. Joined HMAS Cerberus in November 1960 and after Recruit School and Supply School training, worked in Central Regulating Office with MAA Frank Denman. In June 1962, she was posted to Harman (Navy Office) Manning Department - Drafting Office, then moved to Penguin, attached to Rushcutter and worked in Recruiting Office which was down the road from Rushcutter. From 1963 to 1964, she served at Harman (Navy Office) Manning Department - Advancement Section. Posted to Penguin and attached to Kuttabul for Navy News staff from 1964 until discharge. Judy represented the Navy in Inter-Service swimming from 1960 to 1966.

### **Earls, Vince John**

R47860. Joined 4th July 1952 and discharged 3 July 1958. Served at Cerberus and Penguin. His sea service was on Sydney 9/55 to 2/57 as an ABWTR

### **Eckel, Alan ‘Salty’**

Passed away 27<sup>th</sup> July 1998. R32538. Joined 19<sup>th</sup> September 1946 as a Stoker and subsequently transferred to Writer 6<sup>th</sup> October 1949. After Writer training his se postings were Sydney 1951 – 1952 , Vengeance 1952 –1953, Parramatta 1964 – 1965, Vampire 1965- 1967 . Promoted LS 1953. Shore postings were Penguin, Tarangau, from 1966 this period he was located in various establishments in the

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Sydney area for brief periods. . Promoted PO1965. He discharged 5/10/1969. Four years RAFR service from 6/4/1970 mostly at Cerberus, Nirimba and Penguin.



*Navy News Tribute - September 21, 1998*

Tributes have continued to pour in for Navy rugby great, former CPOWTR Allen Salty Eckel who died in Townsville on Monday July 27. LEUT Bryan Hull, who represented the Senior Naval Officer, South Queensland, read the eulogy at Salty's funeral, conducted by Bishop John Lewis at the city's Sacred Heart Cathedral.

LEUT Hull, who knew Salty for 36 years, said the cathedral was filled to the doors with RAN Rugby Union past and present players including WO Sutton, Benny Hill and Timber Mills among many, members of the ADFRU, uniformed members of the TS CORAL SEA cadet unit, Townsville Grammar School staff and students and RSL and Naval Association members. His family was headed by his son, Mark. Tributes included a bell engraved with Salty's name donated to Townsville Grammar School from the local Naval Association and the association's Pine Rivers, Queensland, branch has named a golf trophy in his honour.

"I think Salty's family was amazed and very proud to hear the comments passed by naval personnel present and by the many tributes from RAN and ex-RAN from all round Australia," he said. RANRU stalwart, CPOWTR Brett Quinn, said Salty's death brought to an end one man's lifetime passion for the Navy and rugby union. Salty lived and breathed Navy and Rugby, having played for various ships, establishments, Navy, Australian Combined Services, Northern Territory and first grade for his beloved Sydney club, Gordon. Salty joined the Navy in 1950. Since entry he championed in sport. Besides rugby, he was an A grade tennis player and he excelled at dancing. With his affinity with sport he became well known to PTIs, XO's, CO's, commodores and admirals, always promoting games and making sure as many people could play and attend, Brett said

He became well known for his prowess on the rugby field as a no nonsense prop forward who never took a backward step and later for his writing skills, as he contributed to Navy News for 35 years with his columns Salty on Sport and Salty in the North. He managed the Queensland Country team for three years in the '90s and organised the "grudge matches" between the Golden Oldies from NSW and Queensland which were played as novelty events during the annual Mons Cup fixtures. His contribution to the game and development of Navy players was highlighted during his postings to HMAS CERBERUS and HMAS NIRIMBA. He took thousands of sailors under his wing giving them all the gospel according to Salty and helping them get onto the paddock, CPO Quinn said.

Salty also coached and on another occasion managed the combined Australian Services side and he assisted with the Navy NSW and national teams as an assistant manager through the early '90s. When RANRU began developing its Rugby Museum, Salty came to Sydney from Brisbane for six weeks to assist. His

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contribution was invaluable. He sought donations, contacted as many of the '50s and '60s players as could, ran the raffle on the opening night and of course donated memorabilia to make the museum and the opening night an outstanding success. Salty had other interests. He assisted the school children in Townsville who wished to participate in all sports. On one occasion a young hockey player didn't have the money for fares to Brisbane to play in the State titles. Salty funded her trip by running raffles.

He assisted many charities and helped an Australian paraplegic member to the Olympic Games by organising raffles and writing to ships and establishments for donations by ships' funds. "Salty was a living legend," CPO Quinn said. His stature within Navy rugby is highlighted by having the Dempster Cup grand final Man of the Match trophy named in his honour since 1977. Salty will be sincerely missed, but now joins a few old mates who have also gone to watch the game they play in heaven, CPO Quinn said.

"The president, committee and all players of the Royal Australian Navy Rugby Union wish to thank Salty publicly for all he did for Navy rugby and express their deepest sympathy to Salty's family," he said. It could be said Salty never left the Navy. In his later years he just wasn't on the payroll.

## Edgell, George



Joined navy from Adelaide on 6/1/1964. Completed OD Training in HMAS Sydney and posted to Lonsdale as a newly qualified WTR2 within same year. Served in the Vung Tau Ferry (HMAS Sydney) again as LSWTR from 1967 to 1968 and in Vendetta from 1975 to 1977 as a PO then CPOWTR. Establishments served at were Nirimba, Tarangau, Cerberus, Lonsdale, Huon and Albatross. Served at Cerberus from January 1986 to January 2001, firstly as Personnel Officer (WOWTR) then various officer billets as LD WTR (Secretary, CIO Writers & Stewards, Catering Officer & Personnel Support Officer) before paying of as Manager, Defence Corporate Support with the rank of LCDR on 7/1/2001. As at 2004, he was based in Tyabb during summer, and enjoying life as a grey nomad, caravanning in Northern Australia during Victoria's Winter.

## Eccleston, Jack

Born in 1916 and served in branch pre WWII. Was still going strong in 2001, aged 85.

## Edward, Lois (Nee Kermonde)

The Origins and Development of the RANRTF

Back in 1943 on first joining the WRANS (WR1114) at Port Melbourne, I was chosen together with another raw recruit, Dot Mallett, to work at the newly opened office in Collins St., Melbourne to work at a fund raising effort for the RAN Relief Fund.

It was a great experience for an 18 year old in May 1943 to report to duty to Lieut Asher Joel RANVR in charge together with Sub Lieut Price RANVR, two Able seamen, Arnold Jocusen & Len Nancarrow. That was the whole staff although we had many volunteers and a Committee of ladies chaired by the Lady Mayoress.



It involved a lot of PR and the First Naval Member, Admiral Sir Guy Royle RN was a frequent visitor. We had many photos in the newspapers for publicity, and we made many visits to the Melbourne Town Hall in uniform to accompany various VIP's including the Admiral's Wife, Lady Royle. Our duties were mainly clerical & typing

- no computers in those days to churn out many copies of letters. They were all individually typed by either Jean or myself, helped by volunteers who came after work at night. A huge march of Navy Personnel was held & badges sold in the street in the shape of a little blue anchor. It was called "Jack's Day" & I understand a similar march was held in Sydney. From memory we raised 45,000 pounds which was a good sum in those days.

At this time May 1943 many of our RAN ships had been sunk, including HMAS Sydney, Perth, Armidale, Canberra, Yarra and many small ships. There were many widows & children who were in need of assistance at that time-perhaps to tide them over until pensions arrived. From your article it appears that money which had been invested became the Services Canteen Trust Fund & was combined with other Services.

This posting lasted three months when I was later sent to Recruiting at the Olderfleet Building, then to HMAS "Moreton" for one year and then to HMAS "Kuttabal" at Garden Island, discharged in February 1946 back at Port Melbourne, HMAS Lonsdale" sadly now an enormous block of flats called 'hmas'

## Edwards, P L (Nee McMahon)

WR 2749. Joined 10/4/1945 and discharged 18/04/1946. Served Penguin and Kuttabal. Passed away early 2009.

## Ellis, Rodney Thomas

Ex LSWTR. Served from October 1971 to October 2000.

## Elsom, Lisa (nee Lenihan)

Ex SWRWTR and LSCSO W146532. Joined RAN on 21/8/1989 and after Initial Writer Course at HMAS Cerberus, she was posted to DSP, Navy Office, Canberra. In February 1991, Lisa was promoted to SWRWTR and in August 1991 she was posted to Cabarlah, Borneo Barracks, Queensland, on transfer of category to Electronic Warfare (EW). As an EW, she was posted in July 1992 to Defence Signals Directorate (DSD), Canberra, then in April 1993 to HMAS Albatross, RANTEWSS. In 1994, she moved to HMAS Watson on transfer to Combat Systems Operator (CSO). Lisa spent six months in 1994 on HMAS Canberra, then MHQ, Maritime Intelligence Centre (MIC). In 1995, while in HMAS Success, she was awarded Sub-Specialisation skill of Navigator's Yeoman. During 1996 to 1998, she was at HMAS Stirling, working for Commander Australian Submarine Support Headquarters (CASSHQ) as Navigator's Yeoman and for Ops Duties and was promoted to LSCSO (NY). She spent time in the Regulating Office and Security Pass office at Stirling, before her discharged on 28/5/2002.

## Emerson, Charlit (Charlie)



He passed away on 6/2/2004 and is survived by a wife and three children. Ex CPOWTR. Charlie was a friendly, unassuming and busy scribe who was well liked by most.

## Estcourt, Danny Rex



Joined the RANR in 1961 as a RCTWTR and transferred to the permanent forces in 1962. I spent twelve months at Cerberus in Recruit School due to Writer class cancellations and such. Also there at the time were scribes such as Clem Schmitzer, Dave Bowen, Frank Shugg and Frank Brown. I served in Parramatta with Jim Matthews, Reg 'Two Paycards' Wightman and Max Wilson, then Lonsdale with Vin Frilay, Ted Ball and George Edgell. I was posted to Tarangau and worked with 'Slim' Sawyer, Ian McLaughlin and Reg Gilbert, then Kuttambul with scribes such as Chad Langdon, Vic Farquhar, Marty McFadden and John Halpin. At Harman Pay Office, with the likes of Stanley George Cooper, Harry Warnick, Lew Horsfield, Di Dunkley, Ron Treager, Andy Hamilton and 'Knocker' White, we worked on the introduction of Group Pay. At sea again in Derwent, I worked with Ron Woolnough and Tug 'Punter' Wilson, then back at Harman, I served in Navy Office with DSPs Mike Rayment and Mike Key. Heading north to Melville, other scribes there at the time were Denise Lane, Garry Kinnear, Graham Brooks and Bruce Wansbury. At sea for the final time in Duchess, also in the ship's office were Alan Thompson and Trevor Plymin. Back at Cerberus in the Supply School, other instructors I worked with were Ian Lee-Conway, Lew

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Smith, Dave Whelan, Ken Black and 'Stewie' Stewart. Down to Tassie at Huon in Recruiting, fellow workmates were David Taylor, John Sanders, Ian Spaulding, Tess BATTERY and George Edgell. I was Discharged in 1983 as a CPOWTR, after 21 great years.