



**HMAS LEEUWIN
AND
HMAS MELVILLE**

What is HS Red - White and Blue ?

Crews for HMAS *Leeuwin* and *Melville* are comprised of three crews. The set-up for HS Red, White and Blue is that there is one Writer (now ML-P) in each crew which are currently LS Jessica Strachan (Red) , LS Brendon Davies (Blue) and AB Brendan Matchett (White).

The main roles are as COSEC, Ships Office Admin, Mail, Pay action Liaison as well as whole ship responsibilities, which can range from: Ships Medical Emergency Team (SMET), Standing Sea Firefighting Party (SSFP), Flight deck team for only vertrep and transfers, Part of Ship for entry and leaving harbour.



They are on a rotation of normally 12-16 weeks on ship on either *Melville* or *Leeuwin* then 6-8 weeks as the Off Crew to catch up on leave and complete any necessary courses.

About the ships:

HMAS *Leeuwin* and her sister ship HMAS *Melville* replaced the now decommissioned vessels HMA Ships *Moresby* (I) and *Flinders* in 2000. Both ships take their names from prominent points on the Australian coast. *Leeuwin* is named after Cape Leeuwin, on the SW tip of Western Australia. *Leeuwin* (I) was launched midway through 1997. *Melville* is named after Melville Island, just to the north of Darwin and was launched midway through 1998.

The ships were built by NQEA in Cairns, North Queensland.

50th Anniversary for CPO Carroll

On 4JUL63 16 year old JR2 James Denis CARROLL R93983 enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy in Brisbane. On 4JUL13 CPOML-P James Denis CARROLL 8046970 finished off an overnight duty at the Defence Indigenous Development Program North Queensland in Cairns.

Still in uniform after 50 years. About 0830 the Commanding Officer, HMAS CAIRNS made a speech with a mention that he had been in the RAN half as long as the RAN Fleet has been in existence.

James got to cut the cake with his youngest trainee PTE Robert Youngblutt (DIDP-NQ).



BLUEY GUILD OVAL



By Trevor Clarey Ex CPOSV.

The attached photo was taken on the day the 'Bluey Guild Oval' was officially named back in 1996/97.

The Official naming came as a consequence of my initial letter to Captain Cole the then CO of *Albatross*. With support from many

other individuals from The Birdie World and General Ships company fortunate to have known and played the many sports Blue Guild played and represented Navy and Combined services.

In response to my letter Captain Cole progressed this request thru the PT Branch and having passed the criteria required by the 'Official Names' the 'Bluey Guild Oval' became a reality.

In the photo attached are front row l to r: Leut Col Cook, Captain Cole, Bluey's daughter Colleen Guild and her son. The Great Kevin (Ripper) Doyle and ex WOSV Jessie James. Trevor Clareys' son Dallas (now POPTI) is in the back row in headgear next to the pine tree.

Marty Grogan recently caught up with **Bill Grundy's** Widow in Bedford, Penns. USA. He says it was a very moving experience.



Prior to that we saw Marty in Yorkshire on one of those canal barges. Caught catching up on the ships correspondence in the pic below.



Ian Dalglish a

retired CPO in Qld with a great nephew.



Heard at Cerberus -1967

Officer to Recruit: "Why didn't you muster when 'Clear Lower Deck' was piped?"

Recruit to Officer: "I'm on the first floor Sir!"

Vale

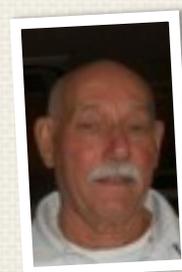
Ray Norton. Passed away 26th July 2013 in Glenrowan, VIC. Joined in 1961 and served as a WTR/LS until in 1966 he transferred to the Linguist Category. Paid off in 1961 but was a reservist for a number of years.



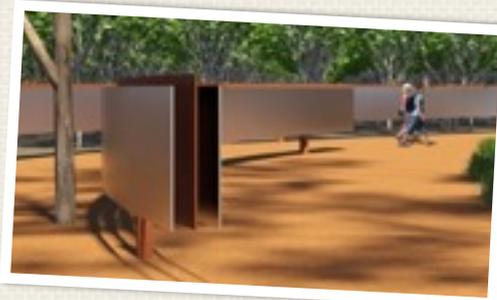
P62268 Sergeant **Mervyn Ernest Hetzel** Naval Police. Passed away 12th July 2013 aged 67. Merv joined the RAN in July, 1963 as a Cook transferring to the Naval Dockyard Police in the very early 70's.

Graham William Brooks. R62557 Graham has joined the Association. He joined the RAN 20th October 1963. Served in establishments *Cerberus*, *Albatross*, *Penguin*, *Kuttabul*.

His sea service consisted of the following ships: *Vendetta* 1964 and *Gascoyne* 1964 as ORD, *Sydney* 26/6/1967 - 8/12/1968 as LS. Paid off in 1975 after 12 years service



The Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk



is a new development in High St, Seymour which commemorates the 60,000 men and women who served during the 14 years of the Vietnam War.

Gives valuable insight

into this tumultuous time in Australia's history.

The Walk incorporates a meandering red earth path set in native trees and grasses that resemble rubber trees and rice paddies. These two plants are synonymous to Vietnam. Along the length of the Walk are the walls with the names of the personnel who served in Vietnam. The Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk ties in with other military sites within the area to form a lasting and highly visible addition to Australia's living military history.

50th Anniversary Commemoration Service and Dinner



HMAS *Sydney* 111 R17/A214, HMAS *Parramatta* FO5, HMAS *Yarra* FO7, 111 LAA Bty RAA, 7 Field Sqn RAE, 32 Small Ship Sqn RAE, 42 Transport Platoon (Amp) RAASC, 16th Mine Sweeper Sqn RAN and No. 5 Sqn (Iroquois) RAAF

At 0001Z on 25th May, 1964, HMAS *Sydney* weighed anchor at Garden Island in Sydney. Onboard were 111 LAA Bty RAA, 7 Field Sqn RAE, 42 TPT PL (Amp) RAASC, elements of 5 Sqn RAAF and 800 ships crew. These former Australian Armed Forces units were being deployed to Sabah, Borneo and to Butterworth on the Malaysian Peninsula, into the undeclared war of “The Indonesian Confrontation”. This was the first voyage by HMAS *Sydney* after being converted into a Fast Troop Transport Ship, into a hostile Area of Operations. There was no Farewell allowed to any of the families.

HMAS *Parramatta* and HMAS *Yarra* joined HMAS *Sydney* near Manus Island as the two RAN escort ships. 32 Small Ship Sqn RAE LSMs “Harry Chauvel” and “Vernon Sturdee” joined at Jesselton Harbour, Sabah, after sailing unescorted from Australia. 16th Mine Sweeper Sqn RAN ships were patrolling around Sabah and Sarawak coastlines.

Planning has commenced to hold a formal Commemoration Service and formal Anniversary Dinner in Sydney, on 24th May 2014. An itinerary, including other social activities, will be advised well in advance.

Any and all, interested former members of those RAN Ships, Army Units and RAAF Sqn are asked to return the Registration of Interest Form as indicated. Widows and family members of the men who served in those RAN ships, Army units and RAAF Sqn are very welcome to attend the Commemoration Service, Commemoration Dinner and social events.

This may be the last time it is possible to gather all three Australian Armed Forces that were engaged in a particular hostile deployment, post WW 2.

Your attendance is requested to pay respects to the men who did not come home and to those who have since passed away.

Ubique.

Snowy Selby.

Anniversary Committee Member.

LEST WE FORGET

JALAN KITA LUPA





Registration of Interest



50th ANNIVERSARY EMBARKATION COMMEMORATION 25th May 1964

HMAS Sydney R17/A214, HMAS Parramatta FO5, HMAS Yarra FO7
111 LAA Bty RAA, 7 Field Sqn RAE, 42 TPT PL (AMP) RAASC
5 Sqn RAAF, 32 Small Ship Sqn RAE, 16 Mine Sweeper Sqn RAN
To be conducted in Sydney on the 24th May 2014 in Garden Island, Sydney.

All former members of those RAN Ships, Army units and RAAF Sqn,
Widows and Families, are asked to return the section below to register your intention
for this important military anniversary - you can of course email the details below to
oneoneecho111@gmail.com

50th Anniversary Commemoration

SYDNEY 2014

NAME.....Ph:

E-mail:.....

ADDRESS:.....

State.....Post Code.....

Ship / Unit / Sqn.....Rank.....

Number in Party.....Accommodation required..Yes / No

Smoking..Yes / No.....

Return this slip to:

Brian Selby

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SHEIDOW PARK SA 5158 Ph: 08 8387 1672

E-mail: oneoneecho111@gmail.com



The **Naval Centenary Memorial (Stage 1)** was dedicated on Tuesday 9th April, the 110th Anniversary of trials leading to the first Australian Naval ship-to-shore wireless transmission from HMQS GAYUNDAH off Moreton Island to the first Australian Naval shore station in the gardens of St Mary's where the Memorial is sited.

Prior to the dedication RADM Tony Dalton CSM RAN representing the Chief of Navy took the salute at a march past of Cadets and ex-navy people organised by the RAN Communications Branch Association. HE the Governor of Queensland Ms Penelope Wensley AC then unveiled the plaque and Dr Aspinall blessed the Memorial in the presence of some 500 people. (Refer Photo below)

Our thanks go to all those who contributed to the \$55,000 which it cost to complete Stage 1 in time for the proposed dedication date.

Stage 2 of the Memorial involves extending the rock wall to the left which will provide an area to affix plaques in the future, and will require an additional \$20,000. The Committee has set itself the long-term goal of raising these funds to complete the task and we thank you for your continued support in circulating this information amongst the members of the Naval Family

This Navy Memorial was dedicated to all who served and paid the supreme sacrifice as well as recognising the service history and links with Brisbane. Donations will be most welcome and the record of donors will be maintained until the project is completed.

Donations can be made by cheque or money order payable to the *Naval Centenary Memorial Committee*,
PO Box 119, Holland Park Qld 4121, or direct transfer to: Account - *Naval Centenary Memorial Committee Account No - 21549138 BSB 124 158*
Tony Townsend
Cmdr RAN (Ret'd) Committee Chairman



RADM Dalton, Dr Aspinall, H E Governor of Qld, Tony Townsend



The Naval Association of Australia, Central Coast Sub Section
**Annual Pussers Rum Fundraising Competition,
 2013**

Rum and the sea are inseparable, and no rum is more akin to the sea and the sailor than Pusser's Rum—the Original Navy Rum. For more than 300 years, from the earliest days of wooden ships and iron men, sailors of Great Britain's Royal Navy were issued a daily ration or "tot" of rum by the ship's "Purser" (corrupted by the sailors to Pusser's). Prior to 1740, the men's daily tot of Pusser's Rum was a pint a day, which they drank neat, that is without water! Before battle, they were issued a double 'tot', and always after victory for a job well done!

From 1655 to the 19th century, Pusser's Rum was one of the few daily comforts afforded those early seamen of Britain's Navy as they fought around the globe to keep the Empire intact and its sea lanes open. It was not until July 31st, 1970 that the Admiralty Board abolished the daily issue of Pusser's Rum. "Times had changed", they said as they concluded that "in a highly sophisticated navy no risk for margin or error which might be attributable to rum could be allowed". And so it was that the daily issue of Pusser's Rum, which had stood the test of time as the Navy's longest serving tradition for over 300 years, was cast aside like a piece of flotsam and jetsam where it lay quietly until 1979. But the memory lingers on, both with Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy men, and now, the chance to relive those earlier times.



Once again, we are offering the "Nelson", a 1 litre crock of Pussers Rum as a competition prize to be drawn on **12th October 2013**. There are a strictly limited number of tickets in the draw, the prices **are 8 for \$10.00**.

All of the profits from the sale of these tickets is used for Central Coast NAA Sub Section community support schemes, including TS Hawkesbury, Central Coast Legacy, Sub Section Widows, and all worthwhile programs brought to our attention through the year. These have included the Sir David Martin Foundation, the Hec Waller Memorial, Finding Sydney, and others. Support our community works, purchase your tickets for this great prize.

Individual Order Form (minimum order 8 tickets = \$10.00)

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Mail: Competition, NAA Central Coast, 28/17-21 Meryll Avenue, Baulkham Hills, NSW, 2153 or email completed form if Direct Debit payment to naacentralcoast@gmail.com by 1st October 2013

Name		Phone	
Postal Address			
		P' Code	
Number of chances required		Cheque, MO or Direct Debit amount submitted	\$

Bank account Central Coast Naval Association BSB 062 536 A/C 0090 2095 using reference "Competition <your name>". Enquiries 0414 284997 (waking hours)