



# E NEWS SEPTEMBER 2013



*Incorporating 'The Scribbler'*



*IWC*

## *Presentation*

The student deemed the most successful student on the latest IWC (Initial Writers Course) was Kelly Dagleish. Frank Carville, Committee Member, WA based made the presentation from the Writers Association to Kelly onboard HMAS Stirling. Well done Kelly.

*By the Secretary -  
Annual General Meeting 3rd October 2013.*



Nominations are called for from members of the Association who would like to serve on the Committee. All positions are normally declared vacant annually.

There are 7 positions on the committee, President, Vice, Treasurer, Secretary and 3 committee. If you are interested in nominating please advise the Secretary, Geoff Hardwick via email to [scribes@ranwriters.com](mailto:scribes@ranwriters.com) or by phone 0411241821.



Recent photos of Writers above from Navy News. l-r LSML-P Jenessa Schonrock watches over ABMTL-P Elise Fisher as she sorts paperwork out in the ships office onboard *Choules*. LSMT-L Karen Dwyer and LSBM Jon Reid in the UN war cemetery in Butan. LMTP-L Rajinder Singh holds the Albatross ceremonial life ring during the Anzac Day march in Nowra.

**36<sup>th</sup> SYDNEY WRITERS' LUNCHEON**  
CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF AUSTRALIA'S OWN FLEET

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Dear Fellow Scribe,

Well it is that time of the year again. The 36th Sydney Writers' Reunion Luncheon will be held in the Illusions Bar, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the City of Sydney RSL Club on George Street on Friday 4th October, 2013 commencing, as usual, with an informal gathering from 1130. Partners and friends are most welcome to attend.

This year we celebrate the centenary of the arrival in Sydney of the First Australian Fleet. The short version of events reads like this:

Thursday: Arrival of the tall ships – from 1100

Friday: Arrival of warships – 0600 - 1600

Saturday: Fleet Review 1100 -1430

More details are available at <http://www.navy.gov.au/ifr/events>

Many ship and branch associations are already planning their reunions for that weekend so as to be able to view the Fleet Review the next day and hopefully this will encourage more former Writers and especially serving Maritime Logistics – Personnel Operations sailors to attend. We will also host a brief Annual General Meeting of the Association prior to lunch.

The club has again attempted to keep the cost down with the introduction of different menus and have been able to keep the price this year at \$30.00 per head. This price will, as usual, include the meal, bread rolls, coffee, wine and orange juice whilst at luncheon table. The meals will, also as usual, be from a set menu served to alternate seats. The menu for this year is still to be finalised however based on previous years it will be more than adequate.

Please advise me of your intention to attend by calling me on one of the numbers listed above at any time, drop me a line or send an email. Owing to the need to secure firm catering arrangements with the caterer, we need payment no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September. Cheques or Money Orders can be made payable to the 'Sydney Writer's Luncheon' and sent to the address above or an electronic transfer can be made to our Australian Defence Credit Union account BSB 642 170 our Account number is 667972. If this "bounces" use the alternative account number 100065517. Please don't forget to put your name in the comments box so that I know who it's from. Our National Secretary will also be advertising this event through the electronic media. I have reverted to a single email address for the time being [markmoble@isp.net.au](mailto:markmoble@isp.net.au) should you wish to reply via that media.

Hoping to see you in October  
Regards, Mark Mobley



**Mal Ritchie** in his retirement has taken up talking on Community Radio on FM 103.3 in Goulburn doing two 4 hours programs a week (Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 12 noon).

Golf and Bowls are still there but not as much energy required here.

**Canberra held a recent Maritime Logistics Dinner at HMAS Harman.**

Attending were past and present Patrons of the Association and President of the Association Lew Horsfield.

L-r Commodore Andrew Smith (current Patron) , Lew Horsfield, Rear Admiral Clint Thomas and Commodore Bob Richards .



**41 Years Ago.....  
Hurricanes Premiers  
- Nov 962  
(Navy News)**

In what turned out to be the most colourful Volley Finals in the history at Melville, the magnificent Hurricanes ran out comfortable winners to the tune of three games to one.

The team:  
L-r Back SA Ives, LCDR Thompson (Patron), LS Sparks, NS McLeod, LSA Whitbread. Front:  
**POWTR Henderson  
and LSWTR Eckel.**



**Les Beresford** recently joined the Association as a Member for Life and **Don Carmichael** renewed his membership for a further three years.

**Are you a member of the Association?** If you are retired or serving Writer/LSMTL-P you can join the Association for \$12 a year or \$110 for life. Why not join now and become a member. Go to our membership page and download a Registration form or you can pay on line without filling out a form.

## *What happened to John Quirk?*

John Quirk was a well known Writer in the 1960's and had a number of write ups in Navy News. If anybody knows what happened to him please let us know. We print a short version of two articles in Navy News in 1962.

### **WTR QUIRK GETS 6-8 - FLEET V NIRIMBA**

Writer John Quirk, bowling with the zest of West Indies express "Wes Hall", brought about the downfall of Nirimba in the match against the fleet. Accruate and swinging the ball, Quirk bundled six Nirimba batsmen out in the first innings for 8 runs, and contributed a handy 34 with the bat. Fleet scored 185 for 7 and Nirimba 73 and 42 in the second innings.



### **Melbourne and Yooralla Home**

The most important function on the 1961 calendar for the ships company Melbourne was held 14 September, when 140 crippled children for the Yooralla Hospital School visited the ship for their annual party.

Our gifts to the school itself were presented by WTR John Quirk, himself an 'old boy' of the school. Wtr Quirk illustrates the efficiency of the schools methods, as after being trained from a crippled state he is now a promising athlete, having represented the Navy at

Australian Rules on three occasions. He is also a member of the Victorian Amateur Athletics team specialising in hurdle events.

Pictured is John Quirk with Paul Ferguson at this years party.