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Incorporating 'The Scribbler'

The committee elected at the 7th AGM held 3rd October 2013 were:

President

Lewis Horsfield

Vice President

Marty Grogan

Secretary

Geoffrey Hardwick

Treasurer

Leonard White

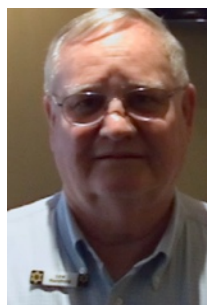
Committee

Frank Carville

James Carroll

Alan Axford

Presidents Report



The 2012 Annual Sydney luncheon was again a success. The AGM was held at this lunch with 17 members attending.

It is with regret that inform the members that 12 of our friends have crossed the bar since the last AGM. In September, I along with four other scribes attended the last rights for our late member John Grantins.

The Adelaide scribes, with success and suffering, continue to enjoy their lunches. The Victorian sub committee under the guidance of Marty Grogan and Rick Bray held a gathering of

old and bold at the Frankston RSL club on Friday 7th December 2012. The Brisbane sub committee organised a gathering of the faithful by Laurie Mitchell, Greg Morrison and Kevin Drinkwater.

In November, the committee agreed on a members lapel badge. This was produced and distributed to "Members For Life" in January 2013. New "Members For Life" will receive their badge when they sign up for life.

The Apple Isle has taken up the challenge under the wing of Bert and Catriona Faella who organised an enjoyable get together in hobart. The 2013 Reunion, held on the gold coast, Tweed Heads was a great success and we thank Kev Drinkwater and Laurie Mitchell for their work in organising the event.

On 7th December I attended the graduating



Graham Brooks in 1964 onboard HMAS Gascoyne

ceremony for the intermediate writer course 1/2012 which is the last course to be called the writer course. On 11th February 2013, I paid a courtesy call on our new patron, Commodore Andrew Smith, RAN.

On 22nd February 2013 the association represented by Mark Mobley presented to ls Jaylene Byrne her award for being the dux of the year in intermediate writers courses. The award was presented at a clear lower deck of HMAS Success. The captain Allison Norris, ran was impressed with the fact that the association was looking after the young and well as old writers.

On 15 May I presented ls Jessica Strachan with her prize being dux of the advanced course for 2012. Also in attendance was James Carroll who is the new member of the committee, taking over from Denis Benfield. On 12 June I attended a dinner with a gathering of scribes and partners from the Townsville area. On 1st August, I attended the maritime logistics community mess dinner, at the Bonshaw Mess, HMAS Harman. On 8th August, the Association was represented by Frank Carville to present to AB Kelly Dalglish her prize for being the student of merit for IWC 11/2013.

The national committee conducted 5 electronic meetings, during the reporting period. That completes my report. Lewis Horsfield President.

From Katrina:

I am hoping if you can help me in any way. A beloved book owned by one of the crew members of the HMAS Melbourne was borrowed by my son and was accidentally put in a charity bin, and I am desperately trying to buy a replacement of the book for him.

I have tried everywhere with not much luck but I have found a picture of it. It is the "Queens Silver Jubilee HMAS Melbourne Spitfire Deployment 1977". And was available to all the crew on the Melbourne. Hopefully you can help, I would be eternally grateful.

Kind regards Kat katfox9@icloud.com

Please contact Katrina at the above address if you can help.

Kate Smith (nee Triffitt) is looking for an Initial Writer photo.

The course commenced 17 Sep 1984 and finished Feb 1985. In the class were:

Instructor: POWTR Brennan. Jackson, Andrews, Fuss, Gilmour, Macmillan, Redpath, Rusworth, Kate Triffitt and Whip.

If anybody can provide us with this picture please send to our email address or post a copy to us and we will return.

Marie Berry who joined in 1981 is also looking for a photo of Writer Class 1A 24Aug81-11Dec81 and Initial recruit photo. Once again if anybody can provide these photo please forward to us. We will return originals if sent by post.



Graham Brooks 2010 in Saigon for his 70th Birthday

Financial Report

RAN Writers Association Inc – 2012/13 Treasurer's Report



Mr Horsfield, fellow committee members and scribes, I am pleased to present the financial report for the RAN Writers Association Incorporated covering the financial year 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013.

The association continues to remain in a healthy financial position. The association had an operating surplus of \$574 for the year. This was due in part to strong membership and income from interest; the surplus was reduced on previous years due to the purchase of new membership cards, membership pins for 'Members for Life' and 'Life Members', and new software to improve bulk emailing. The other main expenses for the year were credit card fees, Writers' prizes and contributions to members' drinks.

The association had in bank at 30 June 2013 \$30,309, and had stock items to a value of \$1,062.

In summing up, I would like to advise the members of the RAN Writers Association Inc that the association remains in a very good financial position at the end of the 2012/13 financial year.

Leonard White Treasurer 10 September 2013

Statement of Financial Position For the year ended 30 June 2013

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Assets		
Cash at bank – Cheque Account	627.51	602.72
Cash at bank – Investment Account	29,682.09	28,959.48
Stock on Hand (38 The Pen is Mightier)	476.90	602.40
Stock on Hand (17 Ties)	493.00	493.00
Stock on Hand (60 Decals)	<u>92.40</u>	<u>140.14</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$31,371.90</u>	<u>\$30,797.74</u>
Liabilities		
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$31,371.90</u>	<u>\$30,797.74</u>

LEST WE FORGET

Edward Ian Alexander HALL

Passed away November 2012. Joined 30th September 1953. R49774. Shore establishments served were Cerberus, Lonsdale, Harman, Albatross, Kuttapul. Sea service Quadrant 29/5/1955 - 19/2/1957, Melbourne 20/7/1959-27/11/1961. Discharged 29/9/1965.



Betty FARQUHARSON.

WR1993 Writer. Served in HMAS Lonsdale and Cerberus 1944/46. Passed away 24 February 2013.

Joy Helen ADAMSON.

WR1407 Writer. Served in HMAS Penguin, Lonsdale and Cerberus 1943/46. Passed away 24 March 2013.

Ruth Ailsa ANDERSON (Elliott)

WR1882 Writer. Enlisted 10 November 1943. Appointed probationary Third Officer on 22 June 1944 and confirmed as such on 22 September 1944. Promoted to Second Officer 1 October 1945. Served at the Port War Signal Station Sydney, HMAS Penguin, Cerberus (OTC) and Magnetic. Died 21 June 2013.



Norma Edith MERRETT

WR1646 Writer Enlisted 18 August 1943 and served at HMAS Rushcutter. Died on 8 June 2013.

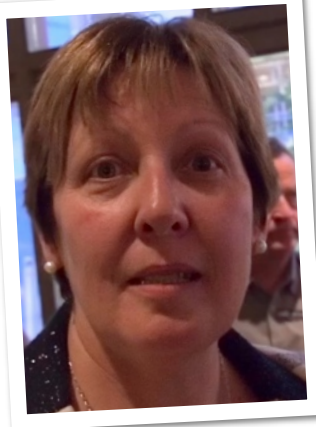


Left - Photo 29/9/2013 at a Naval Assoc BBQ at Southbank, Brisbane.
Ross (Bouncer) Wiseman, Gary (Rugger) Brazier, Gus (Believe Me) Russell, Kev (Thirsty) Drinkwater

Picture Page



Denis and Denise Benfield on the tram to Victoria Peak in Hong Kong. Kevin Cummins and partner Pat, in Holland. 2013



The Sydney Luncheon 3rd October 2013 - Above Mark Mobley, Angie Hillis, Bomber Brown. Left - Marty Grogan, Angie Hillis, Right Ken Roberts.
Below luncheon table.



A message fro Cartrena Skinner - Petty Officer RAN:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the 2013 Navy Blood Challenge Ambassador. I am Petty Officer Cartrena Skinner and I am currently serving onboard Nuship Canberra.

This year the challenge will be run between 1 Sept 13 to 30 Nov 13.

I was fortunate enough to be in Canberra on Fri 2 Aug 13 and joined RADM van Balen for the launch of the Defence Blood Challenge. Navy has come third against Army and RAAF for the last 4 years. I am hopeful that we can remedy that in 2013.

You or your members may already have strong ties with the Red Cross and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you if you are already actively pursuing this challenge within your individual units.

I believe as a service (and the senior one at that!) we are more than capable in achieving a much higher total than the 553 we achieved last year, even with our high tempo and other work commitments.

This challenge is not just for current serving Navy members but extends to the wider Navy family. With past serving members, family, friends and colleagues able to contribute to Navy's numbers by simply stating their donation is on behalf of the Navy Blood Challenge.

I would greatly appreciate if you are able to forward this request to all your members, and hopefully from this we may get another couple of donations.

Every donation will count!

Army achieved over 1100 donations in 2012 and have set their sights on 2000 donations for 2013.

We do need to ensure that every donor completes the "Club Red" paperwork at the donation centre or online to make their donation count for Navy. Can you please ensure all your donors know about or have link for Club Red (below):

<http://www.donateblood.com.au/who-can-give/club-red/join-group>

I greatly appreciate your time and any assistance you can provide. Hope you have a fantastic naval day!

Yours aye
Cartrena Skinner

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