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INCORPORATING THE MARITIME LOGISTICS PERSONNEL BRANCH

Our Patron - Commodore Andrew John Smith, RAN

We would like to congratulate our patron, Commodore Andrew John Smith on being awarded the Order of Australia Member (AM) in the Military Division.

The citation reads: “For exceptional service as a senior logistics officer in Navy, Joint Operations Command, United States Joint Staff and the Defence Materiel Organisation, between 2002 and 2012.

Commodore Smith has demonstrated consistent exemplary leadership and superior logistics knowledge, with strategic vision and refined diplomacy, for the Australian Defence Force over many years. He is an exceptional officer whose dedication is in accordance with the highest ideals and finest traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.”

NOWRA REUNION 2015

Information about the next reunion in 2015 at Nowra can be found in the last pages of this E-news. It is suggested that you make early booking at motels in Nowra.



Vic Venaglia 1969 on HMAS Brisbane - and a recent picture of Vic.



Anthony Irish Vickers currently living in Ireland recently had a heart attack. Chris Bales currently living in London spoke to him on 27 January and advises he is okay.

The editor (British) also spoke with Irish on the 27th and he is in good spirits. He is currently at the Mater Misericordia uni Hospital Dublin. If anybody wishes to have a chat with him, he can be contacted on his mobile from Aust: 011 353 858405476

my Writers on *Melbourne* at that time. Sadly I don't remember any of the guys. My memory is not good for names now.

My best man at my wedding on 5 Oct 1968 to WRAN Steward Gray, was Leading Writer John Grantins from Sutherland NSW. We were both at HARMAN. (Pic right)



Another highlight as PO was the privilege of being Commander Goldrick's "right hand man" when CONS was first created post VOYAGER. Commander Goldrick was another great officer. We got on well - even took me sailing on Lake Burley Griffin. He wanted me to become a commissioned officer.

Leaving the RAN after 9 years, I got a job in marketing at Chrysler Australia and enjoyed a promotion into their export division. Sadly that was to prove a bad move. Due to a financial crunch, hundreds were laid off – "first on last off in the department". I'd been there 4 years but was the last on in Export Division. Retrenched!



Joined TAFE as a clerk at O'Halloran Hill College. No future there so I applied as College Administrative Officer of the 3-campus Kensington Park College of TAFE. Went well for 10 years until money crunching closed the College down. It was on prime land and TAFE needed money for new Tea Tree Gully campus. My college is now houses! I redeployed my staff then took on special projects at TAFE HQ. Wanted to get into TAFE Information Systems Branch (IT). Would have been the way to go!

Just started learning the ropes, when the new Liberal Premier out-sourced all Government IT departments to private enterprise. Too bad they already had staff! This ended my TAFE career.

Took full time job at BBC Hardware and was doing well but BBC was a thorn in Bunnings side and they bought us out and closed us down. Can't win! Short stints at Big W, Tandy and Stratco Mitre-10 didn't last long and I wound up doing several volunteer jobs such as at my local Neighbourhood Centre. Enjoyed that.

Two serious operations forced me to back off. I'm well again now and 71, a man of leisure, enjoying time with my kids and grandkids. Cared for my ageing mother until she died. Now rent a place at Morphett Vale SA. When not gardening, or playing housewife, you'll find me riding my mountain bike. I've had four bikes and ridden them a total of 18,833 KM. As



incentive, I plot the distance on a map of Australia. I've been round Australia, up to Darwin and back as far as Port Augusta. Almost home again. Where to I "ride" next? Hmm! (grin). I still have fond memories of my Navy days and look back on them as the best years of my life. Oh to be young again?!

The Vampire Association is considering holding a 55th Reunion at the City of Mildura from 20/6/2014-23/6/2014.

Accommodation would be a motel package for 3 nights Friday, Saturday and Sunday departing Monday. You can of course book your own accommodation.

Activities:

Friday Meet and Greet at RSL. (Drinks and dinner own expense)

Saturday: Cruise on Paddle Steamer either morning tea or lunch cruise. Own expense

Afternoon Free Time. Dinner-possible half own expense.

Sunday. Could include a visit to the RAAF Museum or Markets and then Sunday afternoon, a visit to the wineries. Lunch and dinner own expense

Monday Depart.

If you are interested in participating, please advise the Secretary Email: ksherwel@bigpond.net.au or Phone: 02 9520 0562

Naval Stores all ranks reunion (includes Victuallers) - Frankston 16 - 18th May 2014 Contact: Cady 0407436 498.

Where are they now?

The following ex scribes have discharged some time ago with no known whereabouts. If you have any information we would much appreciate it.

Thomas Cooper Crawford joined 1952 discharged 1961. Served on Sydney Quickmatch.

Stanley Martin joined 1950 discharged 1956. Served on Anzac 1953.

William Thomas Williams joined 1966. Served on Yarra , Anzac and Sydney. Not known when he discharged.

Edward Earle Sanders joined 1950 discharged in 1956. Served on Sydney and was attached to the Commonwealth 52-53.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR RAN
WRITERS ASSOCIATION
NOWRA REUNION 13-15 MARCH 2015

The 2015 RAN Writers Association will be held in Nowra over 3 days from Friday 13th until Sunday 15th March, 2015.

FRIDAY 13TH

1600 - 1800 Registration. Those attending the Reunion will be required to register at the **Bomaderry Bowling Club**, 154 Meroo Road, Bomaderry.

On registering every couple will receive a satchel which, will depending on orders received, contain:

- Shoalhaven Information
- Schedule of Events
- Coach Timetables
- Church Timetable
- Tickets for the Dinner
- Tickets for the Sunday Lunch BBQ
- T-Shirt
- Name Badges

1800 – 2200. Meet and Greet (\$20PH) at the **Bomaderry Bowling Club, 154 Meroo Road, Bomaderry**, which can cater for a maximum of 400. The cost will include a Hot and Cold Cocktail Menu. Dress is neat casual. Spirits, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase. The Club closes at 12 midnight. Subject to demand a single coach will be arranged in time for Registration and the Meet and Greet.

Saturday 14th

- **Cruise:** 1000 – 1200 and (If required) 1300 – 1500. Shoalhaven River Upriver Cruise, including morning/afternoon tea. (\$30PH). Information is available at: www.shoalhavenrivercruise.com. Individual transport arrangements to Nowra Public Wharf.
- **Tour Albatross/Wineries:** 0900 – 1500. Coach Tour (MAX 57.) (\$50PH). Depart from Stuart's Coaches (02-4421 0332) at 339 Greenwell Point Road, Worrigea, and Nowra Motels, and will include a

narrated tour of HMAS ALBATROSS followed by visits to 3 local wineries. Includes a snack lunch and wine tastings.

- **1800 (for 1830) – 2300 Dinner** (\$80PH) at the **Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre**, Bridge Road, Nowra. Admittance to this event will be by ticket only. Entry cost will include one bottle each of red, white wines and jug of soft drinks per table. Spirits, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase.. Background music will be provided by a quartet from the talented Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra. Subject to demand a coach from Motels will be arranged.
Dress. The dress for this event is uniform or jacket and tie. Medals are optional.

Sunday 15th

1130 – 1500 **BBQ Lunch** (\$30PH) at the **Shoalhaven Ex-Servicemen's Sports Club**, Greenwell Point Road, Worrigeer. Dress is neat casual. Spirits, beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

Coaches. Transport to the **Registration/ Meet and Greet and Dinner**, will be provided at a small additional cost (\$10PH). If you are booking transport then fill in the form on the web site to indicate your pick up point. A coach pickup and delivery routine will be promulgated via email in February 2015. If there are insufficient numbers to fill the coach then you will be reimbursed for your transport payment on the registration day.

General Information

T-shirts (\$35). We would impress the correct sizing of shirts on the Registration Forms as they have to be manufactured and changes in sizes cannot be made. Ladies have been catered for without pockets. Men's shirts will be with a pocket. The colour choices will depend on what are available late 2014. The shirts will have the Shoalhaven Lyrebird Motif with RAN Writers Reunion 2015 underneath.

Name Badges. To assist those whose memories are not what they used to be it is recommended that reusable magnetic name badges be purchased at a cost of \$10. The names will be as per the Registration Forms where you order badges. The 'scribes' name badge is shown left–non-scribes will be plain.

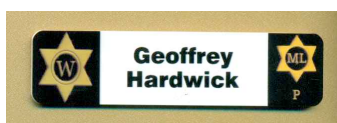


Table Bookings for the dinner will be accepted as “full tables” (10 people) or “part tables”. Those wishing to make up a table, or part table, can do so early by indicating your requirements on the Table Seating Preference Form which can be accessed on our web site under ‘reunion 2015’. Seating arrangements will be shown on individual tickets and a seating plan will be at the Centre entrance

Payment/Registration Forms. Details for payment and registration are as follows:

1. For those using Direct Deposit via your bank. After you have made payment please complete the online form to indicate what you have purchased in your payment. The form can be found under ‘2015 Reunion’
2. For those using Visa/MasterCard online. After you have made payment please complete the online form to indicate what you have purchased in your payment. The form can be found under ‘2015 Reunion’
3. Credit Card by mail. Complete the proforma and forward to: Nowra Reunion 2015, PO Box 4107, Nowra East, NSW, 2541. Please ensure that you complete all the credit card details as shown. The proforma will be shredded after you payment has been processed.
4. Paying by cheque/money order. Complete the proforma and forward to: Nowra Reunion 2015, PO Box 4107, Nowra East, NSW, 2541 with your cheque or money order.
5. Payments should be made as soon as practicable but not later than 1st January 2015.

Receipts

For those that pay online a receipt will be forwarded via email to your address, snail mail payments will receive a receipt via snail mail.

Cancellations

Should for some unforeseen reason/event, you cannot attend the reunion, you will be reimbursed your payment in full. Late cancellations (less than 72 hours before the event) will be at the discretion of the Reunion Management.

Should quoted prices change substantially you will be advised how further payment is to be made.

Contacts regarding the Reunion are as follows:

nowra2015@ranwriters.com; or NOWRA REUNION 2015, PO Box 4107, NOWRA EAST, NSW, 2541

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS NOWRA/BOMADERRY AREA

QUOTE: "RAN WRITERS ASSOCIATION REUNION" WHEN BOOKING

Fees quoted may change slightly

Archer Resort Motel

Cnr Princes Hwy & Kalandar St Nowra 02-4421-5222

reservations.archer@adhgroup.com.au

www.archeresort.com.au

40 rooms have been put aside.

Costs will be: \$125 Bed Only for 2 persons; Bed and Breakfast \$139 for 2 persons

When booking: Pre-book Bed Only or Bed and Breakfast.

Bookings need to be finalised by 1 March, 2015.

Springs Resorts Shoalhaven Sports Motel 131 Greenwell Point Rd Worrigeo

02-4422-4522

shoalhaven@springsresorts.com.au www.springsresorts.com.au

40 rooms have been put aside.

Costs will be retained at 2013 prices: Deluxe Spa: \$205pn; Executive Spa: \$185pn;
Executive Unit: \$170pn.

When booking: Pre-book Bed Only or Bed and Breakfast. Continental Breakfast:
\$15ph; Full Cooked Breakfast: \$25ph.

Bookings need to be made by 12 February, 2015.

Parkhaven Motor Lodge

150 Kinghorne St Nowra 02-4421-6444

phml@shoalhaven.net.au

www.parkhavenmotorlodge.com.au

30 rooms are available

Costs will be: \$160 Bed Only for 2 persons in a twin room; Continental Breakfast
\$10ph; Hot Breakfast \$20ph; 3 Course Dinner \$32; pool available.

Motel accepts senior's cards.

George Bass Motor Inn 65 Bridge Road, Nowra 2541 02 4421 6388

info@georgebass.com.au www.georgebass.com.au

10 rooms available. Cost \$134 without breakfast.

Additional Motels are available if required.

CARAVAN PARKS

Shoalhaven Caravan Village

17 Terara Rd, Nowra

02-4423-0770

shoalhav@bigpond.net.au

www.shoalhavencaravanvillage.com

North Nowra Riverfront Caravan Park

70 Rock Hill Rd North Nowra 02-4423-2488

info@skipark.com.au

www.skipark.com.au

WTR Reunion NOWRA 13-15 March 2015

First name		Aka		Surname	
First Name		Aka		Surname	
Street			City		
State			Post Code		
Telephone			Email		

Item	Description	Cost P/P	No	Total Cost
Meet and Greet	Friday 13th 1800-2200	\$20		\$
Transport to M&G return	Friday 13th	\$10		\$
Dinner	Saturday 14th 1800-2300	\$80		\$
Transport to Dinner return	Saturday 14th	\$10		\$
BBQ Lunch	Sunday 15th 1130-1500	\$30		\$
Tour of Albatross / Wineries	Saturday 14 th 0900-1500	\$50		\$
Shoalhaven Cruise	Saturday 14 th 1000-1200 or 1300-1500	\$30		\$
Shirt		\$35		\$
Please circle size required	Male: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 5XL Female: 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22			
Name Badges	Magnetic – Can be used again \$10 each			\$
Indicate below names required for badges. (i.e. Aka or first name with surname)				
				Total Payable:
Advise below if you have any special dietary needs				

Method	Instructions																				
Cheque/Money Order	Cheque/Money Order made out to "Navy Writers Reunion" and send your completed registration form to: NOWRA REUNION 2015, PO Box 4107, NOWRA EAST, NSW, 2541																				
Direct deposit	Pay into Navy Writers Reunion Bank: ADCU BSB: 642-170 Account Number: 100113636 In the reference field provide your last name. Please complete the online form to indicate what you are attending																				
MasterCard / Visa	For those using Visa/MasterCard online. After you have made payment please complete the online form to indicate what you have purchased in your payment. The form can be found under 'Reunion 2015' Credit Card by mail. Complete the proforma and forward to: Nowra Reunion 2015, PO Box 4107, Nowra East, NSW, 2541. Please ensure that you complete all the credit card details as shown.																				
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