

# E NEWS

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INCORPORATING THE MARITIME LOGISTICS PERSONNEL BRANCH

## NOWRA REUNION 2015

Our last newsletter contained information about the Nowra reunion in March 2015. You can download the Nowra information newsletter and registration for by going to our site under <http://www.ranwriters.com/2015reunion.html>

It is suggested you make a tentative booking early for your accommodation.

**Anthony Irish Vickers** advised us that he “Got out of hospital Wednesday(5th Feb) , still a bit sore from stents but aok. Just wanted to express my sincere thanks to you and fellow scribes for their phone calls etc while out of action, in particular Guy "Buck" Rogers who rang from NZ. **Irish**

**Lest we Forget** - Athol Rose Passed away 10<sup>th</sup> February 2014. Joined the RAN 1933 and completed service in HMA ships Canberra, Australia and Stuart during the pre war period. he was a PO Writer before he became Paymaster SBLT by 1936.



Athol served on Canberra in which he was wounded in action during the battle of Savo Island in august 1942. 84 members of Canberra's ships company were killed and the badly damaged ship was later abandoned and scuttled. After convalescing, Athol filled appointments in the Sydney area before joining the naval base Ladava, at Milne bay, New Guinea. His full biography can found on our web site.

He son Geoffrey Rose said “He was always so proud of his Writer beginnings and his achievements after joining the RAN as one in 1933.”

## Writers lunch Darwin - 12 Feb 14

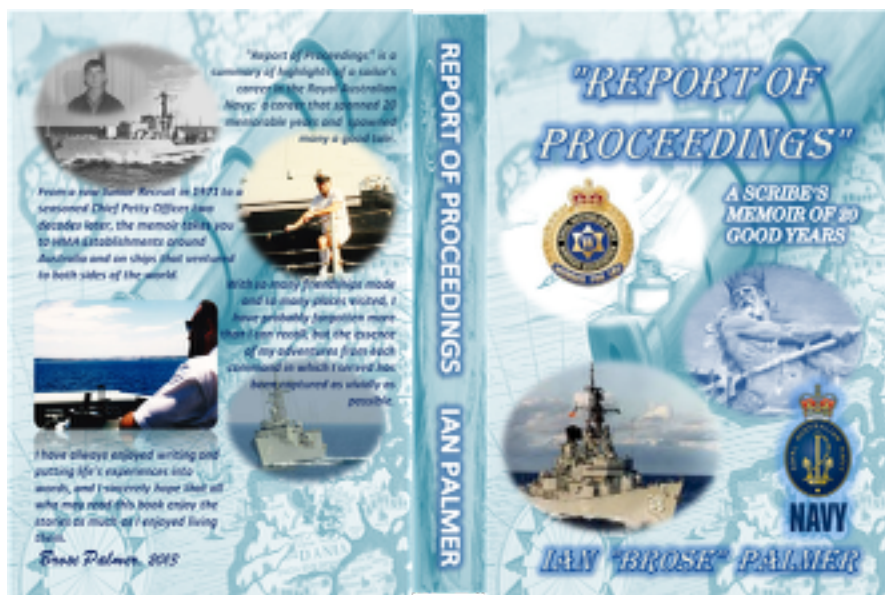
The lunch was organised by ABML-P Natalie Brennan at the local Darwin Magic Wok restaurant on Friday 21 Feb 14. Three old and bold Writers joined three Able Seaman Maritime Logistics Personnel staff from *Coonawarra*. Comparisons were made of the old *Coonawarra*, then located at Berrimah, with the current establishment at Larrakeyah. It was Renee Read's last week at *Coonawarra* after working in most of the Scribe positions throughout the depot. Kate Trezise had just arrived in Darwin so was interested in hearing a little of the history of the branch.

**Photo Names:** Ex WOWTR Rocky Rochford, Ex POWTR Steve Friend, WOML-P Jeannie Roberts, ABML-P Natalie Brennan, ABML-P Renee Read & ABML-P Kate Trezise.



**Ian ‘Brose’ Palmer** - writes his memoirs of twenty years in the RAN and says “If anyone is interested in purchasing my book, here is the link. After you’ve had a chance to read the book yourself, would also appreciate any feedback about the book to kick-off the “book review” section for others to view. Thanks and Regards, Brose.”

<http://www.lulu.com/content/paperback-book/report-of-proceedings/14229745>



## **50<sup>th</sup> 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, 16<sup>th</sup> Mine Sweeper Sqn RAN and No. 5 Sqn (Iroquois) RAAF**

At 0001Z on 25<sup>th</sup> 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. 16<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Snowy Selby.

Anniversary Committee Member.

**LEST WE FORGET**





**50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF EMBARKATION  
GENERAL INFORMATION PACKAGE**

**DATE and TIME of COMMEMORATION**

1100 hrs on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.

**COMMEMORATION SITE**

RAN Museum Heritage site Garden Island Defence Precinct.

**SITE ACCESS**

Ferry from Circular Quay and by Water Taxis.

**COMMEMORATION DINNER**

1800 hrs for 1830 hrs on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2014.

**DINNER VENUE**

**COST per Person**

Club Rose Bay (Rose Bay RSL)

\$50.00

1 Vickery Ave

ROSE BAY NSW 2029

Beverages as consumed

**MENU**

Potato & Leek Soup

Beef Eye Fillet in Red Wine Jus

or

Baked Barramundi

Fruit Salad & Ice Cream

**BANK DEPOSITS**

A deposit of \$25.00 per person, or, payment in full of \$50.00 per person, is required by Club Rose Bay to confirm dining numbers. The funds will be required no later than 30 April, 2014.

Direct Bank Deposits: Commonwealth Bank, Marion, South Australia

BSB: 065-155 Account Number: 1066 7211

Deposits can be made by electronic transfer, or, over the counter at all Commonwealth Bank branches and at Australia Post sites and agencies.

*Ensure you include your name with the deposit and obtain a receipt.*

Organising Committee