

# E NEWS

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## Lest We Forget

**Peter John Charlton** passed away 10th May 2014. Joined in 1961 and retired in 1982 as Warrant Officer. Served at Cerberus initially then Melbourne for 2 years before posting to Lonsdale for the Ikara project. Joined Melbourne Fleet Staff in 1965 and then completed 5 trips to Vietnam on the Sydney.



A brief posting to Nirimba, Waterhen then a posting to HMS Terror in 1969. On completion of that posting he served at Cerberus before heading for Duchess, then Brisbane and his last sea posting on Melbourne which was his favourite ship.

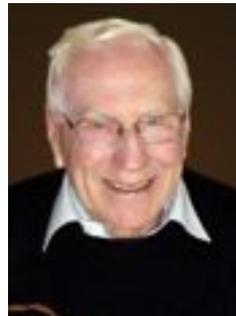
**Victor John 'Rip' Kirby** passed away 14th May 2014. Served from 1956 to 1965. Rip was in the Quiberon, Supply and Hawke and was with the commissioning crew of the Tide Austral (later Supply) in the UK for a few months.

He had the 'distinction' of being the only 2-badge scribe to have failed his 'hook'. Shore establishments included Cerberus, Lonsdale, Penguin and Rushcutter.

**Theresa Anne Hawkins (Nee O'Connell)** passed away 7th May 2014 in Tasmania. Served for many years before she discharged. She was 51 years of age.



**Alfred Bede Calder** (Ex CMDR SDW and Writer) passed away 19th May 2014 at the age of 98. Alf joined the RAN in 1935, spent a number of years on Moresby I 1938-1941 as an AB and LS and Napier 1941-1943 as PO and CPO. He was promoted to Warrant Officer in 1946, and set up the first ever Supply



School at Cerberus in 1947. He retired in 1970 as a CMDR. He worked for the Relief Trust Fund after he was discharged.

Paddy says to Mick "I found this pen, is it yours?"

Mick replies "Don't know, give it here."

He then tries it and says, "Yes it is"

Paddy asks "How do you know?"

Mick replies, "That's my handwriting"

## Nine Months To Go - Nowra Reunion 2015

Time to start booking for the reunion to be held next year. Information about the Nowra reunion in March 2015 can be downloaded from our page:

<http://www.ranwriters.com/2015reunion.html>

You can pay by credit card if you choose. Pay online on by filling in the registration form and posting to us.

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**Brian Barton ‘Dicky’** joined January 1951 for 6 years and served at Cerberus, Penguin, Tarangau, his sea service was in Sydney 1953 - 1954.

**Glenevan Jones** remembers Brian Henry Barton or ‘Dicky’ or ‘Wild Colonial Boy’

“ Dicky Bart was a larger than life character. Every writer had their own story about him. He was known as the wild colonial boy because he had a mouth organ and the only tune he played was the wild colonial boy. Now Dicky Bart was fond of the odd drink 1 3 5 7 9 etc it didn’t matter to him.

The writer’s mess at Penguin was on the second floor and my bunk was against the window on the side away from the door. I would be woken up by tapping on the window and sure enough there would Dicky at the top of a ladder playing away on his mouth organ wanting to come in a second floor window.

Where he got the ladder in the middle of the night was a complete mystery. I was never able to find where the ladder was stored during the day let alone in the wee small hours of the morning.”

**Guy Rogers** who lives in Wellington, New Zealand recently updated his biography. We thank him for the latest update and this can be read on our web site at the following link:



<http://www.ranwriters.com/Biographies/RomeoSurnames.pdf>

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Have you written your service biography yet ? If not, could you make some time to write a few words of your service in the RAN to include on our web site. The web site is becoming a historical place to search for people they knew and where they served.

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### 80th birthday dinner for **Murray Ward.(Ex CO Derwent)**

Murray was Frank’s 1975 Commanding Officer of Derwent. Frank has kept in close contact with Murray for nigh on 40 years and was invited to go to Melbourne for the get together of 22 people, nearly all family.

The dinner was held on 11 April 2014.l-r **Frank Brown**, his daughter Jackie and Murray Ward.





Photographs of ex WOWTR **John Bignell** (middle) and ex POWTR **Ian Stabb** (right). The first was taken in Singapore in 1964 and the second, 50 years later, at *Cerberus*, where Moran Division members were celebrating their 50th reunion. The third member of the group (on the left) is Butch Turvey, from Mitchell, Qld.



### From the President.

A few weeks ago I was contacted by, and later met up with him for Coffee, Chris French – Son of Cliff French Ex CPO who passed away in Manus in 1964. He would like contact with any old Salts who served with Cliff to build up a bio of his service. Cliff was my first Chief when I served in WATSON back in 1960. Contact Chris on: 042 732 7505

### Have we got your photo?

We are missing about 1,629 scribes photos out of 2,347. Please send us your picture. To find out if we have one of you just go to the following link:

<http://www.ranwriters.com/photospeople.html>

One of the first Scribes in the RAN was **Lyell Adolphe Bock** born 22nd June 1908, joined the RAN 16th June 1924. O/ N 14608. He joined Tingira as a Boy2 and posted to Moresby as an AB in September 1925. He did further sea service in Melbourne 1928, Sydney 1928, Canberra 1928 to 1929 (LS).

Promoted PO 1932 and CPO 1936 whilst serving at *Cerberus*. More sea service during the war on Canberra 1939/1940 and Perth 1940, Hobart 1941, Australia 1941/1942.

Discharged on promotion to Warrant Officer 1/2/1946. He had a variety of shore postings as an officer and discharged as LCDR when he transferred to the emergency list 1963.

Awarded the The Order of the British Empire - Member (Military) (MBE) 2nd June 1962. The Citation reads: RAN - Postwar Honours List

### HMAS Vampire - Commissioning Crew Who were the Writers?

The only details so far are the following:

PO Peter John Brown Joined 6/1959

If you can provide us with any details of those that were on the commissioning crew please advise us by filling in our contact form on the web site.

