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## Reunion 2015 - Nowra

Don't forget to get your applications and monies in as soon as possible. All details can be downloaded from our web site at:

<http://www.ranwriters.com/reunion2015.html>

So think about registering and paying for your attendance now. You can register for the cost of \$20 per person and pay the rest later. Refundable if you cannot attend.

**Brian Gorringe** who joined in 1963 and became a Writer is still serving his country. Currently a Captain, and the Defence Attache' for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain and Yemen.

Below he can be seen recently visiting His Royal Highness, the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia. Prince Salman BIN Sultan bin Abdul-Aziz al Saud.



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**Ken Hall** recently wrote to us and said “ In the July edition of the Scribbler you had a small article regarding CPO's on the *Stuart* don't know who was posting Writers at the time but they could not have had much to do. After 8 months on the *Derwent* I was posted to *Stuart* for 5 months from January 1966 to May 1966. I note that Jack Geiger followed me from May 1966 to February 1967. He must also have been impressed. It is a shame they did not not have frequent sailing points at that time for us to gather.

Even though I left the Navy in 1970 after some 22 years its still interesting to read about current news and events regarding the branch. Every so often too, old times from the 50's and 60's get a mention (which is good), even though its in the Lest We Forget category. That news invariably brings back good and happy memories. Seems we never forget those days in the service. Keep up the good work. Ken Hall R37465.”



**By the editor:** Ken also served on *Australia, Vengeance, Sydney, Quiberon*. Completed 21 years service in the RAN.

## Terry 'Brigham' Young



Joined in 1962 as a Junior Recruit. Progressed to CPOWTR, despite risking all badges gold as a PO on a couple of occasions. Subsequently promoted to SD and then later transferred to the General List. Resigned in 1983 when serving as Secretary to the then Fleet Commander Mike Hudson as a LCDR. Career highlights:

All up served from 1962 – 1983 & again on full time reserve service as Sec to NOICJB from 1986-87. Career highlights;

- Entering as a JR and subsequently becoming a Writer, very proud to have been both.
- Posting to ANRUK staff in 1964. The first single Writer sailor to be so posted – think I wrecked it for the others forever. Had a ball and eventually married my English sweetheart Carol.
- Representing Navy in inter-service cricket, soccer, rugby union, tennis.
- Punishment posting to Albatross as a POWTR (had the cheek to tell the Navy Office turks what I thought of their posting policy or lack of). Actually enjoyed birdie land.
- Rehabilitation posting to HUON as Recruiting CPO, great job had a terrific time, mainly playing soccer in the State League.
- Writing the Manual of Administration for the PNG Defence Force on a Joint Service Working Party.
- Spithead Deployment on BRISBANE as LEUT – all work and very little play.
- Serving with the Trinity (CDRE McInerney DGNPS as his Staff Officer); before
  - Another punishment posting this time to Cerberus (upset CNS), which again backfired for them coming out smelling of roses with a CNS's Commendation (new CNS). Despite numerous run-ins with my old mate CMDR SDSU W Tug Wilson including a significant physical altercation in the Wardroom which he won't remember but the XO does.
  - Final deployment as Supply Officer of the fluffy duck HMAS SWAN covering around 27 ports in six months.
  - Sea time on YARRA (WTR 2), DUCHESS (POWTR), BRISBANE (LEUT), SWAN (LEUT/LCDR). Great times, great ships, great Writers, great crews.



Came across a lot of characters with some top mentors, particularly Ray Bragge, George Higgins, John Gamble, Bulldog Drummond & Don Swindells (in UK), Ron Dalglish, Gubby Allan, Jack Markham, etc, etc and some great friends/companions/runners like Eric Okely, Lew Horsfield, Beachball Sharman, Rocky Wells, Neil Churches, Ron Thompson, Marty Grogan, Pat & Mick Scully, Bouncer Wiseman, John Nash, Frank Carville, Graeme Quinn, Les Roberts, Peter Jones and many others. Plus many more acquaintances and young Writers on staff like Kev Whiteway etc who have all added to life's rich pageant and for which I am very thankful. etc who have all added to life's rich pageant and for which I am very thankful. All in all many great memories, very much needed as you get old.

**Bruce Campbell writes:**



“Hoping someone may be able to put a name to the Writer in the photo on the right. He was a groomsman at my wedding in Adelaide in 1954, a last minute fill in as my original choice couldn't make it. Unfortunately with the passage of time I can't recall his name. He was serving at HMAS TORRENS at the time (old depot in Adelaide). I knew him from CERBERUS, would have enlisted in 1951 same year I did.



Not many of my vintage still around. A couple of familiar faces in the last birthday photos - Ron Campbell and Stan Laughlan. I celebrated my 85th birthday last November in the Rehab Ward at the Mater Private Hospital after full left hip replacement . Had spinal surgery in May this year - more metal. Now set off alarm bells at the airport. After all that I can still drive. After 14 years as Secretary of the Brisbane Sub Section of the Naval Association of Australia, I have finally handed over to someone else, though remain a member.”

**Recent photos from Navy News:**



Cake stall at Albatross  
ABML-P Christine Stone and SMNML-P Kirsty Burbidge  
sell cupcakes to raise funds for the RSPCA.  
Photo: ABIS Bonny Gassner.

Right is CPO Cationa  
Faela selling  
merchandise on behalf  
of Legacy Hobart.  
Photo: LSIS Jo Dilorrenzo



**LEST WE FORGET**



Rod Lambie passed away 19th September 2014 at Bribie island. Joined in 1958 and paid off in 1970 as CPO.

His full biography can be read at this link:

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

## ***Attention QLD SCRIBES***

All Scribes are invited to a pre-Xmas lunch at the German Club, Vulture St, Woolloongabba, on Thursday 13th November, 2014, commencing at 1200.

Parking is on site but get there before midday. Buses run from the CBD to Woolloongabba Bus Station (check Bus Route numbers with Translink). Upon exiting at Woolloongabba, walk towards the Gabba Cricket Ground, turn left at Main St, walk 200 mtrs to Vulture St, turn right 50 mtrs and the Club is on the left.

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### **WRANS QLD Annual Reunion Luncheon Saturday 1 November 11.00am for 12pm**

All the details can be downloaded at the link: [WRANS Reunion](#)

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## **Darwin Get Together**



Some of the Top End Writers got together on Friday 12 September to farewell two of their own who were leaving Darwin.

Launa Brew (left) has accepted promotion to POML-P and a posting to HMAS CAIRNS. After almost 4 years in Darwin Launa will be packing her golf clubs and heading to Queensland.

Another Writer leaving Darwin and heading to Queensland after being back in Darwin 14 years was Jeannie Roberts. Jeannie is retiring and moving with her husband to the Wide Bay area. She has already been offered some Reserve days when she wants to come back to the tropics but is looking forward to having more time to do volunteer work in her new community and spending more time with her family.

Group photo left to right - Jeannie Roberts, Gaby Foote, Launa Brew, Monica Jack and Tanya Roberts giving the three fingered Writer's salute.



## Steve Salmon Updates his Bio:



Joined 1971 and trained at a Met Observer , serving at *Albatross* , in the *Melbourne* for SEAD duties, and then the Battle Class Destroyer *Anzac* before finally being convinced to change over to scribe by Marty Grogan. Given that I had an aversion to birdies and the ‘Tross, deciding that being a scribe was more attractive option.

Writers course in October 1974 under POWTR Lou Smith was followed by a short stay at *Cerberus* then posting to *Harman(NO)* DSP in Canberra to work in the Seaman Posting area with Jerry Lewis and norm Leaney. Feb 1976 saw me joined *Vendetta* in refit at Williamstown dockyard with the likes of Bob Baird, George Edgell , Mick Kelleher and Ollie Twist before managing a quick trip up-top. Really enjoyed the time on there but unfortunately things don’t last and I returned to *Cerberus* to work Removals / Housing / Accounts again with George Edgell, as well as Jeannie Brennan (Roberts), Deano Dowling, Nev Harrip and WO John Patison until being promoted to LSWTR and posting to *HMAS Lonsdale* Accounts. Next off to *Hobart* just in time to introduce ‘computerised’ Pay, get promoted to POWTR and take over as Captains Secretary. A great posting with Pete Spalding as my Kellick (then he too got promoted) and Harry Adams as CO. Following return from IO Deployment joined the carrier *Melbourne* to carry out her final de-commissioning, then again off to sunny *Cerberus* for ‘instructional duties’. Spent the next few years moving between Supply School and Management school as an instructor, until returning to the ‘real world’ in *Cerberus* Accounts Office. Involved in the trial and introduction of DEFMIS before picking up my ‘boards’ and spending time at *Kuttabul* as SO(Cash) rounding out with time in the newly created Commodore Training area looking after Supply and Defence Co-operation training. Discharged from the PNF 1991 and transferred to Reserves.

After short stint chasing ‘dole bludgers’ for Social Security, picked up an APS position in – you guessed it - Supply School at *Cerberus*. Initially under the guidance of CMDR Bob Richards, I managed to survive there for nearly 15 years until before picking up 12 months CFTS in DNOP. After working there with Anne Mena I looked into changing over to the darker side, before throwing in the APS position and getting another short contract filling in at *Cerberus*. Decided to take the plunge and accept promotion to LEUT (WOE) in Oct 2009 at the ripe old age of 56 which was a real shock to many, but I had always enjoyed being with Defence and decided this was another area I had not tried. Despite this, with nothing showing on the horizon in uniform I took up another APS with Army at Watsonia Barracks until out of the blue I got a phone call



asking if I was interested in another two years at Cerberus in the 'school of scones' as SO3-Training. That was too good and opportunity to pass up and it has given be a great exposure to the increasing tri-Service environment. Again the have been predominately a great bunch to work with, from all three colours. Currently two thirds through that contract but with nothing showing in the future it looks like back to DFSS Watsonia until I deicide to retire 'again'.

Outside of Defence, have been in a relationship for over 25 years, though I have yet to commit. Between the two of us we have a total of eight grown up children, ten and a half grandkids and one great-grandchild. After about a ten year break, got back into motorbikes and ride with the Vietnam Veterans MC Gippsland Chapter. Enjoy that as the camaraderie is very similar to what you get used to in the Services.

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**Subj: 2014 MONS Cup Rugby Competition – Results**

1. The subject competition was contested at Randwick Barracks on Wed 27aug14
2. Six teams competed for the MONS cup in a two pool round robin Competition.
3. The winner of the pools, HMAS Albatross and nuship canberra, then competed for the MONS cup and benny hill plate
4. In an exciting grand final, the ran rugby powerhouse HMAS Albatross, displayed their well drilled skills to win the MONS cup Against the valiant nuship Canberra team, 15-0
5. MVP for the MONS cup competition was awarded to ABATV Lovett, HMAS Albatross.
6. HMAS Success and the female Allstars competed for the womens MONS cup. The female all stars were too strong for HMAS Success, taking out the trophy 20-7 in a very entertaining game. MVP was awarded to LSPT Seaborn, HMAS Waterhen
7. The fleet commander, RADM Mayer, presented the MONS cup to the winning teams and RAN rugby stalwart, Mr Ron Giveen, presented the MVP awards
8. Well done and thanks to CMDR Hogan for conducting the smart rugby clinic, all the ran physical trainers (ship and shore) who attended and the navy indoor sports centre physical trainers and support staff who made this a highly successful ran sporting event