

E NEWS

A U S T R A L I A N N A V Y
W R I T E R S

MELBOURNE REUNION

It has been decided that we will not be having a Polo Shirt for this Reunion. INSTEAD – as we are having it in an area that can surprise us with four seasons in one day, it was decided that we should have something more appropriate. The feature for this reunion will be a Shower Jacket - see photo below.



A photo of the reunion Logo Badge.

Ollie Twist, who is co-ordinating the Jacket, has offered it to all members irrespective if they are attending the reunion or not. He would like all orders to him by 30 November so the maker can organise the material. Registration form is on the Web Site. Registrations will close 31 December 2016. Registration Form is on Pages

TIME IS GETTING SHORT AS WE HAVE TO CONFIRM THE BOOKING ON THE VENUE. PLEASE FORWARD YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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We are calling for Volunteers to fill **ALL THE COMMITTEE POSITIONS** in this edition. Once again Sheila Bell has volunteered to act as Returning Officer for the election of Committee Members. Please forward your intention to volunteer to:
rasmbell@bigpond.net.au

ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE FOR THE 2016 – 2017 YEAR

Nominations are called for from all financial members of the Association who would be willing to serve on the committee. All positions are declared vacant prior to the AGM. Nominations will be accepted up to Sunday 20th September 2016. The actual voting will take place from Monday 28th September and close on Friday 16th October 2016.

There are seven [7] positions on the committee: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and three [3] Committee persons. At present the Secretary's position is vacant due to the passing of Geoffrey Hardwick. We are hoping that the named position of web master will now be ex-officio and not a member of the committee.

If you are interested in nominating, please advise Sheila Bell, nominating the position you are interested in, via email to: rasmbell@bigpond.net.au. General questions can be forwarded to Lew on 0412001636.

Sheila Bell has volunteered to be the adjudicator for the election. All voting slips will be sent directly to her, **not** to the Association's Committee. Only the final result will be forwarded to the present committee after the voting closes.

VALE

Kerrie Joy Plant [Nee McMullen]

Passed away May 2016. Sorry no photo or Bio.

COMMANDER Warren John Brash

Warren joined during WW2, as a Writer. Over the years he was commissioned and left the service as a Commander.

Ted Coyle



Here is a brief summary of his Service (as supplied by his brother). From 3/5/69 to 2/5/75 service dates:

3/5/69 to 27/7/69 Cerberus
 28/7/69 to 2/5/70 Queenborough
 3/5/70 to 22/11/70 Cerberus
 23/11/70 to 3/1/72 Harman
 4/1/72 to 3/1/73 Duchess
 4/1/73 – discharge Harman



Post discharge from the Navy, Ted spent some time travelling overseas then had a variety of jobs before joining ACTION buses in 1982 as a fueller/cleaner, then moving on to become a driver. After ten years as a bus driver, Ted applied for and was successful in gaining promotion to the role of Transport Supervisor. He remained in this role until his retirement from ACTION in 1999.

EX-POWTR MARTIN MCFADDEN

Sad to say Marty passed away on 31 July 2016. Joined 24 November 1963. R62675. Served at shore establishments Kuttabul, Cerberus and Watson. Sea service Vendetta 64 as LS, Hobart 66-67 and Perth 67-69.

(From Vice President Marty Grogan) He was a former HMAS PERTH DDG Vietnam Gunline Sailor. Of which he did 2 trips. He attended our 50th Year Reunion at CERBERUS in November 2013, and at that time he was not travelling too well health wise at that time. He was promoted to PO in 1970 and looked set for Stardom. However it was not to be and he paid off in November 1972. RIP Old Mate.

CAN YOU HELP**ELAINE FOUNTAINE: SEFOUNTIE888@YAHOO.COM.AU**

Trying to find or locate family members of surname Robinson who served on HMAS Swan II. He had a son Mark Gordon Robinson born 20 April 1962 whose name is engraved along with Michelle Katherine Littleton 7 July 1961 on the inside of the Swan II bell. I am trying to locate anyone that might have information on any of the christenings that took place on board HMAS Swan II or know where the children are today for my records as we know of this bell and where it is located. This would help me tidy up my research, also looking for any photos of the Swan II. Thanks Elaine.

ANDY BEALES LOOKING FOR OLD CLASS MATES:

Andy is looking for members of his Initial Writers Course. Their Instructor was POWTR Mick Scully. The class is celebrating their 35th year since graduating on 28th August 2016.

Members of the class were: Graeme ARTHUR, D.C. BERESFORD, Marie? M.T. DELLA COSTA, Phil P.J. KLEINSCHMIDT, Bill W.R. MUIR Ex AVN, Julie-Ann VAN BEEK, Ronald R.M. WHITE - may have changed to CK.

If you know any of the above please send email to Andy or the scribes email address. Andy is still putting in some Rocky Time: andrew.beales@defence.gov.au. Send email info to scribes@ranwriters.com so we can update your details in our data base.

NOTES FROM MISSING SCRIBES**DAVID MCMILLAN**

POWTR David [Tosh] McMillan has found the Web Site. He is promising to send us a couple of photos and his Bio.

DAVE CARMAN

I would be delighted to receive any more contacts from my Navy days from which I have many great memories.

Please feel free to tell anyone who may be interested that after 25 years in the advertising in Sydney, I sold my company and now have a nice resort on the Island of Espiritu Santo in Vanuatu, married again and have 4 sons 25 to 9 years old.

RAN WRITERS ASSOCIATION INC**2017 NATIONAL REUNION – WILLIAMSTOWN VICTORIA – 3-5 March 2017****REGISTRATION FORM**

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Jacket Half Zip (\$50 each)	Size S, M, L, XL, XXL	Colour	Navy/White Black/White
Stubby Holder (\$7 each)	Number:		
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Name Badge (\$10 each)	NAME:		

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Extract from October eNews #70 - REUNION MELBOURNE 2017 - ONLY 5 MONTHS TO GO!!!! REGISTER NOW.

LATE NEWS: NO NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE WERE RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS. THE PRESENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL REMAIN IN PLACE FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

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ADELAIDE SMOKIE

This is just a friendly reminder that the next SA Scribes Smokie will be held at the Strathmore Hotel, North Terrace , Adelaide, on Friday 21 Oct 16, from 1200 onwards.

The usual fare will be provided (smallie eats etc for a small cost) and the regular tables reserved.

So come one, come all and enjoy each other's company. See you all at the Strath on the 21st.

Cheers, Ajax.

Ajax can be contacted by: alan.axford@optusnet.com.au or 0412448607

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS AND NAMES:

A few months ago, my computer crashed caused by a Microsoft 10 update. Whilst getting the Members list ready to send out advice re voting for the New Committee, I discovered that a few names and membership numbers were missing.

The following is a list of the names and numbers missing:

45 50, 60, 62, 65, 66, 67, 73, 76, 78, 82, 84, 93, 99, 102, 105, 112, 113, 115, 127, 131, 137, 138, 146, 149, 150, 151, 154, 155, 157, 167, 173, 187, 189, 242, 246, 279, 280, 282

If your membership number is amongst those above, then please go to the Web Site and fill in the Change to Details format and send it to us.

Thank you for your help.

SOMETHING TO BRING A TEAR TO [SOME] EYES

When I was young, many years ago - I joined the Navy, why I don't know

I served my pride with Honour and Pride - For this young boy, it was quite a ride

I went to places, I never dreamed - Time went fast, so it seemed

I met people, I'll never forget - And some, I wish I'd never met

But as I think back on those days gone by - My ship, My shipmates, brings a tear to My eye

I didn't know it then, never gave it a thought - But my time in the Navy, could not have been bought

I guess we all feel the same after we're out - The pride we feel, that's what it's about

Having served our Nation, keeping it free - Protecting our way of life, and our liberty

And the friends I made, along the way - Would I do it again? - Any day

And to all my shipmates: Anchors Aweigh

This was passed to me by an OLD Mate I served with - Lew

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