

E NEWS

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

The past few months have been very busy for the Treasurer and myself. We have cracked some of the setup of the association's laptop, but not enough to be competent. We are expecting an expert web publisher to be with us soon so we hope to be more responsive and up-to-date.

To all members who get the print copy of the Scribbler, we are sending this out to you via 'snail mail'. As mentioned earlier, we have found the last copy of the Scribbler that Geoffrey was working on. As soon as we can we will finish that off and get it out to you all.

Sorry about this being late, but the laptop is smarter than me. As a result it seem to dislike what I was writing and wiped the lot out, but do not worry we are getting better at this; it cost me a new computer.

APOLOGY

To Ross [Bouncer] Wiseman. Last newsletter I said he was awarded the OAM in the Australia Day Honours List. I apologise to Bouncer – it was the AM.

MEMBERSHIP

Fees are due again for those memberships which expire on 30 June 2015. May I suggest that you think seriously of taking up the offer of Member for Life membership. Some members who have continued on the yearly membership have or are about to pay the amount of the Membership for Life. Membership fees are a tax deduction as we are a non-profit organisation. Please contact us by email if you want to discuss membership.

NOWRA REUNION

The Reunion in Nowra, attended by some 80 members and guests, was an outstanding success. We were pleased to have our Patron, Commodore Andrew Smith, AM, RAN, in attendance. I hope he enjoyed his time with us as much as we enjoyed having him there.

Below are some photos from the Reunion, including a photo of our Vice President Marty Grogan attaching a Member for Life pin onto our Patron. The committee recently agreed to award each of our Patrons with the Member for Life pin in recognition of their support to the association.



Left - Welcoming committee - Fred Curbishley, Pete Bergin and Kev Cummins

Below left - Welcome to Reunion Dinner by MC Kev Drinkwater

Below - Grace by Steve Sims, guests at table: Mr and Mrs Kel Turner and Michael Kelleher



Above left - President Lew Horsfield with wife Carmel and Patron, CDRE Andrew Smith

Above right- Lew Horsfield welcoming members and guests



Above left and right - President Lew Horsfield, Vice President Marty Grogan and Patron CDRE Andrew Smith

Found Souls

We have been contacted by some of our lost souls:

Les Waterman. Les joined in April 1982 and paid off in April 1993. Extract of his bio and people he served with is as follows (approx dates only).

Writers course – Instructor Jeannie Brennan (Roberts)
 October 1982 – ALBATROSS and server with Pete Sutton and others
 1985 – VAMPIRE with Max Bryant, Steve Russell, Graham Campbell and Greg Johnston
 1987 – PARRAMATTA with Al Hardy, Tony Palmer, Alan (AJAY) Sadler, Mark Bartolo and Wes Intihar
 1989– HARMAN Navy Office Pay Office with Mark Worrall, Lauren Hinson and Jay Hoskins
 1992 – ADELAIDE with Steve Skyring and Jason Petersen

Nigel Hammond. Nigel joined as a JR in July 1973.

Writers course – Instructor Sid King and Ted Parker
 1974 – WATERHEN with Lew Muller, John Bignell and Kerry Small
 1974 – STALWART with Mac McKinnon
 1976 – CAIRNS with John Halpin, John Gagetti
 Then to KUTTABUL (RANTAU) until discharge. Now living in Queensland.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

38th ANNUAL SYDNEY WRITERS LUNCHEON

Mark Mobley is organising the annual Scribes lunch for 30 October 2015. Venue, time and menu is yet to be finalised. If you are in Sydney on that date please come along; all out of towners are welcome. Further details will be advised.

WANT A SEA VOYAGE IN 2016?

I have been asked to canvas members to see if they would be interested in having a 3-day voyage on one of the P&O ships. If you are interested in doing a trip next year, please forward your name, number of interested people and we will chase up details and costs etc.

ALL NAVY REUNION

Past and present Royal Australian Navy personnel are being asked to express their interest in attending an All Navy Reunion at Maroochydore in October 2016.

The event would be hosted by the Naval Association of Australia's Maroochy Waters sub-Section and includes a meet and greet, remembrance dinner, barbecue and reunions.

Expressions of interest should be received by 31 May this year. For further information please contact Sue Meehan at email: sue.meehan@me.com or Bill Hayward at: bloggshayward@yahoo.com

2017 REUNION - SOMEWHERE IN VICTORIA !

MARTY GROGAN IS THE ORGANISER, AND AS SUCH HE WOULD LIKE YOUR VIEW/THOUGHTS ON AND FOR THE VENUE.

THE FOLLOWING WAS DISTRIBUTED AT THE NOWRA REUNION:

SUGGESTED LOCATIONS FOR THE RAN WRITERS ASSOCIATION REUNION MARCH 2017:

HASTINGS/VICTORIA

- MEET AND GREET @ HASTINGS CLUB ON THURSDAY NIGHT. SENIORS/BISTRO MENU RATHER THEN A SET MENU. PLAY GOLF AT HMAS CERBERUS DURING THE DAY. THURSDAY IS MARKET DAY IN MAIN STREET OF HASTINGS. PLAY BOWLS @ HASTINGS BOWLING CLUB. WE COULD PLAY FOR THE GEOFFREY HARDWICK MEMORIAL CUP/MEDAL.

- FRIDAY: FERRY TO PHILLIP ISLAND @1000 FROM STONY POINT. \$12.50 RETURN FOR SENIORS.

- SHOP @ COWES.
- LUNCH @ PHILLIP ISLAND RSL.
- VISIT VIETNAM VETERANS MUSEUM, OPTIONAL PURPLE HEN WINERY TOUR FOR THOSE NOT INTERESTED IN THE MUSEUM.
- 1700 – FERRY BACK TO STONY POINT.
- PRE-DINNER DRINKS @ SENIOR SAILORS AND WARRANT OFFICERS MESS OR CERBERUS GOLF CLUB. DINNER @ WESTERNPORT HOTEL, KINGS CREEK HOTEL OR HASTINGS CLUB. NO SET MENU. SENIORS MENUS AVAILABLE AT ALL LOCATIONS.
- SATURDAY – AM VISIT MUSEUM OF HMAS CERBERUS/SUPPLY SCHOOL
- O/C CATCH TRAIN INTO MELBOURNE FOR VICTORIA MARKET. NIL COST FOR SENIORS. FREE AFTERNOON.
- DINNER @ FRANKSTON NAVAL MEMORIAL CLUB. BUS PROVIDED FROM ACCOMMODATION AND RETURN.
- SUNDAY – AM: BUS FROM HASTINGS TO SEYMOUR FOR VIETNAM MEMORIAL WALL. LUNCH @ SEYMOUR CLUB. SENIORS/BISTRO MEAL. BUS CAN DROP PEOPLE OFF AT AIRPORT ON THE WAY BACK OR SOUTHERN CROSS STATION [FORMERLY SPENCER STREET] INTERSTATE DRIVERS CAN TAKE OWN VEHICLE AND CONTINUE HOME.
- DINNER @ HASTINGS RSL.
- VICTORIANA MOTEL IN HASTINGS [OPPOSITE HASTINGS CLUB] HAS SIXTY ROOMS. TWO CARAVAN PARKS IN HASTINGS. BIG 4 CARAVAN IN FRANKSTON IS APPROX 3 KMS FROM FRANKSTON NAVAL MEMORIAL CLUB.
- ABOVE FUNCTIONS ARE JUST A SAMPLE OF WHAT WE COULD DO.

OPTIONAL LOCATIONS LISTED BELOW. PLEASE CONTACT ME ON 0417 377 763 OR grevillethedevil@gmail.com TO INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCE FOR THE NEXT REUNION LOCATION. THE MOST VOTES FOR ANY LOCATION WILL WIN. THEN I WILL START PUTTING TOGETHER A PROPER PLAN UTILISING RSL's ETC IN THESE LOCATIONS WHERE POSSIBLE.

- MELBOURNE CENTRAL
- GEELONG
- MILDURA
- YARRAWONGA
- BAIRNSDALE
- BENDIGO
- ALBURY/WODONGA
- BALLARAT
- ANOTHER LOCATION.....

BEST WISHES

MARTY GROGAN