

E NEWS

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ELECTED AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Association's Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 30 October 2015 in Sydney. Minutes of the meeting and financial report for the 2014/15 financial year are published on the Scribes' web site in the 'About Us' section.

As there were no new volunteers nominated for the Committee and all members of the present committee had indicated they were willing to stand again for the committee, no vote for the committee was required. Members of the committee remain as:

President: Lew Horsfield

Vice President: Marty Grogan

Secretary: Vacant – awaiting change over to new system before allocating new jobs

Treasurer: Leonard (Knocker) White

Committee Members: Frank Carville, James Carroll, Alan Axford

A special vote of thanks to Shelgah Bell who volunteered to be the returning officer for the elections.

VALE

Col Jones

Col passed away in July 2015. Col was an ex-RN Writer who transferred to the RAN in the 70/80's. He then transferred to the naval police coxswains. When he paid off from the Navy he joined Foreign Affairs and served in Moscow and Beijing for a term.

Greg Gadd

Greg passed away in the second half of 2015. At the time of printing we have not got a confirmed date. Aged 68. Greg joined the Navy on 13th February 1965, and served for his 9 years enlistment.

Greg's sea time was on Sydney and Vampire. Greg was the Writer who took Vampire into dock for its half-life refit. This is when I served with him along with John Barkley and Bones Morris.

His depot postings included: Cerberus, Leeuwin, Watson and Kuttabul.

Two other WW2 vets also passed on during the second half of 2015: - William E [Bill] Blood and J Nelson – we have no information on their time in the service.

FAREWELL NOTE FROM THE PATRON

Commodore Mike Miko, RAN will take over the role of patron on occupying the position of Director General Logistics - Navy on 1 December 2015.

The following excerpt is from a letter that was received from our departing Patron Commodore Andy SMITH, RAN:

“I wish to thank you, the committee and members of the RAN Writers Association for the honour and privilege of being your patron. The Association has and continues to play a vital role in maintaining an active living record of the service of Writers in support of our Navy. Your work provides a tangible link to that tradition for currently serving and our future Navy personnel.”

REUNION MELBOURNE 2017 - Proposed Outline

Marty Grogan has forwarded this outline for the 2017 Reunion. The location will be Williamstown Victoria in the month of March. Dates will be confirmed once the 2017 F1 dates have been finalised.

Friday ?? March:

Lunch anywhere along the strip

1300 Guided tour of HMAS CASTLEMAINE (1942) - Maritime Museum Ship - Gem Pier. www.hmascastlemaine.org.au Meter parking

1700 Onwards

Meet and Greet at Ye Olde Pirates Tavern – The home of the Williamstown Maritime Association. A part of the Seaworks Complex, Rear of 82 Nelson Place near the old Williamstown Naval Dockyard. Ample FREE off road parking. Set in Williamstown's oldest maritime industrial precinct, the Pirates Tavern is unique among Melbourne's tourist attractions where you can sit and watch the ships pass by whilst enjoying a wine or a beer from the bar, listen to great music and relax whilst hidden from the annoying urban crowd.

Saturday ?? March:

Free day. Visit any of the following or just goof off:

- Queen Victoria Market, Melbourne via train, car or ferry
- RAAF Museum, Point Cook. Car only. www.airforce.gov.au/raafmuseum
- Scienceworks, Williamstown. Car only
- Navy Museum, HMAS CERBERUS, Car only
- HMAS CASTLEMAINE. By foot. www.hmascastlemaine.org.au
- Maritime Discovery Centre, 82 Nelson Place. By foot. www.seaworks.com.au

- Organised Bus or Ferry Tour of Melbourne/Geelong if enough interest is shown. www.melbcruises.com.au or www.williamstownferries.com.au
- Aviation Museum (not RAAF). Car only www.b24australia.org.au
- Victoria State Rose Garden, Werribee Park. Car only. www.vicstaterosegarden.com.au
- Werribee Open Range Zoo . Car only
- Werribee Park Mansion. Car only

1800 Dinner at Williamstown RSL, Cnr Ferguson Street and Melbourne Road, Williamstown. Drinks at very very cheap prices. Other venues investigated wanted to charge the earth for drinks and also for the hire of the venue. Catering is by a private firm who do lots of corporate gigs in the area and are very well reported on. Being now Yuppyville, Dogtown knows how to charge. Courtesy Bus available for pick up and drop off to accommodation. Limited on site parking available. NO MUSIC.

Sunday ?? March

Morning. Williamstown Craft Market – Victoria’s Most Picturesque Market. Commonwealth Reserve on foreshore near Gem Pier. Meter Parking.

Lunch; TS VOYAGER inspection of Cadet facilities and BBQ Luncheon. Clubrooms next to Craft Market.

Afternoon; Country and Western Band at Williamstown RSL.

THIS IS A BROAD OVERVIEW AT THIS STAGE AND PROGRAMME WILL VARY AS TIME GOES ON .

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE ARE OPEN TO ANY **REASONABLE** SUGGESTIONS.

HAPPENINGS FROM THE CROW EATERS

Hi Lew,

Thought I might let you know of the happenings within the Land of the Crow Eaters!!

On Thursday 22 October, a gathering of the SA Clan convened at our usual watering hole, The Strathmore Hotel on North Terrace in Adelaide. The reasoning for this get together was to welcome some interstate visitors.

The 1963 (whole year) HMAS LEEUWIN Intake were holding a reunion at the Morphettville Racecourse over the weekend of the 23rd to the 25th and we as a group thought it might be a good idea to invite those who were members of the Writer Branch (of that intake) to come and see how we South Aussies party on. That invitation was taken up by the following:

James Carroll from (in Jim's words) "Beautiful Far North Queensland";
"Rugby" Ron Giveen from NSW;

James Harris (Father of Ryan Harris, the just retired Australian fast bowler) who we did not know was a domiciled Adelaidian; and

Alan (Wettex) Curtain, from Bendigo, Victoria, also came across for the occasion.

Those from Adelaide in attendance were:

Brian (BJ) Tucker,

Pete (Pedro) Simpson,

Greg (Junior) Kinnear,

John [Chuck] Trafford,

Dave Keig,

Mick Feutrill,

Jim Tester,

Trev Atkins, and yours truly, Ajax.

A great day was had by all, with many a tall tale being told of years gone by. No doubt our interstate visitors enjoyed themselves, for it was way past 1800 before the stragglers began to leave.

Cheers, Ajax.

LOOKING FOR LOST SCRIBES

Gay Pinch [nee Pettifer] has submitted this photo of two of the girls she joined up with and who were also Writers.



On the right is Heather Southan and the left is Nancy Clarke. If you can help Gay make contact with the two ladies please advise the association (scribes@ranwriters.com).

NOTE FROM MICK BOYD

I have re-commenced Advocacy and Pensions work with the Queensland RSL (Veterans' Services) in Toowoomba. I was made an offer I couldn't refuse. I can be contacted on: 07 4687 4906 or 0428 249 140

Just ring the above to make an appointment or send an email to: michael.boyd@rslqld.org

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MESSAGE FROM RANKIN N.A.A.

This is a windscreen decal I have designed for myself and thought others may like to have one, so in order to print these at a cost effective price I need to have 100 orders. This will be on multiple Facebook pages. All proceeds will go to the Rankin Sub-section of the NAA.

The decal measures approximately 460mm x 100mm and is on a black background as shown in the picture.

The cost is \$17.50 each or 2 for \$25.00 including postage within Australia.

Once the numbers have been reached I will have them printed. Email me if you are interested so you can be added to the list.



STEVE YOVAN - sgyovan@gmail.com

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GALE FORCE

BY IAN PALMER

Paperback, 428 Pages

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