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NSW Writers Luncheon—24th Oct 2003

Lew Horsfield Chairman

The Sydney Writers advise they will be having a Lunch on 24 October.

Place: City of Sydney RSL Club, George St. Time: 1200.

Cost: \$30 per person, which includes main meal, dessert and wine and orange juice on Table.

Confirm Attendance [with payment for lunch] by 10 October 2003.

Cheque payments to Mr Jim Atkinson, Level 4, Maritime Headquarters, 14-18 Wylde Street, Potts Point NSW 2011. Cash Payments to Bomber or Mark.

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Adelaide—2005

From Brian Tucker—
The arrangements for the 2005 reunion are coming along nicely. Here is an update on progress and some ideas of the concept. Expressions of interest were to give us some idea of what you wanted—so far we have had 71 replies

Going on the feedback from the Canberra reunion, most popular aspect was the ability to have functions and accommodation in the same venue and we are working along the same lines. Ray Sexton has taken this task and it would appear that the City (CBD) or Glenelg, a seaside suburb about 10K SW of the city is the other choice. The Friday Night Smoky, for want of a better word, seemed

very popular, at which eats are a must, to date 113 have indicated they would attend. Friday would be Registration (free) and a Reception (paid), after this, hopefully a bar, would remain open for as long as it takes. Registration is the domain of the administrative group including Dave and Pauline Rickard, Chris Watkins and Gordon Coucill. Souvenir merchandise convenors Mick Kelleher and Alan Axford. Polo Shirts and Caps are again popular, but few suggestions for other items. Saturday activities. I am looking after this activity, and it would look like both AM and PM half day trips have attracted 26 for each trip. Those opting for full day will be ca-

tered for. Races have attracted 27, tickets for this will hopefully be gratis. John (Chuck) Trafford will organise a golf day (10 so far). The GIRLS ONLY lunch has attracted 10 so far, Helga Jongeward, who is secretary, along with her ex WRAN associates are looking after this.

Saturday evening—dinner dance (details will be published with the brochure, detailing all events and costs). 138 have indicated their interest.

Sunday Afternoon BBQ -"Tiny" Ted Ozols has been issued with a list of criteria all of which revolve around Cheap Grog. 115 Brave souls have shown interest. Barossa Wine Train on Monday has attracted 81! The company running this venture has joined Ansett, HIH, One Tel, and their

buddies. However, Barossa Tourist assure me if not the train then a coach trip to Tanunda will be just as exciting, and less expensive.

Now all you Corporate High Flyers out there, who would like the naming rights, or to direct some advertising budget this way, all negotiations confidential. You have all heard of Clark Kent. He was a newspaper WRITER so it would be kind of appropriate to have the DAILY PLANET 2005 WRITERS REUNION, come to think of it may be a good venue for our Victorian brothers when it is their turn. Please contact me direct at bejaytee@senet.com.au or 08 83583349 by anyone with any queries about accommodation, Caravan Parks Units etc

Canberra BBQ Sunday 14th September—The Canberra Committee propose to hold a BBQ at Nara Park. Rear of Hyatt Hotel. Make it a family outing. Bring your own BBQ and drinks—we will find the coins for the BBQ. If you live in the ACT or regional NSW and interested please advise us your attending to Lew Horsfield via email lhorsfie@bigpond.net.au or call Lew on 62558473 or Terry McHarry 62925588

Legendary Doug Higgins

One of the Legends of the Writer Branch was recently honoured with the Award of an Australian Centenary Medal for services to the ex Defence Community and Community service in general. None other than ex Warrant Officer Writer "Uncle" Doug HIGGINS who is the President of Sebastopol (near Ballarat) RSL. Congratulatory messages can be forwarded to him at his email address of dougbev@bigpond.com.

People News

Tilisa Collings is trying to get in contact with Sharyn Locklier. Tilisa knew Sharyn from early days at Cerberus. She kept in touch for a while after, but has lost contact over the last year or so. She would dearly love to reach her, so if anyone out there knows her please advise us scribes@ranwriters.

David Lefrancke says "I am trying to find out any information or maybe people that knew my father when he served aboard HMAS Moreton, his job was a stoker, it was his last posting before being discharged on the 10 th of May 1946, his name was Eric John Lefrancke, he passed away in 1967 when I was very young, I think he may have been on other ships during WW2 and would dearly love to find out which one's. My mother has some pictures of him with the crew, but I can't make out which ship it was taken on. I live in Brisbane and any info you could pass on to me would be very much appreciated. David Lefrancke [lefranke@gil.com.au]

Ronda Rose (nee Nielson) ex POWTR / CPOWTR (Reserve) W11727 Would like to get in touch with and keep in touch with people she served with. Full time service 1974 to 1986. Now living in Mansfield, Brisbane. Did Writers course with Nola Wallington and Sue Theodore. Advanced course with Andy Hobbs and co. If you wish to contact her please email us at scribes@ranwriters.

Anthony Edward Carrig Mullen Ex Wtr —Johanna Mullen is doing family research and is looking for her fathers cousin Anthony. He was born in Barmera, SA and served from 58 to 64 and 65 –71. If you information contact Johanna at honeyhanni@hotmail.com.

Bob Alexander—Bob is on the road way to recovery after a long illness and lots of chemo. He sends this message:
Maria, Kris, Kim and I wish to thank everyone who sent their messages, emails, letters and phone calls offering support in what has been a battle this past seven months. Although I am not out of the woods yet, still awaiting final confirmation that my bone marrow is "normal" (some would say not a word associated with me) the prognosis is promising. I will keep you posted on any updates further down the track. Once again our heartfelt thanks for the get well wishes from you all.
Further, our condolences go out to Mick Kelleher in this time of sadness. Regards, Bob, Maria, Kris & Kim Alexander

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We wish all military personnel well on their current deployment

Greetings Fellow Scribes. Information has been received things are starting to gather pace in South Australia. Chairman B.J. Tucker has advise that he has advised the South Australian Scribes of the date for the meeting to organize the Committee for running the 2005 Reunion in Adelaide. We, the Canberra Committee had a very fruitful meeting with BJ and his wife Joy, late January and hopefully sent him away with a lot of useless info for you all in Adelaide need to take onboard. I hope as many as can possibly make it, get along to the Meeting and help elect the people you think will be right for the many positions that need to be undertaken to ensure that the 2005 Reunion is just as good or better then the Canberra one. You have all been very helpful in the rounding up of a lot of our Lost Souls. We must have received more than 50 additional names after the Canberra Reunion and these have all been added to the Data Base. Plus on the positive side, people are still finding the Web Site and contacting us. The Central Committee here in Canberra must also applaud you for advising us quickly of your change of addresses as they have occurred. We still have about 180 names on the Missing List, so please do not add to it by not informing us of your change of address.

We have been particularly pleased with the continued interest in the Web Page. I would like to take the opportunity to remind you to continue to support the GPM Shop for all your Sharp products and the Military Shop for all those special gifts that you may want to purchase. Remember we get a percentage of the total sales from these two outlets made in the Associations name. This brings in revenue to keep the Web Site running and other miscellaneous expenses that we incur on your behalf. If anyone would like to purchase some Glasses, both wine and spirit, a Shoe Pack Bag, please contact us. Please send your orders to us at this web page.

Rumor has it that "The Mexicans" headed by Marty and Peter are looking at the possibility of having a local reunion later on this year, and that the Sydney crew are looking to have a Lunch soon. Keep your eye on the Web page and as soon as we are advised of the dates etc we will post it on the Web Page for you.

We are still looking for someone in the Nowra area to keep track of all the Scribes in that area. Anyone who would like to help the Central Committee out in this regard, please let us know through the Web Page.

Keep spreading the word and keep in touch. Cheers. Lew Horsfield
Ex- CPOWTR [1959 – 1979] Chairman, RAN Writers Association Central Committee.

Canberra talks

Greetings Fellow Scribes from Central Committee in Canberra

On behalf of the Canberra Committee I bid G'day to all those who are getting this first 'Mail Out' for 2003. We will have 2 mail out's a year until our finances are better. I am afraid we cannot do it any better then this. [We are only too happy to accept any donation – small or large to help us] If you are recently "New to the Net" then please contact us through scribes@ranwriters.com and supply us with your email address so we can pass information to you via the electronic media, thus saying us money in postage.

There is a National Navy Reunion under way to be held in August 2004, in Sydney. This should be an enormous event and I have asked Jim [Bomber] Atkinson to represent us to the Organising Committee in the program. We have received their webpage details; can be found at nationalnavyreunion2004.org.au I am hopeful that the NSW Section of our Association will be able to act as "Defacto Hosts" for us and possibly organize a Lunch while we are visiting Sydney.

The SA Committee has been busy and organising themselves for 2005. We have all been asked to submit an "Expression of Interest" to attend the reunion by BJ and his Crew. On the Net it can be downloaded from the Web Page – for those receiving this by normal mail a proforma is in-

cluded.

The search for missing people goes on, but the list is getting bigger. But on the other hand many more Lost Souls "that everyone seems to have forgotten about" have been finding us and recording their details. In a lot of cases we are still remembering names, but their whereabouts still remain a mystery. Keep looking good people so we can round up the strays.

We still have some items left over from the Canberra Reunion. Remember if you want some of these items then please get in touch with us, and we will be only too glad to supply you with them.

We are, if sufficient interest is shown, thinking about organizing a RAN Writers Association Polo Shirt. These will have the Crossed Quill Logo and the Writer Star on it, but no oval surrounding the Quills etc. Under the logo we are adding the words – Ex Serving & Proud of it, or, Serving and Proud of it. We need an order of about 200 to make it a viable enterprise for us to do. These would be an excellent shirt to have for the Reunion in Sydney next year. If you are interested then please send us your order, Size, Color and Number required via email or post. Cost about \$25. Hope to catch up with you soon at one function or another.

Have you provided us with your biography?
We are looking to make this site an historical site with information on all Writers. Send us your details via email or letter

People News

Greg McNae left the RAN in 1988 and is now living in SE Qld 3 acres with partner Lisa and twin girls Teejana and Rhiannon.

John Pedder ex LS works as a Barrister & Solicitor in Launceston Tasmania.

Monica Roberts is doing two years CFTS in Darwin working with the Patrol Boat Group in preparation for the introduction of the new Patrol Boats.

Wayne Whitby left in 1989 and is currently Chief Financial Officer for an insurance company on the West coast USA about 1 1/2 hrs from San Francisco.

Kerry Fenton served 60-69 and after 22 years at beautiful Lennox Head in northern NSW is relocating to Maroochydore to be closer to "the kids".

David Haley is in Defence working in Naval Personnel Training Centre as the Finance Officer looking after sailors and officers undertaking study via CSS or DASS.

Shirley Makin has a son, Richard, born 1985 and now live and works in her old home town of Miles, QLD.

Brigitte Milligan CPOWTR is presently serving as the CPOWTR in HMAS Canberra.

Stu Fogo is running the Cannon Park Motel at Worree (Cairns)

Brian Wedlock is building a new house and roughing it in an old farmhouse at Murwillumbah.

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'BRAVO ZULU' On behalf of the Central Committee I would like to say to you all "TAKE A BOW" for the sincere show of support you have made in recent months to members of the Writer Family who have experienced personal difficulties. I sat back and watched the messages of support flowing to Bob Alexander and Mick Kelleher, and thought this is great, this shows we really do care about the people, that were for so long part of our lives in the Navy. This is one of the reasons why we set about to form this association. With thoughts and feelings as shown we can only get stronger in continuing our friendship. Lew Horsfield Chairman, RAN Writers Association.

Vales

Chief Med Geoffrey Walker – July 2003 – served from 1966 to 1986 – was manager of the Frankston RSL until retirement last year.

Warrant Officer Communications Edward Ted Pretty – passed away in Canberra 5th June 2003. We had numerous messages on the web site passing on their condolences to Mick.

Elisabeth Kelleher, partner of Mick Kelleher passed away early June 2003. We had numerous messages on the web site passing on their condolences to Mick.

R.A.N. WRITERS REUNION ADELAIDE 2005 30 September (Friday) - 3rd October (Monday) EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND SURVEY

To assist in further planning for the 2005 reunion, you are invited to complete the following questionnaire. Please indicate as appropriate.

ORGANISED FUNCTIONS

Indicate Your interest - Yes or No

Reception – Friday
Dinner Dance – Saturday
Barbecue – Sunday

BADGED SOUVENIR MERCHANDISE

Indicate Your interest - Yes or No

Polo Shirt
Cap
Other Items (Please suggest)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Indicate Your interest - Yes or No

Half-day tour- AM Saturday
Half day tour – PM Saturday
Full day tour - Saturday
"Girls only" lunch - Saturday
Attend races – Saturday
Golf – Saturday
Bowls – Saturday
Barossa "Wine Train"- Full day **Monday**
Other Items (Please suggest)

Name: No Attending.....
Address:
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