



The Scribbler



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Presidents Report – Lew Horsfield

Greetings Fellow Scribes.

Good news – we have received permission from the Minister of Defence to officially use the title 'RAN' and 'Royal Australian Navy' in the Writers Association title. Letter appears later in the newsletter.

Sad news, I have just finished reviewing the list of Deceased Members. Regrettably, the list is growing, not always by the "Older Scribes" either. A list of those we know we have lost in 2004 is in this newsletter

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR ADELAIDE YET?

Name Badges for Reunion.

Even if you are unable to attend the Adelaide Reunion, prepare yourself for the one after that by

ordering your name badge and that of your partner/spouse now. Cost is

Our web site has
nearly reached
100,000 hits! – In
just over 3 years

\$10 each posted to you [if you are not attending]. A case of more the merrier, or cheaper in this instance. The Name Badge will be used for all future reunions, whether they be National or State. Use the Registration Form to submit your details.

Writers Tie



Many of us may not wear a tie all the time but this Writers tie can be used for any special occasion like Anzac Day, reunions, weddings etc

The tie is currently in the design mode with a Canberra company and will be available from us in April-May this year.

The cost will be approx \$35 pp.

Further details will be advised

RAN Writers Inc – By the time you receive this newsletter the Association will have been incorporated. Details on how to become a member of the association will be promulgated shortly in 'Daily Orders'(new section of web site).

Harold Alexander Hodkinson

Last edition we asked who knew Harold who started the Cerberus Journal in 1925. Graham Cleverly writes “ was probably the same person who was FOCAF's Secretary in 1958/59 when I served on FOCAF staff as a leading scribe. The name matches and 'Hoddy' as he was known to other senior officers started his career as a Writer, was commissioned some where along the line, and retired as a Commander about 1960. He was noted for his long association with Rear Admiral Harries, being Harries' secretary when Harries was a Captain, and later during Harries time as an Admiral. “

Donations -The National Writers Association needs funds to produce this newsletter, maintain the web site and associated costs. Donations can be forwarded to: PO Box 5020 Chisholm ACT 2905. Thank you to the following Scribes who have forwarded donations to us since Oct 2004: Graeme Quinn, Helen and John Nash, Ted Golding and John Wilson.

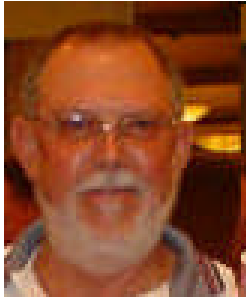
A true story ‘I was posted to MELBOURNE but on the day that I joined the posting was amended to MELBOURNE Retinue (Hoddy had taken a dislike to Spencer Mansfield and arranged for me to be swapped with Spencer). Following a resultant mix up over watch bills I was charged with improperly leaving being shown on daily orders as the ship's duty writer when I did not belong to the Ship.

The OOD placed me on the Commander's Report - the Commander was Brian Murray. When Hoddy heard about it he ordered me to stay in the office and not to go the Commander's table. Commander's requestman and defaulters started with a pipe being made for me to report to the quarterdeck, the pipe being repeated every five minutes. Every time the pipe was made Hoddy bounced out of his cabin and told me to stay where I was. The Master-at-Arms arrived at the office and ordered me to get to the quarterdeck. Hoddy promptly arrived on the scene and told the joss man that (a) I was not going to the quarterdeck and (b) ordered the joss man to remove himself from the office. The inevitable happened and Commander Murray arrived on the scene. He and "Hoddy" had a set to in Hoddy's cabin with Murray saying as he was leaving that he would see the Captain about this matter to which Hoddy replied that he would take the matter up with the Admiral if necessary. I never heard anymore about it - just as well MELBOURNE is no longer in Commission, her records probably still have me listed to appear at the Commander's table.

Scribblers News—We heard from.....

Anthony Malouf is now living at Moonee Ponds Victoria.

Michael Davis PO Writer Instructor at Cerberus says I have just finished reading the latest edition of 'The Scribbler' and would like to thank the committee and contributors for their time and patience taken for submission to the newsletter. It was good to see current members joining their older counterparts in adding items. A very good read!



Jeff (Budda) Wake (left). Known by this name to ex NAKINA 63 JR's. Posted to FOCAF registry late 1966. [Bob Baird LWTR, Mick Compton POWTR were the supervisors]. Then QUEENBOROUGH and LEEUWIN pay office with reprobates like Guy Jennings, Peter Horrocks, Jo McGrade was the LWTR and Charlie Campbell was the CPOWTR.

Posted to WARATAH in January 1969 with POWTR BJ Tucker, LWTR Alan Henderson. After retiring got a job with the Western Australian Government Railways and did 26 years with them. My current hobby is a Pensions Officer with DVA and help Veterans' process their Disability Claims.



Les Dwyer (left) who is a National Vice President of the Naval Association of Australia, Webmaster for the NAA and National Pensions/Advocacy Coordinator. He assisted Nobby Clark and his family before his recent death.

Heard **Jim Smail** is in Minnesota, USA and has been in Apple Valley for a couple of years. He and Cathy are doing fine. He and Cathy went to Scotland in October for 16 days. During this time they travelled down to Gosport to see an old R.N. Scribe whom he served with when he was over in the U.K. at HMS DOLPHIN.

John Link found our web site—spends plenty of time yacht racing.

Alex Drakopoulos lives in Camberwell, Victoria—he joined in 1994 and served in HMAS Brisbane, Cerberus, Albatross and Simpson's Barracks.



Jim Carroll (left)(CPO) has announced his retirement from 9th February 2005 after 41 ½ years service. Intends living in Malanda north Queensland.

Robert 'Brocky' Brock is living in Waikiki, WA



Scribblers News—We heard from.....

Jim (Gus) Harris (left)—Geoff (Hardwick) visited Gus and wife who are now living in Temora —he moved from the south coast due to his health. Bought his own home and enjoying updating the house and garden. His roses are quite a show piece. He sends his regards to all. Call him when you are passing through. Telephone: 02 6978 0336

Susan Johnston of Adelaide — was in WRANS Recruit Class 61 of 1962 and others in her training group were Meg Yeow, Penny Protheroe, Georgette Lovell and Robyn Baker. Trainer was Lieutenant Ian McDougall. She would like to get a class photograph of that class. If you can help contact us.



Pat (Patricia) McKay (Nee Walsh)(left) is now living in sunny Queensland. She is secretary of the WRANS subsection of the Naval Association in Queensland - a percentage of our members were writers, and any contacts from exWRANS would be most welcome - patmckay@optusnet.com.au

Peter Grieve and Lyn Grieve (Nee McClelland) currently live in Naracoorte SA. Peter served form 1972-79 and Lyn served 1971—1982. Lyn was a LWRWRST and was probably one of the last to leave the Navy. She served for the Chief of Naval Staff for 8 years as his Steno/Sec and would have worked for a number of Admirals.



Mark Rotherham dug out some old photos one of these below is the Pay Office HMAS Melbourne 1980 Back l-r - Mark Rotherham, Mark Worrell, Rick Bray Front l-r Greg Watson, Rudi Suckow and Doug Robl.

Anthony Pyne (POWTR) is currently serving at COMAUSNAVSYSKOM. He will be leaving the Navy after 24 yrs service on 4th July and moving to Qld.

Leanne Hopf (nee Hay) and **Tanya Maree Dwyer-King** have joined the staff of US Embassy Canberra along with John Biggs and Tony Freebody.

Reg Kemp—served in the Branch 1939—1945—currently 85 years of age and living in Toowoomba.

Scribblers News—We heard from.....



McLean, Coral Lee (nee Cottenden) (left)

These days Coral is now HR Manager at the Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources. She recently completed a Master of Public Policy at the Australian National University in 2004.

Greg Kingsford – he served from 1973 to 81 and paid off as a LSWTR. Lives in Victoria.

Frank Brown and his wife Lan have settled in Tasmania. They are on 4 acres, just 3 minutes inland from Ulverstone.. He hopes that sometime in the future they might see some of you on your travels. There is a mountain of room for the caravan and he has plenty of electrical leads, or there are the two upstairs bedrooms. His phone is: 0364252227.

Do any of you 1964 blokes remember a young Ord [JR] by the name of **Brian Gorrige**? You may have heard his name crop up now and again over the years, as he continued his not insignificant Naval Career. You will be pleased to know that he has now scaled further heights. In the very near future our Brian will assume the post of Australian Defence Attache for Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain. And to help him along he is being given another ring to add to the already overstocked sleeve, being promoted to Captain, no less! A remarkable achievement Well Done Brian – by John Campbell extract from Vampire association newsletter.

Laurie Nobby Clark By Anne Mena—Leut RAN Ex WOWTR—I will always remember him as Chief Clark, he was there when I went through category school, and then at DSP on my first posting (when POWTR Pat McGowan was there). He was always jovial and kind. He never had a bad word to say about anyone. It was a little challenging being a female in the Navy back in 1981, but I remember Chief Clark was always an absolute gentleman and made sure 'us girls' were not unfairly treaded



Mark Mobley sent his biography – Joined in 1967 and advises he will stay until compulsory retiring age in 2011!. Has fourteen grandchildren and two more on the way.

Dianne Klimpel (nee Harris). Joined the WRAN's as a writer in January 1970 and paid off in January 1974. Currently residing in Cairns, North Queensland.

A story of LSWTR Wog Watson (By Richard 'Dick' Gottschalk- right)

When I think of Writers who have gone to the big pay office in the sky - a legend was LSWTR Watson (Wog), a real character. I left Supply school in 1964 as a Writer 2 and was posted to the Junior Recruits SC section under LS Wog Watson. On entering the dingy little office building at Cerberus I was confronted by the Wog sitting at his desk sucking on a ice block and it was only about 8.15am, most other people were having a brew. After introductions, I was assigned to my desk, if you call it a desk, and surveying the situation I spotted this dirty big fly about a inch across splattered on the wall with green texta circle around him and the word "got im".



Then I spotted all these incomplete Service Certificates, piles of them, all over the floor all stacked in neat rows, all still with the docs from the recruiting states inside. The Wog quickly explained how to fill them out and set me to task. In those days we had 2 divisions of JR"S at Cerberus (120 in each Div) and 2 intakes.

When I started on the SC's they weren't the last intake, they were the one before that, these things were 12 months old. Being a raw bone I didn't know the difference and as such I was working with posting notes 12 months old. By this time these sailors had gone, been posted elsewhere, and some even back to Cerberus. By now, I was becoming really experienced and Wog would allow me to see the RSC Signals (a real insult in those days to the recipient) from various ships wanting to upgrade the respective sailors SC's history.

So off I would send them, passed swimming test, passed Junior Recruit Training, passed first aid, you name it, they all passed everything according to the Wog. Leave taken was a bit of a problem so Wog said "just put in there "all leave taken" sign all the necessary areas and send them off. All the JR's SC were originally signed R. Gottschalk Writer 2 and probably the only and last time that ever happened

Breakfast was great in the office every morning. After Wog had his ice block he punched a couple of holes in a tin of baked beans or spaghetti , tied string around the tin and lowered it all into the coffee urn to heat up

Wog took me fishing one night to Hans Inlet. We were flush with stubbies and had just settled down on the bank, rods set, when we heard this rumbling sound, and in the same instant we both saw Wog's car rolling into the sea. The car was only about 10 ft from Wog but he didn't make a move, only to have another sip from his can, then turned and said " You can tell the A/Sec III be late tomorrow" We stayed until we finished our cans, and , as the moon got up you could see it reflecting off the top of Wog's nearly submerged 1948 Holden.

One last thing I got to sucking ice blocks with Wog at 8.15 am every morning and I can assure you there's nothing like a rum and coke ice block just after colors to get the day started correctly.

Official Defence approval to use 'RAN' and Royal Australian Navy' in our name:

"From: Senator the Hon Robert Hill Leader of the Government in the Senate Minister for Defence

22 DEC 2004

Dear Mr Horsfield

Thank you for your letter of 3 December 2004 requesting permission to use the words 'Royal Australian Navy' and the letters 'RAN' in the title of your Association. I am satisfied that your Association will reflect credit on your members and the Royal Australian Navy. Your application is approved.

I am pleased to have been of assistance to you in this matter.

Yours sincerely - Robert Hill- Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600

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RAN WRITERS ASSOCIATION INC

The RAN Writers Association will now incorporate in the next few weeks. Founding members on the committee are as follows:

Lewis Horsfield President and Treasurer
Geoffrey Hardwick Vice President and Public Officer
Denis Lyons Secretary
Frank Carville Committee Member
Marty Grogan Committee Member
Brian Tucker Committee Member

After incorporation, serving and retired writers will be able to apply for membership of the association; the nominal fee will be used to meet the costs of producing a newsletter, web site fees, fees to use the ranwriters.com name and associated administrative costs running an association.

BIO'S & PIC'S. We are still missing quiet a few Bio's and Photo's of people. Help us fill in all those blanks now, as it is a bit hard to get them after you have gone. It is only through the good work of some people in the right place at the right time that we have been able to fill in the history of some of our recently departed members.

Vale in 2004:

**Laurie Nobby Clark
Ex-CPO**



**A Glendenning
Ex-CPO R22988**

**J F Yeomans
Ex- LS S5294**

**R W Otter
Ex-PO 3384**

**J.C Blain
R51696**

**K.W Swancott
S7558**

**PJ Peter James Walsh
Ex-CPO**



**Robert Alexander
Ex-CPO**



Doug Pyers



**Barry Murray
Ex-CPO**



**Charlit Charlie
Emerson –
Ex-CPO**



**Ron Battams
35264**

**Ray Morgan
Ex- CPO**

**J F O'Brien
Ex PO**

**V. J Howard
WR996**

**Jim Bomber Atkinson
–Ex-CPO**



**J.M McDermott Wran
Wtr WR 290**

We were also advised that **Brian Curtin passed away in 2003.**

From the Past-

Patrick McGeown came across two scribes in Rookwood cemetery, Sydney : CPOWTR J.L. BLACKBURNE, P/N 6097, Died 6/7/1931 and CWTR R. (ALF) RAFFELL, 9/1/1910, "HMS" PENGUIN.

We are not sure about the history here, we think that the "HMAS" came after federation?

REUNION ADELAIDE 2005 UPDATE BY BRIAN TUCKER

A prosperous and healthy 2005. The events of December 2004 really bring home just how temporary our innings is, irrespective of age or anything else, so I suppose it is best to live life for today, and let tomorrow take care of itself.

There still seems to be some confusion, about the registration process. Firstly the deposit; it is \$25 per person registering, non refundable. This amount then comes off the final figure for all the units(Events) you choose. If you choose not to come, the deposit goes into the administration fund.

Name Badges. If you were once or still are a scribe you get one with your name and the star **W** on it. Spouses/Partners will only have their first name (Nickname) family name showing.

Accommodation. I have had a few queries re rates at the Stamford Grand. As in the original brochure the rate is \$180 per room per night, for two people, including full breakfast. This is the best corporate rate for this property. . For reservations call 1800 882777 and quote SCRIBE. Glenelg has numerous options for accommodation all within a very reasonable distance. These range from other hotels and motels ranging from 0 to 4 star, lots of holiday flats and two excellent caravan parks for those who are members of the grey nomads. Full details are in your auto club publication or on the Glenelg Website www.holdfast.sa.gov.au.

Leigh Kentwell Sales/Marketing Manager of Franklin Central Apartments in the heart of the city, are offering special discounted room rates for our delegates and will assist with any accommodation requirements. Reservations: 1300 662 288 Fax: (08)8210 6333
Email: leigh.kentwell@franklinapartments.com.au
Website: www.franklinapartments.com.au

Other than that, all arrangements seem to be in place and all that remains now is for all those who have express interest and the multitude who have not yet committed themselves get a form from this or the previous SCRIBBLER or email me at bejaytee@bigpond.net.au.

So come on boys and girls (I am old enough to call almost all of you that) get your registrations in with your deposits. As the Centurion used to say to the legionnaires "digiti extractus".

Looking forward to greeting y'all at registration time. Your Committee - Brian Tucker, Dave and Pauline Rickard, Helga Jongewaard, Ray Sexton ,Alan Axford, Chris Watkins, Tony Threadgold, Mick Kellaher, John Trafford, Ted Ozols, Anthea Boyce, June Morrison

SECOND NATIONAL REUNION OF RAN WRITERS ADELAIDE 2005

It is just nine months to the second national writer's reunion. If you intend to go it is time to register.

The Adelaide committees require nominations early so that they can cater for your attendance. Registrations must be submitted by 31st July 2005.

Events available to you over this weekend are as follows:

Friday 30 September

1500 onwards Registration at the Stamford Grand Hotel – Glenelg
1830 Meet and Greet in Ball Room 1 and 2 at the Stamford Grand

Saturday 1 October

0900 onwards Registration for latecomers
TBA Golfers depart for Golf day
0930 Half Day Tour – Adelaide and Environs
0930 Full day tour – Southern Vales Goolwa and Victor Harbour
TBA Leave for Race Meeting
1230 Girls Only Lunch at a City Venue
1330 Half Day Tour – Cleland Park and Hills
1900 Dinner Dance in Ball Rooms 2 to 5 at the Stamford Grand

Sunday 2 October

1000 -1600 Farewell BBQ at the Port Adelaide Naval Association Clubrooms

Monday 3 October (Optional)

0900 Full Day Winery Tour to Barossa Valley

More details can be obtained by contacting Dave or Pauline Rickard by telephone on 08 8381 5922 or e-mail to:

pmmail@senet.com.au

Payment advice—Deposit of \$25 per attendee is required in the first instance to offset administration costs. This is a non – refundable deposit or you can pay the full amount now.

Deposits are not refundable. Allotments are acceptable.

All money due is to be in the hands of the organisers by 31 July 2005

Please forward Applications for Registration to

RAN Writers Reunion
PO Box 344
Brighton 5048
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Harry's café de wheels at Garden island – Year not known.



Keith Foyston from UK writes:

I have had passed to me, a copy of a letter produced by "The Scribbler" regarding the RAN Writer's Association from an old oppo of mine, one Dennis Le Marquand he and I joining the RN in November 1946 serving as Writers. We both belong the RN Writer's Association as do many other ex scribes. I do not take an active part in the association as Dennis does, with living in the north of England, namely Hull, Yorkshire, but I do like to keep in contact with all the "goings on".

It was surprising to learn of your association as one is inclined to think through ignorance that our iwaw was the only one in existence, so as the adage goes, "you learn something every day" I would be grateful if any members would like to contact me via my e-mail address to have a natter at any time regarding our respective service engagement. keithfoyston@hotmail.com

Address. PLEASE help us keep track of you by keeping us informed of your change of address inc email. Like wise if you do not wish to receive any further copies of this much sought after piece of literature [compulsive reading], please let us know so we can delete you off the list. This uses up valuable cash.

History of the Naval Writers

Up to 1867, the Royal Navy had never considered the idea of passing part of the clerical duties afloat to the rating. Civil clerks, including Samuel Pepys himself, had of course always been the backbone of naval administration ashore, but clerical work meant a degree of education far beyond that possessed by the 18th and early 19th century naval recruit. Inevitably, the pressure of an ever increasing volume of clerical work increased the need to employ more naval clerks, the majority of whom had very little chance of ever becoming Paymasters. By 1867 the position had got so far out of hand, that the Admiralty decided to limit drastically the entry of Assistant Clerks to a fraction of the former intake, and to offset this reduction by establishing a new rating of Writer (Order-in-Council, 2nd February, 1867). These Writers were “to assist in Ships Offices and to mess with Seamen’s Schoolmasters and Master-at-Arms.” Three classes were provided for, paid at the rate of 2/-per day for a 3rd Class Writer, rising to 5/- per day for a Writer 1st Class after ten years’ Service, and they were “to be eligible for pensions in the same way as other Petty Officers.” Thus the beginning of the system which constitutes the Writer category of the modern Navy was established.

At first the introduction of Writer ratings did not provide the answer to the Admiralty’s dilemma. Men with even the small amount of education necessary were hard to find, and few at the rates of pay offering were prepared to forsake the counting house or the merchant office stool for life in the Navy. In 1873 the Admiralty attempted to overcome this difficulty by introducing Boy Writers on board ship, with pay of 1/- per day, and “drawn principally from Greenwich School.” At 18, these boys, trained in Navy methods, were eligible for advancement to 3rd Class Writers, ranking as Able Seamen, rising, to Petty Officer status after 5 years’ service, and to Chief Petty Officer after ten years.

In 1889 (Order-in-Council No. 38) the designation of Writers as 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class was abolished and substituted by Chief Writer (C.P.O.), Second Writer (P.O.) and Third Writer. The following year Writers were given the familiar six-pointed Gold Star as a distinguishing badge. It was not, however, restricted to Writers, but was also issued to Schoolmasters and Stewards. In 1891 the Admiralty decided “in view of the considerable increase in the amount and the responsibility of the duties of Writers,” that they be paid an extra shilling a day when serving in ships not allowed an Accounting Officer. In 1909 Warrant Rank was established for Writers, along with Telegraphists, Ship’s Stewards, Ship’s Police and Ship’s Cooks. The number in the RN was fixed at 12 (increased to 15 in August, 1911) with the title of Warrant Writer with pay of 7/- per day, rising to 8/6 per day after five years and 10/- per day after ten years.

Registration Form

Last Name _____ Aka: _____ Given: _____
 Last Name _____ Aka: _____ Given: _____
 Address _____

City _____ State _____ Post Code _____
 Phone () _____ E-Mail _____

Item	Price per person	No.	Amount
Meet and Greet	\$5.00		
Dinner/Dance	\$85.00		
Barbeque	\$30 or \$15		
The all inclusive price for this event can be selected as drinkers \$30 (includes ALL/ANY drinks or non drinkers \$15 (includes ALL non alcoholic drinks)			
Girls only lunch	\$15		
Polo Shirts	\$25		
Navy or White Sizes S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL (please circle your colour and size)			
Cap	\$15		
Saturday AM 1/2 day tour	\$48.00		
Saturday PM ½ day tour	\$44.00		
Saturday full day tour	\$85.00		
Monday full day tour	\$99.00		
Golf	\$20.00		
Races	Gratis		
I/we will be using the bus to Port Adelaide on Sunday from Glenelg and return to Glenelg YES/NO			-
I /we will be using the bus to Port Adelaide on Sunday with drop off at the Airport YES/NO			-
Buses are being arranged on Sunday 2nd from Glenelg to Port Adelaide and return. The return can be either direct to Glenelg or via the airport. Tickets will be sold on Registration day)			-
Total			\$

I have remitted the amount of \$_____ to the nominated account by direct deposit/internet on _____
 (Writers Reunion South Australia: BSB 105 042 Account No: 058798040 Bank: SA)
 Or Check/Money Order/Cash enclosed for \$_____

Travel

Adelaide Airport is about 6 km from Glenelg; in fact the Northern Border of Glenelg is the Southern Boundary of the Airport. QANTAS VIRGIN BLUE and REX serve Adelaide, and it is best to shop around when looking for the best price

Adelaide Rail Terminal is at Keswick, about 10 km from Glenelg and is served by Rail from Melbourne, Sydney and Perth. Parking in Glenelg is fairly regulated, the Hotel charges a fee for underground parking and there are council car parks, again for a fee, adjacent to the Hotel. The historic "Bay Tram" connects Glenelg with the City, and departs every 15 minutes

Taxi from Adelaide Airport to Glenelg is the most convenient and rates are comparable to Eastern States

Digital Books – The Ordinary Writers Handbook 1964 has been produced in digital format and can be downloaded from our web site.

New Writers – Sep-Nov 2004 Intake



Back Row l-r: SMNWTR David James Earl Martin, SMNWTR Amanda Kate Appleton, SMNWTR Jaylene Byrne, SMNWTR Kristen Moylan, SMNWTR Kristie Lee Crawford, SMNWTR Lesley Jane Dakin, SMNWTR Jamie Alexander Corkran.
Front l-r SMNWTR Sheree Borrows, LSWTR Sophia Gail Faulmann (Instructor) POWTR Michael Davis (Instructor) SMNWTR Ruby Camhuis, SMNWTR Peta Carmody

State Reps reports:

From Victoria: Marty Grogan advised he has recruiting well for people to build up his base for organising a possible National Reunion. He now has Kev Whiteway and Sandy Fairlie as part of his team. The Central Committee welcomes you both and we look forward working with you.

From Sandgroper Territory: Jeff Wake has volunteered to help Frank Carville sort out West Australian. Please feel free to contact Jeff on 041 069 4089. The Central Committee welcomes Jeff and says a big “Thank You” to John Spreadborough for the great job he did helping out Frank.

From Queensland: Kev Drinkwater and Rod Pope are organising drinks and nibbles for Friday 11th March 2005 at 1600 at the Queensland Railway Institute Cafeteria, Edward St City. Please contact Kev on 0409 623 239 or Rod on 0407 823 338 if you are attending. Planning is also in place for a more formal event in July 2005.

From ACT: The National Committee is looking for some people to take over the organising of this area. The work being done by the National Committee in getting all the necessary red tape processed in registering the Association, makes it difficult for them to concentrate on other items at this time. Volunteers/Names to: scribes@ranwriters.com or Geoff on: 041 124 1821 or Lew on 041 200 1636

By Geoff ‘British’ Hardwick the editor— We hope you like this edition—however we do need contributions from you—stories, anecdotes, photos, biographies, luncheons, meetings etc. This is your newsletter. Next edition will be 1st May 2005 - so put pen to paper and snail mail or email us