

The Scribbler



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Presidents Report – Lew Horsfield



First up, on behalf of all members, belated congratulations to two members, who were honoured in the Australian Day Honours List. Peter “Rocky” Stone for his CSM and Ian McConnochie for his OAM. We all know CPOWTR “Rocky”, but not many of us know Ian. Ian was a CPO WTR, and a very active Ship’s Diver. He was promoted to SD Writer. After a period in that area he decided that Biro’s were a dangerous item, so changed to a Seaman CD officer so he could play with unexploded ordnance – much safer.

Congratulations to both members.

PATRON: The Committee would like to make an approach to a suitable person to be the patron of the Association. To this end we invite your suggestions as to who you think we should approach for the position. The Committee will collate the names and issue an invitation to the person with the most nominations, asking them if they are willing to accept the position. Please forward your nomination to us by Email/Snail Mail. The nomination list will close on 31 December 2005, so we can make the necessary approach to the person and have all in place before Elections are called in June 2006.

HOLIDAY: Over the next few weeks, both Geoff and I will be taking time out to recharge our batteries before Adelaide, so the Web Site may get a bit stale. Geoff is off to New Zealand to see his family. I along with “She who must walk three paces behind” {Spent too much time in Muslim Countries} [Wife] Carmel will be touring NSW, and parts of Queensland. We will be travelling with our Caravan. Where we will be at times I don’t know, but if you get a phone call from me, [please don’t hang-up] I would be only too pleased to catch up with you and have a Brew and a chat. Might even get a chance to take your photo and pick up a Bio on you for the Web Page.

Have you got an idea to promote camaraderie? If so let the Central Committee know and we will see what we can organise.

We are still looking for someone in the Canberra Area to take over as the Agent for the area. Names to us at scribes@ranwriters.com

Remember – Be Good Writers Not Bad Correspondents



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Australian Day Honours- 2005 - Writers

Mr Ian Peter McCONNOCHIE



Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM)

Citation: For service to veterans and their families through a range of ex-Service organisations.

Date Received: 26 January 2005

State: NSW Suburb: Glenning Valley

Chief Petty Officer Peter Mark STONE



Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Citation: For outstanding service as the Staff Officer Grade 4 Personnel Operations and Administration for Headquarters Australian Theatre during Operations SLIPPER, BASTILLE, FALCONER, CATALYST and CITADEL.

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Ken Thomas writes

I took your advice from the last scribbler on missing Bio's and you are right—too late after we've gone! Apparently most of my era have already gone as I only knew 3 names in the whole edition! Pictures shown here are 1953 and 2004.



I joined in 1945 as a Probationary Writer 2nd class and as I had 10 months "boy's time", had to stay in the New Entry School (I think that is what it was called) until I turned 18 and became a Writer. There was no training for writers in those days and I went from the "bull ring" into the Central Registry Office, after 3 months learning how to march, fire rifles and other weaponry, how to use a gas mask, seamanship and so on. I had never touched a typewriter and no idea what a ledger or a Service Certificate was. The Chief in charge, Tom Pollie, was an RAN Auxiliary and other seniors were WRANS. I learned only how to shuffle files and papers.



After about a year I was drafted to "Kuttabul" Garden Island, but was accommodated at "Rushcutter" and went to work by work boat. Lunch was on board the old "Australia" which was alongside Garden Island—I remember having great difficulty in finding the mess deck. I worked in the Accounts Office and still had not touched a typewriter, pay ledger or Service Certificate. After about 4 months I got my first sea draft - very exciting until I realised I was the Captain's Secretary on the "Lachlan" - the only writer on the ship made up of Hydrographers, seamen with Survey rates - I knew nothing and there was no one to ask! I remember taking a long time to type my first letter to the Secretary of the Naval Board whom I addressed as "Dear Sir" — you may imagine the reply I got! Life on board a survey ship for a writer was extremely boring — in a whole year we steamed a multitude of miles, rarely set foot on the land and went from Sydney to South Australian waters the first half of the year and then to the North coast of Western Australia for the second. In those days to pass for Leading Writer a Supply Officer asked a few questions, and if he was as dumb about things as you were, you were able to pass—the only Supply Officer available to me was at Melville in Darwin where we went for supplies and fuel. I had to get the Captain's permission to "sit" the exam and he made the "complimentary" remark; you don't even know how to be a Writer so how do you think you can be a Leading Writer? Fortunately I did pass! Needless to say I wasn't sorry to leave that ship. After "Lachlan" I spent considerable time at "Cerberus" with a short spell at Ships in Reserve Geelong before getting my next sea draft to the "Culgoa" in January 1953, by then, a P0 Writer.

My first son was born at that time and I did not get to hold him until he was 11 months old. I was back to Cerberus in 1954 for 4 months, then to "Torrens" for the last 2 years or so of my Service. "Torrens" in those days you could liken to "McHale's Navy", but I did manage to pick up my CPO rate there, joined the "Reserves" — firstly the RANR, then RANR, then the RANVR until 31-1-1969.

Scribblers News-We heard from.....

CPOWTR Paul Bradley joined the RAN in Sept 1983 and passed out of Supply School in May84 (instructor POWTR Steve Salmon). His first posting was HMAS LONSDALE and Scratch Boyd was his first POWTR (he survived), after 8 months in Melbourne his next posting was to Navy Office for 11 months in RTEO working with such notable scribes as Mark Worrall, Sue Norris, Shayne Pemberton and Julie Mudry. Next port of call was HMAS CRESWELL with Marty Dawe, Mark Chee and Jim Hart to name a few and then to sea in PARRAMATTA, his CPOWTR for the majority of the time was Al Hardy. From sea it was back to CRESWELL for a short time until promotion to LSWTR in 88, then a short move up the road to ALBATROSS to work for CPOWTR Rod Nichols in the pay office, along with Michael Patrick Shaun Cassidy who was the PO in accounts (always a funny day at work with Butch), the SO(C) was Russ Nelson. In Sept 90 the poster made the magic phone call and it was a posting to BRISBANE in 3 weeks time and a deployment to the first Gulf War!! (with CPOWTR John Robinson and later on CPOWTR Rod Nichols, both very ordinary golfers) after 2 fun filled years on the Steel Cat it was back to the Air Station, in the accounts office with Geoff Nesbitt as the CPOWTR, FJ Holden as the PO and Glenda Irvin as his fellow LSWTR partner in crime.



This posting lasted for 3 years until, in 1995 promotion to POWTR came along and a posting to DSCM working for WOWTR Gerry Anesbury as the boss. Three years in promotions, many adventures on the road (which included a job change working with Lance Atkins) ended with a posting to MANOORA in May 98. Having left MANOORA as CPOWTR in Jan 2001, he joined KUTTABUL for 9 months; with Andy Hobbs and Bill Tannock as his mentors!!! Needing a complete liver transplant after 9 months at KUTTABUL, he managed to find himself on NEWCASTLE for 2 months as an Op Relief (the 2 months lasted for 10 and included another Gulf Deployment). In Sept 02 he moved to Canberra and his new boss was the legend, CMDR NO, Les Roberts (the best boss ever, who allowed him to undertake Longlook 03 without replacement!!!).

Returned from the UK in Sept 03 and having taken some well earned leave, Paul became the Writers Poster at DSCM in Oct, where he is still currently employed, until he figures out what happens next.

Jeff McQuade Currently living in Busselton, WA with his wife Helen and three children Hollie (student nurse), Kieran (apprentice electrician) and Julian. Served Oct 1983 until 1990. Worked with a number of scribes at HARMAN Lew Horsfield, Bob Baird, Bart Kelleher and Neil Spackman, Pete Spalding, Ian (Wacker) Payne and Jan Bellis. In HMAS BRISBANE Ian Milliard, Wally Bristow, Mick Scully with Rod Pickles replacing Wally and the very loose wicket Shane Tatnell! .

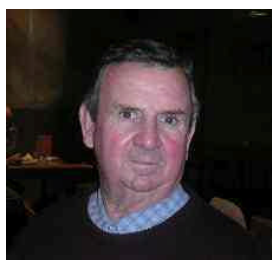
Christine Barbour advised us she is living in Kambah. Served 1964-68 and left as a LWRWTRST.

Scribblers News-We heard from.....

Stephen (Steve) Flockton who served from 1977 to 1988 and left as a LSWTR, remembers working with Mick Kelleher. Currently living in WA and working as an accountant.

Andy Siegman is currently working in Phnom Penh Cambodia (since Sep 02) as the Administrative Support Officer/Deputy Chief of Mission working for the International Organization for Migration

Vince Wilmot now living in Walkerville, Qld. Says he was really pleased to find the Writers Association, been in touch with old mates and has caught up with Chris Watkins.



David Jordan Thanked us for the past newsletters and the article on the Naval Writers Association was interesting. He left the navy in 1978 and since then continued to reside in the Sutherland Shire not far from Port Hacking. After he left the navy he bought a timber trawler and spent a lot of time fishing or 'messaging about'. He is a volunteer driver for Community Care at Engadine. 41 years after joining the navy he attended his first reunion in Sydney where he ran into old mates such as Neil Phillips, Bomber, Marty McFadden. At the vendetta reunion he met Taffy Fauchon. He is a member of the Naval Association (Sutherland) and is the only Writer!

Recently married - **Marie Roberts (nee Lateu)**. Marie who recently returned from Gulf deployment on STUART unfortunately broke her foot and as a result has been posted ashore as OIC MHQ Registry in Sydney.

Wes Intihar (CPOWTR) reports that he was recently posted to HMAS ANZAC as the COSEC over in the West. His family (Ann-Maree and two children) are staying in Mornington. Of interest, HMAS ANZAC departed early March for a five month deployment called Northern Trident 05 which will see the ship attend Anzac Day celebrations at Anzac Cove for the 90th Anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli, the International Fleet Review in Portsmouth, Britain for the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, as well as visiting ports in Europe and South Africa. The ship has a web site: <http://www.navy.gov.au/nt/> which is updated regularly with news and stories of the trip. Due to the ships program Wes will be at sea during the Writers reunion and wishes everyone attending an enjoyable weekend.

Heard from **David O'Hara and wife Jodie** - currently living in South Australia.

Scribblers News—We heard from.....

Derek Arthur SMITH transferred from the RN in 1953 as a Writer and joined HMAS SYDNEY in Portsmouth UK during her Coronation Cruise. Employed in the Captain's Office for the next couple of years (a) during the trip back to Australia via Halifax- Nova Scotia, Baltimore, Kingston (Jamaica), Panama Canal, Honolulu, Auckland. (What a trip that was!!) and (b) for the next 12 months in Korea and Japan.

People he remembers well from those days were John Sherwood (CPOWTR) and Jack Cummins (POWTR). Progressed through L/WTR and POWTR then promoted to Supply Sub Lieutenant and Lieutenant(W). Transferred to General List and finally retired in 1983 with the rank of Commander GLSU.

Interestingly, he says his photograph appears in the website photo gallery, 1966 HMAS Cerberus pay office quadrangle. He is now retired to a Retirement Village on the Sunshine Coast at Kawana Island.

Derek adds another SMITH in the roll call, shown as missing, is **Graham SMITH**, he retired as CPOWTR in the late 70's, trained in Law, was called to the Bar in NSW, is now retired and living in Woombye, Qld. During his Navy service he spent some time as Captain's Secretary at HMAS LEEUWIN when JRs were going through that Establishment, also served a couple of years in Japan as the Assistant Defence Attaché, Tokyo.

Earlier in his career, he was in HMAS TOBRUK when he shot himself in the Sickbay with one of the deck mounted torpedoes. The sole casualty was a very scared LSBA. Derek was in HMAS Anzac at the time in the vicinity not knowing that the Anzac, in our turn would later launch a live torpedo which would turn rogue and blow itself up on the bottom immediately under the ship, at White Top Rocks, WA. Only casualty was a bruised head suffered by a scuttle goofer when the shock of the explosion brought the deadlight down on his skull.

We did lead interesting lives, did we not?

Evan Lloyd joined in 1983. After leaving CERBERUS he was lucky enough to improve his suntan by working flat out at WATSON under the strict guidance of Liz Budek. He was on JERVIS BAY with Nev Ivey, Jack Gould and Theresa Hawkins, who enjoyed the war stories from Lindsay Lake. What a Ship's Office combination that was. After that he went to STIRLING as an ABWTR then LSWTR at NOCWA. Paid off in 1990. Says he loved every second of it – would do it all again. Now living at Boondall QLD





Dale Jones (nee Williams) is going to the Adelaide reunion and thought she had better let her colleagues see how she has fared over the years. Left 1961 and right 2003.



Joe White sent his bio and says he served SYDNEY (2nd 3rd & 4th trips to Vietnam) also MELBOURNE as Fleet Staff with FOO and did Expo 70 in Japan. Rest of his postings were shore at CERBERUS (3), LONSDALE (3) KUTTABUL (2). He married in 1965 and has two girls. Runs a small investigation business

Margaret Holton-Picard, has been living in London since 1976 she says she joined November 1960 and her completed service in February 1966. Served at Cerberus, Movements Office Melbourne, Coonawarra, Penguin and Adelaide recruiting. Has lived in Canada 1966-1969 and London UK 1969-72, then back to Sydney for 4 years.

Your help needed

Recently we had a case of members receiving a letter from a government department regarding one of our members. The people who received the mail contacted us to see if we had the latest address or contact details on the claimant. We did not have up to date details so it was only through the good work of a state rep over a period of two weeks that we were able to find and made contact with the claimant.

If you are submitting any claim for compensation, to DVA etc and want the help of members of the association please ensure that your details are correct with us so that when we are contacted we can pass your details to that person. We don't want to prejudice a claim anyone submits and your mates will/and are only to happy to help you when they can.

We will continue to maintain your privacy in that we will not pass out your details without your permission, though in this case we consider the claimant gave us defacto permission when he submitted their names to the government department.

Please advise us of any change of address details etc.

**Australian Government, Department of
Veterans' Affairs**

<http://www.dva.gov.au/>

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<http://www.comsuper.gov.au/>

Scribblers News-We heard from.....

Grace McDonald (Griffith). Grace was in the Women's Royal Australian



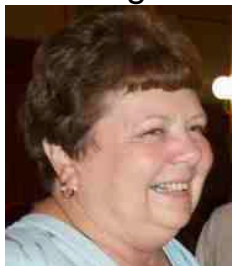
Naval Service (WRANS) during world War 11. Grace Griffith enlisted on 6th March 1945 and was discharged on 28th October 1946. Serving as a writer (pay ledgers) on HMAS Penguin, HMAS Kuttabul and HMAS Torrens her training included activities that she may not have participated in had she remained in 'civvy' street.

Grace returned to Netball after the war and occupied positions at a District, State and National level. Grace was given a Community Service Award in 1986 and in 1997 a Civic Reception and a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition for years of service as President of Randwick Netball Association and to sport in the City of Randwick. Grace was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 1996 for her services to Netball. On 26th July 2000 she was awarded the Australian Sports Medal.

Peter Field sent us best wishes for a long and successful association. He sends his best wishes to Scribes remaining who were at ALBATROSS in 1951/52, ARUNTA 1952/53, PENGUIN (SM4) 1954/56 and WAARAMUNGA in 1952.

Catherine (Cathy) Jeffries says "Thanks for the magazine; it is nice to read about people I had previously served and where they are now. For the record I served at Albatross (3 times), Harman (Navy Office), Kuttabul, Watson and Cerberus 1981 - 2001. I am now living in Mt Waverley Victoria and working at Box Hill Institute of Tafe."

Barbara Snowdon (Nee Lyon) Served from Sep 60 to Sep 64. Was discharged DEE and then married a few days later. She served at Cerberus



for about 14 months and the Chief Writer was Ian McConnochie at that time and the Leading Writer was Jerry Lewis.

Then drafted to Navy Office Canberra and was Director of WRANS Writer (Chief Officer Joan Streeter was Director) after about 18 months she was drafted to Recruiting at Moreton, where she was the only uniformed female. Barbara was discharged as an Acting Petty Officer. Barbara is currently President of the WRANS sub-section of the NAA in Brisbane and also State Secretary of the Queensland section of the Naval Association of Australia which keep her busy.

Heard from Alan Cove who advises he has now moved to Yandinya, Qld.

The Bay Braces for Writers' Reunion 2005

As the countdown continues towards the weekend the nation's scribes descend on **Adelaide**, the beachside venue and surrounding area is alive with anticipation. The **Stamford Grand**, venue for the weekend's showcase event, the Saturday evening **Dinner Dance**, and accommodation choice for many of the Reunion attendees, is situated near the beach in the heart of Adelaide's Holdfast Bay. The popular coastal suburb is actually **Glenelg**, but like most Adelaidians, you'll quickly find you'll be calling the holiday area "**The Bay**."

The Bay is synonymous with white beaches, spectacular ocean views and stunning sunsets – not to mention the great restaurants and cafes, open-air bars, fascinating museums and galleries as well as **seven-day shopping**. Glenelg is only 10 minutes from the airport and 15 minutes from the CBD, which you can visit by taking a trip on a transport icon, the **City to Bay tram**.

There's an impressive variety of accommodation on offer at The Bay, ranging in style and price to match all tastes. International standard hotels such as the **Stamford Grand** or Ramada Plaza Pier, superb national chain motels, modern self-contained units, charming B&Bs, appealing apartments, caravans and camping.

Your dining options are covered on Saturday night with dinner at **The Grand**. Then of course there's the **Sunday BBQ** with your old shipmates. However, for the rest of your weekend, it's your choice, from fish and chips with the seagulls to the very best of 5-star silver service. It's all there for your dining delight at the Bay. Visit a pub and eat indoors or out, or maybe dine aboard the **HMS Buffalo** and have a serve of history in the sailing ship replica just a short walk away. You can savour the flavours of Italian, Thai, Asian, Mexican and Indian cuisine or try some tasty, fresh South Australian seafood. The Bay has it all close-by – from relaxing waterfront restaurants, bars and hotels to sidewalk cafes and takeaways.

Right across Moseley Square from **The Grand** you'll find the **Bay Discovery Centre**, celebrating life by the sea. As well as being an interpretation of the fascinating history of Holdfast Bay – the site where the new colony of South Australia officially began in 1836, the centre also is an exhibition of days gone by where many of us croweaters had our first beach holidays. Watch archival films and see glimpses of the past with original artifacts and photographs. And best of all, it's free! Right next door is **Rodney Fox's Shark Experience** where you can appreciate the awesome world of these predators. After this spine-tingling excitement with sharks, you can take a stroll along the perfectly manicured coastal reserve walkways and feel the sea breezes coming off the white, sandy beaches.

The **Jetty Road** precinct is a shoppers' paradise, open seven days, every day of the year. Shop at over **300 specialty stores**, offering everything from fashion to fresh food, as well as unique gifts, souvenirs and alfresco snacking, where you can just sit and watch the world go by. And five minutes walk from **The Grand** is the fabulous **Holdfast Shores**, offering visitors a host of ways to relax and enjoy the waterfront lifestyle. This premier residential and tourist attraction offers so much to see and do. With a beautiful white sandy beach on one side and a **deep-berth marina** on the other, this is a spectacular location to meet with mates or just to wander. Meander along the **boardwalks** or spend an hour or two at one of the many different restaurants, cafes and bars. Here too you can wander in and out of beautiful **specialty shops**, or hop on a sailing boat to tour along Adelaide's glorious beaches. And as you sit or wander, there's every chance you'll spot one or two of the Bay's resident **dolphins** that are still in the wild, but treat the marina like home.

If you're staying at **The Grand**, by now you'll probably want to find your way back to use the well-equipped health club, to swim in the heated swimming pool, or enjoy the spa and sauna.

But the better news, if you happen to be a navy scribe and are visiting the Bay as part of the **RAN Writers' Reunion Adelaide 2005**, is that you get even more opportunities to get out and explore. For instance, on Saturday morning you can join a tour of some of the more interesting spots around **Adelaide and its environments**. Then, if you happen to be a lady sailor, you can enjoy the '**girls only**' luncheon at a well-chosen city venue, and even be dropped off if you took the morning tour. Later in the afternoon, yet another half-day tour will take you to our beautiful nearby hills, stopping off at the popular **Cleland Wildlife Park**, with the possibility of cuddling a furry animal.

Don't want to do any of the foregoing? No-one could blame you if they knew you wanted to join the Saturday full-day tour down through the **Southern Vales** wine growing area to **Goolwa** near the mouth of the Murray, or **Victor Harbour**, one of South Australia's most popular day trips and holiday spots. And all of these excursions will have you back to your accommodation in time to refresh for the big Saturday night show. Sunday morning, enjoy a stroll around **The Bay**, but don't stray too far because lunch is covered with a sensational BBQ provided by the **Naval Association at Port Adelaide**. Your reunion extravaganza won't be complete until you unwind on the Monday during a relaxing day trip to the renowned wine-producing district of the **Barossa Valley**.

Going to have trouble fitting it all in? Then come for the reunion –but stay a while longer... **But first things first – we must have your Registration Forms NOW!!**

SECOND NATIONAL REUNION OF RAN WRITERS ADELAIDE 2005

The Adelaide Committee



It is just SIX 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.

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

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

ADELAIDE 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 1/2 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 \$_____

Digital Books Now produced in digital format and can be downloaded from our web site.

- a. ORDWTR's handbook 1964
- b. The Scribbler Edition 6 and 7.

CARAVAN CLUB: By Lew Horsfield - Many of us younger members of the Association are into retirement, caravans, motor homes, and travel in general. I have been thinking it might be good idea [if sufficient members are interested] if we could create Caravan Club for get togethers between National Reunions. This could take place anywhere or at any time. Is there anyone willing to take on the task of organising this? Volunteers or Pressed Gang Members should let us know through scribes@ranwriters.com or snail mail. Like wise let us know what you think of this idea.

Ex CPOWTR Leonard (Knocker) White sent us his bio -served 14/07/1976 until 13/07/1996 Joined as a JR in Collins Division of the 56th intake and did the scribe's course No 6 of 1977 under Lou Smith and some postings were HARMAN (and Navy Office), AUSTFASO in Seattle WA, DSCM as S and S poster, RAN Relief Trust Fund, HUON and twice on the mighty Wart (at least she did sea time when he was onboard). Met his wife Karen Anderson at Harman in 1986 and have been together ever since with two children Elliott (1993) and Victoria (1996). After the Navy worked for Defence Housing Authority for six years and is now working for the Education Department as the manager of the Compliance Analysis Unit (just like the old fleet inspections).

Philip Arthur Kavanagh found our site says he was originally in Writer class 14 but backclassed due to hospitalisation, then completed 17 he live ins South Australia and is currently work with Cmdr Pritchard Retired at Serco Australia.

Donations - Thank you to the following Scribes who have forwarded donations to us since Feb 2005: Reg Kenny, David Jordan, Ken Thomas, Danny Estcourt, Reg Kemp, Peter Field and Ron T Burgess. Rather than donate why not become a member of the Association and help us fund future newsletters and cover administrative costs inc the web site.

Scattering of ashes EX-CPOWTR LR (Nobby) Clark at sea 12 April 2005. HMAS BENDIGO in company with HMAS DIAMANTINA sailed from Bulimba en route to Sydney/New Zealand and Cairns respectively. Onboard HMAS BENDIGO were our late shipmate Nobby Clark's family - his widow Carol, children Paul, Kathryn and Kelly. After some navigation exercises a solemn service scattering Nobby's ashes was conducted by Chaplain Bill Pearson with Les **Dwyer** giving the introduction and presenting the Ode.

Latest Adelaide Reunion List - Atkins, Trevor - Axford, Alan Ajax – Axford, Kaye – Bardwell, Charlie – Bardwell, Teddy - Benfield, Denis – Benfield, Denise – Boyce, Anthea (nee Kuerschner) –Nimmo, Stuart – Carrol, Denis – Clarke, Neville – Clarke, Pat – Clements, Barry - Curtin, Allan – Darcy, Graham – Darcy, Lynne – Davies, Peter – Davies, Joan - Daws, Stephen - Daws, Wendy - Fauchon, Taf - Fauchon, Maureen – Fenton, Kerry – Fenton, Jan – Farlie, Sandra – Fryer, Raelene (nee Duddy), Giveen, Ron – Giveen, Bev – Griffith, Nancy (nee Priddle) – Griffith, Lindsay – Hambour, Bruce – Hardie, Tom - Hardwick, Geoffrey British – Hardwick, Colleen – Hayden, Christine (nee Bailey) - Holton-Picard, Margaret - Horsfield, Lew – Horsfield, Carmel – Irvine, Val – Johnston, Morris Morrie - Jones, Christopher Chris – Jones, Joanne – Jones, Dale (nee Williams) – Jongewaard, Helga (nee Hundertmark) – Jongewaard, Otto – Kelleher, Michael Mick – Kelly, Jill (nee Hilderbrand) – Kelly, Ned – Kinnear, Greg – Kinnear, Gai – Louis, Marie – Maddison, Gregory Greg – Maddison, Lisa – Makin, Shirley - Martin, Barry - Martin, Donna - McAuliffe, Judy (nee O'Brien) – McAuliffe, Brian Mac – McCarthy, Carol – McKay, Patricia (nee Walsh) – McQuade, Jeff - McQuade, Helen – Millard, Ian – Morrison, June - Munro, Jean (nee Otter) – Nash, John JJ – Nash, Helen -O'Brien, John Paddy – Okely, Eric - Devine-Okely, Alice –Osment, Steve Ossie – Osment, Lynette – Ozols, Ted – Palmer, Ian Brose - Pickering, Phyliss – Rickard, Dave – Rickard, Pauline (nee Haydon), Robertson, David - Robertson, Judith – Robson, Robert Robbie – Robson, Karen – Snowdon, Barbara (nee Lyon) – Stewart, Carolyn - Thompson, Merici (nee Dalla-Costa) – Thompson, Brian – Tucker, Brian BJ –Tucker, Joyce – Twist, John Olly – Wake, Jeff – Wake, Jennie – Walker, Anne - Ward, Kay – Warren, Ada – Warren, Jim – Watkins, Chris – Watson, Shirley (nee Riley) – Whelan, David – Whiteway, Kevin - Whiteway, Marilyn –Young, Terry Brigham – Young, Carol



Amanda Ruffin says “have taken up carer duties on the Central Coast NSW

recently, so will be unable to attend the reunion. Hope it all goes well for you.”



Angella Hillis (WO) says that “unfortunately, due to ship's program and commitments, she is unable to make the reunion. She wishes us every success and ask that we pass on her well wishes to all. After viewing the list of attendees, I sat and visualised some

memorable occasions as a baby writer with some of our senior writers. It would have been wonderful to revisit some of those memories with the people concerned and thank them because they had an input in some way into forming the person I am today.”

Bomber Atkinson Missed!

The following is a signal from MHQAUST on 22 February 2005 (Date Time Group 220728Z FEB 05 SIC WAK)

SUBJ: Delays in Processing Feedback on Honours and Awards Nominations

1. Since the untimely passing of Mr Jim Atkinson, Maritime Command's Staff Officer Honours and Awards (SOHA) in AUG 04, delays have been experienced with processing commendations and providing feedback on unsuccessful nominations. Your patience is sought until the current backlog is cleared.....

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.

Low Strachan sent a quick note to let us know that he is still alive and kicking and living in Perth since paying off.

The first 'members for life' of the Writers Association:

Membership Number	Surname	Other Names
0001	Horsfield	Lewis
0002	Hardwick	Geoffrey
0003	Lyons	Denis
0008	Carville	Frank
0009	Tucker	Brian
0010	Grogan	Marty
0013	Thomas	Ken
0016	McGeown	Pat
0017	Jefferson	John C
0018	Twist	John T
0022	Retallick	Elaine
0024	Penno	Greg
0025	Kinnear	Greg
0026	Spender	Donald
0028	Siegman	Andrew

If you know who they are let us know.



We heard from **Brian Gorringe**, Captain and of course ex scribe. He arrived in Riyadh March this year and is now the Defence Attache – Riyadh and Accredited to Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Jordan & Oman. He intends providing us a brief for the next edition of the scribbler of his experiences over in the middle east.

Look at these sites:

HMAS Canberra Decommissioning Cruise

<http://www.navy.gov.au/ships/canberra/decommission/default.htm>

HMAS Anzac's Northern Trident Deployment 2005

<http://www.navy.gov.au/nt/>

Royal Australian Navy Central Canteens Fund

<http://www.ranccf.com/index.php>

If you are a current serving member of the Royal Australian Navy, Navy Reserves or Navy Cadets or are retired member of the Royal Australian Navy or Navy Reserves you can become a member of the RANCF.

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RAN WRITERS ASSOCIATION INC

The RAN Writers Association has been incorporated. The founding members on the committee are as follows:

Lewis Horsfield Pres/Treasurer

Geoffrey Hardwick Vice President Denis Lyons Secretary

Frank Carville, Marty Grogan, Brian Tucker Committee Members



The principal objectives of the RAN Writer's Association are to:

- Provide a platform for the interests of serving and veterans members of the RAN Writer Branch;
- Organise venue for members to enjoy camaraderie and fellowship
- Provide advice on seeking welfare, advocacy and representation for all members.
- Provide opportunities for members to participate in the activities provided by the Association.
- Participate in commemoration and other remembrance services conducted on recognised days and those instituted by the Association
- Promote reunions and other social events for the benefit of all members

MEMBERSHIP: The Committee has been over whelmed with the response to Membership. And while we would like you to know membership is not compulsory, and we won't exclude anyone from joining in on any function, using the Notice Board etc. For over 8 years we have managed to keep the outfit running with the little excess from the Canberra Reunion, Donations and a lot of out of pocket contributions from the Committee. For the first four years Geoffrey kept the Web Site going at his own expense.

A Membership card is issued to all those who pay and sign up. If you get a card and it has not got your Photo on it, it means that we do not have a photo of you. As soon as we get a photo we will send you out a new card with your photo on it. Keep the Membership Forms coming. Keep the photos coming and keep your Bio's coming.



R.A.N. WRITERS ASSOCIATION Inc MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please print clearly, complete and send this form and membership fee
by post to:

**R.A.N. Writers Association Incorporated
PO Box 5020 Chisholm ACT 2905 Australia**

(Enquiries – Email: scribes@ranwriters.com Web: www.ranwriters.com)
(NB: if paying by direct deposit to the R.A.N. Writers Bank Account this form
can be emailed)

I wish to apply for membership of RAN Writers Association incorporated.

Personal details are:

Full Name

(person
signing)

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**Phone
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**Period of
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Rank

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Date

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R.A.N. Writers Association is incorporated in the ACT Australia under the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991*.
The constitution is the ACT Government's Model Rules for incorporated associations.

Established in 1887, the World's Oldest Military Association the **Royal Naval Writers' Association (RNWA)** cordially invites and welcomes any of its Antipodean fellow Scribes of the RANWA and their guests (male or female) to attend their 118th Annual Reunion Dinner being held this very special year commemorating the 200th anniversary of Lord Nelson's victory at the Battle of Trafalgar. Very appropriate, the venue is being held in 'The Victory Club', HMS NELSON, HM Naval Base, Portsmouth, Hampshire, UK on Friday 14th October 2005. 19:00 for 19:30 start and finishing at 01:00.

At the time of going to print and current currency conversion rates, and on the basis of last year's costs etc., it is anticipated that the cost per person for a three course meal (traditional roast beef and Yorkshire pudding) with wine and port will not exceed 75\$ (Australian). If RANWA members are visiting the UK during October 2005 then perhaps this could be part of your UK itinerary and you would be made most welcome. Interested? For more information and details *please contact the RNWA Membership Secretary, LES HEYHOE*, email: les@heyhoe.com, Tel. UK 023 9235 7181.

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 August 2005 - so put pen to paper and snail mail or email us

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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 (Navy blue with gold badge) is currently in production with a Canberra company and will be available from June 2005.

The cost is: \$40 Inc postage.



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