

# The Scribbler

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## **National WTR Reunion March 2008**

The WA Committee has gone to great lengths to make your trip to WA a rewarding and memorable occasion. There are a number of Official Events that have been planned and detailed in the next few pages. Separately there is a list of extra activities that have been planned, but will depend on numbers at the time.

A list of memorabilia items is attached only minimal orders will be placed of each item, so get in early to avoid any potential disappointment.

## **Perth Reunion Wines**

As part of the Perth reunion the reunion committees have commissioned a number of wines. You do not have to attend the reunion to order wines. Just complete the wine order form - submit your money to the reunion committee and your wines will be delivered in March 2008.



## **HMAS SYDNEY Writers Sep 2007 on the way to Hawaii.**

L-R ABWTR Gen  
Richardson, POWTR Jason  
'Bob' Hawke, ABWTR  
Scott Hoare and sitting  
LSWTR Jemma Pearce

## **Annual General Meeting**

The committee elected at the 2nd AGM held on the 21st November 2007 were: Lewis Horsfield – President, Marty Grogan - Vice President, Geoffrey Hardwick - Secretary & Web Master, Leonard White – Treasurer, Frank Carville – Committee, Brian Tucker - Committee, Denis Benfield – Committee.

## Presidents report - Greetings Scribes,

Once again I am writing the first part of this report as I travel down the NSW Coast to Queanbeyan, the senior city of the Canberra area!



Whilst in Cairns I called on Ray Arbuckle (Left) and had a very interesting talk with him. In Townsville I caught up with some of the Scribes for a Dinner at the RSL Club (below), and in Bundaberg I caught up with Graham and Marilyn Dennis.

I must say that I am a little disappointed with the number of registrations for the Perth Reunion. To the West Australian Writers I say "go for it" as most probably you will not have the opportunity of



another reunion in the west for a few years. If you have not done so by the time you read this, let's have your registration NOW. We are still awaiting nominations from States or areas for holding the 2011 reunion. If you think you can do the job please talk to us.

Congratulations to Rick Bray on his production of the Mexicana Newsletter. (Latest newsletter can be found on the web site) Keep up the good work and I hope other states can produce something similar to keep members in their area up to date. None of these jobs, [organizing committees to keep people informed] are easy and it takes a lot of time and dedication on peoples part to get started and to keep them running.

Finally I would like to remind all users of the RAN Writers Association Message Board that it is a privilege, not a right. We would like to see more "Good Natured Banter" which is good to read, laugh about, and which brings back good memories of past times. It is not there to abuse people or make statements that are likely to incite ill feeling. Be Good Writers - Keep In Touch! Lew

## **National WTR Reunion March 2008**

First name		Aka		Surname	
First Name		Aka		Surname	
Street			City		
State			Post Code		
Telephone			Email		

**Dietary requirements:** If you or your partners have any dietary requirements please indicate here:

***Please indicate which Official Events you are attending:***

**Registration / Meet and Greet 1800 - 2330 Friday 28 March**

ANZAC House – 52 St Georges Terrace Perth – Come and meet your colleagues at RSL Headquarters, enjoy continuous cocktail (finger) food and some (many) drinks. A great way to start the weekend.

**\$25.00 per head    Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Cost : \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Harbour Cruise Dinner 1830 - 2330 Saturday 29 March**

Captain Cook Cruises - Departing Barrack Street Jetty at 1900 – Enjoy the splendor of Perth on the Swan River at sunset and into well into the night, delight in a Full Buffet with Seafood and all drinks from the bar. This promises to be one of those events that you will remember for many years to come.

**\$125.00 per head    Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Cost : \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**LEEUWIN / STIRLING Visit 0900 Sunday 30 March**

Bus Tour from Perth City at 0900 to LEEUWIN Barracks for a tour and morning tea from 1015 to 1115. Back on the bus for a trip to and tour of HMAS STIRLING from 1200 to 1330, the Navy's largest establishment and the most strategic Defence asset in Australia. Then to the Rockingham Naval Association for a BBQ lunch at 1345 and drinks before heading back to town on the bus in the afternoon at 1700. A full fun packed day with lots of time to catch up with your mates.

**\$60.00 per head    Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Cost : \$\_\_\_\_\_**  
(Lunch and Drinks included)

**\$45.00 non-drinkers Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Cost : \$\_\_\_\_\_**  
(Lunch and Soft Drinks Only)

**Total Cost of your Official Event attendance above: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (1)**

**If you have already paid \$25 (per head) registration fee**  
**you will need to deduct this off the total    Less: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (2)**

**Total Cost of above Events (A) attendance: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (1 minus 2)**

***For Planning purposes please indicate which of the Optional Activities you may be interested in so that we can make appropriate bookings on your behalf:***

**Walk Tour of Fremantle**

To be conducted AM Saturday 29 March by a local guide

**Nil Cost                      Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Cost : \$    NIL**

**Golf at Burswood Park**

Available throughout your stay but a group booking will be made for an AM Saturday 29 March tee off.

Make your own way there, just a short taxi ride from the heart of Perth.

**Cost To Be Advised**

**Day at Ascot Races**

A day at the famous Ascot Race Course on Saturday 29 March. Make your own way there, just a short taxi ride from the heart of Perth.

**Cost To Be Advised**

**Fremantle Prison Tour**

Take a guided tour of the historic Fremantle Prison and take advantage of this great opportunity.

**Cost \$ 16.00 per head Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Fremantle Maritime Museum**

A Fantastic opportunity to visit Perth's number 1 tourist attraction, steeped in maritime history. Take advantage of the great price on offer, just for us !

**Cost \$12.00 per head Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Perth Zoo**

A great way to spend a few hours wandering through the picturesque grounds of the Perth Zoo, just a short ferry ride across the harbour from Barrack Street Jetty.

**Cost To Be Advised**

**Perth Winery Cruise**

Cruise Perth to Swan Valley for lunch and famous WA wines at a local winery in the Swan Valley on Monday 31 March.

**Cost \$130.00                      Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Cost of your Optional Activities**

**(B) attendance : \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Please indicate which items of clothing and items you intend to purchase (all items have the National Logo incorporated) :

**#WTR Name Tag (Same as the Adelaide Reunion)**

**\$10.00 each**                      **Number Required** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost : \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name on Tag :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name on Tag :** \_\_\_\_\_

**#Chambray Shirts – Mens and Ladies Designs - blue in colour.**

*(Circle choice of sleeve length and size)*

**Mens:** Long Sleeve / Short Sleeve XXXL / XXL /XL / L /M / S  
**\$35.00**                      **Number of Shirts** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost : \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ladies :**                      ¾ Sleeve / Short Sleeve XXL / XL / L / M / S  
**\$33.00**                      **Number of Shirts** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost : \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**#Polo Shirt Cotton :**                      XXXL / XXL / XL / L / M / S  
**\$22.50**                      **Number Required** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost : \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**#Baseball Cap (Sandwich Peak)**  
**\$12.50**                      **Number Required** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost : \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**#Wide Brim Sun Hat (Slouch Hat style)**  
**\$15.00**                      **Number Required** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost : \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**#Stubby Holders (White Logo on Blue)**  
**\$6.00**                      **Number Required** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost : \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**#Environment Bags (White Logo on Blue)**  
**\$4.00**                      **Number Required** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cost : \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cost of your Clothing / Memorabilia (C) Order : \$** \_\_\_\_\_

### Commemorative Writer WA Premium Wines

To mark this special occasion we have acquired premium WA wines and have added our WTR Logo as the commemorative label. Choose from our special edition of famous WA wines with our own very special labels. Freight charges are \$18.00 per carton Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne and Sydney / \$8.00 per carton to Perth Rural / \$5.00 per carton to Perth Metro area.

#### Case deliveries will be after January 2008

#### #WA White Wine (Pemberton WA Sauvignon Blanc Semillon)

\$14.00 per bottle      Number Required \_\_\_\_\_      Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$140.00/dozen Number Required \_\_\_\_\_      Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Freight per dozen \$18.00      Number Required \_\_\_\_\_      Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### #WA Shiraz (Blackwood WA Shiraz)

\$14.00 per bottle      Number Required \_\_\_\_\_      Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$140.00/dozen Number Required \_\_\_\_\_      Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Freight per dozen \$18.00      Number Required \_\_\_\_\_      Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### #WA Cabernet (Margaret River WA Cabernet Sauvignon)

\$14.00 per bottle      Number Required \_\_\_\_\_      Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$140.00/dozen Number Required \_\_\_\_\_      Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Freight per dozen \$18.00      Number Required \_\_\_\_\_      Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### #5 Year Old Tawny Port

\$15.00 per bottle      Number Required \_\_\_\_\_      Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**#Mixed Case** (indicate below the make up of you dozen pack from the wines above – you may include up to 3 bottles of Port in your dozen at no extra cost)

\$140.00/dozen      Number Required \_\_\_\_\_      Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Pemberton SSB \_\_\_\_\_ Blackwood Shiraz \_\_\_\_\_ Margaret River Cabernet \_\_\_\_\_  
Tawny Port \_\_\_\_\_)

**Freight per dozen \$18.00      Number Required \_\_\_\_\_      Cost : \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Cost of your Wine / Port (D) order : \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

#### Delivery Details

First name		Surname	
Street		City	
State		Post Code	
Telephone		Email	

## **Payment Details**

Total of (A) : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total of (B) : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total of (C) : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total of (D) : \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Cost:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

"I acknowledge that prices indicated above may vary slightly and any shortfall in my payment will be made payable at the Registration on Friday 28 March 2008."

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Signature)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Printed Name)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**(Date)**

There are two options available, choose the most convenient and follow the instructions below.

### **Option 1**

#### **Direct Funds Transfer to the Australian Defence Credit Union :**

BSB - 802 397

Account No - 398002

Account Name - Navy Writers Reunion WA 2008

In the reference field please provide your Last Name & Initials.

**Please post your completed registration form to:**

**Chris Jones**

**Treasurer - WTR's Reunion 2008**

**60 Adenia Road**

**RIVERTON WA 6148**

### **Option 2**

**Payment by cheque made out to "Navy Writers Reunion WA 2008"  
and your completed registration form posted to :**

**Chris Jones**

**Treasurer - WTR's Reunion 2008**

**60 Adenia Road**

**RIVERTON WA 6148**

REMEMBER: If you don't send the Application Form we won't know what you are trying to pay for.

## **Douglas John HIGGINS R52874 - Bio.**



Born on the 14th July, 1937 he did National Service in the Army August to November 1956 and joined the Navy on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1957. He served at HMAS HARMAN 1958, HMAS TOBRUK 1959-1960 (paid off TOBRUK), HMAS LONSDALE (for N.H.B.S.) 1961 -1962, HMASYARRA. 1963. HMAS CERBERUS 1964. HMAS ANZAC 1965 then promoted to POWTR mid 1965 transferred to HMAS DUCHESS 1965 - 1966, HMAS HARMAN 1967 -1968, HMAS CERBERUS 1969 (Supply School), HMAS ANZAC 1970-1971, thence HMAS CERBERUS 1972 followed and finally HMAS. LONSDALE (for RANRTF) 1972 to mid 1977 (paid off on the 13<sup>th</sup> July, 1977.

One particular highlight of his Career was being in the Colour Party that led the ANZAC March through Sydney on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 1965 the 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration of ANZAC. An official Navy Photograph hangs with pride in his home at SEBASTOPOL. It was on the following day (26<sup>th</sup> April, 1965) he spent most of the day out at E.G. Whitlam's home at Cabramatta N.S.W. discussing the inadequacies of the, then, DFRB Scheme. Mr. Whitlam was then Deputy Leader of the Federal Opposition. Although he does not claim credit fully for the change in the DFRB Legislation when Whitlam came to power in 1972 he would like to think that he did play a part in this important and vital change to the Scheme. He and Mr Whitlam exchanged correspondence for a period following his visit in 1965.

Since leaving the Service Doug served for ten years as Secretary/Treasurer of the SEBASTOPOL FIRE BRIGADE and has been an active Member of the R.S.L. having served as Vice president and A/Sec for the past 13 years as President. In 2003 he was awarded the Centenary Medal for service to the Community and Veterans'. Made a Life member of the R.S.L. of Australia in 2002. In July, 2007 was awarded Life Membership of the R.S.L. with Gold Badge by the National Executive of the R.S.L.

### **Subject: HMAS Quiberon - FESR 1961**

Interested to make contact with any writers who served in HMAS Quiberon in the FESR during its 1961 deployment.

Sincerely, Mike Fogarty.

Contact Mike at: [MIKE.FOGARTY@BIGPOND.COM](mailto:MIKE.FOGARTY@BIGPOND.COM)



## Frank, Shugg Biography

My P.N.F. service began from Melbourne as a Rct. Wtr. O/N R 37196 on 7th March, 1949 and concluded with retirement on 11th May, 1986 as LCDR SD SU and added to that two three month periods of Reserve Service.



The intake was a large one over 100 recruits and transport from LONSDALE to CERBERUS was in an Army semi trailer fitted with wooden bench seats. Class M 44 commenced under the supervision of Ldg Smn Morrison and Belbin. Seamanship training was onboard HMAS LATROBE and Writer Instructors were Commissioned

Writer Officer Nick Carter and CPO Wtr Edwin Rogers at the Supply School the OIC Senior Commissioned Writer Alf Calder. Some writers on this course were Barry Benfield John Burge Bob Bryce Les Corkery Gordon Gent Spencer Mansfield John Murrells John Moy and Don Tillett.

Progression through the rank structure to CPO Wtr was in 1962 whilst at the Supply School. It was here that I qualified Instructor CPO WTR I, was selected as Chief of the Queens Colour to parade through Melbourne to the Shrine of Remembrance now called Navy Week, and approved for over age selection for SD Candidate. Promoted SUB LT SD SU W in 1966 number 02569.

During this period saw many changes; Supply Officers losing their distinctive white between the gold braid to the executive look, from pen and ink you had to make to biro through three pay systems from KR&AI to Din Pers, S/c's to data processing computer printouts and modern technology in video screens. Twenty-four postings in all, some more memorable than others.

On ship MURCHISON for service in Korea, witnessed the A Bomb explosion at Monte Bello, enjoyed the Queen's first Splice the Main Brace. TARANGAU lasting memories of personalities and party tricks, the site where Japanese War Criminals were tried and hanged, watching the Qantas Constellation aircraft's hairy take off with one hundred sailors and one lady onboard bound for Australia. PENGUIN 4th Submarine Squadron, a sea experience in RN Submarine S 23 ANDREW — wow-, received an award from Herbert Lott Trust Fund. Ship MELBOURNE launched and arrested in a Tracker Aircraft to pick up more Australian and Foreign currency in Singapore, then the disaster with USS EVANS. Special

memories with last sea posting as SO SUPPLY with Captain David Martin.

CERBERUS has always been a special place, whilst participating in many sporting activities steered the S&S Field Gun crew to its only victory, attended the first trial week long no leave combined Army, Navy moral leadership course with two other Ldg Wtrs Jack Cummins and Laurie Kenny, qualified for cross rifles, awarded ledger certificate. Served with what must have been an unmatched time in the Pay Block the two tallest then Commissioned Writers Lofty Langworthy and Ed Rogers and the two shortest CPO Writers Irving and Walkerden, and during this period the amazing race of one writer chasing Big Ed with an axe, a long story. Met and married LWR WTR P Heather Southam, have two children. Witnessed the march past with Cdre Shimmin after presentation of the LS & GCM, the twenty pound gratuity (\$40) came later.

Outside the normal duties of the Supply Department other areas included Deputy Director of Sailors Postings, Staff Officer DNT overseas training, defence co-operation training organization and finance, Recruiting Officer Western Australia, and OIC AUST FASO Seattle USA for ships SYDNEY and DARWIN. On SYDNEY's departure for Australia after the formalities alongside the ship sailed and received three cheers from Ship's Company. Following departure of ship DARWIN closed down the office with many memories including the heaviest snow fall recorded in Seattle just before departure and having successfully dispensed and balanced over twenty two million dollars in three and a half years.

There has been many incidents, humorous and otherwise and wonderful people and personalities too numerous to mention individually that I have met and shared company with during my Naval career.

### **John Pedder**

John joined the Royal Australian Navy on 8 February 1982. He was trained as a scribe by PO Jeanie Brennan. His first sea posting was to HMAS BRISBANE then as part of the decommissioning crew of HMAS VAMPRIE. John finished his time as a Leading Seaman in HMAS DERWENT, in December 1989. On leaving the service he obtained his degree in Law and now works as a Barrister and Solicitor in Launceston Tasmania. He specialises in Criminal and Personal Injury Law. In October 2006 he joined the Royal Australian Naval Reserve as a Legal Officer at the rank of Lieutenant.

**John Andrews** says he enjoys the scribbler and some names come to mind like chief writer, nosy parker. Well nickname he had an interest in just about every firm in the "Canberra" especially the SP books. Pay Commander Athol Rhodes, then a kellick, we were at the Sydney high together. Then Chief Writer 'jockey' Galbraith, and PO Writer George Kemp, both in 'Swan' action in Darwin. both behind guns not desks.

John recently read an article on the much loved, 'Johnny's'. In a footnote to the article, the author said he had no interior shots of Johnny's and was looking for photos for his story. If you have any photos of Johnny's and would like to pass on a copy please to John Andrews at 17 Canberra Road, Lake Heights, NSW 2502. Photos will be returned if required.

### **Jill Kelly (nee Hildebrand)**



Joined from Melbourne in 1975. Postings include CERBERUS (Pay Office with Allan Curtin) ALBATROSS - (AJASS) - COONAWARRA, (Shoal Bay) Navy Office (Steno CNS - worked with Greg Kinnear and Robbie Robson - great fun) and back to COONAWARRA. Paid off in 1983. Married Ned Kelly, a communicator, and we have a daughter Living in Canberra and works as Personal Assistant to the Chief Justice of Australia at the High Court.

### **CPOWTR Wayne Swift.**



I joined the RAN on 9 Jan 1989 as a Stoker before seeing the light and passing out of Supply School on 9 Nov 93 (instructors POWTR's Chris Haskins, Wayne Lanham and Ann-Marie O'Dwyer). After my Writers course I posted to NSC where I served with CPOWTR Bomber Atkinson (1993 -95) and after advise from Bomber I posted to HMAS DARWIN (95-96) where he was COSEC 1986-88. On promotion to LSWTR I was posted to PLATYPUS where I served until it was decommissioned. In 1999 I posted to MHQ until 2001 when I posted to HMAS NEWCASTLE. In 2003 I posted to MC's staff for 12Months and during this time I was promoted to POWTR In April 2004 I posted to KUTTABUL as the A/Perso serving under CMDR Brian Eagles. I joined TOBRUK in March 2005 and left there in June 2007 as a CPOWTR and posted to Russell Offices. (Photo 2005)

**June Morrison.** I wanted to join the WRANS to see Australia at someone else's expense and got from Adelaide to Melbourne and return. All other travel has been at my own expense.



It was all very quick after my father signed the papers and on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1970 I was leaving Adelaide as a Recruit WRAN Writer (Official Number W107866) with my work colleague, Helga Hundertmark (now Jongewaard) for Cerberus, where I celebrated my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday the Sunday after my arrival.

I went through the six-week basic training and the Writers' Course with Gordon Coucil as our Petty Officer. On completion I was sent to the Movements Office where I was bored stupid (I was told to bring a magazine to work) so when a Sub-Lieutenant came in and said they were looking for a WRANWTR to volunteer to work at Naval Health Benefits for two weeks, I jumped at the chance. I worked in NHBS with Kevin Simpson and Bob D'Elton and ended up spending the remainder of my service at Navy Office (Melbourne) in RAN Relief Trust Fund working with POWTR Tom McVickers, CMDR Cameron (Retd), POWTR Doug Higgins and CMDR Alf Calder (Retd).

In April 1971 I injured my right eye whilst taking a staple out of a report to be tabled in Parliament after Tom McVickers had retyped the first page because the Commonwealth Auditor did not like the wording. I had used a 'pig stabber' to remove the large staple and the pig stabber slipped and I brought it up into my eye. I was placed on the medical category "Unfit for Posting" as I was under a civilian specialist after Tom walked me to Prince Henry's Hospital, which was next door. Four operations later, and left with 90% loss of sight in the right eye (and minus the lens), I was discharged PUNS as a Senior WRAN Writer in February 1974, 6 days before my engagement expired.

I stayed in Melbourne for a while and then moved to Canberra but came back to Adelaide in December 1977. I stumbled into working for solicitors and have worked for the legal profession ever since. At one point I was working at a (now defunct) private business college training future legal secretarial staff in legal practice and procedure.

My loss of sight hasn't affected my life. I've learned to adjust and have had no further operations. I am a member of the Naval Association (SA) WRANS Sub-Section and enjoy a monthly social get together with other former WRANS after being recognised by former WRWTR Anthea Kuerschner (now Boyce) in a snack bar in 2001.

### **CPOWTR Anthony 'Irish' Vickers Bio**



Joined RAN as adult recruit in Aug '67, Moran Division. Posted Dec 67 as ORDUC to HMAS MELBOURNE. After familiarisation visit to submarine (HMAS OXLEY?) changed branch to Writer. Posted to HMAS VENDETTA in '68 where Terry McHarry was the POWTR and Terry Standen the Killick. Later posted to HMAS PENGUIN medical and was discharged MUNS mid '69. Rejoined RAN in Jan 70. Served in QUEENBOROUGH as ORDWTR until course with Buck (Guy) Rogers, Dave Boyd, Jim Chant, Bob Dumbrill, Paul Milgate, Ken Roberts, Alex Shiels, and Sharky Sutherland.

Following course served in WATERHEN, MELBOURNE (promoted to LWTR in '72), ALBATROSS, CRESWELL, VIC Barracks Melbourne, STUART (did the bicentennial trip to US in '76 when I was promoted P/POWTR in San Francisco. Busted back to LWTR '77, posted FHQ then repromoted POWTR end '78. Posted to Navy Office Canberra (Navy Personnel Division), then COOK in '82 until '85 when I was posted to DSP as Staff Officer. Promoted CPOWTR Jan '86 and posted as NOCTAS SEC. Left PN in Mar '88 and lived in US and UK for a couple of years. Came back and did some Reserve time early '90's in Canberra then public servant in ATSIC and ACT Dept of Education before living in Ireland from May 98 to Feb 04 where I worked for the European Union as an Administrator at a Drug Rehabilitation Centre, and EU Waste Management Inspector until early '01. Following this, took up position of Executive Assistant to Managing Director of Compaq Computers until they were taken over by Hewlett Packard.

Have been doing Reserve work since returning in '04; Apr-Aug04 in HMAS HARMAN, then CFTS as PERSO ALBATROSS Sep04-Jan07. I am currently doing 2 year CFTS contract with Navy Establishment Validation Team in Campbell Park since Mar this year, although have been seconded to position of SODGN CPP at Russell Offices for a couple of months (until Mid Nov 07). Will probably head back to Europe for a couple of years after this, unless something interesting turns up.

## **Helga JONGEWAARD (nee HUNDERTMARK) – Bio**



I had wanted to join the Navy since I was 11 years old, when my parents gave me a “Girl’s Annual” for Christmas containing an article “Women in the Navy”, with wonderful descriptions of “living in condominiums by the sea”, travelling and meeting people from all over. I can’t say I wasn’t initially a little shocked at the real deal but I wouldn’t have changed it for the world and I’d do it all over again.

I joined the WRANS on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 1970 from Adelaide as a recruit WRAN Writer (Official Number: W107867) travelling to HMAS Cerberus. After 6 weeks basic training and the Writer’s Course with POWTR Gordon Coucil, I was sent to work in the Pay Office. A job I absolutely loved, having my own pay section of just over 300 male recruits and their instructors, working alongside Ted Ozols, George Edgel and Mick Scully.

Near the end of April 1971 I was drafted to HMAS Harman, working at Navy Office under CMDR Snow, with POWRWTR Elaine Retallick, and it was there my career in the WRANS ended on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January 1972. I married a Harman sailor during the Christmas holiday break and was discharged on my return. It has been nearly 36 years since I left, still happily married to that same sailor (now Detective Sergeant for SA Police) with two children and three grandchildren.

I continued working in office situations for the next few years but wanted a job that would give me more time with my children during school holidays. In 1980 I started working in the School Photography industry as a Kindergarten photographer and by 1986 I had started my own School photography business, Advanced Photographers, where I am to this day.

After a surprise phone call in 2001 from an ex WRAN I joined up with, I enjoy a social get together on the last Friday evening of each month with other ex WRANS.

I am also a member of the Naval Association (SA) - WRANS Sub Section and am currently the secretary of the Organising Committee for the Ex WRANS - RAN Women Reunion, being hosted in Adelaide in April 2009.

## **Janet Frances McFawn (nee Bellis)**



Known as Wran Jan, joined Feb 76, posted to Harman 76-79, firstly in Accounts with Pete Sanders, Bob Baird, Pi Pieda, then to Navy Office in Manpower Planning, Liz Budek was my PO, also other scribes were Geoff Hardwick, Terry McHarry, Sharky Sutherland, Greg Peers, Sue Theodore, Morgan Dunbar, Di Cavedon. Posted to Sydney Recruiting 79-81 as a LWR. Posted back to Canberra working at Campbell Park in Fleet Maintenance.

Promoted to PO in 82 and then worked in Fleet Supply Services with Steve Rogers, Paddy O'Brien, Joy Newman. Married CPOMTP Irish McFawn who was working in DFM in Jan 84, had our son David in 85 and was discharged in 86. Irish was discharged in 87 after 20 yrs. We then moved to Tasmania settling in Launceston. I had our daughter Jenny in 88. Irish works for the Launceston City Council and I work part time in a food outlet. Irish and I are members of the Launceston South Naval Association he as Vice Pres and I as Treasurer. If anyone is travelling down our way, give us a ring, we are the only McFawns in the phone book in Northern Tasmania.

Heading to Perth in 2008, and as I am a WA native, will enjoy seeing the old city again.

## **Lake, Lynzey**



Joined Navy 16/01/2006 as RCTWTR from Queensland. Was awarded "the Top Shot Prize" for my entire Recruit Intake at the Cerberus Rifle Range, didn't the "dibbies" just love a Writer getting that prize!

Completed initial Writers Course 231 in June 2006. Posted to Cerberus on completion of course for duties in Administration, Accounts Processing and Task Book progression.

Posted to HMAS Coonawarra 4 April 2007. Posted to HMAS Newcastle (FFG) 5 March 2008. Posted back to HMAS Coonawarra July 2009.

My father (Ex CPOWTR Lindsay Lake) & step Mother (Ex POWTR Lesley LAKE) actively encouraged me to join the Navy as a Writer.

## **CPOWTR Marc Henderson**



I joined on the 20 July 1992 at the age of 20 from Adelaide, South Australia. On completion of initial Writer training at HMAS *Cerberus* I posted as a SMNWTR to the submarine support base HMAS *Platypus* in 1993. Following promotion to ABWTR, I joined HMAS *Torrens* in 1994 for my first sea posting. This included three overseas deployments throughout South East Asia and the South West Pacific. After a couple of years at sea and promotion to LSWTR, I served at HMAS *Watson* and HMAS *Cerberus* from 1996 to 2000

working various positions in Pay, Accounts and Personnel. I participated in Exercise Long Look in 2000, attached to the *D3/D5 Destroyer Squadron* offices in Portsmouth, England. While attached to the squadron I deployed to sea in HMS *York*, HMS *Glasgow* and HMS *Edinburgh*.

In late 2000, I returned to Williamstown, Victoria where I joined HMAS Warramunga, commissioning the ship in 2001. While posted here I was involved in *Op Relex* and later on promoted to POWTR in January 2002. I joined HMAS Kuttabul working at the Military Pay and Accounting Centre in Pitt Street, Sydney.

In October 2002, I deployed as part of Command Task Group staff for *Op Slipper*, enforcing UN sanctions against Iraq. I spent the following months in the Persian Gulf serving in United States Navy ships USS *Paul Hamilton*, USS *Fletcher*, USS *Milius* and USS *Valley Forge*. The team joined HMAS *Kanimbla* in February 2003 and were present for the transition to *Op Falconer* and ensuing war with Iraq. After return to Australia, I posted to Defence Force Recruiting in Adelaide as the Chief Clerk. May 2006 promoted CPOWTR, I took up my present posting in the Promotion Cell at the Directorate of Sailors' Career Management.

## **Jackee Turner**



Able Seaman. W153266. Joined: 4th July 1994 from Townsville. HMAS *Cerberus* (04/07/94 to 19/02/95). HMAS *Platypus* (20/02/95 to 21/03/97)

I joined the Navy so I could travel the world but didn't actually get to leave Australia. I spent the majority of my service at HMAS *Platypus* in Sydney. I paid off on the 21st March 1997 and went



backpacking around the world for a year. I have since been overseas every other year and visited 31 countries in total. The experience I gained in the Navy has been beneficial to my career as an Operations Officer in the Maritime industry which I have been working in for the past six years. I have just completed a Bachelor of Business with majors in Management and Human Resource Management and I'm now relocating to Brisbane to take on the role of Operations Officer – Queensland for SVITZER the Tug and Salvage Company.

### **John Richards**

I spent 7 years of my life as a scribe from 1987 to 1994. Joined up initially as an apprentice ETC at Nirimba in 1985 but took my optional discharge 7 months later. I rejoined as a scribe in July 1987 and was on Initial Writers 22A with Spider Tatnell as instructor. First posting was to DSP at Navy Office where Ken Sinnamon was my Chief. From there I was posted to Stalwart in March 1989 with Knocker White as my PO and Smack Cocayne (later Cohayne) as LS. Was on Stalwart until she was decommissioned in early 1990. I ended up back in Canberra at HQADF in a few places before being posted down to Albatross in April 1993. Discharged in July 1994 and moved back to Canberra where I still am.

### **Wild ex-writers weekend in the Tablelands was truly splendid by Dave Hancock.**



Dave Hancock caught up with Stew Merrilles and Jim Carroll at the pub in Kuranda. I recognized the boys straight away as Stew and Jim don't look a day over 60 and 70 and even reserve sailors stand out in a crowd. Actually Jim and Stew have changed

very little and I'm not sure how my features changed since we last met but they didn't run and hide when they saw me.

From Kuranda we moved onto a quaint little pub in Tialba, had a shout and then onto Jim's plantation at Malanda. Jim has a lovely home on the outskirts of Malanda overlooking hills and

valleys with farms of orchards and dairy cattle. A most picturesque scenery. Jim has done a lot of work to this place and the outside bar on his veranda is a must for all homes.

After a short bit of gossip we moved onto the local RSL and reminisced over a few short stories. Jim is a popular member of the local RSL and keep your ears pinned for some news that the club will have a new president next year. After a belly full of local amber we made our way back to Jim's place for some pleasant glasses of Jim's red.

The next morning (Saturday) we had scramble eggs (eggs from Jim's chooks) and bacon on Jim's veranda bar followed by homemade cumquat on toast washed down with Jim's freshly squeezed orange juice hhhhmmmmmm delicious.

Jim cooked us a great BBQ dinner of fillet steaks washed down with some more of Jim's fine red wine that he was now complaining that it was getting harder to find a few bottles in his cellar. After dinner we had more red wine and a bottle of Jim's fine locally made fruit port. It must have been good as we polished the bottle off (and others) before our karaoke final with Jim's rooster and retiring for the night.

Sunday morning saw us gather for sausages, eggs and fried tomatoes at Jim's verandah bar. The sun shining on the valley below made for a slower start for the day. Our first call was just down the road from Jim's place at a swamp at the bottom of a volcano crater.

Next stop was the Ravenshoe pubs. These pubs are the highest pubs in Australia. Not only was the pub one of the highest, so to was one of the patrons at 10 in the morning. We weren't sure if he was continuing from the night before or from early openers, but he was just about out of his tree. A funny bugger thou and we got some laughs from him before searching out other talent at the pub across the road. A little more sober on this side of the road the patrons were still cheery and we participated in some local trivia.

Off to the wind farm where 20 turbo windmills generate enough electricity for 3500 homes. A very awesome sight to see these monsters so close up. However, at this stage it was not only windy, but it was cold so we moved onto another lookout on the way down the Tablelands. The Malanda pub just happened to be open so we had to check out the old architecture before heading home. A quick granny nap and Jim had Chinese ready for our dinner. By this time Jim's cellar was fairly barren and as Stew and Jim had to work the next day we retired for the night about 1000. Even the rooster wasn't looking for any karaoke competition on our final night. A great weekend. Dave

## **RYAN, Angela Mary Jane - Bio**

Currently living in Brisbane, Queensland. Scribe 1979 to 1987 - Cerberus, Navy Office Canberra, Harman, Kuttabul, ComAusFleet, ComAusNavSupp, Huon Recruiting (Launceston attached) Known to Dave Speight, Beast Klimeck, Dave Matters, Pete Spalding, John Counsel, Dave Whelan (instructor), Bomber Atkinson (deceased) and others. Semi-retiring to 'Tree-Change' in North Queensland mid 2008.

## **Collins, Bob Bio (Pics l-2007 r - 1968)**



Joined RAN in 1956 after doing National Service and a short stint in Army. Served CERBERUS, QUICKMATCH (in drydock when VENDETTA rammed the gate and caused flooding), short spell at LONSDALE (Health Benefits), CERBERUS,



TARANGAU (2 1/2 yrs), CERBERUS, SYDNEY (Admiral Staff) did enquiry when Midshipmen were lost at sea, MELBOURNE (Ads. staff), KUTTABUL FOCAF, HUON (survived the bushfires in 1967), HOBART (1968 tour on gunline when hit by missiles), LEEUWIN (4 yrs), DERWENT, CERBERUS. Paying off in 1976. Awarded Naval Board Commendation during Hobart's 1968 tour Vietnam. Medals awarded AASM 1945-75 Clasps Vietnam Malaya, NGSM Malaya, Vietnam Medal, ASM 1945-75 Clasps PNG FESR, DFM 1st Clasp, National Medal, LS&GC Medal, ADM, National Service 1951-1972 Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal.

**Missing Writers. If you know their whereabouts please advise us or let them know we exist. More names next issue** PARFREMONT Eloise, PARK Glen, PARKER Barry, PARKER Allan, PARTRIDGE Karen Anne, PASCOE Colin, PASCOE Harry, PETERS Doug, PETERSEN George, PHILLIPE Peter, PICARD Charlie.

## **Deceased**

**Phillip Griffiths 03/10/2007.** Aged 52 years. P/N 0121506. Ex POWTR and LCDR. Late of Currumbin Waters, QLD.

**Dollard, J. L. (nee Taylor) WRWTR W1761**



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