



THE SCRIBBLER



From The Editor:



ITS TIME for all you Scribes thinking about going to the reunion, to get your registration form in. Time is ticking away and March 2011 is only 6 months away when you get this newsletter.

This edition has all the reunion details and the registration form. So why not register now and pay now. Costs for the Meet & Greet, Dinner and BBQ are extremely reasonable. We hope to see you in Hobart 2011.

We are sad to see that Bob Browne (ex CPO) and Brian (Mac) McAuliffe (Ex POME) recently passed away. We pass on our condolences to Kerry Browne and Judy McAuliffe.

What is in this edition ? Lots of pictures - we have received a number of pictures and have devoted this newsletter to publishing photos- from the recent Brisbane drinks to photos way back. We have a number of biographies which are great to read, I would ask you all, to please send in your biographies, pictures of your navy days, anecdotes of those times etc. This applies to all serving and retired scribes.

This newsletter relies on information passed to us from you, without your input, it becomes difficult to publish 'The Scribbler' So how about putting pen to paper (or email these days) write a story, and dig out your old photos in the bottom drawer. I will return them to you if sent by post.

And don't forget the web site, which has become valuable source of information for people through out the world researching ships and who served on them, people pictures (so you can remember who ex scribes looked like), details of initial courses and pictures. This is the only place where details of your navy life and pictures will be displayed when you fade away.

Regards - Geoffrey 'British' Hardwick



NAVY WRITERS REUNION HOBART 2011 - REGISTRATION REQUEST

Friday 11 March to Monday 14 March 2011

NAMES

First name		Aka		Surname	
First Name		Aka		Surname	
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How to pay "Navy Writers Reunion":

Method	How to Pay:	Amount enclosed/paid	Please indicate method below
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BSB: 802 397 Account No: 398002 Account name Navy Writers Reunion Reference: Your "last name and Initials"	Direct deposit		
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Drinks are not included in price. These are the final costs.

Item	Description	Cost	No people attending	Total Cost
Meet and Greet	1800 - 2330 Friday 11 March	\$15		
Dinner / Dance	1830 - 2330 Saturday 12 March	\$85		
BBQ	1300 Sunday 13 March	\$35		
Port Arthur Bus Tour	Leave 0830 return 1700 Monday 14 th March	\$65		
Polo Shirt	Hobart reunion polo shirt	\$40		
Please circle size	Men : S - M - L - XL - 2XL-3XL-4XL-5XL-6XL-7XL-9XL			Total Cost
	Ladies: 10 - 12 - 14 - 16 - 18 - 22			Less deposit if you paid this
				Total Payable
Please advise below if you have any special dietary needs:				

Please forward Applications of Registration to the Treasurer (Frank Brown)

Treasurer Frank Brown

Navy Writers Reunion Hobart 2011

'Victory Place'

116 Preston Road,

Gawler, Tas, 7315

Or email (If you are doing direct deposit) this completed page to:

fbr41228@bigpond.net.au



Hobart Reunion 2011

Hobart - Events

Friday 11 March 1800 - ? Meet and Greet - Wrest Point Casino.

Small eats will be provided at 7pm.

Saturday 12 March 1830 for 1900 Dinner / Dance - Wrest Point Casino

Dress: Coat and tie or mess undress.

Sunday 13 March 1200-1500 BBQ - Wrest Point Casino

Monday 14 March Port Arthur Bus Tour Leave 0830 return 1700

Note: Buy your own lunch on the day.

Accommodation

Wrest Point Casino

Limited rooms are available at the Wrest Point Casino. So if you wish to stay there book now! For enquiries, please phone Group Reservations on 1800 139 760 or email: groups@federalgroup.com.au

Motel 429

Has 33 Units - 1 minute walk to the Casino. Standard Double room \$130. Twin room (1 Queen size bed + 1 single) \$135. Deluxe double \$155. Self contained double \$160 Deluxe double with water views \$170

Their contact details are 429 Sandy bay Road, telephone 03 6225 2511 email sales@motel429.com.au

Hobart Macquarie

(Quote Writers reunion) Double and/or twin rooms for \$150.00 per room (2 people) up to 60 rooms. A cooked breakfast each morning would be \$20 p/person. 167

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Lenna Hobart

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Going by car and ferry

If any scribes are intending to go by car and use the ferry a special fare has been arranged for day travel for the following dates: 6th March and return 20th March. Both departures are 0900 and arrive the other side 1800.

Cost:

- a. Adult in a ocean view recliner: \$136
- b. Pensioner in ocean view recliner \$90
- c. Vehicle fare \$74 (5 metres long)

Note: The pension price is for those that have an Australian Pensioner Concession card issued by Centrelink or Veterans Affairs.

The Healthcare card or Seniors card DO NOT qualify you for the concession.

If you wish to leave on these days, please let us know by completing the form on our site under reunion or call Lew on 0412 001 636. We will further advise all those intending travel how to pay. These prices above are subject to ten people using the ferry at the same time.

Campers

Scott Woodham, Venue Manager of the The Royal Agricultural Society of Tasmania says "We offer both powered and un-powered sites at the Hobart Show ground At that time the fees would be \$20 per night for a powered site and \$15 per night for unpowered site. They do not take bookings however they will set aside an area for the Writer contingent. You need to complete the form on our site so we can coordinate numbers. Go to 'Reunion' page and click on 'show ground' and complete the details

Hobart 14 day round island trip

If you are interested in joining some scribblers touring Tassie then please let us know. Our plan is to arrive Devonport 6th March by ferry and travel around East Tas.stopping in Hobart for the reunion and then going around the West side finishing at Devonport to catch the day ferry 20th March During each day you organise yourself – after breakfast we don't have anything organised until meeting up with you at the night's accommodation. If you are interested contact Lew on 0412 001 636



THE FUTURE OF THE WRITER CATEGORY

On the 4th May 2010, Commodore Robert Richards, Head of Supply Community issued a letter to all Writer members. The email regarding the future of the writer category is forwarded for information to all serving and retired scribes,.

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Dear Writer Category Member,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Head of the Navy Supply Community, to update you on the progress of the Writer Category Review undertaken last year.

The review found that there is an enduring need for professional administrative and support services to command and Navy people, both at sea and ashore, and that Writers are best placed to provide these services. The review has been endorsed by both the Supply

Advisory Council (SAC) and the Navy People Committee (NPC) as the vision of the future role and employment of Writers to 2018.

While there remains a role for WTRs in Navy for the foreseeable future, some rationalisation of billets is required. Due to the introduction of new classes of ships, which have fewer WTR billets than those ships that will decommission, as well as meeting Navy's Strategic Review Project (SRP) targets, less WTR billets will be required by 2018. Overall numbers are yet to be agreed, but the billet reductions will be achieved gradually over the next 8-10 years, by adjusting recruiting targets and natural attrition. Our intent is to eliminate, transform or transition transactional processing and lower level administrative functions (e.g. pay processing), eliminate unformed billets that currently undertake transactional processing and lower level administration functions (e.g. in Satellite PACs) and establishing more personnel and HR management roles within the Navy Command structure ashore.

A Distant Support Pilot (DSP) for the processing of pay ashore has just successfully concluded in HMA Ships NEWCASTLE and ANZAC. This is a key initiative of the Writer 2018 review and places Navy at the forefront of SRP whole of ADF pay initiatives. CSOSUP is currently developing a rollout plan transitioning all MFU pay transactional processing to MPAC Raymond Terrace and briefings will be conducted in HMAS STIRLING and Fleet Headquarters for all available MFU Writers and Supply Officers in the coming weeks. Processes such as leave and accounts will be also reviewed in the next few months.

The Writer Review identifies opportunities for an exciting and challenging career for WTR sailors and a lot of work is required to implement the findings of the review structure both ashore and afloat. More information will be distributed as it is received.

Regards Bob Richards



ROBERT 'BOB' WILLIAM BROWNE

Robert passed away 2nd June 2010.

R117212. Joined September 14th 1974 for Recruit Entry Training - from Victoria. He was originally categorised Seaman Marine Technical Power Electrical Unqualified. However, on March 20th 1976 he transferred to Writer and then completed the Writer Category Course. December 2nd 1976 saw him promoted to Seaman Writer and posted *Platypus* - Submarine Support Facility. Promoted ABWTR May 31st 1977.



In November 1978 Bob joined the *Melbourne*. He was promoted LSWTR February 1 1980 and saw him posted to Harman (Navy Office) for Chief of Naval Staff Secretariat. A posting in December 1981 to Registry and Accounts Office *Coonawarra* occurred. (Patrol Boat Support Installation and Naval Communications Base)

His future postings before promotion to Petty Officer 30th November 1987 were April 1983 *Hobart*, June 1983 *Kuttabul* -(Fleet Supply Team) December 1983 *Hobart*, November 1985 *Harman* (Navy Office November 1986 *Cairns* (Minor War Vessel Support Facility).

On promotion he spent some time at the Recruiting Office, Townsville then Careers Advisor - Supervisor at Defence, Canberra occurred on April 1989. In January 1990 he became OIC Navy Records - Supervisor at ADFA. Six months later in June 1990 he was posted to Albatross at the Personal Services Organisation Housing, in charge of Removals Office and as Personnel Services Officer

It was not long after (Oct 1990) before Bob was was posted *Harold E Holt* as Captain's Secretary/In Charge of Ship's Office and Second In Charge of Personnel Office. Bob was promoted to CPOWTR November 30th 1994 and became Assistant Manager - In Charge of Personnel Office.

After his promotion he was posted to *Stirling* February 1995 as Assistant Manager - Second in Charge Personnel Office. However, he was till to go to sea again in August 1996 to *Adelaide* as Commanding Officer's Secretary. In December 29th 1997, Bob was discharged to shore.

Kerry his wife said that "Bob loved every part of his career and no doubt, like every sailor, there were many highlights. One I know he had up there at 'the top' was that of the Bullimore Rescue in January 1997 when he was Raydon Gates'



right hand man. Bob also had and continued to have, a huge respect for Raydon and they had kept in touch throughout.”

Bob married Kerry on 9th June 1984 in Brisbane and have two children Kimberley (24) a school teacher and son Justin (22) a Police Officer. They settled in Secret Harbour WA after Bob paid off.



Judy McAuliffe advised **Brian (Mac)McAuliffe passed away Monday, 10 May 2010.**

He had been fighting mesothelioma since July 2008 and since September 2009 the pain was unbearable. He is now at peace. Brian attended all the Writer reunions with Judy.

Heard from **Helen Harrison**. Helen was a Writer from 1985 to 1997 and paid off as a LSWTR. Living in South Australia.

Karyn Wilson (Formerly Towns) just joined the Association. Karyn served from July 1994 to October 1997. Lives in Victoria.



Picture 1994
Writer Course

Eloise Parfremment also advised she is now living in West Australia. Eloise joined in 1996.

Athol Rose has another birthday. A



World War II sailor. Athol served in the early 1930's until he retired in the early 1960's. Athol turned 95 years in 2010 and he is shown here on Anzac Day with medals.

We wish Athol all the best. Read his Biography on our web site.

It is believed that **ABWTR Tony Busch** died in the USA in the late 70's or early 80's. Can anybody provide us with any more information on this



SCRIBES MEETING BRISBANE SEQ 1/10 BY MITCH

Great day. Some photos taken by Lew Horsfield and John Grantins.. A very friendly group of 20 turned up, including 3 Ladies, covering all "vintages" of scribes. If those who said they would love to be there but for other events we



would have had 30. The Spackman's, Kitchener's, Harpoon Halpin etc. Etc. Etc. Hope they can muster at the next one and maybe improve the 'tone' with their own style. Even located a Jim Dahl who left Scribes and joined the RAAF in early 80's who has promised to be at the Oct function. Then there was Wally Bristow, Mick Boyd, The Lord Mayor of FNQ Jimbo Carrol, Swazi Ellis, Kel Clarke: a whole bunch of people that really made the telephone/emails conducted a joy. There is a lot of distance around this Great State but given enough notice these guys will make the effort. (Left Judy McMullen)

Met some new friends and Olde ones as well. Gus Russell and Gary Brazier and Nev Clarke still look the same. Hope I do!! No complaints heard from any in attendance, or the staff! But I left the brave at about 8pm.

Some still think the MJs Bar is too expensive. I guess on a 1 for 1 schooner basis it is dearer (\$5.70 a schooner) but if your going to drink that much to make a dint in difference you perhaps shouldn't start. (Left



Wayne Bramwell - Below Laurie Mitchell and Bob Rayment). They were very nice in putting on the 3 platters which were devoured very quickly and we didn't have to fund any scran ourselves. Most there got over

that and just enjoyed themselves. Lew kept his HQ vouchers in his pocket but did sign up a couple of new Assn. members. We will have to have a pile of Applications at all these in future.

After many hours of ditty telling we all now have a better appreciation of the various 'vintages' Navy in attendance. I guess the Older the memory the better that it gets, and while being particular to the story teller we all enjoyed them and had a good laugh.





SCRIBES MEET IN BRISBANE

Different years, people, ships, but the same rough and tumble sense of humour. Plenty of laughs. (Right Lew Horsfield)
One of the best things to come out of the afternoon was the positive attitude of Messrs. Nick Rabache and Wayne Bramwell, Greg Morrison and Ms Sue Norris standing up to organise the next on in October 10. All were very keen to see it happen again as were the others there. There really isn't much in putting one together and the success simply depends on two or more turning



up. The rest just happens.

(Below left Lindsay Lake, Nick Rabache and Wayne Bramwell)



I wish I could recall just a few of the dittys of the arvo. There was a copy of the 28Oct68 Navy News there in which Group Pay was detailed. Wtrs on Group 10 and \$4.60 a day. Yahoo! Also had a picture of the Navy Colts Rugby Team with OrdWtrs Mick Boyd and Glen Moyihan - geez they looked like kids!



Also some photos of the Strazer and it's Girls and a performance on the Brick Toilets with flames etc A really great G2G. Roll on the next one. THE 16Oct10 will do me - back in the State that weekend. Cheers
Mitch

(Left Dawn and Ian Grieve)

Some of the Scribes that fronted up were:
Laurie Mitchell, Kev Drinkwater, Lindsay Lake, Neville Clarke, Nick Rabache, Wayne Bramwell, Judy McMullen, John Grantins, Ken Sanders, Ian Grieve & wife, Garry Brazier, Gus Russell, Sue Norris, Lew Horsfield & wife Carmel, Ross Bouncer Wiseman, Bob Joffa Raymount & Greg Morrison.



The
Bris-
bane
crowd.



In a Navy News Article in 1990 there was an article about the **Rosemary Rodwell Memorial Prize**. Rosemary Rodwell (nee Ferazzo) was well known to seniors officers and sailors. This is the article in full: "The prize is awarded in memory of Petty Officer WRAN Writer Rosemary Rodwell, who joined the Navy in 1953.

She spent more than 20 years in the RAN and the Naval Reserves and was awarded the British Empire Medal in 1982. Her many postings included secretary to the Chief of Naval Staff and as a core member of the RAN's Bicentennial Committee. She died in April 1987 following a car accident and her family established a trust fund in her memory with a prize to be awarded to the member whose picture is judged the best contribution to Navy photography each year."

With the recent name change of the Photographer to Imagery Specialist (IS) the tradition of the yearly competition continues. Each year the Navy IS category awards the Rosemary Rodwell prize to the imagery specialist who best demonstrates the pursuit of excellence and presents a cheque for \$100 to the winner. This year's winner was LSIS Yuri Ramseys of the freedom from entry march in Sydney March 2009. To see the best pictures for this year go to page 14 of the Navy News April 29 2010 edition or click on the link below:

http://digital.realviewtechnologies.com/default.aspx?xml=defencenews_navy.xml&iid=35614



SUSAN BENSON (NEE THEODORE)



POWRWTR and posted to the “newly formed” RANTEWSS in 1981, and married later that year to CPOFC Rowley Benson (he was serving down the highway at *CRESWELL*).

Some great times were spent with Bev Davies, Frank DeKoning, Pete Spalding, Wran Jan (McFawn), Di Cavedon, Helen Blake, Morgan Dunbar.

Proceeded on maternity leave in 1983, our son Alan was born 1984, and Tracey-Lyn came along in 1986. Regretfully, we had to leave the Shoalhaven area in 1987, when Rowley took up a posting to NIRIMBA, upon his promotion to WO. Following his discharge in 1989 we returned to QLD.



Susan Benson (nee Theodore) Joined WRANS August 1974 - Discharged June 1984.

Postings included: *ALBATROSS* (Pic 1981 below), *WATSON*, *HARMAN* (NO)



- *DNMP(S)*. On promotion to LWR was posted to *DWRANS* (fond memories of the staff luncheons with the late Captain MacLeod) - Posted back to *ALBATROSS* in '79. Promoted to

We are still enjoying life in the Sunshine State.

HEARD ON THE GRAPEVINE

The new generation Navy. A recent Recruit School intake comprised Male age 50 STD - Male age 46 CK - Female age 46 WTR - Female age 42 WTR - Male 51 CK - Male 43 STD.

So if you are still in your 40/50's why not re join the RAN it is not too late !



Pay Rates - Last month we published the latest pay rates. We had a query about service allowance and why do you get it. The following information has been provided by John Cadman (CPOWTR Reserve Regional Pool Victoria) :

“Service Allowance compensates for the special demands and exigencies of Service life to the extent that they are not fully compensated by the payment of on-occurrence allowances, additional leave or other benefits. The allowance compensates a member for factors such as, but not limited to:

- the requirement to be on call and the liability to work long and irregular hours including weekends and public holidays and shifts;

- the turbulence in postings caused by the liability to be moved frequently, and often at short notice, to meet the needs of the Service and the effects of this on the member and the member's family;
- the requirement to submit to discipline and control in personal and employment matters in which a civilian generally has some freedom of choice; and
- the requirement at times to live and work in uncomfortable conditions.”

The current Service Allowance is \$11,355.

At the Murwillumbah Veteran Golfers annual State of Origin Golf challenge, held 12/7/2010 at the Murwillumbah Golf Course, the Qld Cane Toads continued the dominance of Queensland over NSW with a hard fought victory over the NSW Cockroaches with the score at 34 to 33.75.

The Toad coach **Brian Wedlock** (Right in pic) accepted the Wally the Cane Toad Trophy from Queensland Rugby State of Origin legend Kevin Champion (left in pic).

Brian is an CPOWTR and joined 20/6/58 with sea postings of *Gascoyne, Vendetta*

(twice) Duchess, Stuart.
He left the Navy 30/9/78.





NAVY NEWS ARTICLE FEBRUARY 15TH 1991- PROUD MOMENT FOR DAD



It was a proud moment recently for the Navy's Deputy Recruiting Officer in Western Australia, WOWTR John Southon, when 24 General Entry recruits were sworn in at the Perth recruiting office.

Among the General Entry intake was WO Southon's 18 year old daughter Katrina.

Katrina who has joined as a medic, is at present carrying out basic training at HMAS Cerberus. She hopes to study underwater medicine or laboratory work in the future.



Bill (Bungy) Williams, joined the RAN on 30/06/1966 for 9 years.

After completing his recruit training he was categorised ORDCO and was subsequently posted to Yarra 23/09/1966 - 23/1/1967 when he joined Anzac until 5/5/1967.



On 17th September he was re-categorised ORDWTR and promoted AB 29th October 1968. After the Initial Writer training he was posted to Leeuwin Jan 1969 to July 1969, Sydney July 1969 to July 1970 and Leeuwin July 1970 to December 1973.

Top left Bungy in 2007, bottom left in his younger days. On the right we have Bungy sitting on the Sydney upper deck. Note the bottle of 'tan fast' liquid!





**Intermediate Writers
Course Completed
1st April 2010**

Rear (L-R) ABWTR
Lorna Brew, ABWTR
Jennifer Batho, LSWTR
Monica Jack, ABWTR
Emily Morris, LSWTR
James Carter Back (L-
R) ABWTR Kathryn
Morris, POWTR Brett
Ellis (Course Manager),
CPOWTR Andrew
Beales (Senior
Instructor), LSWTR
Julia Tighe



**COMMANDING
OFFICERS
SECRETARY
Pre-Joining
Training Course**

- Completed 17th
May 2010. (L -
R): PO Kristy
Hoffman; CPO
Chris Hill, CPO
Andy Beales
(Course
Manager); LS Ian
Canny, PO Sandy
Chase



ROBERT 'BOB' MCGRATH - HIS BIOGRAPHY - PART ONE



Despite numerous requests I have declined to provide a profile up until now, mainly due to my embarrassment of my less than distinguished career and the fact that I became an alcoholic at a fairly early age. My alcoholism and behavior during that period caused a lot of people grief, and to the troops that I have not been able to personally apologise, please accept this profile as my personal apology.

I joined the RAN as a junior entry recruit on Good Friday 6th 1969. The train trip over the Unlabored was great and it went downhill from there. Our Chief Divisional Officer at *Leeuwin* was one fearful Con "Dutchy" Sappelli (CPOFC) who only feared two things in life, White Pointers and snakes. We agreed on the first, not the second.

After the late Ted Ivanov and I returned from our weekend from Garden Island with numerous wildlife that we subsequently housed in our respective lockers. I had the misfortune to leave my locker open before leaving for classes one morning. The unfortunate Divisional Kellick was LS Prez Prestocki who found my locker open and 'Fred' my 6 foot Carpet Python came out of my size 7 boot to see what the problem was. At that stage all the Navy could charge me with was destroying Naval Property as "Fred" had turned my size 7 boot into a size 14 as it was his living quarters. The upside was the other two that were asleep in my white fronts didn't move. This was my first taste of chooks, stoppage etc. in the RAN and Dutchy's distrust of me for my remainder of time in *Leeuwin* despite good academic and sporting results.

On completion of *Leeuwin* I was posted to the "Tina" GOR266 with Johnny Spreadborough. My first day on the Tina when ORDs had to do inspection every morning ended in disaster and chooks. LS Bobby Youens questioned whether I had shaved that morning, when I informed him I had not shaved for 3 weeks, I had my first meeting with another feared Chief, CPOCOX JLJ Wilson who contrary to popular belief had a sense of humour and was a fantastic mentor to the JR's on the *Diamantina*.

One of the lasting lessons I learnt during this period on the Tina was what happened at *Leeuwin*, remained at *Leeuwin*. Whilst in Singapore a Kellick from a senior Division at *Leeuwin* had caused me some grief. We just happened to be in a house of ill repute at the same time, when I saw the same gentleman again, I took my revenge unfortunately, something I regret to this day. Apart from wrecking the brothel in Nee Soon, I was charged again for being adrift as I was on Cinderella Leave.



I commenced my Scribes course early in '71 and in retrospect it was when my alcoholism started to emerge. During this period I met some great people that have remained loyal friends despite my indiscretions and downward spiral that was to follow over the next few years. It may have been a blessing if Marty (Grogan) and Wayne (Harris) had failed me on Pay and Accounts on course and re-categorized me. As the older members of this magnificent website would agree. Fortunately, after initial allocation, they swapped me and Maxie Bryant from Pay to Personnel and I had the most productive period of my time. John E Nolan (Sid), Stevie Daws, now LCDR, Billy Kelly, Sabine Dittman and Heather Graham who put up with my antics for a considerable time. During '71 Sid Nolan raised SD papers on me and thankfully for everyone concerned, they were deferred for 12 months, my deterioration over the next 12 months ensured they were filed in bin 13.

The 3 monthly forecast at the end of '71 had me joining the Parra (46) on 4 Jan '72 with Barry Clements the Chief Writer. Chrissy/New Year 71/72 was spent in Rockhampton, subsequently ending in my relationship with Heather and creating a lifelong friendship with her father who enjoyed Johnnie Walker Black and Red and the Red Lion in "Rocky".



As previously stated, I joined the Parra in Jan '72 with Barry, Bomber (A.L Brown) and Kenny Roberts. This posting was the continuation of my downward spiral. The first couple of months alongside at G.I. were fairly uneventful although unfortunately

Barry and I did not see eye to eye on virtually anything. Barry was a good sportsman in his younger days, but now seemed to have very little time for sports or Wednesday "Sporties". For the most part I will accept responsibility for our breakdown in relationship as my priority was sport, socialising, drinking, Not typing ROP's or being in the Ship's Office. To Barry's credit he gave me a "sporty" for the final game of cricket of '72 with the proviso I returned after the game to type the ROP for March. The Skipper of the Oxley who was a participant in the game requested players of both sides to join him in a quiet drink.



True to form I blew it, the last recollections I have of that evening was Bomber coming into the Ship's Office at 0400 and telling me to get my head down, clean up all the spilled corrective fluid, throw the skins in the rubbish and front Barry in the morning. Needless to say the outcome of that confrontation went one way and at that time I seriously considered walking out the main gates of GI. This was not to occur for another seven (7) months. Easter was in April of '72 and as I was a Mexican, I volunteered to stay onboard with another Scribe who will remain nameless as he is still a good friend. What I wasn't aware of was that we had to store ship over that period.

During Store ship, I believe 24 cases of beer evaporated, which would account for the Stokers being legless for the 5 days of Easter, along with Duty watch and the duty SA (WTR Mac). Fortunately due to creative stacking in the cool room the discrepancy was not discovered until well into our deployment. One of the rare one's I got away with. To be continued.....

**LOU MCWATERS
(NEE ROBYNNE
CROSS)**

Lou served at Cerberus from November 1978 to April 1980 and at Building D Russell Offices until 1981 and then Mobile Recruiting at Pyrmont until 1982 and spent a little while at Fleet Registry. Robynne was a Senior WRAN Writer.



Above Initial Wran Writer Course 1 8th January 1979. Back row: Jenny Green (Now Le Guier); Margueritte McLeod; Robynne Cross (Now McWaters); Gillian Archibald; Carey MacMillan (Now Leong); Karen Cedar (Now Bye). Front row: Lisa Firczak (Now Murphy); Marcella Tonks (Now Longhurst); PO John Chant; Debbie Wheeler (Now Klemick)



**WRITERS SEQ2 DRINKS
BRISBANE**

**To be held on Saturday 16th
October 2010 PM**

The meeting of the Queensland scribes will be held more than likely at the same venue MJ's Bar Roma Street.

Visiting scribes from interstate are more than welcome.

If you are interested in attending this afternoon session then let Greg Morrison know, his email address is:

gmorrison@netspace.net.au

His mobile: 0417 195 491

**33rd Annual Sydney Writers
Luncheon**

**To be held on Friday
22nd October 2010
at the Sydney RSL.**

See last page for more details of this luncheon

Start around 12 - lunch at 1pm.



Did you know that the RAN Writers Association donates \$5 per year per member towards refreshments in each State each year. If you not yet a member, then consider joining before attending one of these events above. In both cases the Association will be providing the organiser of the event \$5 per member towards refreshments.

Yearly membership is only \$12 and if you attend one of these functions, it is really only costing you \$7. And if you are really keen to attend both in October membership would have only cost you \$2 !.

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Dear Fellow Scribe,

The 33rd Sydney Writers Reunion Luncheon will be held in the Illusions Bar, 2nd floor Club City Central (formerly known as City of Sydney RSL Club) on George Street on Friday 22nd October, 2010 commencing at 1130 with the traditional convivial conversation.

The luncheon will commence at approximately 1300 and partners are most welcome to attend. Rising prices have caused the cost to rise slightly and a cost of \$32.00 per head has been set. This price will, as usual, include the meal, bread rolls, coffee, wine and orange juice when served at the luncheon table. The meals will, also as usual, be from a set menu served to alternate seats. And the menu is:

Mains: New York steak – *grain fed beef served with steak sauce*

Alternate: BBQ Chicken Breast – *grilled with rosemary garlic lemon marinade*

And for dessert: Mud Cake

Please advise me of your intention to attend by calling me on one of the numbers listed above at any time, drop me a line or send an email. Owing to the need to secure firm catering arrangements with the caterer, we need payment no later than 15th October.

Cheques or Money Orders can be made payable to the 'Sydney Writer's Luncheon' and sent to the address above or an electronic transfer can be made to our Australian Defence Credit Union account BSB 802 397 Account number 667972. Don't forget to put your name in the comments box so that I know who it's from.

Hoping to see you in October

Regards, Mark

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