

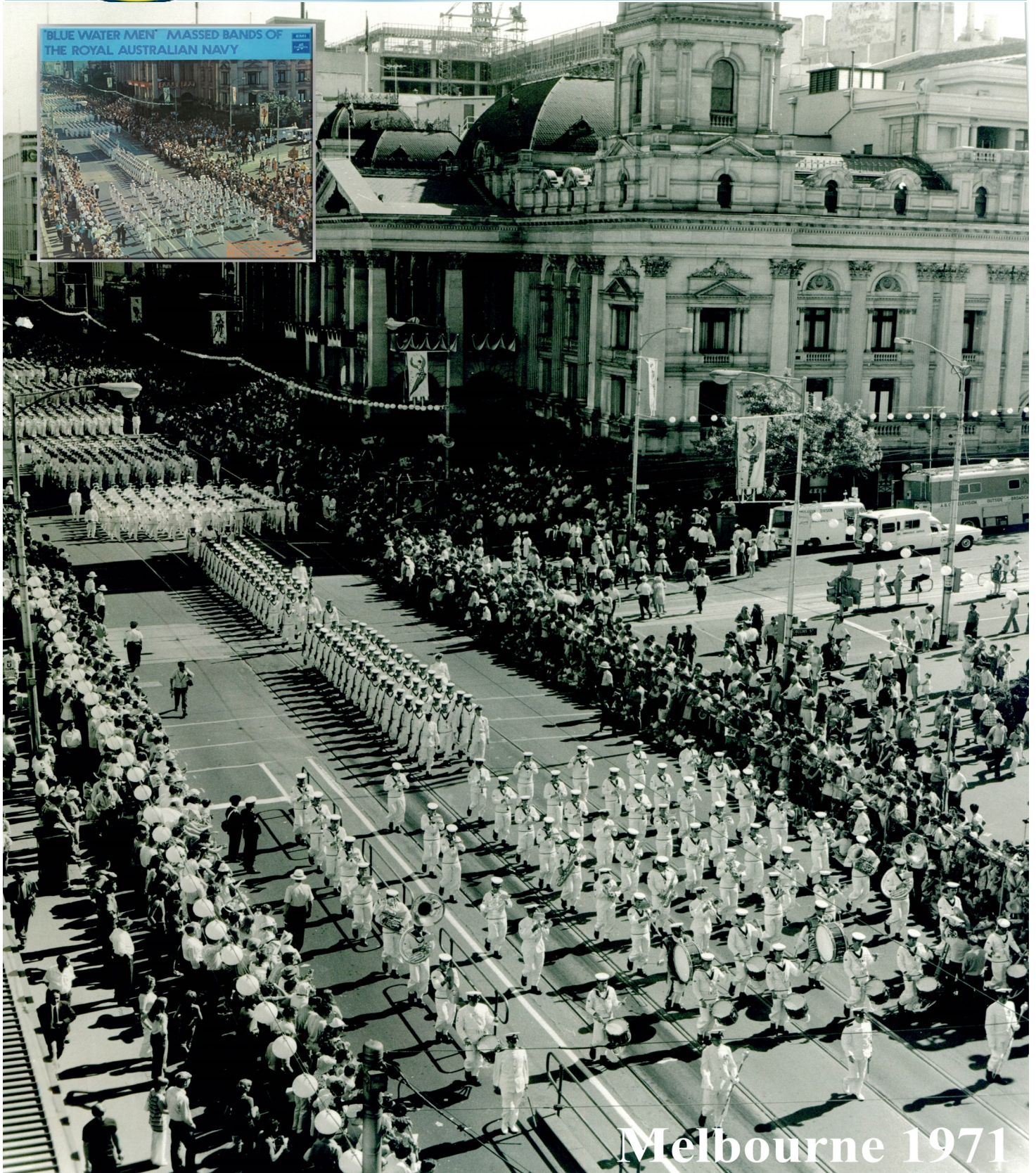


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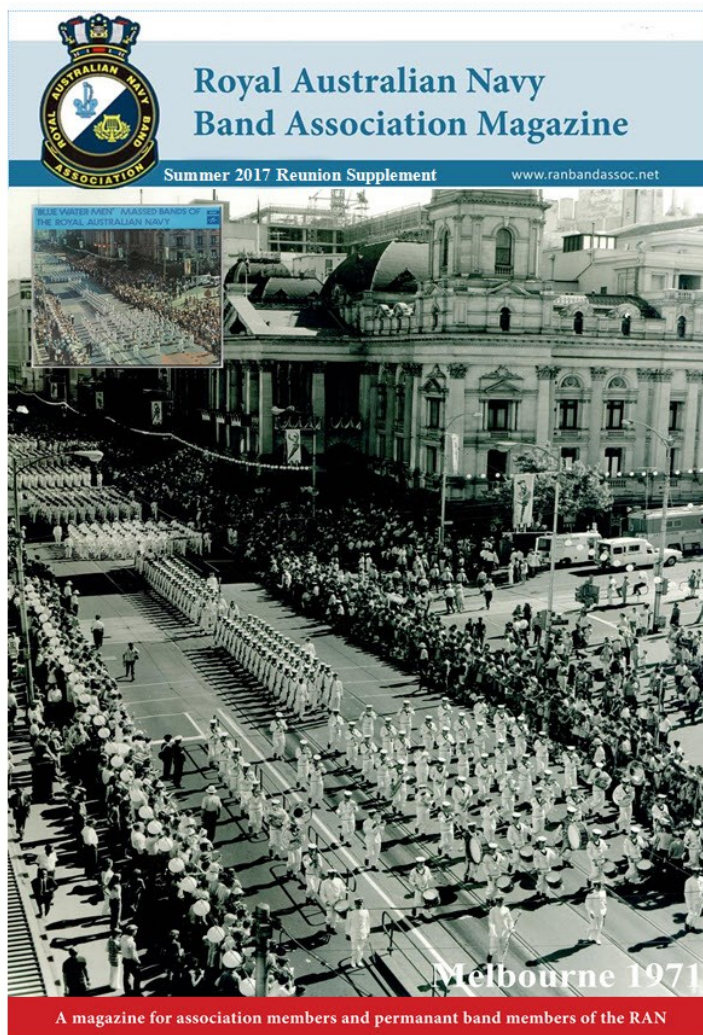
As I write this we have 3 weeks ill the Melbourne reunion and all is just about in place to welcome members to a what will be exciting weekend. All the events have been taken up by members which is great and though the Golf day has only a small number those that are attending will enjoy the social event.

This edition will give you the final details for each day and there has been some adjustments to times and location of events, so please read it carefully. To those that have yet to decide to make the effort, I can assure you that the week end will be well justified in making the trip.

As Christmas has well and truly past and we are already eight weeks into the year you have to agree that aging moves swiftly, so don't procrastinate, do something constructive with your time, get to Melbourne. To those that have been in the wars since our last mag I hope you have recovered or are well on the way to recovery.

I won't harp on anymore I'll leave the following pages to do that.

See you in 3 weeks, whoops, 2 and a half now.....



Melbourne Freedom of Entry, 1971 with LCDR Don Coxon Leading the Band. Just about the whole ships company from Cerberus and visiting ships were on parade.



## Presidents Report

**John Widdicombe**

It's full steam ahead to Frankston. Hope everyone is looking forward to as much as I am.

As I have said before we are a unique lot and getting together is difficult as we all live so far apart, but we continue to do it and we do it well.

We must remain active and keep our regular Reunion physical contact going, and not fall into a word of mouth or social media syndrome.

Not many national organisations can boast the history, the total friendship and wonderful socialising that we have. Remaining active will also ensure our Association has a great future for newcomers and expansion.

There has been a lot of progress made in establishing the Association on a very solid base for exactly those reasons.

So, let's "show off" in Frankston and parade ourselves with pride and dignity, and let everyone see who we are and what we stand for.

Our thanks to our peninsular comrades (Errol and his band of merry music makers), for setting up what is going to be yet another great Reunion.

You know, to become a member of the RAN Band Association is worth joining the Navy for. Even better it's worth leaving the Navy for.

Enjoy Frankston.



## Treasurer Report

**Errol Hatch**

Deposits for the reunion are coming in at a great pace and touch wood, we will cover our costs for this busy weekend by the time all payments are received. There are still a few that have indicated that they are coming to send their Booking forms, but I've been told by many that the last 2 weeks before the reunion you get a flood of attendees.

This reunion has plenty of side events which we did on purpose as we did not want to leave anybody sitting around waiting for the major events to occur. The response has been excellent and the following pages will give you the full itinerary of the weekend.

On the general subs front, the statements I sent at the beginning of January prompted those that were in arrears but I still have a number of non-financial members. This is disappointing and once the reunion is out of the way it is a case of follow-ups to make sure they are happy to continue in the association. At the coming AGM I will table a full report for the 2015/16 year and provide projections for the current year so we have a good picture of the associations financial position.

For Now,

See you in a couple of weeks.



## Secretaries Report

**John Lennon**

With only 3 weeks to the well organised reunion the Melbourne committee informs me that there are still a lot of members who have indicated they are coming but have yet to submit their Booking Forms. Perfect weather, plenty of activities and mates you haven't seen for 10, 20, 30 or even 45 years will be there. For some it could be the last opportunity that they can make it to such a significant event. So, ring Errol and get down to Melbourne.

On the Secretary front, I look forward to presenting and chairing my first

AGM, and with the help of Ralph, John (Snr) and Errol we will provide you with all the happenings of the Association.

As part of our laws, positions become vacant and if anyone wants to nominate or be nominated for any position, it must be done by using the form at the back of this edition and sent to the address at the end of my report.

Nominations cannot be made from the floor, with the exception of no nominations being received for a position. Any

other business a member would like to bring up at the meeting needs to be in writing and sent to "The Secretary" RAN Band Association. PO Box 69, LYNBROOK. VIC. 3975

So, if your interested in being a part of the executive get your submission in. By the time you read this I will be on the road to Melbourne and I look forward to seeing members enjoy the Victorian Hospitality.

Regards,

John Lennon.



## Museum Prepares for the opening

Now back in the swing since the Christmas break Cerberus is a buzz with contractors working on all sorts of projects and the museum is no exception.

With tour parties visiting weekly the volunteers are kept busy with showing them around and preparing for all the new glass cabinets to be delivered in March. As to not intrude on the Navy Bands day at the museum some of the cabinets won't be delivered until after our visit but the Band section will be ready for the unveiling.


Memorabilia is starting to roll in and if you have something important that you want to donate to the museum we are more than happy to catalogue it and use in the display. The more we get the better we can coordinate it into the periods of our history. Not all items

can be displayed at the same time which is a good thing as we can keep the areas fresh by constant updating.

A new section apart from the Band room is starting to take shape also. It will be call the Lonsdale room after Captain William Lonsdale, and will contain special acquisitions from the Lonsdale family and memorabilia from HMAS Lonsdale who it was named after.

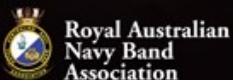
So there is plenty of things happening and we are looking forward to welcoming members on the 12th of March

The team at the Museum.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN **MELBOURNE** IN 2017 



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ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY VETERANS BAND  
45TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT



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**The Programme of Events**

Following is a detailed programme of the weekend.

**FRIDAY the 10th of March**

**9.00/9.30am GOLF DAY, Safety Beach Country Club**

**Your Coordinators Are: Gordon Crompton/Barry Pollock**

Due to some constraints at our first choice (HMAS Cerberus Golf Club) Gordon has organised a wonderful morning at his Golf Club, the Safety Beach Country Club. Buggies have been organised and a light lunch will conclude provided by Dot Crompton.

***18 hole players will be picked up by Barry Pollock from your Hotel at 8.00am for a 9am start***

***9 hole players will be picked up by Errol Hatch from your Hotel at 8.30am for a 9.30am start***

***Those that have joined the Golf will be contacted regarding clubs and any other requirements the might need.***

**9.30am Mornington Winery Tour**

**Your Coordinators Are: Errol Hatch/Sharon Hatch**

This small tour has been well received and will be quite a enjoyable day. There will be three pickup points so members can relax, Best Western, Quest Hotel and remaining Guests at the Frankston RSL. The Bus will pickup you up and return to your Hotels. The Frankston RSL has been chosen as the other pickup as cars can remain at the carpark. The RSL does not open until 10.00am. The tour will return by 3.45pm and will drop off in reverse order.

***Best Western Pickup at 9.15am and the Quest Hotel at 9.25am. Frankston RSL Pickup at 9.45am. You will return by 3.45pm and drop off will be in reverse order.***

**10.00am Shopaholics tour**

I have only had a couple of takers for this tour so the organising committee will contact each of them personally.

***Pickups to be advised.***

**6.30pm Official Meet & Greet Cocktail Party**

**Your Coordinators Are: Kevan Thomas/Errol Hatch**

**Bus Pickups: Doug Antonoff. Registration Table: Jan Atkins/Len Nurse.**

Our first official function will be the traditional Meet & Greet held at the Simpson Room 1 of the Frankston RSL. The Doors and Bar will open at 6.30pm to welcome Guests. A Bar Tab will remain open until such a time the committee advises the Bar Manager otherwise. Finger food will commence at 7.00pm. The impromptu Concert by the **Admirals Own Big Band** will be at 7.30pm.–8.15pm. Food will continue to 8.45pm and the evening will conclude at 9.00pm.

Guests are welcome to continue socialising in the Clubs bars and lounges.

***Bus Pickup from Best Western/Quest/Railway Station starting at 5.30pm and will run every 20 minutes till 6.50pm. Bus Returns will commence at 9.15pm and run through to 10.15pm to Best Western/Quest/Railway Station.***

***If you have any special requirements please do not hesitate to Contact Errol Hatch on 0400 706 503 or Kevan Thomas on 0417 050 312***

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## **Saturday The 11th of March**

Saturday is a busy day, so please be aware of the Bus timetables and location of events. If you are going to use the Bus service it is important that you are at reception or designated areas a few minutes before scheduled time.

### **Special Notes:**

Shoulder Boards will be supplied today for all Veteran Band Members who don't have them.

Tickets will be issued for the Sunday Concert for partners and guests of Band Members.

### **9.00am The Associations AGM/ Peninsula Bus Tour.**

#### **Your Coordinators Are: Kevan Thomas/Errol Hatch**

The associations AGM will be held at the *Frankston High School, Music Campus*, Left into Foot Street from Towerhill Road. For those travelling by car and take the 3rd driveway on the left. (See map attached). On conclusion the Veterans Band will commence rehearsals (approx. 10.30am) Band members are reminded to bring their Instruments and music.

#### **Members going to the AGM and Peninsula tour you will be Picked up at:**

**8.15am from The Best Western/8.20am from The Quest/8.25am from the Frankston Arts Centre then finally the Frankston High School.** (The Guided Peninsula Tour Bus will drop off Band members and pickup any other Peninsula tourists and leave by 9.15am.)

**On return at 3.30pm the Peninsula bus will stop at the Frankston High School, then the Frankston Arts Centre, The Best Western finally the Quest.**

### **10.30am Veterans Band Rehearsal**

On conclusion of the AGM the rehearsal for the concert will commence. Members not attending the AGM and honorary members playing in the Band need to be at the Frankston High School by 10.00am.

### **12.30pm Veterans Band Lunch**

Light lunch will be provided to members rehearsing for the concert.

### **1.15pm Veterans Band**

Continue with rehearsal which will conclude at 4.00pm. The Peninsula Bus will have returned and members will be returned to hotels as per above.

### **7.00pm RAN Band Association Dinner, Function Centre, Frankston RSL.**

#### **Your Coordinators Are: Kevan Thomas/Errol Hatch**

#### **Bus Pickups: Doug Antonoff. Registration Table: Jan Atkins/Karen Nurse/Len Nurse.**

Doors of the Simpson Room will open at 6.45pm with special guests arriving at 7.00pm. Dress will be Smart Casual or suits with Miniatures. Table and Bar service will commence at 7.15pm. We will be entertained by a small group from the RAN Band Melbourne. A Bar Tab will remain open until such a time the committee advises the Bar Manager otherwise. The Gala Dinner will conclude at 10.30pm. Guests are welcome to continue socialising in the Clubs bars and lounges.

**Bus Pickup from Best Western/Quest/Railway Station starting at 5.30pm and will run every 20 minutes till 6.50pm. Bus Returns will commence at 10.15pm and run through to 11.15pm to Best Western/Quest/Railway Station.**

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**Sunday the 12th of March**

If you thought Saturday was Busy, Sunday is full of activities so again please be aware of the Bus timetables and location of events. If you are going to use the Bus service it is important that you are at reception or designated area a few minutes before scheduled time.

***Special Notes regarding today:***

**Vacating Hotels:**

Those vacating their hotels, you will be able to store your luggage for the day on the buses or at the Frankston Arts Centre (Which opens at 9.00am for setting up).

**Instruments & Music:**

Members of the Veterans Band, you should be dressed ready for the Concert and have your instruments and music. These can also be left at the Frankston Arts centre.

**Dress for the Veterans Band:**

Dress for the Veterans Band is; Long white sleeve Shirt. Shoulder Boards were supplied on Saturday. Black Tie, Black trousers, Black shoes and Medals.

**Parking:**

Those with cars, the Frankston Arts Centre provides undercover parking or there are plenty of car parks in the vicinity. All members taking the Cerberus tour must travel on the Bus.

**9.00am Tour of HMAS Cerberus and Museum Complex.**

**Your Coordinators Are: Kevan Thomas/Errol Hatch**

A special tour to HMAS Cerberus has been organised and buses will be leaving by 9.00am giving us plenty of time down at the Cinema Complex, Museum and surrounds of HMAS Cerberus.

***Bus No1 will pickup from the Best Western at 8.15am, 8.25am The Quest, 8.45am The Frankston Arts Centre***

***Bus No 2 will be leaving from the Frankston Arts Centre at 9.00am***

The tour will take in a short stop at the Cinema Complex then move down to the Museum complex. There will be an official opening of the Band section then members can tour the museum, the old school of Music and Church's.

***11.30am Lunch will be provided before we return to the Frankston Arts Centre for the Concert.***

Buses return to the Arts Centre and those that are not playing are free to tour the surrounds of Frankston until the concert.

**1.00pm Sound Check for Concert**

**Your Coordinators Are: Errol Hatch /Michael Prizeman/Doug Drysdale**

On returning we will be making our way directly to the concert venue for a sound check.

**2.30pm "Blue Water Men" Anniversary Concert.**

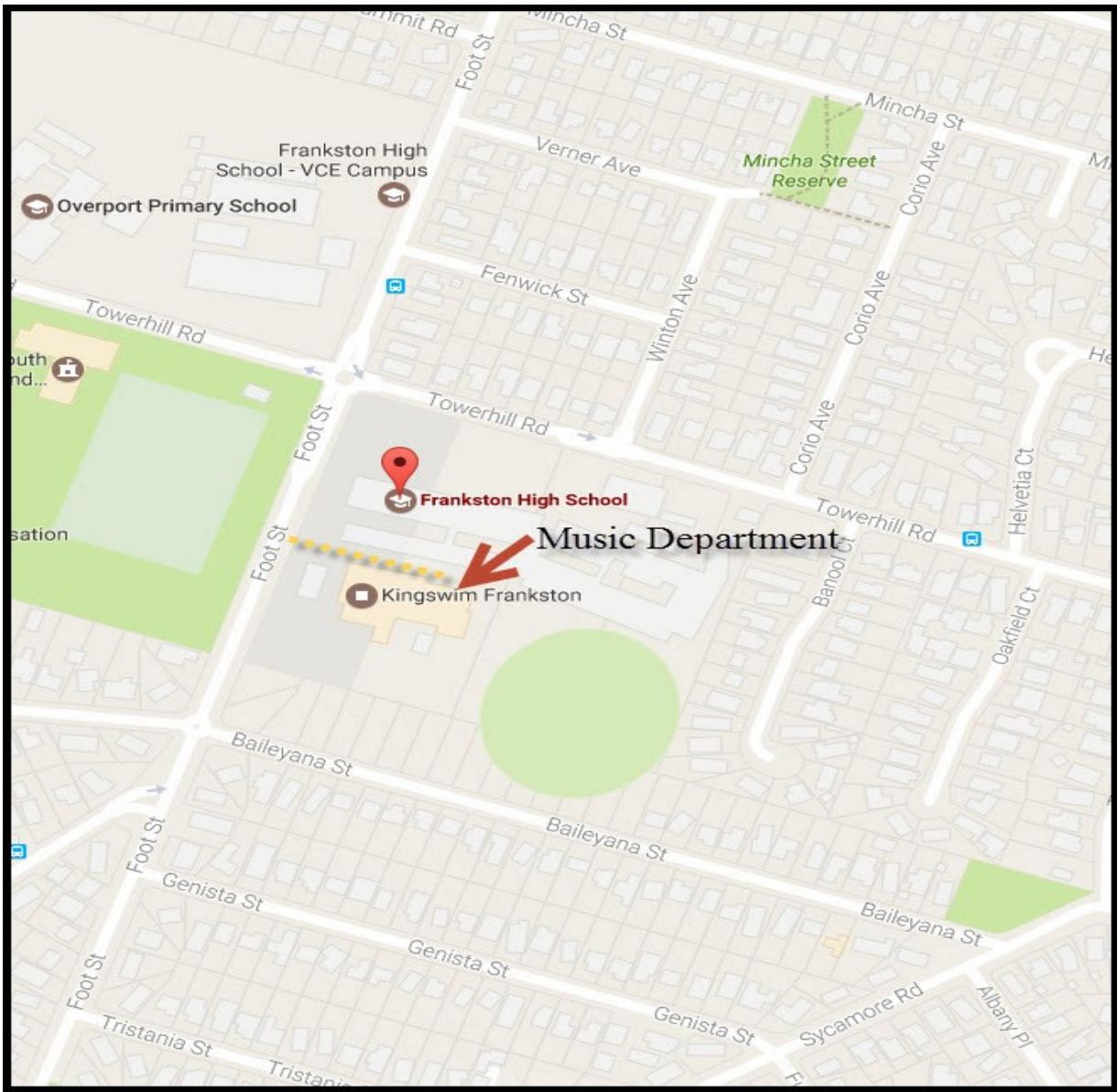
**Your Coordinators Are: Kevan Thomas/Errol Hatch**

The concert will be compered and will go for an hour and a half concluding at 4pm.

***Summary***

The concert will conclude the official reunion programme and from the concert, members who are returning to their home states will be assisted to the train station or appropriate transport. Remaining members are welcome to return to the RSL for farewell drinks.





## ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY BAND ASSOCIATION INC

### NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE POSITION (1400700)

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**SECONDER** .....

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**Nominations are to be sent to: Secretary, RAN Band Association  
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