

A magazine for association members and serving band members of the RAN.



From the Editor's desk.

With only 4 weeks to go before the reunion in Ballina it feels like the second coming. As with Launceston the time seems to take forever to arrive. But arrive it has, Ralph has been busy sending out music and following up on booking forms and payments. Numbers have grown substantially and we will have a good turn out. To add significance to the reunion we have the pleasure of the RAN band Sydney joining us for the concert to be held on the Thursday. They will be also providing other ensembles and I look forward to meeting and hearing them.

Inside is for the last time, the itinerary for the 3 days with a little more detail than the last edition. Ralph gives us an update to the Band configuration and the proposed concert Program.

There has been limited correspondence from members for this edition telling me that we are still constrained in getting out there and doing things. The Victorians had their July get together so there is light at the end of the socializing tunnel.

Another year of financials will be presented at the AGM and thanks to your subscriptions our coffers continue to grow. We will definitely use some in Ballina to show our

appreciation to your commitment to the association.

Sad to acknowledge the passing of Paul Williamson, Jim McDonough, Les Tull and Larry Halliday since our last magazine. How many others did we not hear about.

The nomination form for executives is on the last page and as I look through the current membership list I see many a name that would add fresh ideas to the association, or even nominating for the vacant state reps. Think about it.

I for one are looking forward to getting north and catching up with those attending Ballina and meeting and playing with the Sydney band of the RAN. I don't know whether to drag a boat behind me or not as the unpredictable weather is throwing everything at the north coast of New South Wales.

See you there.

Regards.

Errol.

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Treasurers Report By Assistant Treasurer, Errol Hatch.

The association finished the 2021/2022 financial year with a healthy bank balance. Members payments for the reunion inflated the figures somewhat but that always happens in a reunion year. Subscriptions for the 2022/2023 period went out last week by email and mail and the response has been tremendous. Direct banking has definitely changed the method and speed of payments. I have only had two cheques to date compared to 18 last year and over 35 the previous year. It's just as well because it is harder to find a branch now days and even harder to find a teller in a bank. We have seen a reduction in members over the last year with sadly those that have passed on and a few others cancelling their membership. I can only say that the executive can only do so much to keep members informed and excited to remain with the association and the last 2 years has been an extraordinary period to do this. I can only applaud you all for your support and with the reunion next month

re-establish our friendship through meeting up and reminiscing good and hard times.

I will table the 2021/2022 figures at the AGM next month and remember you need to be financial to attend and vote.

Look forward to seeing you.

Errol.

Assistant Treasurer.

Current Financial member list as of the 30th of June 2022.

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Current Financial member list (Continued).

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PRESIDENTS REPORT Ralph Daines



Welcome to the pre-reunion Edition.

The first and for-most fantastic news that I can give you is that the Royal Australian Navy Band Sydney will be joining us for the Concert and Vietnam Veterans Service in August. Approval for the event came from the Chief of Navy Office which is a big tick for the Veterans Band.

Latest and final information for the Reunion will be included in this issue and I ask that if you are attending and haven't returned your Booking Form or paid, please fix this for us as we need final numbers and deposit paid to the Club by the end of July.

You will also see in this issue NOTICE for the Special General Meeting, prior to the General Meeting, to change the Constitution regarding membership of the Association. This is being asked of members, looking forward to the future of the Royal Australian Navy Band Association inc. with membership numbers, like all Associations, losing interest by younger members and attrition with original members passing. Because of the success of the Royal Australian

Navy Veterans Band, we are attracting many former members of the Australian Army Band and Royal Australian Air Force Band along with Civilian members with Band connection to members of our own Association and have been representing the Veterans Band with honour for more than 10 years. By allowing these loyal helpers to be part of our Association they can have a voice in representing the Veterans Band (which in reality is a Tri Service Band) and in the future can help our numbers remain strong.

As I write this message, the funeral of Paul Williamson is being held. On behalf of our Association, I would like to convey our condolences to Julie and Family, Wayne a former Navy Band member, Laurie a former Sailor and Michael Williamson. Loved by all, rest in peace.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the August Reunion in Ballina, till next Issue, Bye,

Ralph Daines.



Band Officer in Charge, RAN Band Sydney, Lieutenant David Coit, RAN.



Editorial, Letters and Comments

THE SHOOTING.....A true story by Gordon Jackson

During the 60s and early 70s we had a band at HMAS Albacross.

I got there in 1964 and stayed on and off until 1973 minus 18 months when I was on the HMAS Sydney (Vung Tau Ferry). It was a great place to be as we had the whole cinema as our band room, library and instrument room and we used to play poker behind the screen.

Sometime mid 1964 or 5, 5 of us decided we would go on a night shooting trip over to Kangaroo Valley (rabbits and foxes) with a spotlight and each with a rifle. Some of the band members had rifles that could be stored at the married quarters or the gunnery school.

This trip was a disaster waiting to happen, from memory there were 2 single shot rifles a repeater rifle and a small shot gun, the light was powered by 6 volt car battery.

The merry men were Eric Pearce, Kipper Kearsley, Mac Haynes and myself and perhaps another maybe Tex Callagher or Rocky, I can't quite remember.

Off we went to the valley, found a farming area and walked with light on and loaded rifles looking for game. Within 5 minutes we heard the distinct sound of a running Bull coming our way at a rate of knots. Panic took over and I remember my uncle telling me never run with a loaded rifle which I tried to convey to the others but our fast walk soon turned into a run and then the shots rang out.

Someone stumbled and the shotgun went off then Eric tripped on a log and his repeater fired 2 shots and Kipper shouted "you have shot me".

This was a disaster. We met the ambulance at the top of the mountains between kangaroo valley and Nowra after phoning from a farmers house.

Kipper was taken to the Nowra hospital and required surgery to remove his spleen. The police interviewed each of us and were satisfied this was an accident although Eric felt bad about it understandably.

Kipper (Ken) after recovering stopped playing tuba (Eb bass) and moved to trombone which proved a good move for him in future years. I think he is still playing here in Perth somewhere.

It's not a tale to be proud of, we were all young, 18 to 22 perhaps. If anyone else out there remembers the incident please let me know.

PS: We never did see this bull as it was dark, we just heard the galloping coming towards us.

Later when we talked with the farmer whose land we were on he confirmed it was a bull which I am sure took off after the first shot rang out.

Gordon.

Vale. Paul Williamson June 21st 2022

Paul's Funeral was attended by over 80 people mostly relatives and friends. It was a very moving and well organized service.

Myself and Dean Butler attended. In addition to playing my small part in the ceremony for Julie and her immediate family it was great to catch up with Paul's brothers Laurie, Michael and sister Margaret who I had not seen for many years.

Unfortunately his other brother Wayne was unable to attend. The photos include Julie, Leigh, his wife Jo and grandsons Nick & Rhys. Michael Julie Margaret & Laurie.

Dean, Leywah, myself and Julie.

RIP Paul.

John Lennon.



Editorial, Letters and Comments

A great article from Phil Anderson posted on our facebook page regarding bands at sea. This copy was extracted from his excellent website, Band Tune Up Solutions.

Recent posts and comments on social media about the embarkation of a 'Fleet Band' in HMAS *Canberra III* for RIMPAC 2022 have caused me to recall a conversation and a formal proposal regarding establishing a band permanently on both of the Landing Helicopter Dock (LHD) ships HMAS *Canberra III* and HMAS *Adelaide III*.

To-date, the last permanent band posted to sea was in HMAS *Jervis Bay*. When *Jervis Bay* deployed to Somalia in Christmas 1992 the Fleet Band was disembarked and moved to HMAS *Kuttabul's* Endeavour House. When *Jervis Bay* decommissioned in March 1994 there was no longer any ship in the fleet that was large enough to embark a permanent band; so the musicians in the Fleet Band were reassigned to the Naval Support Command Band at HMAS *Kuttabul* and the Victoria Naval Band at HMAS *Cerberus*.

When I became the Director of Music Navy in 2002, as an absolute priority, I reestablished the band's commitment to sea by standing up a Sea Deployment Group within our current workforce. This was not universally welcomed by the musician cohort; but I had formed the view, based on my experience over the previous decade, that it was absolutely imperative for the band to regain the support of Navy's senior leaders. There had been a number of serious incidents that had damaged the band's reputation and threats of Government cost-saving initiatives on Australian Defence Force Bands made the environment even more difficult. Interestingly, the both the Australian Army Band and Royal Australian Airforce Band sustained a 50% reduction in musician numbers during the first decade of this century whilst the number of musicians in the Royal Australian Navy Band remained unchanged.

To manage this return to sea, musicians would be nominated for sea deployments each year from within the two permanent detachments. Nomination meant that the musicians were to be released from normal band duties to be force prepared and if the need arose they would then be embarked as a musical element in a Major Fleet Unit (MFU). On average, from 2002 to 2011, two small elements from the Sea Deployment Group were embarked in MFUs each year; including eight to 12 musicians for RIMPAC every year. These were temporary short posting and after each posting the musicians would return to their permanent detachments in Melbourne and Sydney.

With the new LHDs planned for commissioning in 2014 and 2015 respectively, I saw an opportunity for reestablishing a permanent band at sea; so I made an informal approach to the LHD workforce capability planner about the possibility of including a permanent band within **one** of these ships. However, my brief discussion quickly led me to rethink the wisdom of changing the status quo (that is; short, targeted and temporary postings) and I dropped my wish to reestablish a permanent Fleet Band.

A few months later, to my surprise and trepidation, I received a

formal proposal staffed through Navy Headquarters and Fleet Headquarters. It seems that my informal approach to the capability planner had whet his appetite (as he was searching for ways to crew these large ships) and now he wanted to establish within each of the two LHDs a compliment 12 to 20 musicians as a permanent part of the each ships company. The musicians would undertake additional duties as first aide parties and as ship guides for the embarked forces.

Navy Headquarters supported the plan but stipulated that there would be **no increase** to the current approved workforce numbers for the band category. In particular, Navy Headquarters supported posting up to 20 musicians permanently to sea in **each** of the new ships. That is, 40 musicians posted permanently at sea each year for a two year posting cycle, and this would have to be managed from within the current approved workforce of 110 full-time musicians.

Under the 'one band' structure that I had developed shortly after becoming Director of Music, the band was able to enhance its support to fleet activities by embarking, on numerous occasions, small musical elements for major deployments. Additionally, whilst supporting the fleet the band was also able to deploy larger ensembles to support the Australian forces in Iraq, Afghanistan and in other operational theatres. At the same time whilst supporting the Fleet and the Australia Defence Force, the band was still able to conduct benchmark activities; including many significant recordings, large international deployments and very impressive ceremonial activities throughout Australia and overseas.

Furthermore, my predecessor Commander Ashley Greedy AM RAN had commenced a recruitment program in the mid 1990s to attract university graduates into the band. As a result of his initiative the skill level amongst the musicians had increased very significantly since the last time the band category had two bands at sea in the 60's and 70's aboard HMAS *Sydney* and HMAS *Melbourne*. I was in no doubt that the band's ability to retain and attract highly skilled musicians would be at serious risk if one of the job requirements was to spend 40+% of their initial enlistment period posted to a ship at sea.

Fortunately, I was able to convince the Fleet Commander that the band's ability to continue its impressive activities at home, at sea and abroad, would be in jeopardy if 40 of its 110 musicians were to be permanently posted to HMAS *Canberra III* and HMAS *Adelaide III*.

Thankfully, the proposal was defeated and we were able to continue to send musicians to sea for targeted high profile deployments. We were also able to continue to deliver our very impressive range of capabilities at home and abroad.

We can continue to celebrate the band's ongoing support to the Fleet and it's history of service at sea; but as experienced by my desire to get musicians back at sea on a permanent basis, be careful what you wish for, lest it come true!

Editorial, Letters and Comments

Andrew Will Posted on the facebook page on the 18th of April the passing of Larry Halliday.

Sad to announce that Larry Halliday passed away at Wollongong Hospital yesterday. Condolences to the Halliday family. Larry was a drummer with the RAN Band from 1975 to 1981 I believe.

RIP Larry.

Andrew Stapleton

I shared a house with Larry in 81'. He had a great sense of humour and lived life to the full.

RIP Larry.

Dave Hardstaff

Sad news Rip Larry. Always a great bloke to be around. Only note he could play on a trumpet was super C. Used to upset the trumpeters. Condolences to the family.

Guy Scruton

RIP Larry, You were a funny little Bugger.
Condolences to the Family.



Ralph Daines posted on the 14th of April the passing of Jim McDonough

I would like to inform all members that Jim McDonough sadly passed away today. I will have more details tomorrow regarding his funeral details.

Cassie Mohapp Director of Music RAN

Sincere condolences to our Navy Band family who lost a dedicated and strong leader and Director of Music of the RAN Band from 1976-1980.

Rest in Peace now LCDR Jim McDonough.

Leon Stucas

Sad news on Jim passing. RIP. Great memories .

Jim Hawkins

Jim was in the UK Anzac Day 1963 or 1964 when Norm Gullick (another DOM) was there and both were photographed with a former RAN Bandmaster (name eludes me but possibly Coxhead) at the London ceremony (Photo on left). Norm's officer course overlapped Jim's at the RM SOM Deal, Kent. Very unusual to have 2 officers in training in England at the same time

Steve Johns

Stand easy Jim with grateful thanks for believing in many young musicians that came under your guidance!

Roger Downton

Saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I will always be in debt to him for his support during my developing years as a muso.

Jim Hawkins

Jim was the Band Store PO when I joined then was our PO in the Fleet Band 1961 (S/LT Don Coxon Bandmaster). I had paid off when he was DOM. He was firm but fair.

RIP Jim.

John Lennon

A straight shooting boss who treated all equally. He will be missed.

RIP Jim

Peter Bauers

Sad to hear this news. He was a good bloke. RIP Jim. He was Band Officer '66 & '67 on Melbourne. We pretty much gave him a hard time, but he copped it all in good spirit.

Chris Marshall

RIP. Band divisional officer Melbourne 66. Piano and clarinet I believe. I think Jim must have been around 90?

Sympathy to his family.

Andrew Fairbairn

RIP Jim. Fair winds and following seas. Your duty is done.

Museum News

HMAS Cerberus Museum

Association members have continued to be generous when thinking about what to do with their memorabilia by offering it to our section within the museum. I'm getting everything from clothing to instruments and all in between. I see it as an important part of our association that we collect all our memories for future band members to enjoy, I only wish we started so much earlier.

A time lined history is still on my agenda where we can see where that Bands of the RAN were and what they were doing from our earliest recollections. How do I start this?

The website has been sort of collecting this info whereby members have been dating and confirming members names and where the photo was taken. I will extract these and produce a specific photo album where all the photos will be grouped correctly.

Examples are shown below. It is important that we all have a look at the photos and add your piece of information.

With the growth of our material I feel that we are out-growing the available space of the museum. With the significant changes as to what is displayed and where by the museum management our branch could be one that loses its significant position in the current display area.

My long term thoughts are and I'm hoping the current Director of music gets to read this, is to re-establish our current and future displays to the foyer of the cinema/Band complex at Cerberus. I haven't been into the cinema this year but I'm assuming there has been no change to what is displayed on the walls and small display cabinets. It belongs there and it will get better recognition with current band members and the general public who visit for concerts and tours. It's a thought but what a perfect place to show our history.

Let's see if we can bring this to fruition.

For Now.

Errol.



Errol Hatch
 9 years ago

NEWG_0000_007 Year?, Chris Lane D/M, Greg Newham, Bandmaster, Where is it, take a punt, Wellington NZ.

[Edit description](#)

Raymond Dowler Fleet Band, 1988, Hobart prior to the Tall Ships Race Hobart to Sydney
 6 years ago
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Lachlan Anderson Self on Eupho, Paul "Scarlet" Ohara trom, "Dutchie" Holland Tuba, Ham Trombone.
 5 years ago
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Errol Hatch
 11 years ago

ALLO_0000_091 Year ?, D/M's Barry Lawrence, Andy Rourke, At the Bunker's on Middle Head, near Penguin. Bandmaster Wally Shilleto RM. Drummers, Geoff McGuinness, Dave(horn), Butteriss, Larry Halliday, ?. Back lower rank-Phil Anderson, Piccs-Ray Mills & Jock Lawrie, rest ?.

[Edit description](#)

Steve Johns This is in April 1978 with Capt Wally Shillito in command of Penguin band. Me on Bell lyre, Jim Henshaw, Mike Page, Steve Wilkinson, Don Laughton,... [Show more](#)
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Terry Ekin Fleet (Melbourne) and Penguin bands.
 4 years ago
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Victorian Report: By Terry Ekin

It was a welcomed sight to see the sun shine through the large panoramic windows of the Seaford RSL welcoming our members to a long awaited lunch.

We did report in our last magazine a lunch held at the same location and well supported by our Victorian contingent of the association, so we have been lucky enough to have had two lunches so far this year. The RSL was packed indicating the longing to socialize once more. Sadly we missed a few members with incorrect email addresses (still rectifying our lost email address list) but the attendance was exceptional.

We missed this time around either with Covid, illness or other commitments Bill & Carol Post, Josie Gwynne, Jan Atkins, Ray Mills, Mick & Fran Reed, Bill & Pam Collins, Paul Farrugia, Yogi Soutar, Dot Crompton, Robert Bull, Mal & Gail Codling, Alan Woodhouse and Maree Nurse who is recovering from a stroke.

As the following photos show we still had a good attendance with Doug Antonoff, Terry & Lorraine Ekin, Barry & Pat Pollock, Errol & Sharon Hatch, Dale Granger & family, Kevin Ridout, Les & Carol Kent, Kevin and Elaine Hillier and from Tasmania, ex Reserves Band officer Kevin Finlay who is currently house minding in Melbourne.

The topic of the day was the reunion in Ballina, who could and who couldn't attend. A small contingent from Melbourne is heading north and we tried to convince a few others to head that way. It was the first lunch without the Nurse's and our thoughts were with Maree who had a stroke in Sydney but is now recovering back in Melbourne. Another on the sick list was Bill Collins who has been in hospital and our thoughts are with him also.

As usual the afternoon went quickly but not before the three Kevin's got to have a good yarn about the good old

days. It was good to be able to meet up again and enjoy the company of our close friends and enjoy a relaxing meal in a great RSL.

Our next proposed lunch will be early October so for those that missed this one we look forward to seeing you then.

Terry.



This article was forwarded on to me as it is very relevant to a lot of our senior members of the association. I had not seen it before and I don't remember seeing it in the Veterans Affairs Newspaper we receive.

Errol Hatch.



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

4.4.11 Claims relating to asbestos exposure while serving on certain RAN vessels

Last Amended Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

Claims for Asbestos-Related Conditions: Royal Australian Navy Service 1940-2003

Where any claimant contended exposure to asbestos in the course of service, delegates have previously been required to seek advice confirming the exposure through the Defence Single Access Mechanism (SAM). As part of the subsequent investigation, claimants have been required to complete a questionnaire. The investigative process is often a lengthy one.

The Repatriation and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission has agreed that for those who served on board any of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) ships listed below between 1 January 1940 and 31 December 2003, it is no longer necessary to seek case-by-case confirmation of asbestos exposure as it is known that asbestos was likely to be present on those ships during that period.

In August 2019, the Repatriation Commission further agreed that, for the purpose of the application of Statements of Principles (SoPs) under the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986, 75 per cent of an individual's time served on the listed RAN ships between 1 January 1940 and 31 December 2003 will be taken to have been rendered in an enclosed environment containing respirable asbestos fibres. This is relevant because the SoPs for a number of conditions include a factor relating to being in an enclosed environment containing respirable asbestos fibres for a prescribed amount of time.

Where 75 per cent of time spent on the listed ships within the relevant period is equal to or greater than the cumulative total time spent in an enclosed environment containing respirable asbestos fibres prescribed by a factor in the SoP for a claimed condition, that SoP factor will be taken to be met. No additional confirmation of exposure to asbestos is required where the claim is for an asbestos-related condition connected to service aboard any of the vessels listed below, where that service was rendered between 1 January 1940 and 31 December 2003 and 75 per cent of the time aboard the vessel meets the relevant enclosed environment SoP factor.

The list of vessels has been provided by the Department of Defence and shows ships on board which members may have been exposed to asbestos during the relevant period. For any claims which relate to service other than on board any of the listed vessels during the relevant period, the previous policy must still be followed, and a request for confirmation should still be sought via Defence SAM. If a client claims service on a RAN ship not in the below list, please check with the Liability and Service Eligibility [1] policy section before raising a SAM request.

It should be noted that while this policy change primarily affects claims by RAN veterans, it applies equally to members of all armed services, i.e. where an Army or Air Force member served aboard a listed ship, there is likewise no need to seek individual confirmation of exposure from Defence. While this policy removes the need to seek confirmation of asbestos exposure in relation to certain claims, a connection between any claimed condition and asbestos exposure must still be established. All the normal legislative requirements must still be met in relation to establishing a connection to service, including ensuring that all components of the relevant SoP factor are met. Further, while this policy is intended to assist in the speedy resolution of claims that meet the requirements set out in the policy, it should not be used as a reason to reject claims. Where a claim does not meet the requirements for acceptance under this policy, other possible avenues, such as other relevant SoP factors, and/or other potential asbestos exposures should be investigated in line with existing claims processing guidelines.

The basis of the end date of 31 December 2003 is that the importation and installation of new asbestos components was prohibited after this date. It is understood that in practice, the use of asbestos in RAN vessels was becoming more and more limited by this time. In addition, Navy was directed to remove asbestos from ships by 31 December 2010. Some exposures after this date are known to have occurred, but these are well documented. Similar documentation is

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likely to exist for any exposures which occurred after 31 December 2003. For this reason, where a claim relates to contended exposure to asbestos after this date, individual confirmation should be sought from Defence.

Please note that, where a date range ending with 'present' is given in the list below, this reflects only the fact that at the time when the list was provided by the Department of Defence, the vessel was still in RAN service. The last relevant date of service for the purposes of this policy remains 31 December 2003.

Further to this, the RAN follows a tradition whereby should a ship be decommissioned its name may be used on subsequent ships. Members tend to refer to the ship without making distinctions as to its commissioning date. So, although a client may have technically served on HMAS Melbourne II or HMAS Melbourne III they would likely consider that they served on the HMAS Melbourne and not make such a distinction clear in their claim. The claimant's date of service will indicate which iteration of the ship they served on.

Ships and Period in use

HMAS Acute 1969 - 1983	HMAS Brisbane II 1967 – 2001	HMAS Farncomb 1998 – Present
HMAS Adelaide I 1922 - 1946	MSA Brolga 1988 – 2002	HMAS Falie 1940 – 1946
HMAS Adelaide II 1980 – 2008	HMAS Broome I 1942 - 1946	HMAS Flinders 1973 – 1998
HMAS Adroit 1968 - 1994	HMAS Brunei 1971 – 2014	HMAS Forceful 1942 – 1943
HMAS Advance 1968 - 1988	HMAS Buccaneer 1969 - 1985	HMAS Fremantle I 1943 – 1961
HMAS Aitape 1967 - 1975	HMAS Buna 1973 - 1974	HMAS Fremantle II 1980 – 2006
HMAS Anzac I 1951 - 1974	HMAS Bunbury I 1942 - 1961	HMAS Gascoyne I 1946 – 1966
HMAS Anzac II 1996 - Present	HMAS Bunbury II 1984 - 2005	HMAS Gascoyne II 2001 – Present
HMAS Archer 1968 - 1973	HMAS Bundaberg I 1942 - 1961	HMAS Gawler I 1942 – 1946
HMAS Arrow 1968 - 1974	HMAS Bungaree 1940 – 1946	HMAS Gawler II 1983 – 2006
HMAS Arunta I 1942 – 1968	HMAS Burdekin 1944 – 1946	HMAS Gayundah 1944 – 1981
HMAS Arunta II 1998 – Present	HMAS Burnie 1941 – 1946	HMAS Geelong I 1942 – 1944
HMAS Assail 1968 – 1985	HMAS Cairns 1942 – 1946	HMAS Geelong II 1984 – 2006
HMAS Attack 1967 - 1985	HMAS Canberra II 1981 - 2005	HMAS Geraldton I 1942 – 1946
HMAS Aware 1968 – 1993	HMAS Cape Leeuwin 1943 – 1945	HMAS Geraldton II 1983 – 2006
HMAS Balikpapan 1974 - 2012	HMAS Carroo 1942 – 1946	HMAS Gladstone I 1943 – 1956
MSA Bandicoot 1991 - 2010	MSA Carole-S 1993 – 1994	HMAS Gladstone II 1984 – 2007
HMAS Bandolier 1968 – 1973	HMAS Castlemaine 1942 – 1945	HMAS Glenelg I 1942 – 1957
HMAS Banks 1960 – 1995	HMAS Cessnock I 1942 – 1947	HMAS Goorangai 1939 – 1940
HMAS Barbette 1968 – 1985	HMAS Cessnock II 1983 – 2005	HMAS Goulburn 1941 – 1947
HMAS Barcoo 1944 - 1963	HMAS Colac 1942 – 1983	HMAS Gull 1962 – 1972
HMAS Barricade 1968 – 1982	HMAS Collins 1996 – Present	HMAS Gunbar 1940 – 1946
HMAS Barwon 1945 – 1962	HMAS Condamine 1945 – 1962	HMAS Gympie 1942 – 1961
HMAS Bass 1960 - 1994	HMAS Cook 1980 – 1990	HMAS Hawk I 1940 – 1945
HMAS Bataan 1945 - 1958	HMAS Cootamundra 1943 – 1962	HMAS Hawk II 1962 – 1976
HMAS Bathurst 1940 – 1948	HMAS Cowra 1943 – 1961	HMAS Hawkesbury I 1944 – 1955
HMAS Bayonet 1969 – 1988	HMAS Culgoa 1945 – 1962	HMAS Hawkesbury II 2000 – Present
HMAS Benalla I 1943- 1958	HMAS Curlew 1962 – 1991	HMAS HDML 1347 1945 – 1946
HMAS Benalla II 1990 – Present	HMAS Darwin 1984 – Present	HMAS Heros 1940 – 1942, 1943 – 1947
HMAS Bendigo I 1941 – 1947	HMAS Dechaineux 2001 – Present	HMAS Hobart II 1965- 2000
HMAS Bendigo II 1983 – 2006	HMAS Deloraine 1941 – 1956	HMAS Horsham 1942 – 1961
MSA Bermagui 1994 – 2000	HMAS Derwent 1964 – 1994	HMAS Huon 1999 – Present
HMAS Betano 1974 – 2012	HMAS Diamantina I 1945 – 1981	HMAS Ibis 1962 – 1984
HMAS Bingera 1940 – 1946	HMAS Diamantina II 2002 – Present	HMAS Inverell 1942 – 1952
HMAS Black snake 1944 - 1945	HMAS Dubbo I 1942 – 1958	HMAS Ipswich I 1942 – 1946
HMAS Bombard 1968 – 1983	HMAS Dubbo II 1984 – 2006	HMAS Ipswich II 1982 – 2007
HMAS Boonaroo 1967- 1967	HMAS Duchess 1964 – 1977	HMAS Jeparit 1969 – 1971
HMAS Bowen 1942 – 1956	HMAS Echuca 1942- 1952	HMAS Jervis Bay I 1977 – 1996

HMAS Jervis Bay II 1999 – 2001
 HMAS Junee 1944 – 1958
 HMAS Kalgoorlie 1942 – 1946
 HMAS Kangaroo 1940 – 1955
 HMAS Kanimbla I 1943 – 1949
 HMAS Kanimbla II 1994 – 2011
 HMAS Kapunda 1942 – 1961
 HMAS Kara Kara 1941 – 1972
 HMAS Katoomba 1940 – 1957
 HMAS Kiama 1942 – 1952
 HMAS Kimbla 1956 – 1985
 HMAS King bay 1940 – 1946
 HMAS Kookaburra 1939 – 1958
 HMAS Koopa 1942 – 1947
 MSA Koraaga 1989 – 200
 HMAS Kuru 1941 – 1943
 HMAS Kuttatubul 1940 – 1942
 HMAS Labuan I 1946 – 1955
 HMAS Labuan II 1973 – 2014
 HMAS Lachlan 1945 – 1949
 HMAS Ladava 1968 – 1975
 HMAS Lae I 1946 - 1955
 HMAS Lae II 1968 – 1975
 HMAS Latrobe 1942 – 1956
 HMAS Launceston I 1942 – 1946
 HMAS Launceston II 1982 – 2006
 HMAS Leeuwin 2000 – Present
 HMAS Lismore 1941 – 1956
 HMAS Lithgow 1941 – 1956
 HMAS LST 3008 1946 – 1950
 HMAS LST 3014 1946 – 1950
 HMAS LST 3022 1946 – 1950
 HMAS Macquarie 1945 – 1962
 HMAS Madang 1968 – 1975
 HMAS Manoora I 1939 – 1947
 HMAS Manoora II 1994 – 2011
 HMAS Maroubra 1942 – 1943
 HMAS Maryborough I 1941 - 1947
 HMAS Matafele 1943 – 1944
 HMAS Mavie 1941 – 1942
 HMAS Medea 1942 – 1945
HMAS Melbourne II 1955 – 1982
 HMAS Melbourne III 1992 – Present
 HMAS Melville 2000 – Present
 HMAS Mercedes 1942 – 1945
 Merkur 1942 – 1949
 HMAS Mermaid 1989 – Present
 HMAS Mildura 1941 – 1956
 HMAS ML 827 1943 - 1944
 HMAS Mombah 1940 - 1948
 HMAS Moresby II 1964 – 1997
 HMAS Murchison 1945 – 1962
 HMAS Nambucca 1940 – 1943
 HMAS Napier 1940 – 1945
 HMAS Nepal 1942 – 1945
 HMAS Nestor 1941 – 1942
 HMAS Newcastle 1994 – Present
 HMAS Nizam 1941 – 1945
 HMAS Norman I 1941 – 1945
 HMAS Norman II 2000 – Present

HMAS Onslow 1969 – 1999
 HMAS Orion 1977 – 1997
 HMAS Otama 1978 – 1999
 HMAS Otway II 1968 – 1994
 HMAS Ovens 1969 – 1995
 HMAS Oxley II 1967 – 1992
 HMAS Paluma II 1941 – 1945
 HMAS Paluma III 1946 – 1973
 HMAS Paluma IV 1989 – Present
 HMAS Parkes 1944 – 1957
 HMAS Parramatta II 1940 – 1941
 HMAS Parramatta III 1961 – 1991
 HMAS Patricia Cam 1942 – 1943
 HMAS Perth II 1965 – 1999
 HMAS Ping Wo 1942 – 1946
 HMAS Pirie 1942 – 1946
 HMAS Polaris 1942 – 1945
 HMAS Porpoise 1973 – 1989
 HMAS Poyang 1942 – 1946
 HMAS Protector II 1990 – 1998
 HMAS Rankin 2003 – Present
 ASRV Remora 1995 – 2006
 HMAS Reserve 1943 – 1961
 HMAS Rockhampton 1942 – 1961
 Rona 1943 – 1946
 HMAS Rushcutter 1986 – 2001
 HMAS Salamaua 1973 – 1974
 HMAS Samarai 1968 – 1975
 HMAS Samuel Benbow 1940 – 1946
 HMAS Seal 1968 – 1988
 HMAS Sheean 2000 – Present
 HMAS Shepparton I 1943 – 1958
 HMAS Shepparton II 1990 – Present
 HMAS Shoalhaven 1945 - 1962
 HMAS Shoalwater 1987 – 2001
 HMAS Shropshire 1943 – 1949
 HMAS Sleuth 1940 - 1945
 HMAS Snipe 1962 – 1983
HMAS Stalwart 1966 – 1989
 HMAS Stawell 1943- 1952
 HMAS Steady Hour 1941 – 1945
 HMAS Stella 1942- 1945
 HMAS Strahan 1944 – 1961
 HMAS Stuart I 1933 – 1946
 HMAS Stuart II 1963 – 1991
 HMAS Stuart III 2002 – Present
 HMAS St Giles 1940 – 1946
 HMAS Success 1986 – Present
HMAS Supply 1962 – 1985
 HMAS Swan II 1937 - 1964
 HMAS Swan III 1970 – 1996
HMAS Sydney III 1948 – 1973
 HMAS Sydney IV 1983 – 2015
 TRV Tailor 1971 – 1988
 DT Tammar 1984 – 1998
 HMAS Tamworth 1942 – 1946
 HMAS Tarakan I 1946 – 1954
 HMAS Tarakan II 1973 – 2014
 HMAS Teal 1962 – 1979
 HMAS Terka 1940 – 1945

Telopea crane stores lighter 1972 – 1997
 HMAS Terka 1940 – 1945
 HMAS Tobruk I 1950 - 1972
 HMAS Tobruk II 1981 – 2015
 HMAS Toowoomba I 1941 – 1946
 HMAS Torrens II 1971 – 1998
 HMAS Townsville I 1941 – 1956
 HMAS Townsville II 1981 – 2007
 TRV Trevally 1970 – 1988
 TRV Tuna 1970 – 1988
 HMAS Uralba 1942 – 1945
 HMAS Vampire I 1933 – 1942
 HMAS Vampire II 1959 – 1985
 HMAS Vendetta I 1933 – 1945
 HMAS Vendetta II 1958 – 1979
 HMAS Vengeance 1952 – 1955
 HMAS Vigilant 1940 – 1945
 HMAS Voyager I 1933 – 1942
 HMAS Voyager II 1957 – 1964
 HMAS Wagga 1942 – 1962
 HMAS Wallaby 1983 – 1997
 HMAS Wallaroo 1942 – 1943
 MSA Wallaroo 1991 - 2010
 HMAS Waree 1942 – 1946
 HMAS Waller 2001 – Present
 HMAS Warramunga I 1942 – 1963
 HMAS Warramunga 2001 – Present
 HMAS Warrego II 1940 – 1963
 HMAS Warrigal 1984 – 1997
 HMAS Warrnambool 1941 – 1947
 HMAS Warrnambool 1981 – 2005
 HMAS Wato 1941 – 1945
 HMAS Wattle 1972 – 1997
 HMAS Waterhen 1933 – 1941
 HMAS Westralia I 1939 – 1949
 HMAS Westralia II 1989 – 2006
 HMAS Wewak 1973 – 2012
 HMAS Whang Pu 1944 – 1946
 HMAS Whyalla I 1942 – 1947
 HMAS Whyalla II 1982 – 2005
 HMAS Wollongong I 1941 – 1946
 HMAS Wollongong II 1981 – 2005
 Wombat 1983 – 1997
 HMAS Wongala 1939 – 1944
 HMAS Woomera 1946 – 1960
 HMAS Wyatt Earp 1947 – 1951
 HMAS Wyulda 1984 – 1997
 HMAS Yandra 1940 – 1946
 HMAS Yarra II 1961 – 1985
 HMAS Yarra III 1961 – 1985
 HMAS Yarra IV 2003 – Present
 STS Young Endeavour 1988 - Present
 HMAS Yunnam 1944- 1946



NOTICE OF MEETING FOR AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS OF RANBA

19TH AUGUST 2021 BALLINA RSL AT 11AM

A Special General Meeting will be held prior to the Annual General Meeting to discuss amendment to the following section of the Constitution.

Part 2-Membership

Section 3-Application for membership/ Type of membership

Sub Section (2) Membership types

a) Full Member with voting rights must have served in the Royal Australian Navy Band, Royal Australian Reserve Band. Add; Australian Army Band, Royal Australian Air Force Band.

(b) Associate Member (reduced fee) without voting rights, but may attend General Meetings and contribute, may be Widows, former serving members of other Service Bands, former serving members with family ties. Add, INVITED MEMBERS OF VETERANS BAND.

PUBLIC OFFICER..... Ralph Daines.

PROGRAMME FOR BALLINA CONCERT AUGUST 18TH 2022

3.00 PM RAN VETERANS BAND

You Can't Stop The Beat (Hairspray)
Heart of Oak/Life on the Ocean Waves
Down Under Overture (Downton arrangement)
Sway (Downton arr.) Vocal Jim Henshaw
Abba (arr. Roger Downton)
Mack The Knife (Arr. Downton) Vocal Jim Henshaw
Elton John on Tour
Blues Brothers

3.30 PM app RAN BAND SYDNEY

30 Minute program

20 minute Interval

4.20PM COMBINED RAN BAND/ RAN VETERANS BAND

Once Navy Always Navy (Arranged Martyn Hancock RAN)
The Magic of Andrew Lloyd Webber (arr. Warren Barker)
Jersey Boys (arr. Michael Brown)
Shrek Dance Party (arr. Paul Murtha)
Man From Snowy River (arr. Roger Downton)
Thriller (arr. Roger Downton)
World in Union (Charlie Skarbek adap Bedwell)
Conquest of Paradise (Vangelis) Arr. Glenesk Mortimer
You're The Voice (arr. Roger Downton)
Encore American Patrol arr. Mike Butcher

VIETNAM VETERANS DAY SERVICE

10.45AM Prior to Service

On the Quarter Deck
Waltzing Matilda
HM Jollies
Voices
Still Call Australia Home (adap.Bedwell)
We Are Australian (Downton)
Highland Cathedral

11.00am Service

O God Of Love
O God Our Help in Ages Past
Harmonised Last Post (Downton Adaption)
Advance Australia Fair (Mike Butcher)

Spares

Amazing Grace





The Reunion

Its on and the numbers are swelling to be another successful reunion. The Veterans Band is bolstered with over 40 players and now the RAN Band Sydney is involved the concert will be a major event for Ballina. If you are attending, now is the time to get your booking form in.

Wednesday the 17th of August

10.00am– 3.00pm Veterans Band Rehearsal

The rehearsal will take place in the auditorium of the RSL, we need to be ready to start at 10am as we have the concert and the Vietnam service music to re-acquaint ourselves with. Ralph will be following up on all players to make sure you have all of your parts. A lunch will be provided for playing members but if any non playing or partners want lunch there is a surcharge.

6.00pm—8.00pm Meet & Greet

The Meet & Greet has been booked for Wednesday evening in the Craft Bar at the RSL. It will be an informal gathering and a mixed selection of hot and cold finger food will be available.

Thursday the 18th of August

11.00am Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service

Adjacent to the RSL. The band members will need to be in place at the Cenotaph, ready to play by 10.45am. The service will be completed by 11.45. The band will return to the auditorium to do a sound check.

1.30pm to 2pm Sound Check

Important part of the day for all playing members. Those players not at the service need to be at the sound check.

3.00pm to 5pm Vietnam Veterans Concert

Doors will open at 2.30 and seats are first in first served basis so don't be late as this concert will be a popular event with Vets and their partners and friends.

Friday 19th of August

10.00am RANBA Special General Meeting & AGM

The meeting will be held at the Ballina RSL and we encourage all members to attend. Nomination form, for committee positions, is on the back of the magazine. All positions will be vacated so think about becoming part of the team to take the association forward.

1.00pm RANBA Official Luncheon. Spinners Ballina RSL

A two course, sit down meal will be provided in a relaxed atmosphere and bookings will be essential. The luncheon will be the last official engagement .





ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY BAND ASSOCIATION INC
1400700
NOMINATION FOR COMMITTEE POSITION

POSITION	CANDIDATE
PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER
SECRETARY
COMMITTEE
SIGNATORIES OF:	
PROPOSER
SECONDER
CANDIDATE

Nominations to be sent to: admin@ranbandassoc.net Nominations are to arrive no later than the 12th of August 2022.