



THE POSTING

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Here we are into issue No 8 already and I still have something to say on a monthly basis. I am encouraged by the responses to each issue and the hits our newsletter is getting each month now.



With the July edition getting over 800 hits on the website I think we are on a winner. I'm still resorting to some of my time in the band and the trips we undertook which is OK as our readership and membership is from that era. The article on the Vietnam trip and some of the observations brought up a few more things to report in this edition.

Also thanks to Jim for keeping the ditties coming as it helps give us some good humorous stories to supplement my more mundane articles.

WAY BACK (PAST EDITIONS)

JUNE 1996

This newsletter features a report by the president on the reunion held in Victoria in April and his take of the comradery by all the members at the reunion. It was interesting to note he mentioned the 40's and 50's participants on the day and how the generations came together as one under the banner of the association.

We are lucky that the association was formed when it did as all those ex members and their stories would be lost.

There is a great photo of a dance band from the 50's or 60's with Ken Brown, Kevin Foale, Dick Woon, Kipper Summerson playing without a music stand in sight. AD Lib is the word that is mentioned and it is something that is lost in today's performers.

At our music store we host a lot of Festivals, Concerts and general performances and the most annoying thing

is the iPad/tablets that the performers bury their heads in. The days of memorizing something is long past and it is frustrating that along with backing tracks the young performers of tomorrow are not encouraged to learn something off by heart. Anyway I digress.

Plenty of great photos and articles from members to keep you entertained so make the effort, jump onto the website and have a read of this edition.



2024/25 MEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription invoices are now on their way to you. Thanks to those that have already deposited balances into the bank. I will issue a paid invoice to those that have.

I will present the 2023/2024 financials at the upcoming AGM but if any member requires them earlier I am happy to email them to you.

I will also send invoices for the reunion to those that have requested them.

Errol.

2024 LAUNCESTON REUNION UPDATE

As promised I have in the following columns released those that have committed to venturing to Tasmania. We currently have a 33 members and their partners totaling 72 in all. I know there are more in the pipeline so we are definitely looking to a good turnout in October.

Jim Hawkins
Ray Mills
Doug & Lyn Drysdale
Gary Searle
Paul & Mary Jo Cottier
Iain & Sheila Morrison
Gabe & Sue Kicsak
Terry & Lorraine Ekin
Steven & Karen Cottier
Ned & Chrisi Kellas
Peter & Lorraine Martin
Mel Thatcher
John & Leywah Lennon
Doug Antonoff
Rob & Ann Bull
Bill Farrell & Sally-Ann
Jim Henshaw
Garry & Christine Sander
Roger & Claire Downton
Blue & Gail McNally
Geoff Dawson

John & Rose Ezergailis
Linda & Peter Smith
Ron & Judy Arnott
Graeme & Diane Johnson
Geoff & Belinda Bunce
Ralph & Cheryl Daines
Ken & Pam Monk
Daniel & Ann-Marie Lukic
Andrew Sansom & Partner
Kevin & Elaine Hillier
Peter & Jan Ashburner
Geoff & Kathy Shew
Shane & Elizabeth Urquhart
Tony & Suzanne Younglove
Paul O'Hara
Alan & Annette Lanham
Brian & Kerry Ellis
Guy & Cath Scrutin
Sno Cronan
Bob Bentley

VALE

COLIN ROBERT MORRIS



The association lost another member in Col Morris on the 14th of August. His funeral was held at the Bunurong Memorial Park Crematorium and the 21st of August. Our condolences to Pam and family on their loss.

RIP

Col



BOB JEFFERY

From Jim Hawkins

I read in the Navy Victoria Network magazine that former Musician Bob Jeffery passed away on 6th August aged 86. His surname was spelt incorrectly in the magazine as Jeffrey instead of Jeffery.

Bob served in the band from 12/11/53 until 24/6/60 and at one stage was a member of our Association

I can't recall what he played and guess trumpet.

He reached the rank of Acting Band Corporal and at one stage lived at Crib point when he was on my member list. Bob was 86.

Jim

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REPORT ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGES

The RAN Band Association has been gifted with an array of photos submitted by Glenn Robinson just recently. They cover the mid to late 80's and have been well commented on by visitors to the page. This is excellent as it has introduced names I have not heard before which long term helps the association become more familiar to this era of the Navy Band members. Some names listed against photos are already members or familiar contributors but it has definitely highlighted those that might not know of our association.

The photo's also highlight mates we joined up with in the 60's and 70's who went onto senior roles in the branch during the 80's. I could also say that some are still there in the 2024's, Paul O'hara and Dale Granger stand out as a couple.

What I'm eluding to is that facebook for whatever bad press it gets does spread the association a lot further than any website can do nowadays. Lets welcome it as a positive for the ongoing success of the association.



The man in question, Glenn Robinson has submitted a large number of photo's mainly when he was on the Stalwart. Photo has Sharon Jarvis and in the background Kevin Hillier.

BELOW: HMAS Stalwart, a bit worse for wear after the trip to Kiribati.



FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK

There are reports of that members have been getting friend requests from people that are already in their list of friends. This has been happening off and on for a long period now but just recently it has resurfaces. This is just a blatant attempt to hack. In our little circle we know each other pretty well and my warning of a hack is, if it doesn't have a photo of the person don't accept it.

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FOLLOWUPS AND MESSAGES FROM MEMBERS

What's the Story

In the June and July editions I mentioned the Chappell & Co music selections we use to play way back when they were in fashion and not so in fashion in the 70's.

Well last month I sent to Peter Blackwell a couple of records, "Blue Watermen" and "March along Broadway". The latter is a pretty rare album (I actually forgot I had it) and to my surprise the song list included all the popular Chappell & Co musicals we performed.

Below is the Album cover, content listing and the performers from this album I'm assuming it was done in the late 50's or early 60's and was not the common marching albums of the time.



THE MASSED BANDS OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

- PICCOLO Musn. Shearn.
- FLUTES Musns. Dixon; James.
- OBOE Musn. Woodhouse.
- EB. CLART. Musn. Clarke.
- SOLO CLARTS. Chief Bandmaster Lunn; Musn. Edwards.
- FIRST CLARTS. Band Corporals McCabe; Gwynne.
- SECOND CLARTS. Musns. Mackay-Blair; Dalby; Hodge; O'Leary; Nurse.
- THIRD CLARTS. Musns. Kellas; Collins; Cummings; Brewer.
- ALTO SAXES Bandmaster Towson; Musn. Pearce.
- TENOR SAXES Musns. Summerson; Hollard.
- BARITONE SAX Chief Bandmaster Gullick.
- BASSOONS Musns. Hure; Soutar.
- HORNS Musns. Lowry; Handfield; Buchanan; Bradley; Buddle; Beasley.
- SOLO CORNETS Bandmasters Williams; Britten-Jones; Musn. Fisher.
- SECOND CORNETS Musns. Green; Henry; Brown; Lower.
- THIRD CORNETS Musns. Parkyn; Welch; Whitmore.
- TROMBONES Band Corporal Hopkins; Musns. Taylor; Newby; Fenlon; Newton.
- EUPHONIUMS Musns. Ingram; Breen; Semmler.
- EB. BASSES Musns. Collinson; Buckmaster.
- Bbb. BASSES Band Corporal Tyrie; Musns. Sparkes; Slim.
- PERCUSSION Musns. Mansfield; Thorne; Halliday; Watson; Jones; Himbury.

When not in use keep this record in the container with this opening facing the back of shelf or cabinet

SIDE ONE			
OKLAHOMA! Oklahoma!	Rodgers-Hammerstein	CHAPPELL	
MY FAIR LADY With a Little Bit of Luck Get Me to the Church on Time	Lerner-Loewe Lerner-Loewe	CHAPPELL CHAPPELL	
PAJAMA GAME Once a Year Day Steam Heat	Adler-Ross Adler-Ross	CHAPPELL CHAPPELL	
THE KING AND I The March of the Siamese Children	Rodgers-Hammerstein	CHAPPELL	
CALL ME MADAM The Hostess with the Mostest on the Ball You're Just in Love	Berlin Berlin	CHAPPELL CHAPPELL	
SOUTH PACIFIC There's Nothing Like a Dame Bloody Mary Bali Hai	Rodgers-Hammerstein Rodgers-Hammerstein Rodgers-Hammerstein	CHAPPELL CHAPPELL CHAPPELL	
SIDE TWO			
THE MUSIC MAN 76 Trombones	Meredith Willson	CHAPPELL	
ANNIE GET YOUR GUN There's No Business Like Show Business You Can't Get a Man with a Gun	Berlin Berlin	CHAPPELL CHAPPELL	
OKLAHOMA! People Will Say We're in Love The Surrey with the Fringe on Top	Rodgers-Hammerstein Rodgers-Hammerstein	CHAPPELL CHAPPELL	
THE KING AND I I Whistle a Happy Tune	Rodgers-Hammerstein	CHAPPELL	
CAN CAN Can Can I Love Paris Montmartre It's All Right With Me	Cole Porter Cole Porter Cole Porter Cole Porter	CHAPPELL CHAPPELL CHAPPELL CHAPPELL	
CAROUSEL June is Bustin' Out All Over What's the Use of Wondering If I Loved You	Rodgers-Hammerstein Rodgers-Hammerstein Rodgers-Hammerstein	CHAPPELL CHAPPELL CHAPPELL	

JIM HAWKINS

Hi again Errol,

Fleet Band, late 1962. Bandmaster 2LT Tom Lambert RM, PO Ted Lincoln. Drummers John Roche, Speed Halliday (dec) Paul Reid (dec) Richie Watson (dec) Dave Carr bass drum, Mal Willshire cymbals, Ernie Plester Eupho, Kipper Kearsley tuba, Myself piccolo right rear. The new band which joined Melbourne Jan 1963 was conducted by CPO Jack Noonan.

Jim.



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NEWS FLASH

REUNION UPDATE

To accommodate more time to the AGM on the Saturday we advise that the start time will now be 9.00am at the Launceston RSL.

WHO ARE WE

This column highlights association members with a brief history in the Band Branch.



ALAN FENNEY

JOINED:

1980 ADULT ENTRY

INSTRUMENT:

Joined on Trumpet and stayed on it.

SHIPS/DEPOT's SERVED ON:

HMAS Cerberus, HMAS Stalwart,

MATES WHO JOINED ABOUT THE SAME TIME:

Jimmy Carter, Jack Frost, Peter Morrissey, Ian Malyon (Oboe)

INDELIBLE MEMORIES:

- Brisbane Commonwealth Games
- Bugler 1986 Anzac Day Melbourne Shrine
- Portland 150th Celebration
- Stalwart 1983 Asia tour



PAUL COTTIER

JOINED:

1981 ADULT ENTRY

INSTRUMENT:

Joined on Trumpet and stayed on it.

SHIPS/DEPOT's SERVED ON:

HMAS Cerberus, HMAS Adelaide, HMAS Stalwart, HMAS Tobruk, HMAS Kuttabul, HMAS Jervis Bay

MATES WHO JOINED ABOUT THE SAME TIME:

Alan Fenney, Graham Carter, David Smith, Phil Cleveland

INDELIBLE MEMORIES:

- RIMPAC 1984
- Japan 1987
- Fleet Review Sydney 2013
- Anzac Day Gallipoli
- Operation Catalyst Iraqi 2005, 2006, 2008
- Director of Music

