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Welcome to our last newsletter for 2024 and I actually got to produce 10 editions through 2024 with a total of 50 pages. That's not bad seeing I produced around 34 pages in 2023 and struggled to get that many out. At least this year the information was more relevant and got to you the readership quicker.

Thanks to those that kept up the supply of stories and state reps that helped keep us informed of our members social events. Now I'm President, Treasurer and Editor I have to get my creative juices flowing even harder in 2025.

For events, 2025 will be a off year unless there is something that crops up that might need the Veterans band or the unexpected meet up. I was going to mention funerals but we have been fortunate to not have to report too many of late.

I would like to wish all our member a great 2025 health wise and look forward to some interesting correspondence throughout the new year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Errol.

WAY BACK (PAST EDITIONS)

FEBRUARY 1997

This was the first edition for 1997 after the October edition I reported in our last newsletter. Jim's editorial reported on the upcoming Perth reunion in 1998 and the survey sent out resulting in a good response to those that would like to attend.

The President's report just happened to mention for the first time the internet and that a few members now have access to it. And Bob Bedwell put his email address in for contact. A significant event when you think of it as it is now part of our daily process of checking our emails. (Well almost all of us)



The Director of Music Ashley Greedy (dec) reports that 1997 will be a year of the usual gigs, Hobart Regatta, Navy week but had no commitments to start 1997.

He did mention the opening of the Cinema complex at Cerberus on the 26th or 28 of February as a major step forward for the Melbourne band to actually have a real home.

He was waiting also on the "Defense efficiency Review" to be handed down in March hoping little change to the Band branch will occur, he was already operating on 80 of a 96 member band branch.

Pages and pages of great stories and photo's to ponder over from names we all know. I will attach it to our newsletter as a matter of course.

TREASURERS REPORT

As Treasurer the coming year will be our first with no subs coming in so it is upon me to keep you abreast of outgoings incurred through the year. We have cleared all of our expenses from the reunion and still have a healthy bank balance.

The reunion in Adelaide in 2026 will be our next major event unless something crops up throughout the coming year. The reunion will require a lot of organizing through 2025 and deposits for venues and functions to be made but we have appropriate funds to cover this.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to thank the members who confirmed my appointment to the office at the AGM and I look forward to expanding our association through 2025. The executive and state Reps wish you all a fantastic 2025 and let there be plenty of correspondence between you all.

WISHING YOU A SAFE 2025

Errol.

VICTORIAN REPORT

The Victorians ended the year with a Lunch on the 17th of November at the Frankston RSL. With a set menu the limited number of attendees enjoyed a full on traditional Turkey and Ham roast followed by the Christmas pudding. With numbers down due to other engagements the 17th was as close as we could get to December.

We all took time to reminisce the reunion for those that attended and looked forward to another year ahead of us.

To all our mates from all of us here in Victoria, A Merry Christmas and a healthy 2025.

Terry.



ABOVE: The organizers on the day, Terry and Lorraine Ekin all smiles as they wait for the Christmas pudding to arrive. Thanks to Terry for another successful Mexicans lunch.



ABOVE: The three maidens, Carrie and Sharon Hatch with Dot Crompton made up the eleven that attended the day. Where's the eleventh you say, Bottom right, Merry Christmas.



ABOVE: Pat and Barry Pollock who have been stalwarts to all of our events really enjoyed the lunch and company on the day.

LEFT: Three suspects if there ever were. Terry Ekin, Gabe Kicsak and Doug Antonoff enjoyed a beer or two over the course of the afternoon. All three were in Launceston and were part of a large contingent of Victorians that were at the reunion.





ADELAIDE 2026

A fair amount of correspondence has passed between me and the now confirmed committee in Adelaide and the onus is on your President in the new year to get a few things in place for the reunion to become a reality.

This will be my first (except doing the Victorian Reunion way back) as President so I'm under pressure to help get it right and I'm looking forward to the task. The team in Adelaide are veterans in reunions also having held it in Adelaide previously.

The involvement of the Veterans Band is now always a consideration in a reunion but will only be deployed if the criteria is met, an event, rehearsal location and support by locals. This is early days in its decision making process so there will be more regarding the band.

One of the questions ongoing with reunions is it necessary to have a state burdened with the requirement to hold it or do we find a location that is affordable, easy to get to from around Australia and has the ability to accommodate the Veterans Band. What are your thoughts regarding this. More so than ever the cost to get to a specific location is a determining factor as our association is aging and easy travel is a priority when deciding to attend a reunion.

I will cover more in detail through 2025.

WEBSITE/FACEBOOK UPDATES

Ken McCallum November

I thought I would update all on a medical issue I have encountered recently. I have had my prostate removed as biopsy results came back positive for cancer. I had robotic surgery Tues 5th Nov, out of hospital next evening and recovering well at home. Results have already come back and they got all of it and saved the nerves. Now I just take it easy for the next 6 weeks. Every male out there get regular psa blood tests, as these tests saved me. This was the main reason for not attending the reunion, I will be ready for the next one. Cheers to all

Ken

Good to hear your progress is positive Ken, look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Ed

Kevan Thomas



Great photo of Kevan Thomas with Peter McLeod at the Moama Bowling Club late November. I must admit I didn't recognize at first Kevan without his glasses. Peter is looking well also. Happy new year to you both.

Ed

Jim Hawkins December 7.22am

How many former RAN Musicians remember DOM's Divisions every Monday morning on the covered in parade ground? We would be inspected and expected to be immaculate (even after a weekend at the White Ensign Club and having just arrived back on the leave train) then marching past George Hooker in single file and saluting him while getting barked at by NCO's. Pretty sure all trainees took part - not just the Juniors.

When did these divisions cease?

I put the time at the header because I was wondering what made Jim think of this easy to forget part of our lives at that time of the morning. I remember it well as my first DOM Divisions was a disaster, I fainted and was quickly taken up to sick bay for stitches in the chin. Nerves I think got to me but I also remember a trick given to me by Paul Farrugia to stem the nerves when standing for a long period of time, wiggle your toes to a tune to keep you alert. Shit we stood around for a long time waiting in some of those parades and ceremonies.





To finish the year off I thought it appropriate to list our current members and associate members for 2024. The date at the end of their name is the date they joined the Navy Band or which reserve band they were a member of. If dates are wrong or I am missing a few let me know by email at admin@randandassoc.net and I will update. Mine and your task for 2025 is to expand this list with new members. With no constraints of having to pay a subscription and our more informative newsletter, website and social media pages we should be able to include more on this list. All we need is their email address and mobile so we can update our database with accurate info about all our ex-bandies and include them on all our updates.

So lets work on this together in 2025.

ANDERSON Lachlan 1978

ANDREWS Bevan 1970

ANTONOFF Doug 1973

ASHBURNER Peter 1970

ATKINS Janet HON

BARRETT Nigel WA RANR

BASKERVILLE Derek 1965

BAUERS Peter 1963

BEDWELL Robert 1963

BENTLEY Robert 1966

BLACKWELL Peter VIC RANR

BLOOM John 1970

BREWER Fred 1957

BROWN Ken 1956

BROWNE Ian 1972

BUCHANAN Colin 1955

BUDDLE Anthony 1957

BULL Robert 1965

BULLIARD Gilbert J WA RANR

BUNCE Geoff 1976

BUTLER Dean 1970

CARKEET Brenda 1961

CHAY Ron 1975

CLEVELAND Phil 1979

COBB Peter WA RANR

CODLING Mal 1964

COLLINS Bill 1955

COLLINSON Evelyn 1953

COTTIER Paul 1978

COTTIER Steven 1978

COUGHRAN_LANE Rod 1969

CRACKNELL Steve 1976

CREEK Tony 1976

CROMPTON Dot 1952

CRONAN Sno 1958

CROW Kevin NSW RANR

CRUISE John 1966

DAINES (Life) Ralph 1962

DAWSON Geoff 1981

DICKMAN Craig 1967

DORNEY Ian 1977

DOUGLAS Peter QLD RANR

DOWNTON Roger 1966

DRYSDALE Doug 1967

EKIN Terry 1974

ELLIS Brian 1964

EZERGAILIS John 1967

FAIRBAIRN Andrew 1984

FARRELL AM Bill (Life) 1952

FARRUGIA Paul 1959

FAY Des 1956

FENLON John

FOALE Kevin 1955

FOSTER Gerry 1962

FOSTER Iain 1994

FRASER Richard 1973

GALLAGHER Patrick 1968

GILLESPIE Kathy 1970

GODLEMAN Frank 1967

GOLDSWORD Arie WA RANR

GRANGER Dale 1975

GRANTER Don 1949

GREENTREE Roger 1970

GRIFFITH Jack 1940

GRIFFITHS Ross NSW RANR

GULLICK Lynelle Daughter

HANRATTY John 1968

HARDSTAFF David 1976

HATCH Errol (Life) 1969

HAWKINS (Life) Jim 1959

HAYNES Lochmond 1957

HEATH Robert 1960

HENSHAW James (Jim) 1970

HESTLETOW Ray 1970

HILLIER OAM Kevin 1968

HOGG Alan 1956

HOUSTON Hugh 1958

HURE Roger 1954

JACKSON Gordon 1960

JARVIS Sharon 1987

JOHNS Stephen 1972

JOHNSON Michael 1969

JOHNSON Ralph QLD RANR

JONES John 1963

JONES Ralph 1971

KANNENGIESSER Peter 1960

KARR John 1980

KELLAS Randall 1952

KENNEDY Bert 1967

KENT Les 1974

KNOWLES Vic (Life) 1959

KRAUSE Gary 1969

LANHAM Allan 1970

LEEKE Mick 1961

LENARTAS Alf 1966

LENNON John 1968

LEWIS David 1967

LINCOLN Ken (Dubbo) 1977

LINCOLN Ted 1951

Lloyd Paul 1960

LOCKE Ian 1951

LUNNISS David 1968

MACKNESS Steven 1966

MANN Brian WA RANR

MANSFIELD Brian Jackie 1962

MARSHALL Chris 1964
MARTIN Peter (Life) 1953
MARTIN Phil 1964
MAZLIN David 1968
McCALLUM Ken 1967
MCGUINESS Jeff 1975
McGUINESS Keith 1965
McILROY Jeff
McKENZIE Jan 1953
McNALLY Graham (Blue) 1967
MIDDLETON Robyn 1967
MILLS Ray 1975
MONK Ken 1965
Morgan Henry
MORRIS Colin 1958
MORRISON Iain ASSOC
MULLER Graham 1966
NEWBY Darrel 1955
NEWHAM Phillip 1976
NICHOLS Sue 1950
O'HARA Paul 1973
O'MEARA David 1972
ORAM Rebecca 1988
PAGE Lloyd ASSOC
PAGE Michael
PARNELL David 1960
PEARCE Bevan 1966
PLEASS Jack 1947
POLLOCK Barry 1953
POST Bill 1967
REDMAN Keith QLD RANR
REED Michael VIC RANR
REITZENSTEIN Ludwig WA RANR
REYNOLDS Mitford WA RANR
RIDOUT Kevin 1964
ROBERTSON Ken 1951
ROBINSON Bob 1967
ROBINSON Glenn 1985
ROBINSON Michael 1968
ROURKE Andrew 1970
ROYLE Harry 1971
SANDER Garry 1968
SANSOM Andrew 1979
SCRUTON Guy
SEARLE Gary 1972
SEMMLER Keith 1957

SHEW Geoff 1971
SMITH Clive 1960
SOUTAR Robert 1958
STARKIE Nadene WA RANR
STATHIS Jim 1956
STRATING Rudolf 1968
STUCAS Leon 1969
SWINGLER John 1965
TAIT Edward WA RANR
THATCHER Mel 1968
THOMAS Kevan 1963
THOMPSON Bob 1962
THOMPSON Michael 1968 RM
THOMSON David (Thomo) 1969
THORNTON John 1963
THRING Ed 1971
TORRENS Brian 1961
TUMATH Charles 1958
WENDEL Kuni
WHELDON Michael 1962
WIDDICOMBE John 1959
WILKINSON Steven 1973
WILLIAMS Harry 1977
WILLIAMSON Trevor 1960
WILLSHIRE Mal 1958
WOODHOUSE Alan 1953
WORTHAM Michael 1959
YOUNGLOVE Tony 1965



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