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## **Visitors Log – QLD Archived Messages – 2006**

### **The FESR Visitors Log**

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#### **State Divisions >> QLD >> State Committee**

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**Message started by Cyril Doc Rice on Jun 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:49am**

Title: **State Committee**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jun 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:49am**

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Thought I would kick this off by transferring this file to the new format 8-)

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State Divisions >> QLD >> Qld Committee for 2006/7  
(Message started by: Bob Witt on May 29th, 2006, 4:08pm)

Title: Qld Committee for 2006/7

Post by Bob Witt on May 29th, 2006, 4:08pm Qld Division held their AGM yesterday and the following are the elected Committee:

President Allan Prowse(re-elected)

VP1 Jim Pavier(re-elected)

VP2 Graham Burke

Secretary George Onger (re-elected)

Treasurer Tony Matthews

Newsletter Editor Ken Staff

Returning Officer Harvey Mills

If I have misspelt any names let me know and I will correct, congratulations to all and may your coming term be smooth and untroubled.

Title: Re: Qld Committee for 2006/7

Post by irish50561 on Jun 3rd, 2006, 10:06am Congratulations lads and thanks Harvey for all your good advice and ready assistance over the past few years. Regards. Irish.

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### **The FESR Visitors Log**

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#### **State Divisions >> QLD >> Newsletter copy deadlines.**

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1150686261>

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**Message started by birdiehandler on Jun 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 1:04pm**

Title: **Newsletter copy deadlines.**

Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jun 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 1:04pm**

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:( Copy deadlines for the July issue of the Qld. Div. newsletter is July 3, 2006.

exceptions! >:(  
Should you send photo's and want them returned, please send with a stamped self addressed envelope.

Title: **Re: Newsletter copy deadlines.**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 2:31pm**

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Onya Ken

Good to see you back on board and again doing the newsletter and still bossing us around! You put in a lot of time and effort with your little helper Ken in publishing it and I hope all appreciate. Next thing we know, you will be barracking for the maroons!

Ron

Title: **Re: Newsletter copy deadlines.**  
Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jun 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 2:14pm**

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Please!! wash your mouth out! ;)

Title: **Re: Newsletter copy deadlines.**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Jun 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 4:02pm**

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Ken, During the next meeting following the next State of Origin match, I wonder if you will be game enough to pull that little blue man out of you briefcase and pop it up on the table, like you did a couple of years back :'(

Ron

Title: **Re: Newsletter copy deadlines.**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Jun 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 4:53pm**

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Ron,  
Must you start him Off ::)

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### **State Divisions >> QLD >> Fallen Australians honoured in Somme service**

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1151799506>

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**Message started by Bob Witt on Jul 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, 10:18am**

Title: **Fallen Australians honoured in Somme service**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Jul 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, 10:18am**

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The loss of 46,000 Australian lives during the battle of the Somme has been commemorated at a service in northern France. It is the 90th anniversary of one of the bloodiest battles on the Western Front, where almost 300,000 Australians served. On July 1, 1916 - the first day of the battle - nearly 20,000 British soldiers died, mown down by German machine-guns and artillery and another 40,000 were wounded. By the end of the battle, 125,000 British empire troops, including 46,000 Australians, were dead.

The French had lost 40,000 soldiers and Germany had recorded 160,000 deaths. The Allies had advanced just 10 kilometres. Federal Minister for Veterans Affairs, Bruce Bilson, has attended a service near the largest overseas cemetery containing the bodies of Australian soldiers. "There's a quite a moving Australian Memorial Park at Fromelles," he said. "Nearly all the townsfolk from the village of Fromelles accompanied myself and the French Veterans Affairs Minister [to the commemoration] service.

"Readings were delivered, prayers were shared and commemoration was given for those that lost their lives on that battlefield." At least 10,000 people, including war veterans and relatives of those who died, gathered in the village of Theipval for another ceremony. That service has been led by Prince Charles, who paid tribute to those who fell. "For the first time in our history, we put mere boys into an assault against the bombs, bullets and the terrible wire entanglements, equipped with little more than raw courage and a deep trust in their young leaders," he said.

Source: ABC

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### State Divisions >> QLD >> Nominal Roll for The Malayan Emergency

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1155946701>

**Message started by Bob Witt on Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10:18am**

**Title: Nominal Roll for The Malayan Emergency**

Post by **Bob Witt** on **Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 10:18am**

In relation to the concern that The Malayan Emergency/ Indonesian Confrontation does not have a Nominal Roll of those who served, it was with interest to read in the latest edition of RSL News, My Word, by RSL State President Doug Formby. Quote: Para 2." I have already set in motion steps to re-establish a healthy, meaningful and ongoing relationship with other ESO's in Queensland, assess and address the real and practical issues involving with the delivery of welfare, in all forms, to veterans throughout the State and reconnect with the media and community leaders to work toward developing the best possible image for the RSL throughout the wider community." Now might be a good time for our National Executive to lobby both the RSL and Naval Association Executives for a Nominal Roll for recognition of the Malayan Emergency. Members could also play their part in bringing the anomaly to the attention at Sub-branch level of both organisations. We have to start somewhere why not here as well as the Government and Nominal Roll Committee

**Title: Re: Nominal Roll for The Malayan Emergency**

Post by **birdiehandler** on **Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 11:05am**

; ) Couldn't agree with you more, Bob. ; )

**Title: Re: Nominal Roll for The Malayan Emergency**

Post by **greygull** on **Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 3:21pm**

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:( Dont forget the Malaysian Confrontation

Title: **Re: Nominal Roll for The Malayan Emergency**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 11:40am**

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'Aye' to all three comments ;)

Ron

Title: **Re: Nominal Roll for The Malayan Emergency**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, 2:33pm**

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With regards to The Malayan Emergency/Indonesian Confrontation Nominal Roll, I have been in contact with one of the Nominal Roll committee and have been In formed that The Malayan Emergency/Indonesian Confrontation Nominal Roll is in the pipeline when the Vietnam Roll is finished. Keep your fingers and what ever else crossed we may see it yet.

Title: **Re: Nominal Roll for The Malayan Emergency**  
Post by **irish50561** on **Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 11:51pm**

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Good one Bob, and long over due as well. Regards. Irish

Title: **Re: Nominal Roll for The Malayan Emergency**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 7:53am**

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Not before time. Good work Robert.

Ron

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### **State Divisions >> QLD >> NAVY EXPEDITION ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE 'UNKNOWN SAILOR'**

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**Message started by Bob Witt on Sep 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:58am**

Title: **NAVY EXPEDITION ATTEMPTS TO SOLVE 'UNKNOWN SAILOR'**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Sep 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:58am**

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On 23 September 2006, a Navy team will arrive at Christmas Island in an attempt to locate the remains of an unknown sailor thought to be a crew member from HMAS Sydney that sank with all hands on 19 November 1941, announced the Minister Assisting the Minister for Defence, Bruce Billson. Announcing this archaeological expedition, Mr Billson said that since an earlier expedition in

the grave in the Old European Cemetery on Christmas Island thought to contain the unknown sailor.

A Navy team composed of experienced and well-respected experts including an archaeologist, a physical anthropologist and two forensic odontologists will visit Christmas Island in an attempt to identify the grave site. If evidence of the grave is found it will be further investigated and an attempt made to exhume any remains. If remains are found, they will be brought to Sydney where a forensic pathologist will join the team to assist with identification.

"As with any undertaking of this type, the likelihood of positive identification of the remains, if in fact any are found, are low," Mr Billson said. The Royal Australian Navy's cruiser HMAS Sydney was lost, with its crew of 645 men aboard, following an action with the German raider Kormoran. Early in February 1942, a carley float life-raft containing a body was recovered close inshore at Christmas Island. There were no personal effects or identifying items on the body although the clothing was consistent with that worn by Naval sailors. The body was examined by a medical practitioner and formally buried with military honours, in the old European Cemetery on Christmas Island. "For over 60 years people have speculated over who occupies this unmarked grave and indeed, where the grave is precisely located," Mr Billson said. A Senate Committee report to Parliament in 1999 on the loss of HMAS Sydney concluded "...on the balance of probability, that the body and the carley float found off the shore of Christmas Island in February 1942 were most likely from HMAS Sydney."

In 2001, a Navy team assisted by an anthropologist and other forensic experts excavated a site identified by a resident of the Island in the post-war period. However, despite a large excavation, this search was unsuccessful. "Evidence in the form of a photograph taken by Mr Brian O'Shannassy in 1950 that may pinpoint the grave site location provides sufficient reason for the search to be resumed," Mr Billson said. As one of only two witnesses remaining who have seen the actual grave site, Mr O'Shannassy will accompany the Navy team to Christmas Island to undertake this expedition. "Mr O'Shannassy's ability to identify the grave location at the Ceremony may prove invaluable," Mr Billson said.

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### State Divisions >> QLD >> Guns and Troops

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**Message started by jr67 on Sep 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:53am**

Title: **Guns and Troops**  
Post by **jr67** on **Sep 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:53am**

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Found this n the SMH this morning some of you may be interested.  
<http://www.firesupportbase.com/> :)

Title: **Lack of topics.**  
Post by **DeeCee** on **Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:38pm**

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>:( I may sound like an old grump but I am continually amazed at how few topics are discussed on this site or how often. Look back over the varios states and no one has a bloody thing to say. Come on guys. It's nearly the festive season so get merry and have a chat.If i don't get ant response to this , i will still wish you all a merry Xmas and all the very best for 2007. D.C. ::)

Title: **Re: Guns and Troops**  
Post by **evilCA** on **Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:55pm**

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I have to agree with you Des.

FESR has come a long way in the last couple of years with recognition that we have been fighting for for over forty years but we seem to be resting on our oars at the moment which is a shame as now is the time that we should be showing a higher profile and pushing for continued recognition.

I think it is time for a few well publicised FESR events , ie perhaps a return to Malaya on a memorial visit and to say thank you to the Malaysian Gov. for the PJM or even a nostalgic visit to Singapore .

Even a few posts to show if there is enough interest to get something going.

Merry Christmas Des.

Regards...CA

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### State Divisions >> QLD >> T.S.Bundaberg.

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**Message started by DeeCee on Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 1:32am**

Title: **T.S.Bundaberg.**

Post by **DeeCee** on **Nov 28<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 1:32am**

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[smiley=thumbsup.gif]Last Saturday 25/11/06 I attended the presentation of Navy League of Australia Annual Efficiency Trophy to T.S. Bundaberg. They took out the Queensland title and then went on to take out the big one. Bravo Zulu to all concerned.The Chief of Navy- Vice admiral Russ Shalders AO CSC RAN made the presentation and this was followed by a march past. Brought back a few memories of the Bull ring at F.N.D. They then carried out a Ceremonial Display- Beat to Quarters and Ceremonial Sunset. Light refreshments were supplied after the ceremonies had concluded. I don't know if it is because I am getting older or are the Admirals of today's navy getting younger.

JUST THOUGHT SOME ONE MAY FIND THIS INTERESTING. D.C.

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### State Divisions >> QLD >> An Incident

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**Message started by jr67 on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, 7:53am**

Title: **An Incident**

Post by **jr67** on **Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006, 7:53am**

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Don't know that this a new topic but i found it interesting.

[http://www.vva.org/TheVeteran/2004\\_01/feature\\_forbidden\\_tragedy.htm](http://www.vva.org/TheVeteran/2004_01/feature_forbidden_tragedy.htm)

Title: **Re: An Incident**  
Post by **phil** on **Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, 10:44am**

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JR67  
Thanks i found that artical very interesting  
Phil

Title: **Re: An Incident**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 7:52am**

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That indeed was an interesting article. I noticed that one of the helicopters which was mentioned and predominantly involved in rescue ops that night was none other than 831, the same aircraft that was later returned to service after having ditched into the sea from Melbourne in '67 and later taken aboard Sydney, on her way home from Vung Tau. We worked our 'guts' out on that trip home to save the aircraft from corrosion.

Ron

Title: **Re: An Incident**  
Post by **Mick Wheeler** on **Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 11:59am**

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interesting article. however the author, John Prados, doesn't know his left from his right. He states " The basic choice was whether to turn to port (right) or starboard (left). "...

Title: **Re: An Incident**  
Post by **David\_A** on **Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 1:49pm**

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Must have been a stoker

Title: **Re: An Incident**  
Post by **oldmech** on **Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 7:40pm**

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David,  
That remark you just made above about stokers, could only have come from someone who never ventured down below into an engine room, where, except for some of the bigger ships there are two main engines side by side, and they are always referred to as port and starboard main engines, as is their associated ancillary equipment.  
Ignorance is something associated with branches other than Engine Room.  
Regards ColN

Title: **Re: An Incident**  
Post by **David\_A** on **Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:52am**

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I do have some aquaintance with evaporators and thus have nothing but admiration for Stokers of your and my vintage

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**State Divisions >> QLD >> Merry Christmas**

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**Message started by jr67 on Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:52am**

Title: **Merry Christmas**  
Post by **jr67** on **Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:52am**

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Christmas with Louise

This is an article submitted to a 1999 Louisville Sentinel contest to find out who had the wildest Christmas dinners.

This won first prize.

Christmas With Louise

As a joke, my brother used to hang a pair of panty hose over his fireplace before Christmas. He said all he wanted was for Santa to fill them. What they say about Santa checking the list twice must be true because every Christmas morning, although Jay's kids' stockings were overflowed, his poor pantyhose hung sadly empty. One year I decided to make his dream come true. I put on sunglasses and went in search of an inflatable love doll. They don't sell those things at Wal-Mart. I had to go to an adult bookstore downtown. If you've never been in an X-rated store, don't go. You'll only confuse yourself. I was there an hour saying things like, "What does this do? You're kidding me! Who would buy that?" Finally, I made it to the inflatable doll section. I wanted to buy a standard, uncomplicated doll that could also substitute as a passenger in my truck so I could use the car pool lane during rush hour. Finding what I wanted was difficult. Love Dolls come in many different models. The top of the line, according to the side of the box, could do things I'd only seen in a book on animal husbandry. I settled for Lovable Louise. She was at the bottom of the price scale. To call Louise a doll took a huge leap of imagination. On Christmas Eve and with the help of an old bicycle pump, Louise came to life. My sister-in-law was in on the plan and let me in during the wee morning hours. Long after Santa had come and gone, I filled the dangling pantyhose with Louise's pliant legs and bottom. I also ate some cookies and drank what remained of a glass of milk on a nearby tray. I went home, and giggled for a couple of hours. The next morning my brother called to say that Santa had been to his house and left a present that had made him VERY happy but had left the dog confused. She would bark, start to walk away, then come back and bark some more. We all agreed that Louise should remain in her panty hose so the rest of the family could admire her when they came over for the traditional Christmas dinner. My grandmother noticed Louise the moment she walked in the door. "What in the world is that?" she asked. My brother quickly explained, "It's a doll." "Who would play with something like that?" Granny snapped. I had several candidates in mind, but kept my mouth shut. "Where are her clothes?" Granny continued. "Boy, that turkey sure smells nice Gran" Jay said, to steer her into the dining room. But Granny was relentless. "Why doesn't she have any teeth?" Again, I could have answered, but why would I? It was Christmas and no one wanted to ride in the back of the ambulance saying, "Hang on Granny, hang on!" My grandfather, a delightful old man with poor eyesight, sidled up to me and said, "Hey, who's the naked gal by the fireplace?" I told him she was Jay's friend. A few minutes later I noticed Grandpa by the mantel, talking to Louise. Not just talking, but actually flirting. It was then that we realized this might be Grandpa's last Christmas at home. The dinner went well. We made the usual small talk about who had died, who was dying, and who should be killed, when suddenly Louise made a noise like my father in the bathroom in the morning. Then she lurched from the panty hose, flew around the room twice, and fell in a heap in front of the sofa. The cat screamed. I passed cranberry sauce through my nose, and Grandpa ran across the room, fell to his knees, and began administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. My brother fell back over his chair and wet his pants. Granny threw down her napkin, stomped out of the room, and sat in the car. It was indeed a Christmas to treasure and remember. Later in my brother's garage, we conducted a thorough examination to decide the cause of Louise's collapse. We discovered that Louise had suffered from a hot ember to the back of her right thigh. Fortunately, thanks to a wonder drug called duct tape, we restored her to perfect health.

Title: **Re: Merry Christmas**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:30am**

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JR67

You did not give the address where the doll was purchased. Do you think you could pass it on to me please. Been looking for something for years. Nudge, nudge ;) ;) Know what I mean?

Ron

Title: **Re: Merry Christmas**  
Post by **Joe** on **Dec 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 2:58am**

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A great dit.  
So Granpa Ron - bit of a flirt eh?  
Chookas  
Joe

Title: **Re: Merry Christmas**  
Post by **ronaldo** on **Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 7:58am**

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Joe

I am huffin' and puffin' now without a blow-up doll. What am I going to be like trying to inflate one?  
:'(

Ron

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### State Divisions >> QLD >> Xmas Greetings

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**Message started by Bob Witt on Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:32am**

Title: **Xmas Greetings**  
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:32am**

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It maybe old ,but my wish is true  
My friends, to you  
A Very Merry Xmas,

Title: **Re: Xmas Greetings**  
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Dec 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 4:34pm**

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:) Bob

I hope everyone had the same glorious Christmas that I had with all the family. ;)

[smiley=thumbsup.gif] [smiley=thumbsup.gif]

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### State Divisions >> QLD >> Bob Witt.

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1167376964>

**Message started by birdiehandler on Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:22pm**

Title: **Bob Witt.**

Post by **birdiehandler** on **Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 5:22pm**

:( Had a call from Jill Witt last night informing me that Bob was back in hospital again, Here's hoping all goes well and that Bob will be back on deck before the next meeting at Sandgate.

Regards, . . Ken Staff.

Title: **Re: Bob Witt.**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Dec 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 6:40pm**

[smiley=dankk2.gif] Ken

get well soon Bob [smiley=thumbsup.gif]without you the ship would lose direction. We need you on deck [smiley=beer.gif] [smiley=beer.gif]

Title: **Re: Bob Witt.**

Post by **Bob Witt** on **Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 7:05pm**

To Ken and Cyril,

Thanks for your thoughts I am again back on deck, all wired up again (Seventh Stent) wil most likely set the alarm bells ringing at the airports. Once again Thanks  
Bob

Title: **Re: Bob Witt.**

Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Dec 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 9:02pm**

; ) ;) Bob

[smiley=thumbsup.gif] [smiley=thumbsup.gif] [smiley=thumbsup.gif]

Title: **Re: Bob Witt.**

Post by **Barney\_Barnett** on **Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006, 5:28am**

Good to see you back on deck, Bob..... 7 stents.....gee mate your arteries will be all mesh soon.  
Cheers, Barney. :)

Title: **Re: Bob Witt.**  
Post by **oldmech** on **Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006, 8:58am**

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Bob,  
Don't worry us like that mate.

Jill,  
You tell him, "See what happens when you don't take any notice of me". All those prawns and oysters and Harry's Pies at Ballina.  
Regards, Lesle and Col

Title: **Re: Bob Witt.**  
Post by **Bodgie Sefton** on **Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006, 11:46am**

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Bob, a couple of Pale Ales at the "Little Creatures" boutique brewery in Fremantle and a stiff sea breeze blowing off the Indian Ocean, will make you feel like a teenager again. See you in April.

Cheers and Beers.  
Bodgie.

Title: **Re: Bob Witt.**  
Post by **irish50561** on **Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007, 3:16pm**

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Good to see an old former Birdie still able to scramble back on the flight-deck once again, can't keep a good man down. All the best for the New Year old son. Regards. Irish.