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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> Saddam Hussein:

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Message started by irish50561 on Jan 1st, 2007, 2:55pm

Title: **Saddam Hussein:**

Post by **irish50561** on **Jan 1st, 2007, 2:55pm**

KEY DATES IN THE LIFE OF SADDAM HUSSEIN:

April 28th 1937:

Born in Awja north of Baghdad into a Sunni peasant family.

1957:

Joins the "Ba'ath party of Arab resurrection".

1959:

Takes part in an assassination attempt on Abdel Karim Qasim who had overturned the monarchy the previous year.. Saddam is sentenced to death in absentia and flees Iraq.

1963:

Saddam returns to Iraq after Qasim is deposed by the Ba'ath party.

1964:

Arrested and thrown in jail, escapes two years later.

1968:

Saddam takes part in the coup d'etat that brings the Ba'ath party to power and becomes their strongman.

1969:

Becomes the Revolutionary Command Council [RCC] vice-president.

1979;

Saddam becomes President of Iraq, Secretary General of the Ba'ath party and President of the RCC.

1980:

Saddam invades Iran in a bloody war which lasts until 1988 and cost about a million lives.

1982:

Attempted assassination of Saddam in the Shi'ite village of Dujail north of Baghdad; in reprisal he executes 180 villagers, mostly women and children.

1988:

Kurds supporting an Iranian offensive northern Iraq are brutally suppressed. Some 5,000 are slaughtered in the village of Halabja by chemical weapons; a ceasefire ends the war with Iran, 300,000 Iraqis perish in the conflict.

1990:

Saddam invades Kuwait.

1991:

US-led Operation Desert Storm launched against Iraq. Kuwait is liberated with Baghdad accepting ceasefire conditions.

1995:

99.96 of Iraqis vote 'YES' in favour of Saddam remaining in power.

1996;

Two of Saddam's sons-in-law, Hussien and Saddam Kamel who had defected to Jordan the previous August after being accused of disclosing Iraq's weapons secrets to the CIA and MI5, are hunted down and executed three days after their unexpected return to Iraq. Their murders provoking international condemnation; Saddam's eldest son Uday survives assassination attempt.

1998:

Operation Desert Fox sees some 500 missiles launched on Iraq following new tensions between the US and Iraq following the departure of UN inspectors after their work was constantly hampered.

2002:

Saddam is re-elected president for an additional seven years with 100% of the vote.

2003:

America launches war on Iraq after Saddam ignores a US deadline to leave the country. In

regime is toppled.
2005:
Saddam is charged and faces an international court over his role in the Dujail massacre.
2006:
Saddam is found guilty of ordering the massacre and sentenced to death; his appeal fails and, on Saturday 30th December 2006 he is hanged, his body buried next to his two sons, Uday and Qusay in Tikrit.
Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: Saddam Hussein:**
Post by **boots** on **Jan 2nd, 2007, 8:01am**

will anything change now that he is gone????????????????????

Title: **Re: Saddam Hussein:**
Post by **irish50561** on **Jan 13th, 2007, 8:47pm**

I doubt it very much old son, get rid of one tyrant and six more raise their ugly heads. Think of the good Saddam could have done in the few years he had left if he'd used his obscene wealth to lighten the burden of the people in his region? Instead he oppressed, tyrannised and murdered them, and for what? The sick sad delusioned bastard is/was 69, the same age as Kerry Packer and myself; did he think he'd live for ever. Regards. Irish.

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> YESTERYEAR

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Message started by irish50561 on Jan 29th, 2007, 12:14pm

Title: **YESTERYEAR**
Post by **irish50561** on **Jan 29th, 2007, 12:14pm**

I frequently do a nostalgic swing alone through the streets of Sydney visiting old sites of former heroic escapades. Yesterday I did the Glebe/Pymont area, scene of many past glories. A stroll through the Sydney Fish Markets sampling their wares and on over the Anzac Bridge [The Harp] visiting the larger than life statue of the WWI digger on the Balmain side, a 'must see'. [A larger than life statue of a matelot wearing the old rig erected at Man O War steps would be something.] The old Glebe Island Bridge is still there alongside the new 'Harp', scene of my coming and goings when I was second cook on the Silver Hawk, an old chemical tanker used by CSR to haul molasses and sundry chemicals from Bundaberg Qld. A chat with some old blokes over a pint of Guinness at The Pymont Bridge Hotel went down well before crossing over the bridge it'self with a look at Vampire then heading into the city. On the city side of the bridge there's a memorial to the Australian's of Asian extraction who served in our Armed Forces, interesting site. A ferry from the Quay over to Mosman checking out the moored yachts and then a walk through the city trying to remember the location of all the old pubs we knew and loved in years gone by.. The First & Last Hotel near Man O War steps at Circular Quay is no longer with us, the Ship Inn is still there although it's gone upmarket a tad. The Fortune's of War, The Bridge View, Captain Cook and The Mercantile Hotel are thriving but too touristy for mine although the Guinness was good at the 'Mer'. The food around the inner city is varied, well priced and generally of good quality. I'll be doing Balmain soon, lots of

Montgomery Hotel, Dawn Frazer's old pub, The Riverview Hotel at Birchgrove, etc. Great stuff, good way to keep fit. Back home to the Central Coast in time for tea. Now and again I take a swing through Newcastle with the grandkids who love it, they get a buzz out of hearing about all the old ships plus the tugs and bulkies hauling coal out to overseas ports. A tiny RSL plus great pubs and food outlets there as well as a Harry's De Wheels, and a good rail service, a great day out. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: YESTERYEAR**
Post by **tromb123** on **Jan 29th, 2007, 8:39pm**

Sounds like a wonderful day out, Irish. Often think about Sydney and its haunts. One of my daughters lives down there and has offered to drive us around, but we're not keen on travelling to Sydney, at all. (She comes here to visit). I'm afraid I don't much like crowds, for some reason or other.

Cheers

Barry

Title: **Re: YESTERYEAR**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jan 29th, 2007, 10:29pm**

;)Barry

Like you I am more comfortable at walking down the street stopping and talking to all the people I know and am comfortable with.
In the City, there are millions of them and they don't know their neighbour two houses away. Not only that I notice that they wear these tags to remind other people who they are, and some of the poor buggers even have to have their photo on them. I suppose that is so that they know who they are.
The rush hour goes all day and I'm sure if I collapsed in the street they would step over me and keep walking, not even bothering to look down.
But the worst is all that pollution, i don't know how they can stand it, next worst thing is bloody parking its hopeless, I used public transport.
The best thing is coming home and seeing smiling faces and sniffing the odours of the gumtrees and countryside :)

Title: **Re: YESTERYEAR**
Post by **Ernie D** on **Feb 6th, 2007, 10:04am**

Irish, would have loved to do that trip with you, but alas the old legs and out of breathness would have stopped me mate. I am afraid, i will have to be content, to be with you only in spirit old mate. I enjoyed immensely what you have written about your trip, and wish I could have been with you. Old memories would have been Rife. I am sure if I could have come along there would be ample fresh air and some smiling friendly faces around some of the old watering holes that we use to frequent mate.
Regards...Ernie "D"

Title: **Re: YESTERYEAR**
Post by **tromb123** on **Feb 7th, 2007, 4:25am**

Off to visit MIL (who's in hospital) in the Riverina. Not driving this time, going by coach and train. Will leave here at 0640 from the Northern Tablelands by coach to Armidale Railway Station, and get

leaves tonight, so I guess my wife and I will have a bit of a look-around, and see what Central and that area looks like these days. A long day and night, but I'm looking forward to being able to see the scenery for a change instead of driving. And...am going in style...first - class !!
Having Brekky now, yawn.

Have a great day

Barry

Title: **Re: YESTERYEAR**
Post by **Joe** on **Feb 7th, 2007, 5:43am**

Hey Tromb

You won't see this until you get back but probably just as well. Just wanted to let you know that from Central to Pitt Street Mall will take you the same time as your journey. I think every b... that has migrated has decided to live in Sydney. Only thing missing to make it mini Asia/Africa/India/Europe/Middle East combined is the lack of coolie hats and handcarts - plus an odd oxen or two. We have the smells and the pollution let me tell you. Also Tromb they would notice you on the footpath mate and would take the time to kick you into the gutter to clear the way - sincere souls we Sydneysiders!

Chookas

Joe

Title: **Re: YESTERYEAR**
Post by **irish50561** on **Feb 9th, 2007, 10:18am**

Did the Woolongong bit by rail with wife Carol and old mate and former RN MAA Ray Castle and his wife June. All Agreed it had been a great day, good food well priced and pints of Guinness at the Digger's Club where only \$4.10, mate, can't afford to be sober. In 1956, Peter Meatball Ambrose, a fellow pusser's cook and I did a pub crawl along the old winding coast road stopping at the Scarborough hotel overlooking the sea. later we latched onto a couple of squaries at the Coal cliff pub and ended up at Helensburgh workies, anybody recall old Meatball? He was the kellick on Barcoo in 57? I know that the 'Gong' is not everyone's cuppa, but again the personal memories of the place and Port Kembla came back.

I was a member of the Port Kembla RSL for years while onboard the Mt Keira, Iron Spencer, Allunga, etc in the 70's, good beaches great pubs and clubs. must do the walk over the new coastal road, I believe it is worth the visit. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: YESTERYEAR**
Post by **tromb123** on **Feb 13th, 2007, 11:10am**

An interesting journey...had 3 hours to kill in Sydney on the way down...I was amazed at the changes. Certainly the 'Haymarket' is well and truly alive. My wife walked behind me a lot as she said otherwise she'd get knocked over...The trams running up to Central again, the buildings...amazing. Went down Quay Street to look for my old Ambulance Headquarters, but it was gone... :(So much change ! I think Sydney has a lot to offer and see.

Enjoyed the brief stopover but wouldn't want to live there again...couldn't look at anything on the way back as the 'XPT' was 2 hours late getting into Sydney, and it was pouring rain, besides. (Travelling all day and night on trains is not recommended...)

We've decided to go back and spend a couple of days down there and have a good look around. (My daughter says she'll drive us around.)

Cheers Barry

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> RTA denies exemption plot

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Message started by lan_McClure on Feb 20th, 2007, 2:29am

Title: **RTA denies exemption plot**
Post by **lan_McClure** on **Feb 20th, 2007, 2:29am**

RTA denies exemption plot

Kelly Burke Consumer Affairs Reporter
February 20, 2007

THE State Government is secretly negotiating to scrap pensioners' exemptions for car registration fees, a pensioners group says.

The plan, which the Combined Pensioners and Superannuants Association says is being negotiated with the Roads and Traffic Authority, may save almost \$130 million a year.

But it would not become public until after the state election next month, said the association's policy co-ordinator, Paul Versteeg.

"Rumours had been going round for a while that the RTA was planning to dump the pensioner exemption," he said. "Now the CPSA has obtained credible confirmation that a policy to dump the pensioner exemption is being worked on by the RTA." The plan would affect about 600,000 people in NSW receiving age, disability and carers' pensions, who are now exempt from paying an average of \$212 a year each to keep their cars on the road.

It is unclear whether other RTA exemptions are also being reconsidered, including fees associated with licence renewals, driving tests, motor vehicle taxes and the Mobility Parking Scheme.

However, the Minister for Roads, Eric Roozendaal, dismissed the association's claims.

"I can categorically rule out any changes to pensioner exemptions on car registration," Mr Roozendaal said yesterday.

A spokesman for the RTA also denied its pensioner concession scheme would be scrapped.

But Mr Versteeg said the association was not convinced by the Government's denials. "We know the RTA is working on some sort of draft policy ... it's worth too much money to them not to."

He said the Government needed to give a commitment that all pensioner exemptions would remain in place if Labor won the election on March 24.

If scrapped after the election the loss of car registration exemptions would be the latest in a string of moves to strip pensioners of their entitlements, Mr Versteeg said. These included the cancellation of two free return trips a year on CountryLink, and an attempt to cancel the pensioner reimbursement scheme for ambulance transport in Queensland and South Australia, which was subsequently overturned.

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> Vale Edward (Step) Lively

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Message started by Ern_Sinfield on Feb 26th, 2007, 7:28pm

Title: **Vale Edward (Step) Lively**
Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Feb 26th, 2007, 7:28pm**

I have just been advised of the death of Ch M(E) Ed "Step" Lively at a nursing home in Richmond NSW. Step served during WW2 and for many years after. He was Chief M(E) when we re-commissioned HMAS Quiberon in 1957. He was a real gentleman and I was able to visit him a couple of times this year. Fair winds Step !!!!!

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> That medal again.

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Message started by irish50561 on Mar 26th, 2007, 10:43am

Title: **That medal again.**
Post by **irish50561** on **Mar 26th, 2007, 10:43am**

Gang, good news indeed, applied less than a month ago for the ADM and received it on Friday morning, good looking medal, off to the medal mounters soon. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: That medal again.**
Post by **oldmech** on **Mar 26th, 2007, 4:30pm**

Irish,
Good on you mate! Don't suppose we'll be able to look at you without sunnies on when we see you in Ballina later this year, for the gleam from the new medal.

8-)

CoIN

Title: **Re: That medal again.**
Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Mar 26th, 2007, 7:58pm**

Irish,
How did the woy woy meeting go. I have to write it as my ear is still wrapped up
Ern

Title: **Re: That medal again.**
Post by **irish50561** on **Mar 27th, 2007, 4:31pm**

Ernie, great day at Woy Woy, terrific rollup of old shipmates, shame you weren't there old son. Carol wants to know if you are going to Ballina to please get your tickets in ASAP as spaces are limited

you to confirm one way or tother. What have you done to your ear? The phone didn't ring while you where doing your ironing did it? Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: That medal again.**
Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Mar 28th, 2007, 7:05pm**

Irish,
Glad the meeting went off OK. Yes I am going to Ballina unless something goes wrong in the meantime. Must get my form off.
This was the third time I have had a perforated eardrum mended. At this stage I still can't hear anything out of it, but hope it will improve.
Regards to Carol.....Ernie [smiley=dankk2.gif]

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> FERRY CRUISE LAKE MACQUARIE

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Message started by irish50561 on Apr 18th, 2007, 10:52am

Title: **FERRY CRUISE LAKE MACQUARIE**
Post by **irish50561** on **Apr 18th, 2007, 10:52am**

Shipmates, young Carol has arranged a ferry trip on Lake Macquarie on Sunday 20th May 2007. At an all up cost of \$38, which includes lunch we leave the wharf at Toronto on Lake Macquarie at 11am for a four hour cruise and lunch returning at 3pm. A cheque made out to the CCNAA for \$38 per person and sent to Carol Shaw at PO Box 754 Wyong NSW 2259 by the 12th May will secure your berth onboard and include lunch. A fully licenced bar onboard will no doubt be an added attraction to those who indulge, self funded of course. Carol and I travel by train from Wyong to Fassifern and catch a bus to Toronto, a very enjoyable trip indeed, those who wish to arrive by road will enjoy a pleasant well signposted drive off the F3. All NAA and FESR, in fact any ex-navy personell and their partners are invited to roll up on the day.
For more information ring the tour owners on 02 49732513 or get on the internet www.lakemacquariecruises.com.au.
Regards. Irish and Carol.

Title: **Re: FERRY CRUISE LAKE MACQUARIE**
Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Apr 18th, 2007, 4:24pm**

Good Idea Irish, but unfortunately I will be in Thailand then sampling the Singha Beer and Thai Cuisine.
Regards to Carol.
Ernie

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> ANZAC DAY 2007

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Message started by irish50561 on Apr 26th, 2007, 11:43am

Title: **ANZAC DAY 2007**

Post by **irish50561** on **Apr 26th, 2007, 11:43am**

And what a great day it was to be sure to be sure. A record rollup of FESR members, and many wives attended the march in Sydney. The rain held off as, led by President Brian McAuliffe we strutted our stuff, all 39 of us down George Street to 'Waltzing Matilda', 'I've Been Working On The Railroad' and 'When the Saint's Came Marching In'. Great day, great mates. Regards. Irish.

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> Singapore sling for students

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Message started by Bob Witt on Jun 3rd, 2007, 9:25am

Title: **Singapore sling for students**

Post by **Bob Witt** on **Jun 3rd, 2007, 9:25am**

THE University of NSW will pay up to 148 students stranded by the closure of its Singapore campus as much as \$85,000 each to study in Sydney. Compensation, redundancies and lost revenue could mean the failed venture's costs could amount to more than \$40 million. The university will pay students for travel, visa and accommodation costs in Sydney for the life of their degree. Another 126 students are eligible for return air fares to Sydney and 12 months' accommodation in compensation. UNSW vice-chancellor Fred Hilmer has admitted that \$17.5 million had been spent on the Tanglin campus before it opened this year. The shortfall in enrolments for the first semester had cost a projected \$15 million in revenue because only 148 of the anticipated 300 students signed up. UNSW Asia had leased a building from the Singapore Government until the end of 2009, when its Changi campus was supposed to open.

The university has flown in "teams of people" to Singapore to help students with visa applications. It may face penalties for not seeing through the deal. The NSW Auditor-General's Report To Parliament 2005 said the Singapore Economic Development Board would provide funding, capped at \$S100 million (\$78 million), for start-up costs over the first 10 years. The board's managing director, Ko Kheng Hwa, said the terms that were typically offered "normally comprise tax incentives, loans or grants, which are recallable if pre-agreed milestones and outcomes are not met". As well, 64 local academic and general staff employed by UNSW Asia are yet to agree on redundancy packages. Another 41 staff from Australia are unsure about their future.

An Australian academic, who did not want to be named, said his wife had given up a good job to move to Singapore and he had taken a two-year lease on a house. "There are many senior professors who have moved here, who have given up senior positions at ANU and other universities, sold family houses, given up retirement plans, to move here with young children," he said. He said the damage to UNSW's reputation, and those of Australian universities in general, was enormous. "UNSW has killed off any hope of ever marketing itself as an international university, certainly in our lifetime. "It has been a monumental mismanagement."

Another academic believes that only between four and six of the Australian teaching staff out of a faculty of 48 will be offered jobs at the Sydney campus because of recent redundancies and a freeze on casual staff. "There are a group of very distressed people who are desperate for information from the university and it's not coming," he said. In announcing the closure, UNSW promised all students a place in the same course in Sydney. Of the 148 students who enrolled, 100 Singapore residents will be offered \$17,340 a year for the duration of their degree. The other 48 will be offered \$9460 a year. This will total almost \$2.2 million a year. President of the UNSW's student

have been spent on the Sydney campus." A UNSW representative said 13 students had accepted a place at UNSW Sydney.

Source: The Sun-Herald

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> COOK'S REUNION 2008

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Message started by irish50561 on May 28th, 2007, 2:05pm

Title: **COOK'S REUNION 2008**

Post by **irish50561** on **May 28th, 2007, 2:05pm**

Sharon Johnson rang this morning with some good news with regard to the upcoming 2008 Cook's Reunion. Once again it will take place at the magnificent Caloundra RSL where it was held so successfully last year and if that is anything to go by, which it is, the 2008 shindig should be a pearler. I was there and over 400 ex-pussers cooks turned up, and what an event it was, the recovery party bar-b-cue breakfast at the Sunshine Coast Turf Club's Furlong Club was an event in it'self, not to be missed.

Sharon also supplied me with the dates when it will be held which are, Friday 25th, Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th July 2008, she's also rang around the local hotels and motels and managed to broker a ripper deal of three nights at Ridges for \$349 a double, good one Sharon. Obviously, as usual a lot of forethought has gone into the event by the the organisers as the dates don't appear to clash with anyones social calender ensuring a optimum rollup of former TF's, well done gang. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: COOK'S REUNION 2008**

Post by **tromb123** on **May 29th, 2007, 7:35pm**

If only there was an ex-cook's and ex-bandies reunion..just imagine..top food AND music!!!

:D :D :D

Title: **Re: COOK'S REUNION 2008**

Post by **Ernie D** on **Jun 6th, 2007, 10:39am**

Cant agree more Tromb

In my opinion, these blokes, All that served at sea anyhow, should have automaticaly, been awarded a DSM.

Immagine at home here, getting up in the morning to prepare brecky, and your stove was swaying to and fro, up to 30 degrees either way, and at the same time trying to get an egg into the pan, with cutelry and pots sliding over the deck at various speeds, and remaining calm! I think I would just stop in bed! but these blokes didn't. Not forgetting, under all conditions, they prepared not only breakfast but 3 major meals a day for hundreds of young hungry salts, every day! I reckon those of us that were not sea chefs, the experience would be enough to put us in the loony bin. I salute them and their service, I hope they have a great reunion. Please enjoy the day shipmates. Ernie "D" [smiley=dankk2.gif]

ps: these same blokes, when we were at action stations, some backed up guns crews, took up loading duties, damage control etc,etc...we couldn't have done without em'

Title: **Re: COOK'S REUNION 2008**
Post by **birdiehandler** on **Jun 6th, 2007, 2:46pm**

Couldn't agree with you more, Ernie. The Cooks would have been the most unappreciated people on any ship. I dips me lid to 'em all. :D

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> State of Origin: QLD 10 NSW 6 !

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Message started by **Joe_Linaker** on **Jun 14th, 2007, 10:24am**

Title: **State of Origin: QLD 10 NSW 6 !**
Post by **Joe_Linaker** on **Jun 14th, 2007, 10:24am**

What a great day to be a Queenslander!

Title: **Re: State of Origin: QLD 10 NSW 6 !**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jun 14th, 2007, 11:10am**

Joe_Linaker wrote:

What a great day to be a Queenslander!

;)
You said it :)
But I still wear my blue jumper three times each year :o

Title: **Re: State of Origin: QLD 10 NSW 6 !**
Post by **Joe** on **Jun 15th, 2007, 3:07am**

I've got an answer to you cane toads ..I have...I know I have...I...I...I...aww well
Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: State of Origin: QLD 10 NSW 6 !**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jun 15th, 2007, 11:20am**

Joe wrote:

I've got an answer to you cane toads ..I have...I know I have...I...I...I...aww well
Chookas
Joe

;)
Aw! Joe.....Don't you remember :-[?

carrier MV Pasha Bulker. As no doubt you all are aware she is sitting empty and upright grounded at a slight angle on Newcastle's main beach in the shadow of Nobbies. At 44,000 tonnes, twice the weight of the carrier HMAS Melbourne she lies straight across from TS Tobruk and nearly in the city street. Just a few hundred metres more to the north and she would have been wrecked on the breakwater at the mouth of the flooding Hunter River, what a disaster that would have been. Any attempt at salvage will be something of a headache as there's a large jagged reef lying just fifty metres off her starboard quarter, she will have to be slewed around to port which will be difficult as there is a massive sandbank built up close under her stern. A large salvage vessel, the Pacific Responder arrived to-day to assess the scene but I don't think they have a hope in hell of dragging her off due to the build up of sand to seaward. The powerful salvage tug Polaris, formerly HMAS Reserve, working in deep water couldn't haul the much smaller Newcastle ferries off the sand at Trial Bay in January 1971, [they are still there] so what chance will this attempt have? we'll just have to wait and see. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: MV PASHA BULKER**
Post by **Barney_Barnett** on **Jun 22nd, 2007, 6:53am**

irish50561 wrote:

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I'm inclined to agree Irish.....unless they employ powerful water pumps to liquify the sand all around the hull, I don't think they'll ever move her. I would have thought that the other thing they would need to do was transfer most of the fuel and oil ashore, and then at the time of refloating pump the water ballast overboard as well, to lift her slightly out of the sand (hopefully). But then what would I know??

Kind regrds,
Barney :)

Title: **Re: MV PASHA BULKER**
Post by **Joe** on **Jun 23rd, 2007, 4:32am**

Heard on the late radio news (11.30pm) last night that they are going to give it a shot over the weekend. Said they will rig 3 sea anchors and use the tugs etc etc. All beyond my ken but like everyone else I do hope they manage to get her out in one piece. Should be quite a spectacle - take the esky and have a picnic - looks like a great spot for it!!

Chookas
Joe

Title: **Re: MV PASHA BULKER**
Post by **irish50561** on **Jul 3rd, 2007, 4:39pm**

Talk about foo yung on face, against all odds the Pasha Bulker was hauled off the sand at Newcastle last night, Monday 2nd July, four tugs and and three kedge anchors did the trick. How wrong can you be? No way did I expect the salvage team to have a chance in hell shifting the bulk carrier's 44,000 tonnes off the sand without doing major structural damage to her hull. Top effort. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: MV PASHA BULKER**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jul 3rd, 2007, 6:30pm**

You are not the only one
I had her going down the same path as the "Cherry Venture" on the Cooloola Coast 30 odd years ago.
A rather expensive exercise this time, but well worth it.
They did do well
[smiley=thumbsup.gif]

Title: **Re: MV PASHA BULKER**
Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Jul 3rd, 2007, 7:18pm**

There is quite a lot of people with egg on their face over this. In the Fitz files in the Sun Herald they were saying that they would never overcome the suction of the sand etc, butthey did, although a piece of the prop was left behind.
Ern :o ::)

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Message started by Jim_Little on Jul 1st, 2007, 3:42pm

Title: **Field Gun Crews and Ship's Captains**
Post by **Jim_Little** on **Jul 1st, 2007, 3:42pm**

Field Gun Crews and Ship's Captains

Field Gun Crews

I was wondering if anybody can recall watching Field Gun Crew competitions during the 50s and 60s. I cant' recall whether I actually witnessed them or saw them in a film. The competition I saw was held at FND.

Ship's Captains

Could some one point me in the right direction as to where I could find a list of RAN ship's captains.

Regards

Jim Little R51819

Title: **Re: Field Gun Crews and Ship's Captains**
Post by **Napper** on **Jul 1st, 2007, 9:13pm**

Lists of Commanding Officers can be found at <http://www.gov.au/ships/default.html>. Click on the classes of ship in the right hand column, then click on each individual ship and then on the

war vessels do not as they operate with several crews. :)

Title: **Re: Field Gun Crews and Ship's Captains**
Post by **Napper** on **Jul 1st, 2007, 9:17pm**

With regard to my above reply, it should have read <http://www.navy.gov.au/ships/default.html>. :-[

Title: **Re: Field Gun Crews and Ship's Captains**
Post by **Jim_Little** on **Jul 2nd, 2007, 9:07am**

Thanks for that Napper.

I would also like to know of the ship's captains of all decommissioned ships.

Jim Little

Title: **Re: Field Gun Crews and Ship's Captains**
Post by **k markey** on **Jul 2nd, 2007, 11:29am**

I remember in the mid 50's, interdepartment field gun competitions, (as a sport ?) as I recall, the "gun" was dragged to a wall, the gun was disassembled, to pass through a hole in the wall ! reassembled, when a shot was then fired, then dragged across a finish line. But I never did think it was much fun!!!!

I think I was in recruit school at the time. >:(

Had not thought about it, untill your query!!

KJM

Title: **Re: Field Gun Crews and Ship's Captains**
Post by **David_A** on **Jul 2nd, 2007, 4:29pm**

Re Gun Crews

In 1952 I took part in a Gun Crew Race. Volunteer of course.

If I remember correctly we had the final race as a public Demo at "Como House" in Melbourne. That was the same year I took part in another Gun Crew of One carrying a 303 at arms reach above my head around the "Bull Ring" Volunteer of course.

David Appleton

Title: **Re: Field Gun Crews and Ship's Captains**
Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Jul 3rd, 2007, 12:58pm**

David

You were not on your own in that. I think that I held the record for my class round the buul ring with the 303 above my head

Ern [smiley=embarrassed.gif] [smiley=cry.gif]

Title: **Re: Field Gun Crews and Ship's Captains**
Post by **oldmech** on **Jul 3rd, 2007, 8:14pm**

Ern,

You are showing your age now. Most of the modern day sailors would not know what a .303 rifle was now. Some of them would not even know what an SLR is. I must say that drill with the Steyer is nothing like what we had though. Did someone mention somewhere that the Federation Guard does all their drill with .303's? Never having seen them in action I would not know.

CoIN

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Message started by irish50561 on Mar 24th, 2007, 3:23pm

Title: **A BRIDGE TOO FAR PERHAPS?**

Post by **irish50561** on **Mar 24th, 2007, 3:23pm**

A suspension footbridge, not unlike a smaller version of the Golden Gate bridge has been erected recently over a narrow neck of water between Gosford and within walking distance of Woy Woy. Impressed I wrote to the Mayor of Gosford requesting that the bridge be named the 'Malaya/Borneo Memorial Bridge' and suggested the placing of a suitable plaque, I also supplied him with a brief synopsis of our association. Lo and behold I received a prompt reply stating that the suggestion had met with approval and would be presented at the next council meeting, will keep you all posted. I visit that area regularly and watch with growing interest the landscaping of the bridge surrounds, a carpark is close by with safe access via a footpath beneath the roadway. The Mayor's reply was tabled at our St Pat's meeting on the 17th March and received warm approval from the majority of members. Meanwhile i'm still searching for a large Admiralty pattern anchor to enhance our proposed memorial. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: A BRIDGE TOO FAR PERHAPS?**

Post by **tromb123** on **Mar 24th, 2007, 9:22pm**

Good on you Irish, whether it comes to fruition or not. Congratulations !!

Title: **Re: A BRIDGE TOO FAR PERHAPS?**

Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Mar 26th, 2007, 8:03pm**

Irish,
Where actually is the bridge. I know the Rip Bridge at Ettalong and the bridge just north of Woy Woy towards Gosford, so where is this bridge.
Ern

Title: **Re: A BRIDGE TOO FAR PERHAPS?**

Post by **birdiehandler** on **Mar 27th, 2007, 1:08pm**

;) Congratulations Irish, it is indeed a feather in NSW's cap. (or should that be beret?) ;)

Title: **Re: A BRIDGE TOO FAR PERHAPS?**

Post by **Bob Witt** on **Mar 27th, 2007, 2:00pm**

Well done Irish, a little blarney goes along way, Re the anchor I see from Defense that the Canberra is destined to be sunk off the NSW Central Coast, you may want to put in your bid for her Anchor or maybe her Mast head would look nice along side the bridge. Congrats again mate see you at Ballina that will be two ales you owe me now.

Title: **Re: A BRIDGE TOO FAR PERHAPS?**

Post by **irish50561** on **Mar 27th, 2007, 4:19pm**

Shipmates, great words of encouragement indeed, thank you all. Erniesan, the new footbridge is just a short walk north of Woy Woy and is part of a recently completed all weather footpath which runs alongside the waterfront from the Woy Woy pub outboard of the rail & road bridge. Plenty of space for a large group to gather and hold a ceremony at our proposed memorial to the FESR. The whole area looks great at night and can be viewed from either the train or as you walk or drive past with the pylons illuminated by 'up lights'. The Gosford Council has refurbished and landscaped the surrounding waterfront, carpark, footpaths etc and cleaned up the waterway, creating great boating and fishing beneath the three bridges. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: A BRIDGE TOO FAR PERHAPS?**

Post by **Ern_Sinfield** on **Mar 28th, 2007, 7:07pm**

Irish,
Top Stuff, I will have to check it out in June.
Ernie

Title: **Re: A BRIDGE TOO FAR PERHAPS?**

Post by **irish50561** on **Apr 20th, 2007, 4:30pm**

I composed a follow up article to an editorial that appeared in a local newspaper and lo and behold it was printed in the local Express Advocate.

BRIDGE NAME SHOULD HONOUR VETERANS

I refer to the topical editorial by Bob Staines [Express Advocate April 11] about the proposed naming of the new bridge and cycleway north of Woy Woy.

I suggested it be named the Malaya Borneo Memorial Bridge to commemorate the campaign mounted in the 1950's involving Australian forces.

A memorial bridge, walk and cycleway with various way stations depicting ships names and histories would pay mute tribute to the veterans for decades to come.

It would provide a lasting educational resource and possible additional tourist attraction to not only the Gosford/Woy Woy area but the Central Coast as a whole.

Laurie Irish Shaw
NSW/ACT Secretary Treasurer
Far East Strategic Reserve Assoc

Title: **Re: A BRIDGE TOO FAR PERHAPS?**

Post by **irish50561** on **Jul 7th, 2007, 11:05am**

As I suspected, the Woy Woy suspension bridge is to be named the 'Spike Milligan' Bridge after former Goon Show comic the late Spike Milligan who visited his mother in Woy Woy on the odd occasion. Stand by for a plethora of batter pudding hurling contests or large groups of demonic, wild eyed Central Coast residents marching backwards over the bridge as Christmas approaches. Back to the drawing board. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: A BRIDGE TOO FAR PERHAPS?**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Jul 7th, 2007, 4:43pm**

:(Irish
You can rest assured that we all know that you done your best.
Take heart and thanks for trying ;)

Title: **Re: A BRIDGE TOO FAR PERHAPS?**
Post by **Joe** on **Jul 8th, 2007, 6:06am**

Milligan must be turning in his grave - he saw service and like most funny men was a bit of a serious soul when it came to real life - I bet he would have rather the dedication be to remember those that served rather than his occasional visit to his Mums place.....shame BUT a great effort that deserves high praise - well done and keep up the good fight!
Chookas
Joe

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> Silence of the Lamb

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Message started by seashells on Aug 20th, 2007, 5:45pm

Title: **Silience of the Lamb**
Post by **seashells** on **Aug 20th, 2007, 5:45pm**

I believe the forums are quiet all over not just this one but lots of others as well , is because we the EX-SERVICEMEN, EX-VETERANS are all divided. We have TOO many fragmented units/divisions amongst us and as one person said to me yesterday on LONG TAN day service ... WE no longer have a voice and as long as we are divided, the Government and the DVA likes it that way. UNLESS we UNITE, our benefits etc WILL always be eroded. NOW having said that...There must be some intelligent people out their, who could run for paliment but that wont work either ...cause if you are currently receiving benefits you are comfortable and you dont want to get involved.

Australians and others, if you want your full benefits back...THEN you must stand up and fight for them. WRITE to your member, lobby parliment, voice your opinion, let the media know how you feel... REMEMBER there is an election looming and it is never too late...

A quote from an old digger who is totally pissed off with the yonger generation...If YOU ALL unite, and stand up for our rights, then Never again will one generation of war veterans ignore another and so will Parliment

The ball is now in your court USE IT

Now that I have written the above, we just might get this forum a BUZZING

IF any of the above offends you... Stiff cheese >:(>:(

Title: **Re: Silience of the Lamb**
Post by **irish50561** on **Aug 22nd, 2007, 12:22pm**

A big ask Seashells old son. Even suggesting to some that we march united behind a single association banner seems to attract more than a little 'not so friendly' fire, which is sad. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: Silience of the Lamb**
Post by **Doug Buchanan R49630** on **Aug 30th, 2007, 7:13pm**

You are so right as to divisions see my post on Bulletin Board by splitting us this way have us where they want us and Irish is so right I mentioned to one chap about to march under a ships banner what about giving FESR banner a go comment not worth printing .Blowed if I know how we are going to do it but if we had one Association IE Naval Assoc and were all members and another called Disabled vets which covered all Vets TPI EDA etc what a voice we would have

Title: **Re: Silience of the Lamb**
Post by **Cyril Doc Rice** on **Aug 30th, 2007, 8:35pm**

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Doug old buddy

If the RSL had been run according to its chatter and had some credibility, then we would all be under the one banner as either a member / associate or have affiliation through organisation such as the NAA.etc,

Their sad neglect has lead to the formation of numerous ESOs and that really suits the pollies/bureacrats.

While the RSL and these ESOs distance themselves which has been the unfortunate outcome of it all then our fate is sealed.

When the RSL does speak out it is like a rooster crowing, but there are no hens in the chookhouse :-/

Title: **Re: Silience of the Lamb**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 31st, 2007, 7:16am**

Doc

You are dead right old mate. All our eggs should be in the one basket!

Title: **Re: Silience of the Lamb**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Aug 31st, 2007, 8:59am**

Ron and Doc,

I can never see it happening in our time you may well say that is a defeatist attitude but to be realistic which one will it be RSL or NAA neither have shown over the years the capability to head a united front. But I offer the hand of friendship in hope

Title: **Re: Silience of the Lamb**
Post by **ronaldo** on **Aug 31st, 2007, 2:17pm**

Bob

Good one. I like that ;D You are dead right with both those Associations which is more the pity. I have been a member of each for ages but I think amongst the higher echelons of each during the past, too many of them have drifted away from the basic tenets to which they were first instigated. I know also that during the past couple of years some from both groups are attempting to rectify the situation but I think it will take many more years to bring the lambs back to the folds and thus we suffer.

Title: **Re: Silence of the Lamb**
Post by **Doug Buchanan R49630** on **Aug 31st, 2007, 4:49pm**

Doc re RSL agree with you totally and with the amount of membership they have at present feel NAA with all of us as members would be a bigger voice. The second part I mention Disabled Vets this would encompass all services. I know this all sounds like a pipedream but the again there was no FESR not so many years back this bonded us together but not enough so will keep talking about it and you never know someone with more nous than me will pick up the ball and run with it

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> Re: AGM and GM.

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Message started by irish50561 on Mar 21st, 2007, 10:24am

Title: **Re: AGM and GM.**
Post by **irish50561** on **Mar 21st, 2007, 10:24am**

Our St Patrick Day's general meeting at Woy Woy Leagues went off well with a minimum of fuss and a good roll-up of members.
A very special welcome to our newest recruits Mervyn [Mick] and Kay Murray, Bruce and Shirley Christie, Allen and Hazel Lewis and Peter and Margaret Ferris, welcome aboard the FESR shipmates.
Our next meeting at Woy Woy will be our combined AGM and GM to be held on Saturday 16th June 2007 and don't forget to get your paperwork away ASAP to Ballina for their ripper 25th ALL SHIPS in November 2007 as they are limited, for insurance purposes to a strict number of guests in their auditorium.
Peter and Jan Dicken will be attending the reunion in WA that is shaping up to be a ripper weeked and have graciously volunteered to present a wreath at the memorial on behalf of our President Brian McAuliffe and the NSW/ACT Division. A cheque to cover the cost of a wreath has been sent by myself to the WA Secretary as well as a letter of introduction for Peter and Jan, congratulation to them for their foresight. Regards Irish.

Title: **Re: AGM and GM.**
Post by **irish50561** on **Aug 14th, 2007, 6:06pm**

Our combined AGM and GM was brought forward to the 30th June 2007, due to local flooding on the Central Coast we had to abandon our usual third Saturday of the month meeting. I managed to get a flyer out in time cancelling the earlier meeting but sadly a few members may have been inconvenienced, we apologise for that. At the June 2007 AGM President Brian McAuliffe was re-elected as President of the NSW/ACT Division with myself retaining the Sec/treas/Editors job for another twelve months. John Trindall and Ernie Gibbins are our Vice Presidents. We are putting out feelers for a working committee to spearhead our upcoming National AGM next year plus our

the FESR into being. A historic moment in time indeed. Carol and I are sweeping the area for a suitable venue and reasonably priced accommodation for interstate visitors. Our next General Meeting will take place at 1030am on Saturday 15th September 2007 at our usual venue which of course is Woy Woy Leagues Club, just a short stroll from Woy Woy station. This August, due to other commitments and the health of some of our members we won't be marching as a group on Long Tan Day at Springwood with the Blue Mountains Vietnam Vets. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: AGM and GM.**
Post by **irish50561** on **Sep 5th, 2007, 3:05pm**

The next General Meeting of the NSW/ACT division takes place at Woy Woy Leagues Club on Saturday 15th September 2007 commencing at 1030am, see you all there. Meanwhile the latest edition of my Newsletter has been dispatched and if, even as we speak, wing-ing it's way to your snail mail address. Baring poor health, theres been a lot of flu around, [either equine or avian, take your pick] there should be a good roll up of members on the Saturday which just happens to be Dawn Gibbins's birthday, Happy Birthday Dawn, which coincidentally is the day after my 70th which is on the 14th September. Regards. Irish.

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> VALE:

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Message started by irish50561 on Jan 18th, 2007, 9:14am

Title: **VALE:**
Post by **irish50561** on **Jan 18th, 2007, 9:14am**

FESR stalwart from it's inception, life member and Vice President of the SA/NT Division, William Gordon [Bill] Jarman, passed away recently from cancer and was laid to rest last Tuesday the 16th January 2007 at Enfield. SA.

Condolences from the NSW/ACT members is conveyed to his wife Barbara and family; Vice President of the NSW/ACT Division of the FESR and former shipmate of Bill's, John Trouble Trindall, immediately flew to SA to attend the service on our behalf.

With the muted knell of a distant bell, the Bosun piped the 'Still', another old Jack Tar crossed the bar, known to us simply as, Bill.
Lest we forget.

Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: VALE:**
Post by **irish50561** on **May 8th, 2007, 2:17pm**

Sadly shipmates news of the passing of one of our oldest FESR members, Ian Duffner has been posted. Ian served on all three aircraft carriers, HMAS Vengeance, Sydney and Melbourne as well as both Battle Class destroyers and two of the three Tribals, Arunta & Warramunga. He had more well deserved medals than anybody I know with clasps on his AASM & ASM from Malaya, Korea, Vietnam, Japan, FESR, BCOF, UN, etc. He was a member of both Paddington and Redfern RSL's, the FESR Association, the HMAS Melbourne Association, the Vietnam Veteran's Association to

the FESR always commenced 'Dear Sir', the last was when he sent his apologies for not attending Ballina All Ships last November due to ill health. We'll be the lesser for his passing. LEST WE FORGET. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: VALE:**
Post by **irish50561** on **Aug 14th, 2007, 5:05pm**

Old mate and life member of my local RSL, ex-AB O/N NX222065 William [Bill] Clifford passed away on the 9th August. Bill survived the WWII sinking of HMAS Perth only to end up in the bag as a POW of the Japanese. He returned after the war, like so many of his mates, sick in mind and body after working as slave labour on the infamous Burma Railway. As part of the Wyong RSL Sub-Branch contingent I will be attending Bill's funeral service to-morrow which will be held at the Hillside Chapel, Palmdale Memorial Park Ourimbah at 1030am. May you rest in peace old son, you sure as hell earned it. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: VALE:**
Post by **irish50561** on **Oct 30th, 2007, 9:44am**

Sometime in the morning watch on Tuesday 30th October 2007 former CPO Stoker, Peter Hattenfels lost his long running battle with diabetes. Peter, or Peg-Leg Pete as we knew him, [he'd already lost a leg to the terrible complaint] was a member of the Central Coast Sub-Section of the Naval Association for many years and will be missed by his old shipmates. After completing his Nasho on Vengeance in 1954 bringing back 77 Squadron's Gloster Meteors from Japan Pete joined the permanent Navy. He served his time in various ships in the RAN from 1957 until 1977 and saw service uptop with the Far East Strategic Reserve. He would have turned 72 this month [Nov]. A memorial service will be held at Palmdale at 13.30 hours on Friday 2nd November, dress No1's with medals.

Lest We Forget.

Regards. Irish.

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> SLOPS

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Message started by irish50561 on Oct 19th, 2007, 7:41pm

Title: **SLOPS**
Post by **irish50561** on **Oct 19th, 2007, 7:41pm**

I have a few items of slops going for various prices that might interest some of you blokes out there: Official Pusser's Berets \$16.50, FESR Blazer Pockets \$16.50, FESR Beret Badges \$15.00, FESR Lapel Badges \$8.00, Official solid cast metal FESR Plaques \$38.50, copies of the 'FESR Story' Booklet \$3.50, all postage paid.

Send crossed and signed cheques or money orders to me made out to 'The FESR Association' at the address below:

The Secretary
PO Box 754
Wyong

The ripper FESR denim caps and long sleeve shirts are no longer available. I'm also trying to get hold of some Destroyer Badges, they are the ones depicting two destroyers facing inwards with an FESR Badge in the centre, can any one help? The more austute among you will have picked up that i've upped the price a tad on some items, sadly I underestimated the cost of postage which is kinda steep, sorry about that gang. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: SLOPS**
Post by **Bodgie Sefton** on **Oct 20th, 2007, 4:11pm**

Irish are the plaques mounted on wood?

Cheers Bodgie

Title: **Re: SLOPS**
Post by **irish50561** on **Oct 26th, 2007, 12:39pm**

Yes Bodgie, they're of high quality cast metal mounted on a polished wooden shield and look crash hot. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: SLOPS**
Post by **Bodgie Sefton** on **Oct 27th, 2007, 5:40am**

Sounds great Irish, could you send me over two (2) and let me know the cost, including postage and handling and I'll get a cheque off to you.

Bodgie.

Title: **Re: SLOPS**
Post by **irish50561** on **Nov 3rd, 2007, 10:24am**

Due to unprecedented demand am currently out of FESR plaques but have ordered more which unfortunately will take 3 to 6 weeks to arrive, hang in there gang, they are great quality. The more astute among you, ex-ships cooks, etc will have noticed that i've had to bump up the price a tad due to mailing costs of the FESR booklets[\$1] and plaques [\$7.40] sorry about that. Incidentally, there's no profit in these items, they are just on sale as a service to members and all those interested. Sadly the plaque makers don't do ship's crest. Regards. Irish.

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Message started by irish50561 on Nov 3rd, 2007, 10:17am

Title: **BALLINA ALL SHIPS**
Post by **irish50561** on **Nov 3rd, 2007, 10:17am**

While i'm flat out doing secret men's stuff on the computer Carols' busy packing for our annual trek north which takes in the ripper All Ships shindig put on every year by the Naval Association on the last weekend each November in Ballina RSL. With the club recently re-furbished this, their 25th ALL SHIPS is shaping up to be the mother of all. We leave next Saturday after the Central Coast NAA meeting in Woy Woy Leagues Club, stop for a couple of nights with friends at Forster/Tuncurry then Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour before cruising quietly north to Ballina. Looking forward to seeing old and not so old former shipmates from all states and territories plus re-visiting the fabulous Ballina Maritime Museum once again. See you all at the NSW/ACT General Meeting in Ballina RSL, all welcome. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: BALLINA ALL SHIPS**
Post by **oldmech** on **Nov 3rd, 2007, 12:05pm**

Irish,
Carol and Lesle must be looking forward to the Ballina do as much as we are, for Lesle has also commenced to pack. We will be arriving in the Ballina Central Cara Park on Wed 21 where we pre-booked a cabin during our stay there last year. Look forward to seeing you both.
CoIN

Title: **Re: BALLINA ALL SHIPS**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Nov 5th, 2007, 5:31am**

Jill and I will arrive Friday 23rd see you all then at the Rissle for acouple of coldies, looking forward to the weekend
Regards Bob

Title: **Re: BALLINA ALL SHIPS**
Post by **birdiehandler** on **Nov 5th, 2007, 6:07pm**

;D Bob,
All the complaining regarding daylight saving and there you are on your trusty computer at 5.31 am (6.31 am in the real world.) Call in and say hello on your way home fro Ballina, mate. 8-) . . .
Ken.

Title: **Re: BALLINA ALL SHIPS**
Post by **Doug Buchanan R49630** on **Nov 19th, 2007, 9:46am**

Due to the fact intrest rates have risen so much we find ourselves able to afford a cruise and as we leave Friday 23rd will miss Ballina ,so I wish one and all a lovely and memorable weekend,enjoy yourselves one and all

Title: **!!!**
Post by **Joe** on **Nov 20th, 2007, 3:36am**

They will Doug...make sure you have a great time and don't get press ganged into painting the ships side or some such!!

Post by **irish50561** on **Nov 21st, 2007, 9:27am**

Good one Col, looking forward to seeing you both again. Will present your apologies at the meeting on Saturday Buck, hope you both enjoy your cruise. Stayed last night at Ballina, on our way north we dropped into Club Forster Sub-Branch for their November 11th ceremony which went off beautifully. They invited us back to the clubhouse for a very enjoyable free barbie where old recruit school shipmate John Lynch made his presence known and we enjoyed a great afternoon. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: BALLINA ALL SHIPS**
Post by **oldmech** on **Dec 2nd, 2007, 8:28pm**

Well, here we are back home again after a great week in Ballina. Met up with many shipmates of years gone by. Irish and his wife Carol both as gregarious as ever. Ernie Sinfield still as fit and lean as he always was, with Tom (Shorty) and his lovely wife Kath Edwards not so worried about the drought as they were last year. Missed 'Birdcage' Avery and Mavis this year, get well Bill. Gordon Clunes still blaming me for teaching him the evils of drink, just because he had his first ever beer with me, after we were sworn in together, back in 1951. There is a story there. Bob and Jill Witt, (Bob not travelling too well at the present.) Keep the chin up mate. And of course met up with Tim Collins and Joe Flaherty among others, and for the first time realized that we were all at Tarangau together back in '54, as well as Tim being Cox'n in HMAS Yarra for my last draft prior to DEE in 1963, which was the last time I saw him, by the way. So many waves have passed under the bows since then, and many of our shipmates have passed over the bar. All in all a wonderful time with plenty of great food on all occasions, one or two ales (I think), and many pleasant memories including those of the gatherings of all of John Gorton's Dib-dab mates with partners, in the Central Caravan Park, before, in between and after the main events. But of course that is what re-unions are all about aren't they. Many thanks to the organising committee from the Ballina Sub Section of the NAA, and please make sure that bush poet and ex matelot Ray Essery has a return bout, and all being well, Leslie and I will see you again next year.

Col Nash

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State Divisions >> NSW & ACT >> Happy New Year To all.

<http://fesrassociation.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl?num=1198977246>

Message started by **irish50561** on **Dec 30th, 2007, 11:14am**

Title: **Happy New Year To all.**
Post by **irish50561** on **Dec 30th, 2007, 11:14am**

I hope all of you ex-matelots had a very Merry Christmas, Carol and I spent ours in Lithgow [bloody freezin'] with youngest son and daughter in law, and had a beaut time. For a change we took the train there and back, by far the best option. Will be observing a quiet New Year at home, just the two of us and wish all our friends a happy and prosperus New Year in 2008. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: Happy New Year To all.**
Post by **Joe** on **Dec 30th, 2007, 11:37am**

Happy New Year to you to Irish and to all other NSWelsh FESR'ers and their families. At home as well - maybe a chinese feed then up the hill to catch the distant Sydney fireworks together with the local ones - weather permitting!

Title: **Re: Happy New Year To all.**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Dec 31st, 2007, 7:13am**

Happy New Year Irish & Carol and to all FESR shipmates may the new year bring you all wealth, happiness and Good Health