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Message started by DofExB on Jan 7th, 2008, 2:17pm

Title: **Archived Messages**
Post by **DofExB** on Jan 7th, 2008, 2:17pm

WA Messages pre 2008 are currently be archived. They will be available for viewing in the near future. ::)

Title: **Re: Archived Messages**
Post by **DofExB** on Jan 11th, 2008, 5:40pm

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Message started by Bodgie Sefton on Jan 17th, 2008, 10:13am

Title: **Vale.**
Post by **Bodgie Sefton** on Jan 17th, 2008, 10:13am

Glen Evans (ex Stoker) HMAS Tobruk (D37) 1955-1956 a well respected member of FESR WA, passed away yesterday afternoon after a short battle with cancer.

Message started by Bodgie Sefton on Jan 19th, 2008, 9:34am

Title: **Funeral**
Post by **Bodgie Sefton** on Jan 19th, 2008, 9:34am

Glyns funeral will be held at Fremantle cemetary on Wednesday the 23rd of January at 10 AM. The coffin will be draped with the White Ensign, so members attending are asked to wear their medals.

Title: **Re: Funeral**
Post by **irish50561** on Jan 19th, 2008, 8:22pm

Bodgie old mate, the thoughts of the NSW/ACT Division are with Glyns family during this trying time. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: Funeral**
Post by **Bodgie Sefton** on Jan 20th, 2008, 6:34pm

Thanks Irish, I will pass your thoughts on to his widow Val and Family.

Message started by LawrieScott on Feb 12th, 2008, 4:34pm

Title: **Vale**
Post by **LawrieScott** on Feb 12th, 2008, 4:34pm

Terrence Cokk alias Shafter, passed away Thursday 7th February 2006 from secondary cancer Funeral 1430 hours Wednesday Fremantle Cremetorian .Medals to be worn.

Message started by LawrieScott on Feb 12th, 2008, 4:39pm

Title: **Vale Correction**
Post by **LawrieScott** on **Feb 12th, 2008, 4:39pm**

Correction to Terry Cooks Vale correct spelling is Cook Ex
Leadig Seamann RP R55888

VICT/TAS

Message started by DofExB on Jan 7th, 2008, 2:41pm

Title: **Archived Messages**
Post by **DofExB** on **Jan 7th, 2008, 2:41pm**

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Post by **DofExB** on **Jan 11th, 2008, 5:39pm**

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Title: **Re: Archived Messages**
Post by **evilCA** on **Jan 14th, 2008, 9:22pm**

Great to be up and running again.
Well done to the hard working Webmaster.

Regards.... CA

Title: **Re: Archived Messages**
Post by **Barney_Barnett** on **Jan 15th, 2008, 5:37am**

Hear Hear...many thanks to all. Compliments of the season to all (belated).
Regards,
Barney :)

Message started by ColinS on Jan 24th, 2008, 6:57pm

Title: **Living in 2008**
Post by **ColinS** on **Jan 24th, 2008, 6:57pm**

You know you are living in 2008
When:

1. You accidentally enter your password on the microwave
2. You haven't played solitaire with real cards in years.

4. You e-mail the person who works at the deck next to you
5. Your reason for not staying with friends and family is that they don't have e-mail addresses.
6. You pull up in your own driveway and use your cell phone to see if anyone is home to help you carry in the groceries.
7. Every commercial on television has a web site at the bottom of the screen.
8. Leaving the house without your cell phone, which you didn't the first 20 or 30 (or 60) years of your life, is now a cause for panic and you turn around to go and get it.
10. You get up in the morning and go on line before getting your coffee.
11. You start tilting your head sideways to smile :)
- 12 You are reading this and nodding and laughing.
13. Even worse, you know exactly to whom you are going to forward this message.
14. You are too busy to notice there was no # 9 on this list

And now you laughing at yourself

Go on, send this to your friends. You know you want to.
[smiley=3D_clapping.gif]

Message started by ColinS on Jan 28th, 2008, 11:26am

Title: **Children**

Post by **ColinS** on **Jan 28th, 2008, 11:26am**

A boss wondered why one of his most valued employees had not phoned in sick one day. Having an urgent problem with one of the main computers, he dial the employees home phone number and was greeted with a child's whisper.
"Hello

"Is your daddy home ?" he asked

"Yes" whispered the small voice.

"May I talk to him"

The child whispered, "No"

Surprised and wanting to talk with an adult, the boss asked, "Is your mummy home ?" "Yes"

May I talk to her?", Again the small voice whispered "No"

Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss, "Is anyone else there ?"

"Yes" whispered the child, "a policeman"

Wondering what a cop would be doing at the employees home, the boss asked, "May I speak with the policeman ?"

"No, he's busy", whispered the child.

"Busy doing what?"

"Talking to mummy and daddy," came the whispered answer.

Growing more worried as he heard a loud noise in the background through the earpiece on the phone, the boss asked, "What is that noise?"

"A helicopter" answered the whispering voice.

"What is going on there?" demanded the boss, now truly apprehensive.

Again, whispering the child answered, "The search team just landed a helicopter."

Alarmed, concerned and a little frustrated the boss asked, "What are they searching for."

Still whispering, the young voice replied with a muffled giggler...."Me"
[smiley=3D_laughing.gif] [smiley=3D_morningafter.gif]

Title: **Re: Children**

Post by **tromb123** on **Jan 28th, 2008, 11:03pm**

;D ;D ;D

Message started by birdiehandler on Feb 13th, 2008, 6:21pm

Title: **Secretary Victoria.**
Post by **birdiehandler** on **Feb 13th, 2008, 6:21pm**

Can anyone give me the email address of the Secretary of the Victorian Division? :-/

Title: **Re: Secretary Victoria.**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 14th, 2008, 6:55am**

On Home Page click on Contact Us scroll down to State Divisions and Click Here to view the current State Postal addresses [smiley=smiley_crystalball.gif] and all will be revealed

Message started by stevegriff on Feb 21st, 2008, 3:58pm

Title: **pensions**
Post by **stevegriff** on **Feb 21st, 2008, 3:58pm**

hello there, can anyone tell me if there is any news on pensions for personnel who served with strategic reserve 1969 steve

Title: **Re: pensions**
Post by **evilCA** on **Feb 26th, 2008, 10:41am**

stevegriff wrote:

hello there, can anyone tell me if there is any news on pensions for personnel who served with strategic reserve 1969 steve

That's a pretty broad question Steve, I think you may need to be a bit more specific.

Regards....CA.

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SA/NT

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Post by **DofExB** on **Jan 11th, 2008, 5:40pm**

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Message started by DofExB on Jan 7th, 2008, 3:16pm

Title: **Archived Messages**
Post by **DofExB** on **Jan 7th, 2008, 3:16pm**

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Post by **DofExB** on **Jan 11th, 2008, 5:39pm**

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Message started by Bob Witt on Jan 29th, 2008, 6:54am

Title: **Well Worth a Read**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Jan 29th, 2008, 6:54am**

Let There Be No Moaning at the Bar

Old sailors sit
And chew the fat
About things that used to be,
Of the things they've seen'
The places they've been,
When they ventured out to sea.

They remembered friends
From long ago,
The times they had back then,
The money they spent,
The beer they drank,
In their days as sailing men.

Their lives are lived
In the days gone by
With the thoughts that forever last.
Of the bell bottom blues,
Flat topped white hats,
And good times in their past.

They recall long nights
With the moon so bright
Far out into the lonely sea.
The thoughts they had
As youthful lads,
When their lives were wild and free.

They know so well
How their hearts would swell
When the Ensign fluttered proud and free.
The underway pennant
Such a beautiful sight
As they plowed through an angry sea.

They talked of the chow
O!' cookie would make
And the shrill of the bos'n pipe.
How salt spray would fall
Like sparks from hell
When a storm struck in the night.

They remember old shipmates
Already gone
Who forever hold a spot in their heart,
When sailors were bold,
And friendships would hold,
Until death ripped them apart.

They speak of nights
Spent in bawdy houses
On many foreign shore,

As gathering around,
Telling jokes with a busty sleeper.

Their sailing days
Are gone away,
Never again will they cross the brow.
They have no regrets,
They know they are blessed,
For honoring the sacred vow.

Their numbers grow less
With each passing day
As the final muster begins,
There's nothing to lose,
All have paid their dues,
And they'll sail with shipmates again.

I've heard them say
Before getting underway
That there's still some sailing to do,
They'll say with a grin that their ship has come in,

And the Good Lord is commanding the crew.

[smiley=flag_whiteensign.gif]

Message started by DofExB on Feb 10th, 2008, 7:52am

Title: **February Birthday Wishes**
Post by **DofExB** on **Feb 10th, 2008, 7:52am**

Just a quick belated Happy Birthday wish to Bob Witt who turned 75.

[smiley=word_happybirthday02.gif]

Title: **Re: Happy Birthday**
Post by **DofExB** on **Feb 11th, 2008, 9:21am**

Happy Birthday to Jill Witt who also has a birthday this week (shall politely refrain from listing her age).

[smiley=word_happybirthday.gif]

Anyone else celebrating a birthday this month???

Feel free to list here! [smiley=group.gif]

Message started by DofExB on Feb 10th, 2008, 7:54am

Title: **Happy Anniversary**
Post by **DofExB** on **Feb 10th, 2008, 7:54am**

Congratulations Bob and Jill Witt on 49 years of marriage.

[smiley=word_happyanniversary.gif]

Title: **Re: Happy Anniversary**
Post by **Tom29216** on **Feb 10th, 2008, 6:03pm**

Congratulations Jill and Bob.
I am amazed because I did not think either of you were old enough to have been married that long. ;)
Then I saw that Bob was also having a birthday. What a bummer. Two celebrations combined into one so you miss out on one. 8-) ;D
Take care both of you.

Title: **Re: Happy Anniversary**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 11th, 2008, 6:11am**

Thanks Tom much appreciated [smiley=word_thankyou.gif]

Title: **Re: Happy Anniversary**
Post by **Ray Norton** on **Feb 11th, 2008, 1:00pm**

Bob,
Best wishes to you and Jill from Ellen & myself for anniversary and birthday. You still have a while to go before you catch up.
Ray

Title: **Re: Happy Anniversary**
Post by **birdiehandler** on **Feb 11th, 2008, 1:27pm**

Congratulations and Best Wishes to both Jill & yourself on your 49th Wedding anniversary, from Shirley & myself. See you on Thursday! :) :(I get so emotional.

Title: **Re: Happy Anniversary**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 12th, 2008, 7:12am**

[smiley=word_thankyou.gif] One and all

Message started by Bob Witt on Jan 25th, 2008, 4:56pm

Title: **Tiger Territory:**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Jan 25th, 2008, 4:56pm**

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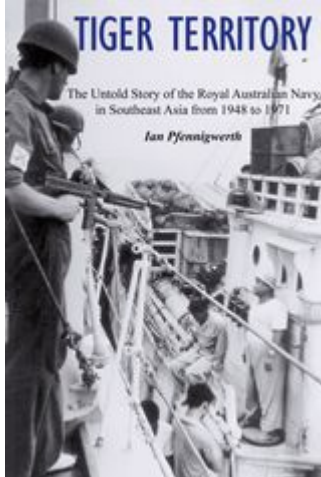
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A Heads Up from Noel Wacker Payne & Nat Pres. Joe Linaker maybe at last our story will be told.



Title: **Re: Tiger Territory:**
Post by **irish50561** on **Feb 21st, 2008, 10:28pm**

Should be an interesting read Bob. Would make some sort of sense to present one at the local RSL instead of a wreath on July 2nd next, at \$28 it would be more cost effective and decidedly more lasting than a bunch of flowers. I look forward to obtaining a copy. Regards. Irish.

PS: Bob, would it be possible for you to email a photo and the dimensions of that beautiful FESR memorial plaque that was placed outside the Sandgate RSL. An email of the plaque to Brian McAuliffe and myself would be much appreciated. mcauliffeb@aapt.net.au maingalley@netscape.net

Title: **Re: Tiger Territory:**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Feb 27th, 2008, 9:49am**

I would doubt the RSL would be interested, having read the book, the author has pulled no punches at the apathy of the bureaucrats towards the RAN involvement. It is a bit heavy in the reading but apart from a couple of errors it's a good if not the only history book of the RAN involvement and I would recommend [smiley=thumbsup_large.gif] that each division should obtain one.

Message started by Bob Witt on Mar 23rd, 2007, 3:48pm

Title: **QLD Executive Committee @ May 2007**
Post by **Bob Witt** on **Mar 23rd, 2007, 3:48pm**

QLD Executive Committee @ May 2007

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Mr. Allan (Weed) Smith, Welfare Officer
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Title: **Re: QLD Executive Committee @ March 2007**
Post by **irish50561** on **Mar 24th, 2007, 3:35pm**

Bob old son, hearty congratulations to all office bearers and the Qld Division in general. Look forward to an even better relationship in the future. Regards. Irish.

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NSW

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Post by **DofExB** on **Jan 11th, 2008, 5:38pm**

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Message started by irish50561 on Jan 12th, 2008, 8:28pm

Title: **NSW/ACT Division Update**

Post by **irish50561** on Jan 12th, 2008, 8:28pm

My first NSW/ACT Division Newsletter for 2008 is already 'out-there', in it you'll find the programme for the National AGM and lunch which will be held on Monday June 30th 2008 at Woy Woy Leagues Club, cost! \$20 per head. Our Social director Carol has brokered a deal with the Galaxy Motel, West Gosford at \$112.50 per room per night for two occupants, if there is more than two guests in the room, \$15 each per night extra. Need a ground floor room or special diet? Mention it to Carol on your application form which was distributed with my latest Newsletter. The motel is conveniently situated in the grounds of Gosford RSL and there is plenty of parking.

Carol has also arranged an excellent lunch plus a two and a half hour cruise on the Hawkesbury River on Tuesday 1st July departing 10am from the wharf at Kangaroo Point. Those wishing to attend may either take their own vehicle or catch a train from Gosford or Woy Woy to Hawkesbury River Station, a courtesy bus will convey you to the departure wharf. Bob the skipper makes it a special day for veterans by playing the Last Post while conducting a simple service and wreath laying to the sound of bagpipes as we cruise past the wreck of the original HMAS Parramatta and the submerged hulk of HMAS Swan. FESR members who served on either of their namesakes are most welcome to lay a tribute. Skipper Bob invites us to dress accordingly as for Anzac Day, either No 1's with medals, your choice, otherwise, neat casual. All this and lunch, plus unlimited tea and coffee for a mere \$36. A self funded bar caters for those who enjoy that sort of thing. After the cruise we've left the remainder of the day free for those who would prefer to rest or possibly go sight seeing on the beautiful Central Coast,

At 11am on Wednesday July 2nd, which is National FESR Day we've arranged the presentation of the NSW/ACT Division's long awaited Commemorative plaque. The ceremony takes place in the nearby Memorial Park Woy Woy which is on the waterfront a short stroll from the Leagues Club, finger food will be provided at the club after the proceedings. [Feel free to drive if you wish, there's ample parking]. I've managed to secure the services of our very own NAA Padre from the Central Coast to preside over the unveiling. He is Legacy's Father Max Sainsbury who didn't hesitate to accept, deeming it an honour to be invited. Father Max presides over the majority of our Navy funerals and our Voyager memorial in Rogers Park Woy Woy each year.

Later on the same day, at 1900 the official FESR dinner will be held in the auditorium of the West Gosford RSL which is right next to the Galaxy Motel. Dress! Neat casual, miniatures may be worn.

At \$35 dollars per head it should be an excellent evening, Carol and I are looking forward to meeting you all once again. Don't forget gang, our next NSW/ACT meeting at Woy Woy Leagues Club on the 15th March 2008 will be our own AGM, see you all there.
Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: NSW/ACT Division Update**

Post by **irish50561** on Jan 31st, 2008, 9:17pm

Maurice Kriss has thrown his cap in the ring as the NSW/ACT Division candidate for National President when our current incumbent, Joe Linaker vacates the chair at the National AGM on the 30th of June 2008 at Woy Woy. Maurice joined the RAN in 1954 as a seaman after service in the Merchant Navy and is still active as a practising Barrister at Law. He served three years on Voyager and was a cuff rate Clearance Diver as well as schooling his shipmates in preparation for their ET1 exams. Multi lingual and self funded Maurice has a wide range of contacts in the commercial world, in Australia and overseas. Recently he represented the FESR in Malayasia at his own expense and has suggested that their government be approached with respect to erecting a suitable memorial on Malayasian soil to all three branches of the Australian Armed Forces. He'll certainly be getting my vote. Regards. Irish.

Message started by irish50561 on Feb 21st, 2008, 10:16pm

Title: **FLAGS. etc.**

Post by **irish50561** on Feb 21st, 2008, 10:16pm

If anyone out there is interested I recently sent a cheque for \$160 to FLAGS2000 for a White Ensign [RN] and an Australian White Ensign [AWE]. They arrived two days later, cost! \$160 the lot which included posting and handling, how good is that? Most of us old FESR hands served under the old RN White Ensign, that's the one with the Union Jack in the upper left canton plus the red cross of St George, quite a few of our members later served under the Australian White Ensign with some even sailing under one then the other when it changed over during the Vietnam War. Our NSW/ACT President, Brian McAuliffe JP was one of them, are there any others out there? Should be some interesting replies. Regards. Irish.

Title: **Re: FLAGS. etc.**

Post by **ronaldo** on Feb 22nd, 2008, 6:45am

Sure are Irish. We were aboard *Sydney* with a contingent of 725 Sqdn Wessex Helos. Took off from GI under the WE with a RGT of pongoes on board bound for Vungers. Returned late April with the now famous men aboard of 'Long Tam' fame. Left GI on another trip early in May, this time under the AWE and of course flew that at the Jackstay from thence on. Proud to have been on 'operations' under both ensigns. Not too many around the ridges who have done that.

Regards Ron

Title: **Re: FLAGS. etc.**

Post by **hollidayp** on **Feb 24th, 2008, 12:51am**

Great idea Irish, I was thinking of getting the AWE with the ANF to hang on the wall in my office/study at home but now you have made me think of the WE as well.

I was serving on the Vendetta as a POFC on the 1st March 1967 when we changed over to the AWE. A great sight. Under two ensigns when the Navy was the real Navy.

Give em a broadside, six guns.

Doc H

Title: **Re: FLAGS. etc.**

Post by **ronaldo** on **Feb 24th, 2008, 10:32am**

Doc H

Thanks for pointing that out. Over the years I lost track of some dates. I Joined Sydney on 6 April '67 after we had changed over to AWE. A month or so prior to that we were working on Sydney, setting up workshops etc, things that we would require prior to embarking our helos for Vungers trips. We were still posted at Albatross during the six weeks or so when we were setting up our gear. The Sydney had the WE when we first went aboard. I must have been getting a bit mixed up as in '64, around the same time of year, we took off for Borneo under of course at that time, under the WE. I think it was also around the time of the changeover of Ensigns that we were given the 'Australia' patches for the shoulders of our uniforms. I think they were to correspond with the date of the Ensign Changeover but the contractors were late in issuing them to the Govt. It had been let to a Hong Kong firm to manufacture them and the initial batch had 'Australia' spelt with 2 L's, so the story was at the time. It probably was a sailors did but could have well been the truth!