

DAWN SERVICES

A record attendance of about 900 people saw the dawn come up at Chowder Bay. General Peter Gration, AC, OBE who was a Sapper and Chief of the Defence Force from 1987 to 1993, was guest speaker. The large crowd, made up of family groups, defence personnel, veterans and many local citizens, enjoyed a perfect autumn sunrise. Custodian of the Army Maritime Memorial and our Patron, Colonel Ken Duncan, said it was further confirmation of ANZAC Day being part of the fabric of our nation. He and Phil Cannane, who assisted in the proceedings, were delighted with the turnout which was up from about 700 people last year.

Allan Reading laid a wreath on behalf of the Association at the Dawn Service at SME. Over 1000 people attended this ceremony, which also grows from year to year.

Colin Symonds, our representative in the west, reports that a large number of people attended the Dawn Service at Karrakatta including quite a few ex Water Transport and 32 Small Ship Squadron personnel. He sent some photos of ex Water transport members assembling prior to the March, including one of himself. He scrubs up well in his slouch hat and blazer, doesn't he. It's a shame he didn't send us a snap of himself **after** the days festivities.



Our Patron, Colonel Ken Duncan laid a wreath at the Centotaph, Martin Place , after the Sydney Dawn Service.



Jeff Beach and Bruce Reilly

Form up time prior to the March (below)



Photo below is Graham (OCCA) Murray and John Bryant.

Below right Jacqueline Hardie, Jeff Beach and Geoff Summergreene

Summergreene



ANZAC DAY REUNION LUNCH - 2002

Once again we were blessed with perfect weather in Sydney on ANZAC Day. The beer and prawns were cold and the food was hot - what more could you ask for? The new Caterers, 'Diamonds', made a sterling effort - thanks also to Lyn Northey and Kaye Shannon for their assistance. Over 60 people attended which was a big turn out. Unfortunately some of the regulars were AWOL, including George Flint, Bungy Waters and Dave Thomas. George's wife, Joan, reported that he had a couple of minor set backs but is now well on the mend. All the best George and we hope to see you next year. As for those other two... Having said all that, there were some welcome new faces, including John and Elizabeth Bryant, John and Elizabeth Gerber, Bruce and Elizabeth Levy and Mike Priest who is now living in the UK. Also, you will recall a newspaper cutting in NTM 1/2002 submitted by Greg Hope - well Greg turned up from South Australia and joined in the fun. Good on you mate! So did (as usual) John Purcell from North Queensland. It was also good to see a few of the old "33 Squadron" members turn up. Hopefully we'll see a few more of them at future functions. Well done. A list of attendees are shown below. If I've missed anyone or misspelt names please let me know so we can put the record straight in the next newsletter.



**SERIOUS MEN'S
BUSINESS at the
BAR ALCOVE
LES DENNIS,
KEN DUNCAN
and
SID CHEESEMAN**



**BRUCE and
ELIZABETH
LEVY**

RAFFLE

The raffle, again, was quite successful. None of the prize winners were present at the draw but all were very impressed when they received their prizes. They were:

1stPRIZE Anthony Moody, Morphettvale SA. 6" Ships Barometer.

2ndPRIZE Max Neill, Bolwarra NSW. 6" Ships Clock.

3rdPRIZE Stan Leale, Stanley TAS. 3" Ships Clock

4thPRIZE Dave Jupp, Richlands QLD. Bottle of Port.

The clocks and barometer were made of solid brass and mounted on polished rosewood by Ocka's son, Anthony. The port was kindly donated by Sid Cheeseman. Dave Jupp gallantly declined it and donated it as a door prize next year. There were some mutterings about the fact that the \$2.75 postage to Brisbane far exceeded the cost of the contents of the bottle. I tend to agree with that as there are warnings on the label that it should not come in direct contact with the skin, and one should not smoke in its immediate (30' radius) vicinity.

Congratulations to the winners, and more importantly, many thanks to all members who purchased the raffle tickets. Your continued support is very much appreciated.



L - R Peter Tierney, Laraine and Ray Mazurek. George Cosis and Greg Hope

Thanks to George Fisher for supplying us with a great selection of photographs of ANZAC DAY.

ANZAC DAY LUNCH ATTENDEES

John Bryant, Newport Beach NSW
Jeff Beach, Winston Hills NSW
Charlie Bawden, Howlong NSW
Dave Clarke, Summerland Point NSW
Gary Carne, Old Mount Druitt NSW
Mal Campbell, Milsons Point NSW
Bruce Davenport, Mosman NSW
Ken Duncan, Cremorne NSW
Les Dennis, Toongabbie NSW
John Gerber, North Rocks NSW
Dick Grant, Gladesville NSW
Don Grace, The Entrance NSW
Eric Hale, Mount Pritchard NSW
Ian Johnston, St Marys NSW
Elizabeth Levy, Urangan QLD
Norm Mason, Woronora NSW
Ross McMurray, West Pymble NSW
Les Muras, Baulkham Hills NSW
Ray Mazurek, Cambridge Park NSW
Len Martin, Bateau Bay NSW
Lance Northey, North Rocks NSW
Mike Priest, Chelmsford UK
Jim Patterson, Georges Hall NSW
George Reynolds, North Parramatta NSW
Geoff Summergreene, Mosman NSW
Norm Summergreene, Mosman NSW
Ken Shannon, Carlingford NSW
Martial Story, Maroubra, NSW
Peter Tierney, Ourimbah NSW
Brian Waites, Yarramundi NSW
Charles Watson, North Ryde NSW

Elizabeth Bryant, Newport Beach NSW
Paddy Butterworth, Winston Hills NSW
Bob Clarke, Glenorie NSW
George Cosis, Leumeah NSW
Phil Cannane, Mosman NSW
Sid Cheeseman, Carlingford NSW
Herb Draper, Loftus NSW
Roger Desmarchelier, Pymble NSW
George Fisher, Epping NSW
Elizabeth Gerber, North Rocks NSW
Brian Goodes, Hunters Hill NSW
Greg Hope, Goolwa North SA
Devon Jones, Warriewood NSW
Bruce Levy, Urangan QLD
John McGregor, North Avoca NSW
Graham Murray, Castle Hill NSW
Roger MacDonald, Frenchs Forest NSW
Juliet Muras, Baulkham Hills NSW
Laraine Mazurek, Cambridge Park NSW
Kev Morley, Lavington NSW
Murray Neville, Frenchs Forest NSW
John Purcell, Bayview Heights QLD
Bruce Reilly, Narellan NSW
Kerry Stuart, Lawson NSW
Jacqueline Hardie, Mosman NSW
Alf Smith, East Gosford NSW
Gary Smyth, Pennant Hills NSW
John Turner, North Ryde NSW
Neal Vansleve, North Rocks NSW
Val Waites, Yarramundi NSW
Bill Williams, Erskineville NSW

L - R Len Martin,
Alf Smith, Bruce
Reilly, and
Ian Johnston



HERITAGE DAY

Great weather and a big crowd contributed to the success of Heritage day held at the School of Military Engineering on Sunday 19 May 2002. The organisers said that over 8,000 people visited the various venues around the heritage area of SME. The Cust Hut was the focal point for static displays which included exhibits ranging from scale models to restored trucks, jeeps, Ferret scout cars, Sarcen AFVs, HMAPC 'Flint' and the historic Caterpillar CR 1 bulldozer. Also, there were mobile exhibitions of WW I Light horse showing their riding and tent pegging skills, and military drill demonstrations by Colonial, WW I and WW II re-enactment groups in period uniform, including Russian and German armies, all with appropriate rifle and cannon fire. A great day indeed, and full credit goes to the CO of SME and the many organisers. Thanks also to Ocka Murray and Jack Peel for providing some excellent photographs.

A combined display of 32 Small Ship Squadron Association and the Australian Water Transport AIF Association was located with other static events in the Cust Hut. Ours was mainly a photographic exhibition which drew a large contingent of visitors and received many compliments. Our stand was manned by Phil Cannane, Ron Adams (AWTA), Ross McMurray, Ken Shannon, Ian Johnston and John McGregor. Association visitors included Peter and Sue Tierney, Lance Northey and Kev Morley.

There were a couple of other interesting items on display as well as the photos. John McGregor brought along an inclinometer which apparently measures the angle off the perpendicular. This would obviously be quite handy on an LSM which was often about 60 degrees off the perpendicular (except when they were tied up at Woolwich when they would only be about ten degrees off). Although why anyone would want to know this information is beyond me. In addition to this, Ken Shannon brought along a sextant. Apparently this instrument is particularly useful when determining the altitude of things. I think it was Doug Iffla who once tried to explain to me the principle of this item, and it went something like this..."if a ray of light is reflected from two mirrors in succession, the angle between the first and last directions of the ray is twice the angle between the mirrors..." My case rests. Anyway, I mostly found that that the cooks were usually helpful in determining where we were at any given time. Keith Johnson would be honest and say either "I dunno" or "somewhere off Queensland". Bill Irvine would just tell me to get lost (or something like that). Thanks again to Ken and John for these interesting and necessary pieces of equipment.

RESERVE FORCES DAY - SYDNEY

On Sunday 7 July 2002 a parade was conducted in Sydney by the three services as part of Reserve Forces Day. Following the parade RAE reservists and former reservists convened at the Gallipoli Memorial Club for lunch and a few quiet ales. A contingent of Royal Engineers, here for the RAE Centenary celebrations, joined in the festivities and managed to ensure that there was nothing quiet about it at all. It turned out to be a very pleasant afternoon. I remember most of it. Association members who participated were Ian Henderson, Ross McMurray, Glen Daly, Geoff Summergreene and Jaqueline Hardie, and Charles Watson.

WARNING NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 September 2002 at 2000 hrs at the Hunters Hill RSL Sub-Branch Memorial Hall, corner Alexander and Ady Streets, Hunters Hill. Refreshments will be served. Why not come along and have your say in your Association. It is intended that only business which has been notified to the Hon Secretary will be considered, so if you have any particular item or issue you want to discuss at the meeting please advise the Secretary by 4 September 2002.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Fees are due by 25th APRIL for the following year. The cost is \$ 10.00. We thank those members who have paid their 2002 fees.

Please remember to advise the Association if you have a change of address.

DISCLAIMER

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome aboard the following new members:

Terry Bywaters - served with 32 Small Ship Squadron on the Clive Steele, Vernon Sturdee and John Monash. He now lives at Robe, SA.

John Hartley - Many members would remember sailing with 'skipper' John in 32 Small Ship Squadron on the Clive Steele, Vernon Sturdee, Brudenell White, Harry Chauvel and John Monash. He also served in the following units: HQ 1 Terminal Group, HQ Northern Command (Det 10 Movement Control Group), 2 Recruit Training Battalion, Directorate of Transportation AHQ, HQ 7 Military District and 6 Movement Control unit. John now lives at Bonnells Bay, NSW.

John Gerber - served in 32 Small Ship Squadron on an LSM or two. He told me which ones they were during the ANZAC Day Reunion Lunch but by that stage I had drunk about 85 schooners of VB and a good part of a bottle of red, so I forgot. Next year I'll take a tape recorder (that's if my wife allows me out next year). Anyway, John served as a Chief Engineer on LSMs and now lives at North Rocks, NSW.

Charlie Deans -served in 32 Small Ship Squadron from 1965 on various LSMs and John Monash. He also served as OC 10 Movement Control Group at Townsville. During his career he served in PNG, Malaya and South Vietnam. Charles now lives in Perth.

Grahame Sadler, Yagoona NSW

Colin Coakes, Beenleigh Qld

M. O'Hare, Doonside NSW

Garry Ogden, Rosebud Vic

Sorry, but I have no details on any of these gentlemen. Perhaps they could provide some colourful history for publication in the next NTM.

Mike Priest - served in 32 Small Ship Squadron (ex John Monash). He now lives in Chelmsford, UK. Yes, UK - which brings me to a riddle...

Q. Why would a strapping, healthy, reasonably rich, ruggedly handsome, casually well dressed, vibrant Aussie want to live in a country that can't produce a decent cricket team, rugby team, league team, soccer team (OK, they do have a reasonable soccer team), and in a continuously wet, cold, damp, foggy, snow bound climate that's adjacent to France and where people are forced to drink warm beer ?

A. Dunno.

VOLUME IV OF THE CORPS HISTORY

Volume IV of the Corps History, entitled 'The Royal Australian Engineers 1945 to 1972 - Paving the Way' is now on sale. It was launched at SME on the Corps Birthday in its Centenary Year, 1 July 2002. This volume covers the period after World War II up until the end of the Vietnam War. It was put together by Brigadier Phillip Greville, CBE, a former Patron of our Association. It is a magnificent piece of work and well worth obtaining. An application form is enclosed



VALE - Geoff Catt

Geoff Catt passed away on 13 May 2002 after a short illness. He was interred at the Mount Thompson Crematorium at Mount Gravatt, Brisbane on 17 May 2002. Bob Gunn attended the funeral and reported that it was well attended and the local RSL representatives ensured that it was conducted in the appropriate military manner. Our condolences to Geoff's wife, Dawn and the family. Older members may remember Geoff as being mostly in 4 Troop.

Ian Henderson reports that he saw Geoff in Brisbane about a week prior to his death. He and Dawn had lived in Forster until recently when they moved north to be with their family. Geoff was a seaman / navigator Sergeant and served with Ian in 4 Troop from 1964 to 1966. Jack Peel said that he served with Geoff on the LCM 6 and was an expert craft handler with a good sense of humour and was known to enjoy a beer or two on a hot afternoon. Geoff Freeland advised that he enlisted in August 1960 and served for 13 years. He was coxswain of the 62 footer "Mizama" during 1963-64. Also, he was a Sergeant Instructor on promotion courses for several years, and in the latter stages served in SVN.

VALE - Keith Thomas

Keith (Tubby) Thomas passed away in early April 2002 after a long illness. He served with 42 Railway Sqn RAE, 34 Water Tpt Sqn, 3 Movement Control Training Unit and 1 Field Squadron in SVN. This information was published in a recent Sapper Association of Queensland Newsletter. Does anyone know of him from Tn days? If so, please let me have some details.

VALE - SPR S.P. Goloski

Sapper Goloski served with 11 Movement Control Group (Vietnam Detachment). His death was reported recently in the Vietnam Veterans newsletter. Do any former "movers" know of him and his service history? Please contact me with details if you knew him.

DAVE GILSHENEN - ANYONE REMEMBER HIM ?

Dave Gilshenen was an electrician who served on the Clive Steele in South Vietnam from July 1969 to January 1970. He wants to know if anyone remembers him on that trip, and in particular, if they remember the top of his thumb being chopped off ! Shortly after arriving in Vung Tau from Singapore in mid 1969 he was on the well deck, passing cases of 40 mm Bofor ammunition to the forward gun turret, when the incident occurred. He would also like to hear from anyone who remembers doing riverine patrols with the US Coast Guard. Please contact Dave at 303 Berserker St, North Rockhampton Qld 4701 or phone him on (07) 4928 4858 or mobile 0404 830 720.

THE CONTINUING SAGA OF THE HARRY CHAUVEL AND THE UBIQUITOUS P.I.R. RUN

Jeez, this must have been a fun trip. Everybody wants to put their two bobs worth in. There I was, cleaning out the bilges or peeling spuds on the Clive Steele and it appears that everyone else in the squadron was on either the Vernon Sturdee or the Harry Chauvel in sunny TPNG doing a bit of recruiting for the PIR. Jack Marshall started it off in NTM 3/2001 after reading about it in the previous NTM. Greg Hope and Les Muras had their say in later NTMs, and now Jack Marshall has written again, with a bit of a follow-up story about the Sturdee's involvement. Actually it's quite a long story so I'll try to summarise it (with apologies to Jack)...

The Sturdee set off one fine morning from Port Moresby, with the PIR pipe band on the helipad, the local politicians, captains of industry (I made that up - I don't believe there was any industry there in 1966), media representatives and the Commander TPNG Command, Brigadier Hunter. Actually, the Sturdee didn't set off at all. It was beached on the hardstanding. Apparently the skipper did mention this to the brigadier, saying that it may be somewhat difficult to retract a 900 ton fully laden flat bottomed ship off the mud and it may be prudent to wait a few hours until there was some water between the mud and the ship. However, the brigadier and his followers were busy people and wanted the ship to sail now, (while the band was still playing "The Scottish Soldier" or whatever it is that bands play). So the ballast was pumped, engines put full astern and the stern anchor retracted. That was it. Nothing happened, and the ship stayed there until mid afternoon until the tide came in. Jack says that the brigadier's face matched the colour of his collar tabs when he finally departed. This episode appears to be the highlight of the trip. The PIR recruiting run was quite successful and everyone had a good time (as you do, on recruiting runs). The PIR would put on a fire display at various villages, the band would play "The Scottish Soldier", pigs would be eaten and a lot of SP lager would be consumed (in a solemn and ceremonial manner of course). Of course. Jack said that the gun turrets would often be used as pig sties and the ship would take on the look of a floating farmyard. Yes, a most memorable trip, indeed. I think we'll leave it there.

Jack enjoyed Papua New Guinea so much he became the Harbour Master at Rabaul for almost eight years, and was also an active member of the Rabaul Yacht Club. He said that sadly, he never achieved flag rank there, as the various grades of RYC Commodores sported more gold braid than the average South American admiral.

Thanks for that Jack. A most interesting tale. Now finally, Wally Blumenfeld also wrote to us about the stolen kangaroo from the Chauvel on the same trip (see NTM 1/2002). He said that it was fixed to the mast by Captain Peter Morgan, the XO of the Harry Chauvel, just prior to leaving for Borneo in early 1964. Jim Wilson was the skipper and called it (the kangaroo, not Peter) 'the big red boomer'. Actually, it had a number of names, but I don't recall that as being one of them. Wally sailed as a supernumerary skipper on that trip. Thanks, Wally.

NEW AMPHIBIOUS WATERCRAFT FOR THE ARMY

On 17 July 2002 the Minister for Defence, Senator Robert Hill, announced the signing of a \$32.73 million contract with Newcastle shipbuilder ADI Limited for the design and construction of six amphibious watercraft for the Australian Army. He also announced that a contract for \$10.66 million has been concurrently signed with ADI Limited to provide 15 years through life support for the watercraft.

These lightweight vessels, to be built from aluminium and powered by two diesel engines and waterjet propulsion, will build on the total amphibious capability of the Australian Defence Force. Senator Hill said that the new watercraft will enable the Army to deploy greater amounts of vehicles, tanks, soldiers and supplies from ship to beach in a considerable shorter time than is currently possible with the existing capability. In particular, the new watercraft will improve the discharge rate of unloading cargo by more than 30 per cent. They will be carried on the decks of the RAN Ships HMAS MANOORA and HMAS KANIMBLA. The craft will be based in Townsville at 10 Force Support Battalion. The first watercraft is planned to undergo extensive trials late next year with the final craft expected to be finished in 2005.

ANZAC DAY in PERTH



ex Sapper Bruce Wiltshire (32 Small Ship Sqn.)



Colin Symonds



Water Tpt Assc.,
prior to the
march.
The President is
Jack Patterson
(wearing the
beret)

Photos from
Colin Symonds

DONATIONS

Thank you to the following members who made donations throughout the year: Noel Norton, Arthur Jackson, Mal Campbell, Phil Shalders, Trevor Bayo, Dennis Lutton, Marcus Blackmore, Jerry Davey, George Lambert, John Frankel and John Bonnett. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

COMMUNICATIONS


We have had a reasonable response (well, four responses) from members who contacted us with some news, photos or articles of interest. Thank you to Jack Marshall, Wally Blumenfeld, Bungy Waters and Colin Symonds. I'm sure there is a shed full of untold tales out there waiting to be put on paper. I've got a few myself, but the litigation laws prevent me from publishing them. (I think I just heard a sigh of relief from Blue Atkinson). News and photos of ANZAC Day activities, reunions, get-togethers, sightings of former shipmates whilst travelling in your caravan in the gulf country, etc, etc. You get the drift.

VIETNAM AND ASSOCIATED FORCES DAY 2002 - SPRINGWOOD NSW

The annual ceremony at Springwood NSW to commemorate Vietnam Veterans Day will take place on Sunday 18 August 2002. The parade will commence at 1130 hrs along Macquarie Road, ending with a service at the War Memorial. The Guest of Honour and Guest Speaker will be the former Chief of the Defence Force, Admiral Chris Barrie, AC, RAN. Note that this year the ceremony will be on the anniversary of the actual date of the Battle of Long Tan in 1966. Why not come along and join us on this significant day. The weather is usually quite pleasant in the Blue Mountains at this time of year, and after the ceremony we adjourn to the Royal Hotel in Macquarie Street, Springwood for a couple of quiet ones with mine host and fellow member, David Younan.

AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL

In NTM 3/2001 Warren Barsley gave some information about qualifying service for the ASM for crew members of the John Monash during its trip to Indonesia in 1973, supporting Australian Army survey teams. Bungy Waters (reporting from deep in his coal mine at Singleton) sent us some dates and places that may help crew members with requests for their medal or clasp. He said that the first trip was mainly delivering teams and stores around Indonesian islands, and the second trip was the recovery of them. He also said that the dates are accurate but can't vouch for the place names as the deckies usually didn't have a clue where they were. That's a little harsh, Bungy, but understandable. Mostly they didn't know where they weren't. Anyway, if members want this information please contact me and I'll post it to them

<p>Royal Australian Engineers This pre-stamped envelope commemorates the 100th anniversary of the formation of The Royal Australian Engineers (RAE). The badge of the RAE is in the stamp area. Images of RAE personnel at work throughout its history are shown in the illustration area.</p> <p>Further information</p> <table><tr><td>Royal Australian Engineers</td><td>Australian War Memorial</td></tr><tr><td>Headquarters Land Command</td><td>GPO Box 345</td></tr><tr><td>Engineers</td><td>CANBERRA ACT2601</td></tr><tr><td>Land Headquarters</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Victoria Barracks</td><td>On the web www.awm.gov.au</td></tr><tr><td>Oxford Street</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>PADDINGTON NSW 2021</td><td></td></tr></table>	Royal Australian Engineers	Australian War Memorial	Headquarters Land Command	GPO Box 345	Engineers	CANBERRA ACT2601	Land Headquarters		Victoria Barracks	On the web www.awm.gov.au	Oxford Street		PADDINGTON NSW 2021		 <table><tr><td>Mail order codes</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>1293250 Set of two RAE PSEs (mint, postmarked)</td><td>\$1.08</td></tr><tr><td>1293134 RAE PSE (mint)</td><td>\$0.54</td></tr><tr><td>1293144 RAE PSE (postmarked)</td><td>\$0.54</td></tr></table>	Mail order codes		1293250 Set of two RAE PSEs (mint, postmarked)	\$1.08	1293134 RAE PSE (mint)	\$0.54	1293144 RAE PSE (postmarked)	\$0.54
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VIETNAM MEMORIAL RE-DEDICATION

The Australian Vietnam National Memorial will be re-dedicated during the week-end 5-6 October 2002. It is intended that our Association will participate in this activity in conjunction with the other ex unit and service organisations. The main activities will be on Saturday with the possibility of a "meet-and-greet" type of function on Friday evening. There are plans to have a church service and an afternoon concert party on Sunday, but this is yet to be confirmed. On Saturday there is planned a service at the Australian War Memorial at 0630 hours, followed by a Gunfire Breakfast. The main event, the march and re-dedication ceremony, will commence at 1100 hrs with a march from the Australian War Memorial on Anzac Parade to the Vietnam Memorial where the service will take place. It will finish at 1230 hours.

After the service it is planned to hold our reunion at the Belconnen Magpies Sports Club in Holt. Details are as follows:

Time: 1330 hrs

Cost : Buffet Lunch \$25.00 per head (special rate), payable in advance. Drinks are extra. Please complete the attached slip and return with a cheque (in the enclosed envelope) to our Treasurer, Peter Tierney by 15 September 2002. Guests are more than welcome.

Venue: Belconnen Magpies Sports Club is 76-80 Hardwick Street, Holt - about 10 km north west of Canberra City.

This week-end will be very busy in Canberra. It is a long week-end and accommodation and transport facilities will be stretched. So it would be a good idea to make bookings early. Members living in Canberra are requested to offer members assistance or advice on accommodation, transport and so on. Any assistance would be gratefully appreciated. The Canberra Tourism and Events Corporation is able to offer advice on accommodation and tourist information. Their number is 1800 100 660. Give them a call. Murrays Coaches is supporting the week-end and is offering good travel packages to Canberra from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Call Amanda Beltran from Murrays on 132259. We want to ensure that everyone has an enjoyable week-end and to do this we must have information on attendance as early as possible. So get your returns in quickly please. In mid September we should have firm information on the week-end, and we intend to notify all attendees of progress, and how it is shaping up. If anyone has more up-to-date information please contact me. Don't forget - please return your advice slip to Peter ASAP.

**Les and Juliet
Muras at the
ANZAC DAY
luncheon**



NOTICE TO MARINERS

Newsletter 32 Small Ship Squadron Association Incorporating RAE Tn

Patron: Colonel K.L. Duncan (RL)

President's Message

ANZAC DAY 2002

ANZAC Day week for the Association started with the combination parade and service with the Hunters Hill R.S.L. Sub-Branch and the community.

As dawn broke through Sydney Heads at the Army Maritime Memorial, Chowder Bay, 900 voices of members of the Association, A.W.T.A., R.A.C.T. Association, Mosman R.S.L. and the Mosman community joined in singing the National Anthem 'Advance Australia Fair' thus ending the service to pay respect to the fallen.

Our Patron, Colonel Ken Duncan was jubilant to have General Peter Gratton as the guest speaker at the Dawn Service in the year of the 100th birthday of the Corps.

No sooner had the gunfire breakfast concluded than members were on parade to march to the Cenotaph in Martin Place to lay a wreath. This area was a hive of activity with numerous Associations marching to and from the Cenotaph.

As it was the Corps' 100th birthday and Engineers were to lead the parade (post-war) your committee was worried that we would finish the parade too early and thus be led astray prior to the luncheon. This did not eventuate - by the time we stepped off it must have been well after 11.30.



I would like to thank all those members who participated in a morning activity. Special thanks to John Purcell for being parade 2IC. It is always enjoyable to see old faces especially Mick Priest (ex John Monash) who travelled from the United Kingdom with his wife for this year's ANZAC commemoration.

Thank you all for your support with the raffle. I believe the recipients of the prizes are more than happy with their maritime memorabilia.

Our thanks once again to Lyn Northey and Kaye Shannon for organising a delightful luncheon.

In conclusion I would like to thank Charlie Bawden, John Purcell and Greg Hope for travelling interstate and those members who travelled from the Central Coast and the Blue Mountains.

In the words of Lt.Col. Charles Watson "This Association would have one of the most unique ANZAC Day get-togethers of any Association'.

Ocka



Patron Col. Ken Duncan (RL)