

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Newsletter 32 Small Ship Squadron Association Incorporating RAE Tn

Patron: Colonel K.L. Duncan (Rtd)

President's Message

Vietnam Veterans' Day falls on again, the RAE Vietnam Jack Peel, will be organising the am. There is a notice about it August) in this newsletter so if why not join your mates and you can also visit the RAE progress of the Water Transport Patron, Colonel Ken Duncan and AIF, RAE. There is an article in Curator of the Museum, and the 62' fast supply launch and some look.



Thursday 18 August 2011 and Memorial Committee, headed by service at SME, starting at 11.00 and a 'return slip' (due by 9 you are in Sydney at this time come along to it. While there Museum and look at the work in Collection put together by our Cec Weekes, President AWTA, this newsletter about the new newly installed wheel-house of a details about it. Well worth a

You will also see an article in this newsletter from "Wicked Campers" advertising a five day complimentary road trip for Vietnam Veterans in one of their 2-3 sleeper camper vans. This proposal has been checked out by various ex-service organizations and it appears genuine. Its value is about \$300 and it would be a good opportunity to test out a camper van if you haven't already done so. Anyway, it's a generous offer and offered in good spirit. We would appreciate some feedback from anyone who takes advantage of this offer.

Our next AGM will on Monday 22 August 2011 at 1100 hrs at the Hunters Hill RSL Sub-Branch Hall, corner Alexander and Ady Streets, Hunters Hill NSW. If you are in town on that day why not come along and support your Association.

There is growing concern in the Defence community about former members who are receiving military superannuation but having it indexed in alignment with the CPI instead of the higher indexation of the Age Pension. The Defence Force Welfare Association and others such as Brigadier Neil Weekes, AM, MC (Rtd) and Peter Thornton have attempted to overturn this by pressuring the Government to provide indexation that protects the pension purchasing power. The present indexation for the Age Pension does that. Members of the ADF deserve the same indexation for their pensions: nothing more, nothing less. On 16 June 2011 Liberal Senator Michael Ronaldson's fair Indexation Bill was debated in the Senate and rejected by the Government, The Greens and some senators who publicly supported fair indexation but who then voted on party lines to oppose it. We have inserted documentation in this edition should you wish to be more aware of what is happening, and also if you wish to contact your local federal member. We will also email these details to those on the net. However, only those members (about 70) who we think stayed in the Army for more than 20 years are affected. If you didn't get an insert or email and think you should have, let us know and we'll send you one.

Ocka



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ANZAC DAY IN SYDNEY

The weather was terrible to say the least. Rain squalls and wind were the order of the day, especially during the Dawn Services at Martin Place, SME, and Middle Head. Umbrellas were pretty useless. Raincoats and tight hats were what were needed. And it didn't get much better for the march. The crowds and marchers were down, mainly due to the poor conditions, but also because we were still in school holidays and Easter. Allan Reading laid an Association wreath at the SME Dawn Service.

Ocka with his new knee and son, Anthony, assisted by son-in-law Matt Corton fortified the troops before the march with a dram or two of something to warm us up a bit. As usual the well turned out Banner Party from 6 Field Squadron, 8 Combat Engineer Regiment ensured that nearly everyone was in step. Garry Smyth led our contingent. Well done Gazza.

After the march the troops found comfort and a few old mates in nearby pubs before returning to Hunters Hill. The numbers were down here too with only about 50 attending. Still we all had a good time. The caterers did the right thing again, assisted by Kaye Shannon. Ocka brought some exceptionally good prawns from Costis Seafood who always do the right thing for us and sell them at nearly cost price. Kaye brought Ken along for lunch. He's still not well but a bit better than when we last saw him and he had a good afternoon with his mates.

Ian Johnston brought his model of *AV1354 Brudenell White* which made a good centre piece and created a lot of conversation – including a few arguments.

The raffle prizes were the popular solid brass marine clocks and barometers on cedar and mahogany backing boards. The winners (all Association members) were:

1st Prize: 5” Barometer Ticket No 0706 won by John Bonnett, Canberra ACT

2nd Prize: 6” Clock Ticket No 0912 won by Rodger Seaward, Blackwood SA

3rd Prize: 5” Clock Ticket No 2057 won by Alan Rix, O’Possum Bay TAS

The door prizes were kindly donated by Sid Cheeseman. They were sets of medallions and lapel badges depicting various themes of the Vietnam War and were won by Terri Huber (a friend of Ken Hull) from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada and John McGregor (a friend of Bungy Waters) from North Avoca, NSW Australia. Well done and thanks to everyone who supported the Association by participating in the raffle. It looks like we will keep these clocks and barometers as prizes because they are so popular. However, if anyone has a better suggestion then please let us know.



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Garry Smyth leading the contingent with Dave Clarke keeping pace with his umbrella



John Gerber and John McGregor bringing up the rear with Ron Cavell in the blue blazer





Terri Huber, Ken Hull, Brian Waites and Val Waites



Sid Cheeseman with Geoff Summergreene at the rear



ATTENDANCE AT HUNTERS HILL, ANZAC DAY 2011

Brian Waites, Yarramundi NSW
 Bob Tait, Kellyville NSW
 Peter Tierney, Saratoga NSW
 Garry Smyth, Baulkam Hills NSW
 Jackie Hardie, Mosman NSW
 Ken Shannon, Carlingford NSW
 Kerry Stuart, Lawson NSW
 Ralph Pridmore, Turramurra NSW
 Norm Mason, Woronora NSW
 Graham Murray, Castle Hill NSW
 Beth Murray, Castle Hill NSW
 Ian Johnston, St Marys NSW
 John Gerber, North Rocks NSW
 Claire Gerber, Newtown NSW
 Les Dennis, Toongabbie NSW
 George Cosis, Leumeah, NSW
 Sid Cheeseman, Nth Parramatta NSW
 James Brown, Runaway Bay QLD
 David Petersen, Rowville VIC
 John Bryant, Newport NSW
 Brian Goodes, Hunters Hill NSW
 Bruce Reilly, Camden Park NSW
 Ken Hull, Noraville NSW

Val Waites, Yarramundi NSW
 Jeanette Tait, Kellyville
 Fred Seidenkamp, St Clair NSW
 Geoff Summergreene, Mosman
 John McGregor, Nth Avoca NSW
 Kaye Shannon, Carlingford NSW
 Allan Reading, Engadine NSW
 John Purcell, Mt Sheridan QLD
 Joan Mason, Woronora NSW
 Anthony Murray, Silverdale NSW
 Mick Festing, Bracken Ridge, Q
 George Fisher, Eastwood NSW
 Lyn Gerber, North Rocks NSW
 Ryan Gerber (?), Bondi NSW
 Matt Corton, Silverdale NSW
 Judith Cosis, Leumeah NSW
 Gary Carne, Mt Druitt NSW
 Dave Clarke, Ashfield NSW
 Ross McMurray, West Pymble
 Ken Duncan, Cremorne NSW
 Garry McIvor, Enmore NSW
 Rina Ross, Camden Park NSW
 Terri Huber, Saskatchewan,
 Canada

NEW MEMBER

Welcome aboard **Tom Gilchrist**. Tom served in 32 Small Ship Squadron with *AV1353 Harry Chauvel* in Vietnam in 1967/68 and to New Zealand in 1969 and on *AS3051 John Monash* to Vietnam in 1969. He lives at Golden Bay WA.



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ANZAC DAY IN CANBERRA

Speedie Sahariv reported that there was quite a big turnout of around 30,000 people at the Dawn Service and about 9,000 watched the march. There were only four members of the Association at the march – Speedie, Warren Barsley, Frank Poole and Bruce Glossop.

The Sapper contingent was led by Lieutenant General John Sanderson who has returned to Canberra after his appointment as Governor of Western Australia. Speedie didn't say where they adjourned to for refreshments after the march but I suspect it was the Ainslie Rex – or whatever it's called these days.



Bruce Glossop and Frank Poole
(The Blues Bros)



Warren Barsley receiving an op
order from Lord Baden Powell



ANZAC DAY IN PERTH

Charlie Deans reported that there were big numbers at the Dawn Service at Kings Park and the march in Perth but he was the only water transport Sapper at both. The others were attending services at other locations. However, the weather there was good (unlike the eastern states) but they need rain badly.

After the march the Sappers assembled at the Ryan Club with 13 Field Squadron at Karrakatta for refreshments.



Charlie Deans at the Perth Dawn Service with a NZ Sapper mate who appears to be pining for the fjords.



DONATIONS

Many thanks to these generous members who recently made donations:

Jock Balfour, Bill Bott, Gary Carne, Phil Cameron, Brian Clulow, Mal Campbell, Jerry Davey, Les Dennis, Gerry Dunn, Warren Farmer, Keith Ford, Charles Gillman-Wells, Fraser Hethorn, Ross Hayes, Peter Jansen, Ray Mazurek, Jim Mulligan, Bob Madgwick, Angus McKinnon, Des McDonald, Bob McLeod, Brendan McCormack, Noel Norton, Mike Priest, Paul Quarmby, Michael Schultz, Wayne Summerhayes, Rodger Seward, Pat Scott, Brian Willcock, Kieth Brown, John McGregor and Kevin Yesberg.

Your generosity is most appreciated. Well done to all of you! If I've left anyone out please contact me and I'll rectify it in the next newsletter.

Here's a picture from Gerry Dunn of the Glenorchy Gathering in March.



Left to right, Peter Atkinson, Darrell Crilley, Gerry Dunn, Pat Scott, Carl Nobelius, Tim Gay, Paul Quarmby and John Purcell. They were all part of the crew of *AS3051 John Monash* in 1972. I don't know where the other part was.



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VALE – GEORGE STUBBS

15 April 1933 – 15 June 2011

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Lieutenant Colonel George Douglas Stubbs, RFD, ED, RAE. He died of a stroke on 15 June 2011. Many of us would remember George as the First Mate on AV1356 *Clive Steele* in Vietnam in 1968 / 69. He was a CMF officer seconded to 32 Small Ship Squadron on full time duty for operational service. George also did a trip to New Zealand in mid-1968 on AV1353 *Harry Chauvel* where he was Chief Instructor on a navigation course.

George was a popular and well respected member of our Association, and a good role model. He contributed many items to Dave Perham when he was preparing his book, "Rolling Through 32". He recently produced an interesting article on the genesis of 32 Small Ship Squadron where it was formerly designated 32 Inland Water Transport Operating Squadron in Brisbane. This article will be included in the next newsletter. Also, he produced two articles for the Royal United Services Institute (Queensland Branch) titled "The River War and the French Influence in South Vietnam 1967 – 1972" and "US Riverine Operations in South Vietnam 1967 – 1972". These should be of interest to our members and will be included in future newsletters

His civilian employment was as a teacher with the prestigious Anglican Church Grammar School in Brisbane, and this was where his memorial service was held.

George's Army service spanned over 31 years: from 1953 when he was called up for National Service to 1984 when he retired from the Army Reserve. Units he served with included:

- 11 National Service Training Battalion
- 32 Small Ship Squadron
- 4 Small Ship Troop
- 34 Water Transport Squadron
- 20 Commander Royal Engineers
- Headquarters 10 Transport Column
- 1 Training Group
- 2 Transport Company
- 1 Movement Control Unit
- Headquarters 1 Division
- Headquarters 1 Transport and Movement Group

John Purcell recalls that he first met George in 1968 where he was OC of 34 Water Transport Squadron. Bill Tindale was the 2ic and the ARA Cadre Officer. Not long after that George entered full time duty with the CMF and served on the *Clive Steele* in Vietnam, as mentioned earlier.

George started his working life as a shipwright and actually went to sea with the Port Line on the Australia / Canada run. When he returned he applied for a position as a manual arts teacher. He was then appointed to a high school at Biloela Qld, where he stayed for two years. Whilst there he helped form a detachment of E Company, 42 Battalion, Royal Queensland Regiment (headquartered at Rockhampton). He was one of the first platoon commanders.

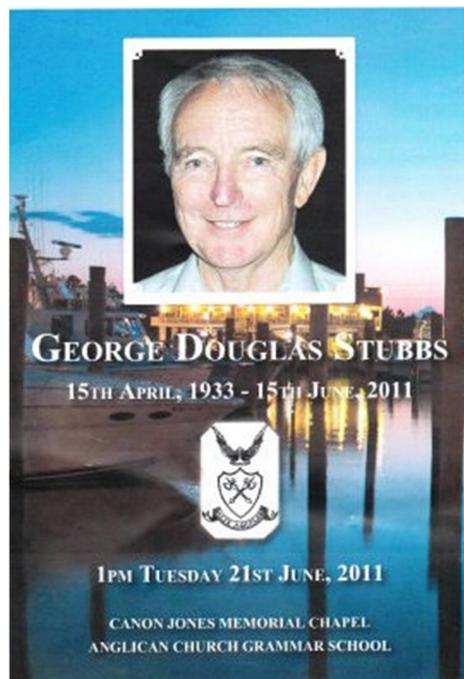


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Back in Brisbane with the Education Department he taught at quite a few schools and ended up at Brisbane State High School as Subject Master. At that time he was also studying for his Bachelor of Education Studies at the University of Queensland. At 55 years of age he retired from the Education Department and went to England where he worked at the London Nautical School (the same school that Tony Batt attended). Coming back to Brisbane he then went to the Anglican Church Grammar School where he taught technical subjects and also ran the Naval Cadets. He retired from this school in the late 1960s and then did supply teaching at a few private schools. Actually, he only retired from teaching at the end of last year, aged 77.

George's funeral service was held at the Anglican Church Grammar School, Brisbane on 21 June 2011 and was attended by over 300 people. Our Association was represented by John Purcell, Dave Jupp, Les McFadzen and Bruce Pattison. Many of George's friends from the old Brisbane Water Transport units attended as did many of his fellow teachers and staff at various schools.

Our condolences go to George's wife, Joan and their children, Lyn, Nigel and Peter.



Thanks to Joan, Lyn, John Purcell and Dave Jupp for information they provided about George



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George, on his return from Vietnam in 1969



Fred Hartnack, left and George Stubbs on the bridge of AV1353 *Harry Chauvel*



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VALE – BRIAN SMITH

3 January 1934 – 12 December 2010

Captain Brian Davis Cunningham Smith, RAE / RACT, passed away in Greenwich Hospital, Lane Cove, NSW after a long battle with cancer on 12 December 2010. Brian was a long standing member of our Association, along with his brother Gary.

Brian was born in Bangor, County Down, Northern Ireland on 3 January 1934. After he arrived in Australia he worked as a commercial artist for Black and White cigarettes and later entered the electrical industry where he was a sales manager. His Army history follows.

He enlisted in 30th Battalion NSW Scottish Regiment in 1956.

Transferred to 1 Movement Control Training Group in 1958

Promoted to WO1 in 1968

Posted to 33 Terminal Squadron in 1978

Promoted to Captain and posted to Logistics Branch, Headquarters 2nd Military District in 1986.

Posted to 11 Movement Control Group in 1987.

Elected discharge in 1992.

Brian was married three times and had three children to his first wife. He is survived by eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Our condolences to his family.



WO1 Brian Smith



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VALE – ERIC HALE

8 February 1936 – 25 April 2011

Corporal Eric Cecil William Hale, RAE passed away on ANZAC Day 2011. He had been ill for some time with a brain tumour. His wife, Kim, said that after a long battle with this debilitating illness he died peacefully at 9.00 am.

Eric was a stalwart of our Association and a former committee member. He always attended the Sydney ANZAC Day march and lunch at Hunters Hill. He was of the 'old school' of water transport in that he joined the Army in July 1953 and after Corps training at SME did a seamanship course at the Tn Centre and was posted to 2 Small Ship Troop. He served aboard *AV1379 Tarra* for nearly two years. Ken Duncan recalled that as a young Lieutenant in 1954 he sailed with Eric and Peter Bayliss on the *Tarra*.

Eric served in Papua New Guinea in 1959 and Japan in 1960. He also served in 32 Small Ship Squadron. He elected discharge in July 1962, exactly nine years after he enlisted.

Eric worked in various jobs after leaving the Army – as a salesman, traveller, security guard, meat worker, labourer and truckie, and in 1971 he joined Australia Post as a driver. He remained there for 20 years, eventually becoming a transport supervisor. Eric was retrenched from Australia Post during one of its many restructures and at an age of almost 60 he trained as a security officer and was employed by Chubb Security at the Commonwealth Bank head office at Burwood NSW. The security contract eventually changed hands and the huge American company, EDS took over all computer operations at the site and Eric enjoyed the next eleven years there as Concierge. At age 70 in 2006, Eric decided he'd like to retire to his and Kim's cottage at Bellbird, in the Hunter Valley NSW.

Eric's achievements all relate to the people in his life – there really weren't many spectacular career or financial achievements, just lots of very loved people – great family and wonderful friends. He was a truly great bloke and it was Kim and Shanan's joy to have spent the last three months caring for, laughing, crying and just enjoying every moment that they still had him.

Eric's funeral service was held at Nulkaba (near Cessnock NSW) on 29 April 2011. Our Association was represented by Alan Hyde and George and Judy Cosis. Refreshment after the funeral was at the nearby Bellbird Workers Club where Eric was a regular. In fact it was there he made his way most afternoons, enjoying a few black beers (it's all they drink in the Hunter) with the locals, many of whom became great friends.

Our condolences - and thanks to Kim for providing details of Eric's life after he left the Army.



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A recent photo of Eric



Young Eric Hale in the early 1950s (not much difference really)



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VALE – BILL HENSHAW

13 November 1938 – 27 May 2011

Ex-Sergeant William Henshaw, RAAOC passed away on 27 May 2011 following a brain aneurism a few days earlier. He was not in good health in recent years. He survived cancer in 2009 but after that he had about 20 screws and braces placed in his spine to help straighten it and also suffered a severed nerve in his left arm. He said at that time that “apart from that I’m in pretty good shape!”.

Bill joined the Army in 1965 and after recruit training at Kapooka was allocated to RAAOC and posted to 1 Base Ordnance Depot, Meeandah, and later to Enoggera and Gaythorne. He was promoted to Corporal in 1966, and in 1968 was promoted to Sergeant and posted to 32 Small Ship Squadron as a storeman. He did a number of trips on *AS3051 John Monash* which included Vietnam and Malaysia. After disbandment of the Squadron he was posted to 1 Terminal Group. In 1973 he was posted to 2 Base Ordnance Depot, Moorebank and in the same year was posted to 21 Supply Battalion, Singleton. He was medically discharged from the Army in 1977.

Bill’s funeral service was held at Barraba NSW Lawn Cemetery on 1 June 2011. Many friends and relatives attended. Our Association was represented by John Samin, President of the Barraba RSL Sub-branch.

Our condolences go to Bill’s wife, Beryl and their children, Wendy, Bryan, Debbie, Helen, James and William.



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VALE – GEORGE CRICK

17 November 1947 – 24 April 2011

Sadly, ex-Sapper George Charles Crick passed away on 24 April 2011. George was a National Serviceman and served between July 1969 and August 1971. During his posting with 32 Small Ship Squadron he sailed on *AV1354 Brudenell White* a number of times including her service in Vietnam in 1970.

George was a Victorian and spent most of his life in the Traralgon area. For many years he was an inspector with Worksafe Victoria. After retiring he was actively involved with the Country Fire Authority and served with the Traralgon Fire Brigade from 1984 until his death. At the time of his passing he was a current operational fire fighter with the rank of 1st Lieutenant. He was a recipient of the National Medal and 12, 20 and 25 year service awards. He was also the recipient of “Fire Fighter of the Year” award for three years. George was a crew leader and as well as attending local fires and incidents he volunteered for fire fighting in the Great Divide, Grampians, Canberra, Northern NSW and the Black Saturday bushfires in Victoria.

Fellow officers at the Traralgon Fire Brigade stated that George was a great team member, a mentor to young and old, and consistently led from the front – he was always available when other members asked for assistance or advice. One of his greatest contributions to the Brigade was his assistance in obtaining a much needed Breathing Apparatus Van. For three years he worked hard to convince the appropriate authorities that such a vehicle was necessary and when approval was given he was at the forefront in raising funds to purchase it and conducted the necessary training for Brigade members. Today it is parked at the Fire Station as a testament to his unselfish commitment to the brigade and the community.

George had three children from a previous marriage. His devoted partner for the last ten years was Lucinda Marshall. Condolences from our Association go to Lucinda and the family.

The funeral was held at Traralgon on 2 May 2011. It was a great send off for George, with many CFA friends in attendance. The Traralgon and other local fire brigades provided a Guard of Honour of 70 fire fighters and a fire truck bearing the coffin. The Traralgon RSL Sub-Branch officiated at the service.

Thanks to CFA colleague, Bob Lorenz for providing the information about George.



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Peter Lockwood, Operations Officer, Gippsland CFA (left) presenting George Crick with his 25 year Service Medal



George (left) with a couple of mates from 32 Small Ship Squadron



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VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY

A Vietnam Veterans' Day Commemoration Service will be conducted at the RAE Vietnam Memorial at the School of Military Engineering, Steele Barracks, on Thursday 18 August 2011 commencing at 1100 hrs. This invitation is for all members of the public, Sappers, ex-Sappers and their guests. It is requested that a lounge suit or a coat, tie and medals be worn. Please assemble at 1045 hrs at the RAE Vietnam Memorial which is located on Bircross Road. Show your driver's licence to the guard at the front gate, turn right at the first intersection and follow the signs to the car park. During the service an address will be given by Colonel John Toyne, AM (Rtd) who was a Troop Commander with 17 Construction Squadron in Vietnam in 1970/71.

Following the service a lunch will be served at the Sportsman's Club for \$20.00 per head. A cash bar will be operating. This will also be a good opportunity to visit the various displays in the Heritage Precinct in the vicinity of the Memorial. If you can attend this ceremony please fill out the form below. If you just wish to attend the ceremony and not stay for lunch there will obviously be no cost.



Yes, I will attend the Commemoration Ceremony / Lunch on 18 August 2010

NAME:..... \$20.00
 ADDRESS:.....
 PHONE NO:.....
 GUESTS NAMES\$.00
 Total \$.00

Please make cheques and money orders out to: **RAE Vietnam Memorial** and post to:

RAE Vietnam Veterans' Day
PO Box 165
MOOREBANK NSW 1875

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'Welcome Mr. Sebastian Spencer'

Well there is one very important change that we simply must inform you of; we have a new curator! Please join us in a huge RAE welcome to Mr Sebastian Spencer. Sebastian is our fulltime curator and hails from an ex-Navy museum background. But that's not all; he also brings a steak knife set! (OK just kidding about the knives). Sebastian has Royal Engineer blood running through his veins!! I'm sure Sebastian will add some spit and polish to our collection in more ways than one! Sebastian, great to have you on our turf and with our collection; we look forward to the road ahead.

Update – There is a cow involved some how?



(Previously referenced in many in past Newsletters)

Update - The RAE world map has progressed..



(Previously mentioned in Newsletter #056)

62ft FAST SUPPLY / AMBULANCE LAUNCH

Check this out; the lads involved with the AWTA collection (namely Mr Ken Duncan and Mr Cec Weekes) have been busy constructing a mock wheel house for visitors to get a feel of what it was like on the deck. Essentially there were 24 constructed for the Australian Army for WW2, some remained in service until the late 1960's; they basically carried 17 stretchers or approx 8t of cargo. If you have not seen the Small Ships display; do yourself a favour and come in and have a "Captain Cook". A great project; nice one, me hearties!



To give you an idea, here is a scale model of the launch mentioned above.



Well, shiver me timbers and swab the deck; Sebastian welcome, and thats your lot for this newsletter

"Preservation of our heritage"

060 Mr Sebastian Spencer - 14062011



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"We need you again"



REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!

Townsville will host Australia's biggest reunion of National Servicemen with four days of celebrations.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- » Meet and Greet
- » Public Concert
- » Dinner Dance
- » Commemorative Service
- » Parade
- » Farewell BBQ

COSTS:

- » National Service 60th Anniversary registration \$50
- » Dinner Dance \$62



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SHIP'S CLOCK – AS3051 JOHN MONASH

This clock was given to us by Bob Madgwick who noticed it in a museum store as “surplus stock”. It was presented to *AS3051 John Monash* in 1971 in Singapore during a major refit. Oeka Murray had it serviced and mounted on a timber backing board. The Association will donate it to the Water Transport Collection at the RAE Museum



The inscription reads:

AS3051 JOHN MONASH

This clock was presented to *AS3051 John Monash* by Sembawang Shipyard, Singapore during the ship's refit in August 1971

APPRENTICES RE-UNION

The Australian Army Apprentices Association is holding a re-union for all apprentices and staff in Canberra from October 27 to 31. Details of the event are available from www.austarmyapprentice.org or call Frank Maloney on 0418 728 181 or Frank Poole on 0416 193 387.



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Media Release June 2011

Free Road-trip for Vietnam Vets

Wicked Campers is currently offering all Vietnam Vets a FREE road trip.

The special entitles each Vietnam Vet to complimentary campervan rental for five days.

Wicked owner John Webb said the aim of the deal was to say thank you for the huge contribution the Vets have made to our country.

"It's my way of showing our appreciation," he said. "For any Vets who have a bit of spare time, it's a great way to see more of Australia for free."

The approximate value of the giveaway is \$300.

WICKED OFFER FOR VIETNAM VETS

- 5-day complimentary road trip for Vietnam Vets (subject to availability).
- Vans available from Wicked Depots in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide, Airlie Beach, Alice Springs, Broome, Byron Bay, Cairns, Darwin, Exmouth, Hervey Bay and Hobart.

Wicked vans sleep 2-3 people and are fully equipped with a kitchenette, camping stove, internal table and lounge, and a camping table and chairs. The deal is available for 2 or 3 seater models. Re-location deals are also often available for only \$1 a day.

Wicked Campers are in 14 locations across Australia, with around 900 vans nationwide. They provide an affordable way for travellers to see the country, combining transport and accommodation into one cheap price. Wicked has also expanded overseas, with depots in Canada, USA, Thailand, Chile, Africa, New Zealand and the UK.

To make a booking, phone Wicked Campers on 1800 246 869.

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PROPERTY FOR SALE

Ties	\$25.00	LSM Lapel Badge	\$12.00
Association Book	\$30.00	Collar Badge	\$12.00
25 th Anniversary Plaque	\$25.00	Association Woven Patch	\$8.00
Association Cap Navy Blue	\$15.00	Car sticker	\$5.00
Association Polo Shirt (navy blue only) made to order			\$30.00

Please contact Ken Shannon 02 9871 4667 or property@32smallshipsqn.org.au

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