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FOREWORD

Since the publication of the last issue of the Magazine, many changes have taken place at the Royal Australian Naval College. Those changes have not been in the physical character of *Creswell*, which remains much as it always has been—a cluster of picturesque white buildings skirting the quarterdeck and huddling beside the clocktower. Those associated with the College in years gone by would still recognise the clocktower as the most distinctive landmark in the area. The changes have, in fact, been of far greater significance than the addition of new bricks and mortar.

The past year has seen the introduction into *Creswell* of a wide range of officer training activities. These include Supplementary List, Special Duties, Direct Entry, Reserve Officer, Foreign Officer, and Basic Air Training Courses—all of which are now centralised in *Creswell* together with General List Officer Courses. In the very week that this magazine goes to press, Supplementary List officer trainees of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service are being inducted into the Australian Navy at *Creswell*, marking a further significant change in *Creswell's* functions.

All of these developments should be seen in perspective, however, not merely as significant per se, but significant as steps in the general evolution of the Navy and of the Naval College.

Founded in 1913 at Geelong and named after the then Chief of Naval Staff, Rear-Admiral Sir William Creswell, the College first moved to Jervis Bay in 1915. In 1930 it was relocated at Flinders Naval Depot (HMAS *Cerberus*).

Twenty years ago, on 20 January 1958, the College returned to the shores of Jervis Bay and was commissioned as HMAS *Creswell*. The Commanding Officer was Captain W. J. Dovers DSC who retired from the Navy in



1975 in the rank of Rear-Admiral. Coincidentally at the time of commissioning, the present Commanding Officer of HMAS *Creswell*, Captain R. M. Baird, was a young lieutenant and one of the four divisional housemasters at the College.

Those young men who formed the intake of twenty years ago now form the middle strength of the RAN officer corps. In 1958, the majority of our officers under training had not been born or were babes in arms, just as the sailors whom our current trainee officers will lead have not yet been born or are young children at school. The evolutionary process goes on and current developments in *Creswell* should be seen in the light of that process. What may seem revolutionary today will be seen, tomorrow, as just another step in the overall development of officer training and in the growth of the RAN.

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IN MEMORIAM—MR REX BENSON DFC BSc

A sad loss to the Royal Australian Naval College occurred with the death on 2 March 1978 of Mr R. A. (Rex) Benson.

Rex was born in Adelaide in 1920 and educated in England. He joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve before the War as a Sergeant-Pilot and later flew as an observer. He was one of the few Australians to fly in action during the Battle of Britain, and took part in the first raids on Berlin. He was shot down after his twenty-seventh raid but managed successfully to crash land his aircraft. He transferred to Bomber Command, completed thirty-nine more missions as a 'Pathfinder' and won his DFC. He served as squadron navigator and later squadron bombardier in Malta.

Invalided out of the RAF in 1948, Rex returned to Australia and began his BSc studies at Melbourne University. At this time the injuries received in his 1941 crash landing caused him to be hospitalised for more than three years. He completed his degree studies and met his future wife, Lydia, during this time. He next qualified as a Patent Examiner after passing legal exams and was later Housemaster at the Hutchins School, Hobart. He joined the staff of RAN College in 1959.

Rex was an active cricket coach and umpire and soccer coach and referee in addition to his lecturing position in the College science department. He was friend and mentor to hundreds of cadet officers, actively and enthusiastically participating in all aspects of College activity.

His lively wit and enthusiasm, the friendliness and support which he offered junior officers will be sadly missed by those who knew him.

The following tribute to Rex was written by a fellow lecturer:

'Rex always had a deep and sincere concern for the welfare of individual cadets. He knew them all well and followed their careers after they left the College. In return a great many wrote to him frequently and sought his advice when they had problems. Rex spent a great deal of time assisting cadets with extracurricular activities, especially soccer, cricket, debating and jazz and revue. In all of these, his quickness of thought and keen sense of humour were used to advantage. He was a man of abundant energy and high physical fitness. Remembering his bouncing stride as he set off to umpire a soccer match, many of us were deeply affected when one of his legs was amputated in an attempt to arrest the spread of the malignant tumour which some months later caused his premature death.

Despite the most distressing pain and worry that he lived with after this operation Rex returned to teaching at the College, determined that his students (particularly the degree course in Oceanography) should suffer the minimum disadvantage from his illness. When, after making strenuous efforts to rehabilitate from the loss of his leg, he learned that he had only a short time to live, he accepted the news with courage.'

RIP



College Notes

EXERCISE SEATRIN ONE

Thirty-one officers under training from the 1976 and 1977 Creswell Course took part in Exercise SEATRIN ONE in the general purpose vessels HMAS *Bass* and *Banks* from 25 November to 16 December. Led by LEUT J. Young (HMAS *Banks*) and LEUT C. Barr (HMAS *Bass*) the officers under training travelled either to Hobart or to Adelaide to join their ships for two and a half weeks of on-the-job practical training.

This is the first time such an exercise has been held and the advantages have been considerable. The aim of the training period was to provide the officers under training with some practical sea experience where they would have to exercise the theoretical knowledge previously gained and assume responsibility (in proportion to their experience) for practical evolutions at sea. In addition this training was viewed as a means of overcoming any deficiencies in general naval knowledge and in naval terminology, and as a means of increasing motivation.

All of those who participated relished the opportunity to be at sea in a semi-operational role, and a marked increase in motivation and morale resulted when the realisation came home that they could actually operate a ship at sea and practise what they had been learning at the College.

The conclusion to LEUT John Young's report states:

'I consider that Exercise SEATRIN ONE has been immensely successful. It was gratifying to watch midshipmen take on new responsibilities and to respond well to the considerable challenge placed before them. At the end of the exercise, *Banks* was performing with credit and was evaluated favourably by the Naval Officer in Charge, South Australia CMDR P. M. Mulcare RAN, and the Royal Navy Liaison Officer, Canberra, CAPT Pinkster RN . . . The coxswain of HMAS *Banks* has suggested that this exercise should have been named "HEAD START ONE" in recognition of the advantages to be gained.'

Those advantages have indeed been recognised and by the time this article is being read, Exercise SEATRIN TWO will have been completed. The name has not been

changed but in terms of the learning experience provided the exercise will have given the participants a great HEADSTART for their training cruise as Class III midshipmen in 1979.

VISIT BY NIGERIAN NAVAL OFFICERS

The College was visited in December 1977 by four officers of the Nigerian Navy who were on a tour of Australian Service establishments. The purpose of the visit was to examine the RAN method of training officers in preparation for establishing their own naval college.

OPERATION JUBILEE SALUTE

One hundred and four officers under training took part in the Operation Jubilee Salute March through the streets of Sydney on Saturday 3 December. The march, part of the celebrations to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's accession to the throne, was a most enjoyable and exhilarating experience for those who took part. The position they held at the head of the march was an honoured one and their performance was most deserving of that place of honour.

JAZZ AND REVUE 1977

As usual the annual Jazz and Revue production produced many laughs. Some acts 'came across' better than others, of course, but it was obvious to all that much thought and plenty of hard work had gone into the production. For the first time, the entire show was produced by cadets and midshipmen without help from the staff (except for some minor censoring by LEUT Jones!). The Committee and back-stage crew, all very ably co-ordinated by Mark Georgelin, put together a most entertaining show.

The Training Office staff and Mr Rex Benson and LEUT Colin Davidson contributed two excellent sketches, while perhaps the two most outstanding acts were 'This is your Life' and the opening skit (which unfortunately was missed by the Training Officer LCDR Peter Horobin). MIDN Spruce's and CMID Straughan's pie-in-the-face performance was probably the most popular act, and certainly the most profitable, the raffle raising \$46.64 which was donated to Legacy.

VISIT TO THE INDONESIAN ARMED FORCES ACADEMY

In August–September 1977 the Chief Cadet Captain Max Andrews and the four Cadet Captains David Littlehales, Gerry Christian, Brian Marien and Grant Ferguson accompanied by LCDR Jordon spent two weeks in Indonesia as guests of the Indonesian Armed Forces Academy (AKABRI). Staff cadets from Duntroon and Point Cook also took part in this annual visit, whose aim is to develop understanding and friendship between the future Service officers of the two countries.

Although the trip to and from Indonesia was exhausting (two days each way in an RAAF C-130 Hercules transport aircraft) it was judged well worth the effort by all involved for the insights it provided into Service life in Indonesia and into the cultural and social life of the Indonesian people generally. The trip began in Jakarta and progressed to the Police Academy at Sukabumi in West Java, the Army Academy at Magelang and the Airforce Academy at Jogjakarta in Central Java, and finally to the Naval Academy at Surabaya in East Java which was the point of departure for the return journey.

The hospitality of the host Services was almost overwhelming at times and no effort was spared to provide the visiting cadets with opportunities to see cultural attractions and go shopping as well as to experience the daily routines and activities of their Indonesian counterparts.



AKABRI VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

In February of this year as part of the annual reciprocal visit between cadet officers of the Australian and Indonesian armed forces, a group of twenty Indonesian cadet officers visited the College for three days. Unfortunately because of an accommodation shortage in the College at that time, the visitors had to be accommodated at HMAS *Albatross*, which robbed the visit of some of its value. Nevertheless the AKABRI cadets were able to gain a first-hand knowledge of life at the Naval College including boatwork and seamanship. The visit was also of great value to the members of IIC Indonesian class who acted as host cadets and were able to put their newly-acquired Indonesian language to the practical test.





CNS makes a point with Academic Heads of Department (L to R) Dr H. Kemp, Mr J. Casey, Mr J. Wolstenholme, CAPT D. J. McKeegan (Director of Studies)

VISIT TO *CRESWELL* BY CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF

The Chief of Naval Staff (Vice-Admiral A. M. Synnot, AO, CBE) visited HMAS *Creswell* on Tuesday 14 February 1978.

CNS was particularly interested in examining *Creswell's* new expanded role of Officer Training. This training now includes professional and academic training for Supplementary List Officers and courses for Direct Entry Officers in addition to the normal General List Officer Training.

During his visit CNS enjoyed a comprehensive tour of the establishment including some married quarters and all single accommodation.

As a result of his discussions with *Creswell's* Commanding Officer and other members of the training staff, CNS gained a clear impression of *Creswell's* new role in training.

The following signal was later received from CNS:

Thank you for arrangements made. The visit was valuable to me and it was pleasing to see the enthusiasm with which personnel are approaching their tasks. The RAN College is taking on its increased role well and it is obvious that much initiative has been used.

1978 UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

Fifteen officers under training at the University of New South Wales successfully completed their degree studies in 1977. Their degrees were awarded at Graduation Ceremonies in April 1978 attended by the Chief of Naval Personnel, Rear-Admiral G. R. Griffiths, DSO, DSC, the Commanding Officer, RAN College, Captain R. M. Baird, and the Director of Studies, Captain D. J. McKeegan, MSc, PhD.

Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical)

SBLT T. I. Killow
SBLT K. Malpress
SBLT N. G. Warner

Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical)

SBLT E. Heyting
SBLT I. B. Smith

Bachelor of Surveying

SBLT D. J. Stephenson
SBLT J. C. Tompson

Bachelor of Arts

SBLT M. R. Bresman
SBLT M. E. Deeks
SBLT S. L. Latimer
SBLT A. D. Pearce



The Baddams Brothers—L to R: MIDN Peter, CMID Alan, SBLT Kim, MIDN David.

Bachelor of Science

- SBLT B. M. Brennan
- SBLT S. J. Hart
- SBLT W. R. Philp
- SBLT A. M. Wotton

THE BADDAMS BROTHERS

1978 saw the unique situation of four brothers serving concurrently as officers (or officers under training) in the RAN.

The four brothers of the Baddams family became unique in this respect when David (MIDN BATC Feb. 1978), Peter (MIDN SL Feb. 1978) and Alan (CMID Junior Entry Jan. 1978) joined older brother SBLT (Pilot) Kim as members of the RAN. The three newly joined brothers were all under training at the College in the early part of this year and for the photographic record were joined by brother Kim, currently serving at HMAS *Albatross*.

GUEST LECTURERS

Guest lecturers in the last months of 1977 were the Honourable J. E. McLeay, MP (the Minister assisting the Minister for Defence, who was unable to make the visit himself) and Dr R. O'Neill, BE, MA, D Phil. Mr McLeay spoke about 'Leadership in Politics' while Dr O'Neill, who is Head of the Strategic and

Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University, spoke on 'The Navy's Contribution to Australia's Defence during the next Twenty Years'.

The first guest lecturer of 1978 to visit the College was Sir Philip Baxter, who presented a most stimulating address on the subject of 'A Nuclear Australia in the Twenty-first Century', which evoked a very interested response from those attending and underlined the considerable importance to be gained from the guest lecture concept.

Following Sir Philip's fine lead we have been visited by several senior naval officers who have presented lectures on a series of service-oriented topics. These have included:

- Captain T. A. Dadswell — Aircraft Carriers in the Twenty-first Century
- Captain I. W. Knox — The Development and Defence of Australia's Ocean Resources
- Commodore W. J. Rourke — Managing a Naval Dockyard
- Commodore J. A. Robertson — Maritime Strategy—Its Development and Application
- Captain B. G. Gibbs — Naval Officers and Naval Law



VISITS

VISIT BY COMMODORE B. H. LOXTON

Commodore Loxton visited the College early in March 1978 and reviewed Ceremonial Divisions. After attending church the Commodore bowled the first ball in the cricket match between an RANC XI and FOCEA's XI.

VISIT BY COMMODORE D. H. D. SMYTH, AO

Commodore Smyth visited the College in April and as a former Commanding Officer was delighted to see the progress being made in officer training and to renew his acquaintance with the College.

VISIT BY VICE-ADMIRAL (RTD) SIR ALAN McNICOLL, KBE, CB, GM

Vice-Admiral McNicoll was a welcome visitor to the College in May and was much interested to see the development of *Creswell* as the central officer training establishment of the RAN.

VISIT BY REAR-ADMIRAL P. B. HOGG, RN

Rear-Admiral Hogg, Head of the British High Commission Defence Liaison Staff, accompanied by Commander A. Trenary RN, visited the College on 30 May to gain an insight into the functions of the College and to judge the quality of the officers being trained.



Divisional Notes

COOK DIVISION

1977

Cook Division, as usual, played a large part in the College activities of the past year. The end of last session saw Cook Division lamenting over the departure of our old DO, LEUT Jennings USN. This grief was short lived. LEUT Neal USN was soon on the scene as a replacement with LEUT Jones RAN as assistant DO.

These two officers, with their new blood, coupled with the divisional qualities of pride, prowess and team spirit, produced a winning team. Throughout the session the division took out wins in the major areas of the Creswell Cup, Gibson Shield, Swimming Carnival, and ultimately Cook Division. Perhaps the best indication of this sporting supremacy is the number of awards given: Grant Heinicke and Dave Musgrove (colours for soccer), Geoff Mike and Tony D'orsogna (colours for hockey), Bruce Kafer and Brian Marien (colours for rugby) and Clint Thomas (colours for Australian Rules).

Our superiority was not only on the sporting field. We excelled in professional training as well, as indicated by the lead obtained in boat coxswains tickets.

The division, by achieving so much, ended the year with a flourish and prepared themselves to attack the approaching new year with the same fervour.

1978

With a triumphant entrance the division began the new year. The new entry arrived and were quickly orientated and assimilated. They soon learnt the significance of being in Cook Division and joined the spirit of success that dominates our corridors.

LEUT Jones unfortunately had to depart to further his fleet training and his able replacement was LEUT Jenkins.

With the Division running at full speed in very quick time, the future looked good, particularly when a second place overall in the athletics carnival provided a good start to the year. Ralph Marshall put in an outstanding performance to win the senior athletics championship. The Division also boasted a convincing win in the Solano Cup. However some

minor setbacks in the sphere of marching gave opportunity for our divisional supremacy to be overtaken.

The session ended with farewells to the old Cook 'roosters' who passed out to bigger and better things in the fleet. No doubt they will remember the mighty roosters.

JERVIS DIVISION

1977

The last third of 1977 was a mixture of success and disappointment. Fortunately the disappointments were few and not serious enough to destroy the unity which had developed over the preceding months.

Notable among our successes was the inter-divisional Rugby. Jervis, with such stalwarts as Steve Day, Grant Ferguson and John Campbell, made an easy task of winning the competition. Similar triumphs were enjoyed in soccer and Australian rules.

With the return of Jervis Bay summer weather also came summer sport. Our strength here was not as great as that in winter sport but there were good performances.

September saw our mentors, the class IIs, promoted to Midshipmen, and soon after they handed their divisional responsibilities over to the Class Is. Grant Ferguson handed the position of Cadet Captain to Chris Morris and Max Andrew gratefully let Nigel Coates take the weight as Chief Cadet Captain. Having disposed of their duties the class IIs beat an orderly retreat to that Country Club of Country Clubs, Dowling House.

On the completion of exams, the College began to prepare for leave. Class ID disappeared to HMAS *Watson* for the second year of their degrees whilst IC and IIC prepared, expectantly, for their naval training on Her Majesty's Australian Ships *Bass* and *Banks* in Hobart and Adelaide respectively.

1978

Class I of 1977 returned to RANC shortly before the 1978 new entry to find that they had been promoted to Midshipmen. This certainly helped maintain the faith of the newly promoted Class IIs during the daunting task of training the new entry.



COOK DIVISION

Back row (L to R): Wappett C., Woolf A., Kilby D., D'Orsogna A., Field P., Gilmore S., Lemon M., Kaufhold B., Andrews S., Talbot J., Hanlon G., Fehervari J., Thomas C., Barrett T., Lok R.
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 Front: Gaudry B., Wheeler B., Melton J., Sander M., Berrell L., Casboults S., Davey P., LEUT C. Jenkins, LEUT D. Neal USN, Gough A. (Divn MIDN), POQMG A. Brogan, Lenton D., Tait P., Bryan A., Jones A., Glenn M., Sayer C., Johnston D.

JERVIS DIVISION

Back row (L to R): McKone E., Gray B., Morrison R., Clarke J., Wookey M., May J., Menhinick R., Campbell D., Campbell J., Voss P., Nugent M., Ahern A., Brown M., Elliott M., Lovell S., Bartlett R.
 Centre: Kindness K., Ellis C., Wark N., Vandeeper C., Sherrington T., Kennedy R., Vanbalen M., Warwick P., Allen H., Dale G., Webber G., Jackson G., Lewis G., Lipsett P., Shevlin J., Fredericks G., Bowden S., Gaha P.
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Jervis was particularly fortunate in regard to new entry. We certainly got the best of both J1s and class I(SE). Together with our new DO, LEUT Pedersen, the 'old salts' with one, two or three years previous experience set about showing the new entry the way of life at the College.

Sport was a strong point for Jervis during the first half of 1978. Jervis easily trounced the others in inter-divisional athletics—the winning margin left no doubt as to who was best. Many medals for first places were won by members of the division yet it was the team effort in the all-hands relay which finally clenched our victory.

Jervis never looked back after this initial triumph. Wins followed in winter sports which were finally to win winter sport for us overall. Coupled with our sporting prowess was our marching precision. At one stage we won eight consecutive divisions. Jervis seems poised to win Cock Division.

After an excellent first half of the year, Jervis anticipates a similar performance in the rest of the year. We are well on the way to such an objective with several good wins in the Endeavour Frostbite series and a projected win in the tug-o-war next session promises to be just as good, if not better, than the last.

PHILLIP DIVISION

1977

Under the leadership of Dave Littlehales, Phillip Division passed the second half of 1977 in an outstanding manner. Although we did not do particularly well in inter-divisional sports, we had a very high spirit and sense of comradeship. Members of the division represented the College in every sporting team, and in many cases very well. Even our DO LEUT John Clark RNZN was seen sailing for the College on TY *Franklin*, especially when it ran aground in Callala Bay. Sailing turned out to be the big Divisional success of the year with the Divisional Endeavour *Cararma* winning the JBCYC Point Score. The Division's bosuns also did well, being just pipped on the post in both the Gibson Shield and Peter Sharp competitions.

A tragic occurrence in October 1977 was the death of CMID Michael Foster as a result of a car accident. He joined Phillip Division at the beginning of 1977 as a Class I Senior Entry.

His death was a great shock to all his divisional mates.

1978

In 1978 Colin Cooper took over from Dave as the Cadet Captain, and inherited a Division full of spirit and zest. Dave in turn retired to a life of luxury in Dowling House for the remainder of his time in the College.

1978 began with the arrival of the new entry Junior and Senior intakes, wide-eyed and anticipative of their new role in the navy. They very quickly settled down into the College routine with the ever watchful help of the class II and the J2 old salts.

The first inter-divisional competition in the Beach Olympics Phillip Division easily won, not through individual efforts but through team work and use of our initiative.

With the coming of the athletic season, everybody chipped in, either in supporting or giving their maximum effort in the events. We were narrowly beaten by one point for second place by Cook Division. The events, as usual with Phillip Division, were fought out with true sportsmanlike behaviour, and thus our final placing was not such a great disappointment.

The arrival for a relatively short period of time of the SLs and, for an even shorter period of time, the BATC has given the division not only a greater prowess on the sporting fields, but also a greater spirit in the division.

The first round of winter sports went well for Phillip in that we were undefeated champions in Australian Rules and came second in Rugby Union, narrowly losing to Jervis Division.

Phillip's talent in marching on divisions follows the old saying: 'When they're good, they're very very good, but when they're bad they're horrid'. Phillip during the session won most Ceremonial Divisions as well as Admiral's. Any mistakes made during divisions were due to members of the division being too conscientious in their movements, or having two left feet and two right arms.

During the first session, numerous social activities were held. Everyone enjoyed themselves—in one way or another. There were two separate nights at the Nowra RSL and a divisional barbecue, plus numerous invitations to both the Clarks' and the Kearneys' homes for meals, which were much appreciated.



PHILLIP DIVISION

Back row (L to R): Bottcher R., McDowall S., King L., Gallagher M. F., Curtis C., Gallagher M. J., Fryer-Hornsby P., Christison D., Pasakarnis A., Kay B., Harrison B., Dove I., Hewlett G., Papalia P., Morand D., Moon M.

Centre: Walker D., Sparks I., Fraser P., Hewitt N., Minns R., Campbell G., Deda M., Brooker M., Ford J., Glastonbury S., Legg D., Woods G., Williams S., O'Hagan W., Millet S., Hambour G.

Front: Harlow G., Gardner A., Cooper M., Moore W., Osbourne P., Cooper C., (Divn MIDN), LCDR J. Clark RNZN, CPOQMG M. Kearney, Lugton A., Johnson S., Mike G., Clarke G., Garret D., Gaden B.

Inset: Aldred T.

FLINDERS DIVISION

Back row (L to R): White B., Falconer-Flint C., Daniel M., Craig A., Brown D., McBride G., Harris A., Davis A., Bauerhuit P., Gorey C., Fox M., Prince M., Zerner J., Davies I., Ramsey R., Stutely R., Baddams A.

Centre: Van-Kempen R., Turner G., Roberts R., Saunders G., Lucock D., Hay S., Hoisser J., Stonyer J., RNZN, Clarke M., Errington D., Slader R., Sparks S., DeKort A., Maguire A., James C., Gallon B., Thompson S., Bennett H., South G., Nelson A., Robinson S.

Front: Leggo M., Spencer S., Pead J., Manson J., Carter B., Middleton I., Bates D., Sandeman N., (Divn MIDN), LEUT J. Young, CPOQMG C. Walker, Hayter R., Moore I., Flanagan G., Williams R., Tucker W., Gill A., Nankivell R., Wheeler S.



FLINDERS DIVISION

1977

At the start of the second session 1977 the division was to see numerous changes take place. Firstly LEUT R. E. Shalders was posted to HMAS *Perth* and LEUT J. Young replaced him as divisional officer. After this initial disturbance to the routine the Tigers quickly settled down to the long fight for Cock Division and, whilst excelling on the parade ground, they were not so successful in the sporting arena. Softball seemed to be our strongest sport, with CMIDs Clarke, Gallagher, Sandeman and Osbourne forming the backbone behind our successes.

Another change to the system was the first intake of Supplementary List officers under training. Their arrival marked a considerable change to the whole College as it took over the role of all officer training as opposed to previously being entirely General List officer training.

The J2 members of the Division were seen to emerge after months of gruelling study followed by that terrifying barrier the HSC, complete and unscathed. Congratulations to MIDN Spencer for his tremendous effort in topping the J2 class.

Even though the Division lost no J2s, unluckily three Class Is, MIDNs Osbourne, House and Webb, had to transfer to other Divisions.

MIDN Gerry 'Tennis Ball' Christian handed over his role of Cadet Captain to CMID Steve Robinson in November and we wish Gerry all the best in the fleet. We'll keep the tennis ball warm in your absence.

1978

Flinders Division started off the year in fine form. We have all relished living up to our motto 'Strike Hard, Strike Fast', even the young J1s have displayed this Tiger spirit.

Naturally we have excelled in the sporting field making our presence felt in the Inter-Services Swimming Carnival with CMID Tony Davis winning gold, silver and bronze awards, MIDN Dave Gallagher a gold, MIDN Allan Maguire, CMID Bob Nankivell a gold and silver and MIDN Brad Wier a silver and a bronze.

In the College athletics carnival we struck hard and gained the majority of first places

and although we were not able to come first, it was obvious to all those present that Flinders were really putting their hearts into all events. This was especially true of MIDN Andrew Craig and CMIDs Tony Davis, Simon Thompson and Bob Nankivell. The Beach Olympics were taken out of our grasp at the last minute, so that the tremendous efforts of the Division, especially our 'Iron Man' Bob Nankivell, only enabled us to come a close second.

Even though success on the sporting field proved elusive, Flinders have continued to be supreme on the quarterdeck by winning the majority of weekday and ceremonial divisions.

The only unfortunate note was MIDN Steve Robinson having to give up his role. However, MIDN Nick Sandeman was able to take the helm and the transition was made without any problems to the division.

Also MIDNs Paul Sweeney and Brad Wier and CMID Mick Gallagher found it necessary to leave us, but a member of another division came to his senses and joined us.

It is also interesting to note we have the keenest (and of course the best) fishermen in the College, headed by MIDN Pete Nichols, who with amazing skill managed to catch a 24 kg Jewfish.

Divisional spirit has been kept at a head by the many successful divisional dinners we have had over the past six months. Much thanks must be given to the Divisional Secretaries for their organisation of these many and varied evenings.

To end off our notes here are some interesting quotations from our Log Book:

- Jan 16: 'Nothing important for Flinders happened today except for the arrival of thirty new entry.'
- Jan 22: 'As far as the Division was concerned nothing important happened.'
- Feb 20: 'One J1 had the pleasure of being asked (by an Akabri Cadet) for the "H₂O" at lunch today; so he passed him the butter.'
- May 2: 'This morning was uneventful, this afternoon was uneventful. It is generally thought that today was uneventful.'
- May 6: 'Well today was a very quiet day even I wasn't here.'
- May 14: 'Happy Mother's Day—Nick.'
- June 5: 'Today was a day like any other day ...'

Class Notes

CLASS J1

Life in the Royal Australian Navy began for fifty-three new J1s at 0900 on Monday 16 January at Sydney Central Station. Although we did not realise it we had already made naval History—largest Junior Entry ever. We departed from the civilised surrounds of Central Railway to the wilds of Jervis Bay.

The first two weeks in the Naval College were devoted to basic training. During this period we learnt the difference between a deck and the bulkhead, as well as the correct naval terminology for many everyday items. Some of us also found that the sun rose before 0630 in January, as we were conducted on a sightseeing tour of the establishment via the morning run. We also learnt the difference between our left and right feet, although some had to be occasionally reminded by the Gunnery Chief.

After the two weeks welcoming period it was down to serious study. During the next two years we will study a program with the aim of being awarded the NSW Higher School Certificate. Some of us who came from other States initially had problems in adapting to the new system. Nevertheless two Study Boards have gone by and none of us have been

forced to depart to other pastures. CMID Wheeler is to be congratulated on topping the class for term 2.

On the sporting field we have also made our mark. In every College team the class is represented and some have already been awarded colours and half-colours. J1's contribution is limited not just to the sports field, for there are class members involved in every College activity, such as the War Game Club which we, in fact, started.

Finally, we wish to thank all those who have helped us in the past six months become part of the RAN.

CLASS J2

This the last of the 'Junior Entry' J2 has had a very successful year. Their return before the class I JEs proved to be a success and has been planned again next year to give the New Entry the 'idea of the College'.

Academically the year has been a good one. The class is split for studies and this provides for some intra-class spirit. The whole class have settled down into good regular study patterns and are eager to complete the Higher School Certificate.



On the sporting field J2 prowess has been felt by several classes. The class are presently unbeaten in any sport played against a class, whether they be senior or junior. The class are present holders of the 'Spirit of Sport' trophy, and it was through the class's efforts that this competition was successfully restarted.

The class does not merely stand out in inter-class sporting competitions. Many J2s form the backbone of college sporting teams, ranging from cross-country running to all codes of football. There is no sporting team in the college without a J2 in it.

Socially the year has been outstanding. The postponed Frensham dance took place and a great time was had by everyone. Class dinners have been another feature of the class. The last dinner the class had was an enjoyable night for everyone—including our guests.

CLASS IC

The year began on a very congenial note with the newly joined Senior Entry integrating well with the 'old salts' of the Junior Entry. As a group we had reached the necessary standard to undertake the quite formidable Creswell Course, which certainly made its challenge evident from the outset.

Within a short time the class settled down and the individual talents of each person became evident. The majority of class members found their way into various sporting teams both on the divisional and college levels. The most notable performance must be that of Clinton Thomas who was awarded the Governor-General's Cup for all-round sporting excellence.

In the area of studies we performed creditably but unfortunately some were destined not to make the grade, and it was with regret that Kirran Troy-Johnston and Warwick Hancock departed at the end of session 1. Congratulations, however, must be conveyed to Richard Menhinick who was placed first for the session.

In retrospect we had a very enjoyable year to now, with many good performances from the class as a whole; most particularly, attention must be drawn to a successful Beat the Retreat Guard which comprised *only* IC, and the subtle guidance of Chief Walker and Petty Officer Brogan.

After much deliberation it has been thought

that a class list is a most necessary item in an article such as this:

Cliff Bennett (Woman), Michael Brown (My Mother looks like the Queen), Richard Menhinick (Gringo), Michael Lemon (Crick Bat), Peter Kraus (Cube), Murray (Gray) Fox (Farmer), Clinton Thomas (Spook), Michael Moon (Spick), Graham South (Bucket), Robin Hayter (Pongo), Christopher Curtis (Crow), Eric McKane (Stretchy Man), Lock King (Pixie), Darryl Bates (Weed), David Errington (Derro), Greg Webber (Abdul), George Hambour (Hamster), Bob Morrison (Abadabadu), Wayne McGovern (Maureen), Andy Gill (Markey man), Ian Davis (I don't suck), Bruce Carter (Brick), Michael Gallagher (Head), Noel Hewitt (Arold), Andrew Craig (Herman), John Parkin (Baby Face), Bill Tucker (Soif).

CLASS ID

1978 will probably be remembered as the year in which the BA course was transferred from the University of New South Wales to the College. Due to this and the fact that the senior entry for 1978 was unusually large, ID is now the largest class in the College.

Having the first year of the BA at RANC has caused much displeasure amongst the arts students as they now all have to study a science subject. The level of dejection rose following the exams when many midshipmen felt that their science subjects let them down.

By the middle of the session several facts became clearly evident amongst ID. Firstly, physics is a social disease many of us could well do without. However, here I must state one thing. There do exist those of us who passed the subject. Secondly, many students developed a sudden phobia for physics pracs. Finally PE, with ingenuity, can be avoided; but not too often or in too great a number as certain members of IC are well aware. Actually, statistics show that the dentist has far more visits on days when ID has PE than on other days.

With exams over, and most of ID BA home on three weeks leave, life became more sedate for ID as they won the PS war for session 1 with a strong finish.

Overall it seems that ID has performed creditably in this first session both in academics and naval training.

CLASS II

Class II this year have maintained a steady, undisputed control here at the College—no doubt due to the *Bass* and *Banks* trip. Joining the class at the start of the year were 'Bomber' Kafer, 'Peter Potomos' Naughton, 'Donny-La' Sewell, 'Krazy' Lacaze and the 'College Hero', Ralph Marshall. All ex-degree stream, they adjusted well to College life once again.

Bass and *Banks* was the highlight for the class in December last year, with the boys getting their first taste of what the Navy is really about. Since the trip, Red Watch from *Bass*, namely Slugger, Colin and Goffa, seem inseparable! Included in this period were OOW duties, anchorages and basic seamanship—all of value in future years. Since then the TRV boys have tended to pull the micky out of the salts—but only in jest fellas!

College life has been trying for some of the

class this year, as would be seen by the huge number of pushbutton PSs taken during the course of the year. Exams have certainly taken their bit out of us in both naval training and studies.

The expedition around the bay in the *Endeavours* and *Franklin* early in the year was a welcome respite from the College routine. Led by Goffa the class sailed the calm waters of Jervis Bay in search of the uncatchable fish. Bungy's grounding at Huskisson whilst getting essential supplies was the only unfortunate event of the whole trip.

The wet winch in early June was well received by our potential birdies; although the class would have appreciated a dry winch—it was pretty cold in that water! Perhaps Prelby is trying to fly the coop too?

We turn towards second session of the year one short in number with the departure of Ralph Marshall to greener pastures. Farewell Ralph and may we see you again. Till we are the passing out class, au revoir!



Queen's Medalist MIDN P. D. Leschen is congratulated by the Governor-General.



The Governor-General presents MIDN C. J. Churcher with the United Services Institute of Victoria Prize for dux of the Supplementary List Course.

MIDN M. J. Spruce being congratulated by the Governor-General on receiving the RNZN Prize for Navigation.



MIDN C. W. Thomas receiving the Governor-General's Cup for the best individual performance at all sports.



The Governor-General Sir Zelman and Lady Cowan with members of the Passing Out Class.



Passing Out Parade July 1978

The Passing Out Parade conducted on 6 July 1978 was reviewed by the Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief, Sir Zelman Cowan, AK, GCMG, KStJ, QC. Thirty-three Midshipmen farewelled the College at the parade, signalling the end of Stage One of their officer training. All thirty-three have now been posted to ships of the Australian Fleet or, in the case of MIDNs Christian, Andrews and Spruce, to a ship of the USN, for further training in Stage Two.

The Governor-General congratulates the passing out contingent who paraded in fine but bitterly cold and windy conditions which sometimes reached 60 km/h.

The top prizes of the Queen's Medal and the Otto Albert Memorial Prize for Seamanship were presented to MIDN Peter Leschen of Melbourne. The RNZN Prize for Navigation was awarded to MIDN M. J. Spruce, the Governor-General's Cup for the best individual performance at all sports was won by MIDN C. W. Thomas, and the United Services Institute of Victoria Prize was awarded to MIDN C. J. Churcher (Dux of the Supplementary List Course).

The parade and presentation of prizes was held before a large gathering of senior service officers, academics, diplomatic corps representatives and parents, relatives and friends of the passing out class.

The Chief of the Defence Force Staff, General Sir Arthur MacDonald, Acting Chief of Naval Staff, Rear-Admiral B. S. Murray, Chief of Naval Personnel, Rear-Admiral G. R. Griffiths, the Flag Officer Commanding East Australia Area, Rear-Admiral J. Davidson and the Fleet Commander, Rear-Admiral G. J. Willis, headed the list of visiting senior officers.

Present as special guests of the College were three members of the passing out parade class of 1928, Rear-Admiral T. Morrison (rtd), Mr

G. Rattigan accompanied by Mrs Rattigan, and Mr F. Saunders accompanied by Mrs Saunders, who were invited to mark the fiftieth anniversary of that occasion. Also present as special guests were Commander R. S. Veale RANR (RTD), who was the Governor-General Sir Zelman Cowan's first Commanding Officer in the Naval Reserve in 1940, and Mr Bob White, whose association with the College goes back to his school days here in 1913.

PARADE STATE

Parade Commander	MIDN M. D. Andrews
New Parade Commander	Chief MIDN N. S. Coates
Guard	Officer of the Guard MIDN G. I. Ferguson Second Officer of the Guard MIDN P. G. Lockwood
Petty Officers of the Guard	MIDN M. E. Cordner MIDN M. R. Nicol
Colour Party	Colour Officer MIDN D. C. Littlehales Officer in Charge Colour Party MIDN G. D. Christian
Colour Escorts	MIDN C. J. Bates MIDN N. P. Smith
Cadets and Midshipmen Divisions	Cook Division MIDN A. R. Gough Phillip Division MIDN C. J. Cooper Flinders Division MIDN N. W. Sandeman Jervis Division MIDN C. M. Morris

PASSING OUT CLASSES

CRESWELL COURSE

ANDREWS	Maxwell David	Caloundra, Qld
BATES	Craig John	South Plympton, SA
BRIERS	Peter John	Faulkner, Vic.
CHRISTIAN	Gerald David	East Killara, NSW
FERGUSON	Grant Ian	Weston, ACT
GEORGELIN	Mark Desmond	Coburg, Vic.
HILL	Robert John	Kapooka, NSW
JONES	Gordon Martin	Seacliff Park, SA
LITTLEHALES	David Charles	Kangaroo Ground, Vic.
LOCKWOOD	Peter	Newcastle, NSW
MARIEN	Brian William	Grays Point, NSW
SPRUCE	Michael John	Willoughby, NSW

SUPPLEMENTARY COURSE

ALTHAM	Geoffrey Howard	Nowra, NSW
ATKINSON	Anthony John	Temora, NSW
BOYCE	Roger Livingstone	Ringwood, Vic.
CHURCHER	Christopher John	Windsor Gardens, SA
CORDNER	Michael Ernst	Coorparoo, Qld
HART-DAVIES	Geoffrey Beauclerk	Somers, Vic.
HILLIARD	Bruce Alexander	Wembley, WA
LAWLER	Edmund John	Ainslie, ACT
MARSH	Robert James	Scarborough, WA
MARSHALL	John Alan Hay	Hamilton, Vic.
MASCHKE	John Walter	Sydney, NSW
NELSON	Michael Whitfield	Blackburn South, Vic.
NICOL	Mark Rowland	Bowral, NSW
OTWAY	Nicholas Mark	Sydney, NSW
PEDLEY	Graeme Bruce	Wangi Wangi, NSW
SIEGMANN	Christopher Johann	Nth Clayton, Vic.
SMITH	Noel Patrick	Wallsend, NSW
STOCK	Ian Graham	Salisbury, SA
VIDLER	Alan Douglas	St Albans, Vic.
WEBB	Paul John	Nth Parramatta, NSW
WHINFIELD	Donald John	Narara, NSW

Captain's Speech

Your Excellency, Chief of Defence Force Staff, Chiefs of Staff, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the Royal Australian Naval College.

Your Excellency, we are honoured that you are reviewing this Passing Out Parade as the Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief. As one who has served as a naval officer and whose academic distinction has won acclaim, your example is an inspiration to our young men who aspire to both service and scholarship.

It is especially encouraging to have present so many whose interest and unflagging support in the endeavours of this College have made possible its development. Since these buildings were erected over sixty years ago they have seen much change. Young men have developed and finished their careers which began here. So it is with particular warmth that I welcome those present who passed out of the College as 17-year-olds fifty years ago.¹ I welcome too one who as a small boy came here in 1913 with his father and grandfather,

both of whom were carpenters and who helped build the place. After a long period of service and association with the College he has now retired.²

From your own service in the navy, your Excellency, you will appreciate why we thought it appropriate to have present your first Commanding Officer and I welcome him.³ May I say that I know how you feel as some of my past Captains⁴ are present too.

I am very glad that so many parents and friends from all over Australia are here. The support you have given your sons has been directly responsible for their success and you may justifiably share their pride today.

At this College we seek to provide an introduction to naval life, to provide a sound and balanced education in a naval environment and to develop those qualities which encourage the activity of leadership.

We have several Colleges in one here in that we have distinct groups of officers under training whose careers merge as they progress. This requires us to have three school terms, superimposed upon which are two university semesters. The first group is made up of young men who do the last two years of their secondary education—the so-called Junior Entry of Cadet Midshipmen rank. These people enter from all over Australia and in addition we train young men from New Zealand. All sit the Higher School Certificate at the end of their second year here.

Second, in addition to these Cadets, we have people who have undertaken their Higher School Certificate elsewhere—and again this will have been done at schools all over Australia with the range of attitudes and experience which that brings—and who undertake degrees in Engineering, Science, Arts or Surveying.

Following an association begun in 1967 between the University of New South Wales and the Royal Australian Naval College, the first year of the Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, the Arts and Science degrees is done here at Jervis Bay, the remaining years being undertaken at the University. Some officers attend the University and live at HMAS *Watson* in Sydney while those further on in their degree studies live at the University Colleges or in privately arranged accommodation. The management of this group relies heavily on liaison with HMAS *Watson* and with the University. We are very for-

tunate to have people who foster the interests of our young men at both places and I am delighted to see the principals of the scheme here today.

The third stream which we have here consists of Officers undertaking the Creswell Course. This provides tertiary education for officers who do not study for a degree.

A fourth group of officers undertakes a year-long course of training which is predominantly professional in nature. This is the Supplementary List Course you see in your programs, the graduates of which join with the Creswell Course to form the passing out class today.

Other groups of officers attend the College for professional courses of varying lengths. These include direct entry professional people such as nurses, doctors, chaplains, engineers, dentists and lawyers, new entry Reserve Officers and officers preparing for the Fleet Air Arm. In addition to all these we train foreign officers.

At the end of the year another parade here will mark the end of the first stage of training for those reading for degrees and those Supplementary List officers who joined us at the beginning of this year.

Professional training is carried out throughout all courses; firstly to develop the qualities required in an officer, and secondly to provide sufficient knowledge, background experience and practical competence to enable officers to go forward to the next stage of their training.

In quantitative terms we have at present two hundred and sixty-seven officers under training here and another sixty-eight in various stages of their degrees at Kensington. This latter group comprises those who will attend the Australian Defence Force Academy, Casey University, when that institution is opened. So you will see that the nature of the College is markedly different from the school which existed when it was established.

This year has seen the College accept responsibility for all initial officer training, resulting in more positive control of common training standards and improved efficiency of using instructional resources.

1. Rear-Admiral T. Morrison (RTD)
Mr G. Rattigan
Mr F. Saunders
2. Mr Bob White, who retired in 1978 as a member of the college ground staff.
3. Commander R. S. Veale RANR (RTD).

It is to the credit of those I command, both in and out of uniform, instructors and support staff alike, that the significant rise in student numbers this year has been accepted without significant increase in staff numbers. The next step is to be taken next month when we accept WRAN officers for the Supplementary List Course. The emphasis which the navy places on officers being all of one company will again be reinforced.

In conclusion I would add that all these officers, whatever their form of entry and irrespective of the course they have undertaken, are first and foremost naval officers. They have volunteered to serve their country as leaders and managers, and as they progress through the officer development process they can look forward to a career which is at once full of challenge, satisfaction and enjoyment.

OLD FRIENDS RENEW THEIR ACQUAINTANCE

The July 1978 passing out parade at the Naval College was the place of an unusual meeting, which brought back memories of the early days of the College. Thirty-six years ago Bob White last saw his school-days friend Tommy Morrison, from Jervis Bay Public School.

Tommy Morrison's father had been the headmaster of the Public School until transferring to the Naval College as senior master. Bob White's father had in turn been a carpenter at the Naval College since 1912. In 1925 Tommy Morrison entered the College while Bob joined his father at the College in 1927. However soon both went their own ways.

Outbreak of war however saw both in uniform, Tommy Morrison at this time a

gunnery officer while Bob White served as an able seaman. In 1942 Tommy was serving in *Australia* while Bob was in *Canberra*, and was part of the ship's company when *Canberra* was sunk at the Battle of Suva Island. Rescued, he was sent to Noumea for transportation home. While there Bob White received a message to meet a gunnery officer in HMAS *Australia* which was replenishing at Noumea. That was the last time Bob White saw Tommy Morrison until 1978.

After the war Bob White returned to civilian life, and in 1969 came back to the Naval College as a gardener. Tommy Morrison stayed in the Navy, rising to the rank of Rear-Admiral and FOCAF.

Mr G. Rattigan, Mr F. Saunders and RADM T. Morrison (RTD) of the Passing Out Class of 1928.



Mr R. White and RADM T. Morrison renew their acquaintance.



Sport

CRICKET 1977-78

The 1977-78 cricket season was one of mixed fortune for the RANC 1ST XI. The side, on paper at least, appeared to be strong and well balanced. However, some disappointing performances marred what should have been an immensely successful season. Although the match tally of seven wins, two draws and four losses favoured the college team, consistent performances would have improved the result.

The 1977 half of the season saw the side gain five wins from eight matches. The team performed well as most members had played together previously.

However, a complete reshuffle of the team was necessary upon the arrival of the 1978 new entry. Mick Spruce, Max Andrews, Nick Sandeman, Dave Gallagher and Michael Larsen remained from the 1977 team. Two more wins were recorded from five matches. The losses were the result of some poor batting performances, as the bowling and fielding was first class.

The training sessions, under the guidance of LEUT Kimber, showed there were some promising batsmen available. Simon Millett, Alan Jones, Rod Carson and Glen Hewlett

were all capable of good performances, but unfortunately they did not produce the runs when they were required.

Some of the more notable innings included a spirited 48 by Mick Larsen against St Edmunds, Mick Spruce's fine 47 against Sydney Grammar, Dave Gallagher's 39 not out versus Knox, and a stubborn 35 by Simon Millett against Chevalier in a total of only 72. This sort of determination earned Simon a half colour.

Consistently good bowling was the feature of the season. Max Andrews, who finished with the best bowling average of 7.09, took 31 wickets for the season. This included an outstanding 4 for 11 off 6 overs against Nowra High School.

The team captain, Nick Sandeman, took 52 wickets at an average of 7.44. In three consecutive games Nick returned the magnificent figures of 6/26, 6/38 and 7/16. These performances helped earn Nick a full colour and the Farncomb Cup as the best all rounder.

The Morgan Award for batting went to Mick Spruce with an average of 19.4 from 9 innings. Mick Larsen 17.6 and Dave Gallagher 17.2 also batted well.

Back (L to R): A. Harris, P. Kent, P. Field, D. Errington
Centre: A. Jones, R. Carson, B. White, R. Goulevitch, J. Campbell, G. Hewlett
Front: N. Sandeman, LEUT D. Kimber, S. Millett





REX BENSON MEMORIAL TROPHY

The annual RANC XI v FOCEA's XI cricket match took on new interest in 1978 with the first competition for the Rex Benson Memorial Trophy. Pictured is RANC 1st XI captain MIDN N. Sandeman receiving the trophy from FOCEA Rear-Admiral J. Davidson.

Sincere thanks to LEUT Kimber, who took over the coaching of the side from the late Mr Benson, and to the players who travelled from University each weekend. This was indicative of the fine team spirit that existed throughout the season.

1st DIVISION SOCCER

1977 The College 1st Grade team competed in the Shoalhaven District Second Division competition. Captained by Dave Gallagher (assisted by Dave Musgrove) this fast and precise team was too classy for second division, and ran out effortless Premiers by defeating Bomaderry 5-1 in the Final.

In the course of the pre-season competition the College team defeated *Albatross* for the first time in nineteen years of combat.

At the annually contested *Nirimba Cup*, which is fought out between all available fleet units and establishments, *Creswell* succumbed to the *Nirimba* team in a penalty shoot-out after a drawn grand final.

1978 Peter Osbourne was elected COMGRESSOCRON 1, supported by Willie O'Hagan. Now promoted to 1st Division, the squad remained virtually the same as in the previous year—Bob Grant and Grant Heinicke departed and Cliff Bennet, Michael Van Balen and Dave Clarke moved in. Cliff slotted comfortably into the midfield with Dave Gallagher, Dave Musgrove and Peter Osbourne. These four players became the pivot

about which play revolved. The two Davids, Mick Larsen and Dave Norris came down from *Watson*, joining Gerry Davis who made these weekly pilgrimages for the second year—our heartfelt thanks go out to these lads for their dedicated support.

A blow was dealt to the College as a whole, and to the team in particular, by the death of the father of *Creswell* soccer—Mr Rex Benson. His devotion to the art of soccer was an inspiration to the team.

We also started this season in fine style, storming to a 6-2 victory over *Albatross*. However, as the other teams attained match fitness our task became harder—though the formidable opposition did benefit us. We could not hope to achieve the successes of last season, but we were forged into a more coordinated, tighter knit squad.

We reached the Final in the knock-out competition but were annihilated 4-0 by Shoalhaven United upon our return from three weeks purgatory without a match. This lack of match practice left us ill-prepared for the efficient United side.

Defeated four times in the Premiership competition (never at the hands, or feet, of *Albatross*), we finished third, thereby gaining a place in the semi-finals. Shoalhaven Heads were dispatched 1-0, a fine goal—but that's the only sort of goal that comes from a player of Nick Sandeman's calibre. Next we met arch-rivals Shoalhaven United. The match was drawn 2-2 at full time and 3-3 after extra time. The winner of the replay the following week would go into the grand final against Bomaderry a day later. Bomaderry were fortunate in that they were granted a rest day before the grand final.

Goals by Nick Sandeman and Peter Osbourne gave us a 2-1 victory over United, and so we reached the grand final.

Unfortunately the previous day's play dulled the customary sparkle of the *Creswell* attack, and a high workload fell to our stoppers. Mick Larsen and Mick Van Balen performed a herculean task; theirs was a display of total understanding of the art and of each other. And abaft them was Colin Cooper. The best testimony for this player was the sight of Bomaderry's ace striker pounding the turf in frustration, having had another certain goal plucked out of the air by this agile young keeper.



SOCCER (1st Division)

Back (L to R): D. Gallagher, P. Osbourne, C. Cooper, M. van Balen, W. O'Hagan, G. Davis
 Front: N. Sandeman, ABSTD Clarke, M. Larsen, C. Bennett, D. Musgrove

Trailing 1-0 at half-time, a diabolical ruse masterminded by Gerry Davis rewarded this creative player with the equaliser, and took us into extra time. Two quick goals by Bomaderry revived the fading *Creswell* vigour and, with five minutes to play, a thundering 27 metre drive from Guy James exploded into the net. This closed the scoring. Willie O'Hagan, our talented Scottish import failed to score, though he was runner-up for the title of top scorer in the Association, and topped the scoreboards for May and June.

These then were our gains from the 1978 season—a second place in the knock-out, a

second place in the premiership, and a tremendous amount of enjoyment and experience from a fulfilling competition.

We also received the unflagging dedication of one man, whose tireless energy constantly motivated the squad and who must take a large share of the credit for bringing the team to the enviable position it now holds.

Unfortunately that man, Don James, the manager-coach of the team, will not be with us next year and must resign his position. We wish him well in the future and extend our congratulations and a big thank you for his efforts this year.

3rd DIVISION SOCCER

With the Bruce Carr trophy for 3rd division premiers displayed for the first time at *Creswell* in 1977, all team members set out determined to retain it in 1978. It was hard at first to match the enthusiasm and determination of 1977, but with the addition of many new players to the side play soon developed to a good standard. Tim Barrett was captain for the season, ably supported by Cook Wayne Mooney, who, at times, held *Creswell* together!

After a hard season of soccer, *Creswell*, doing it the hard way, reached the grand final of 3rd division. It was this game that topped off the season and really showed the enthusiasm of the side and supporters. Wayne

Mooney scored the winning goal and *Creswell* kept the 3rd division trophy for 1978.

All members of the 3rd division side deserve credit for their performances and support during both seasons. Some of the players received half-colours for their efforts, including Tim Barrett, Peter Kent and Tony Dekort.

It is expected that this 3rd division side will do well again in 1979, especially if the standard is as high as that of players like Wayne Mooney, Peter Kent and LEUT Jock Low, and if the team is managed and coached as well as it was in 1978 by Don James, to whom we say thank you for a job magnificently well done.



SOCCKER (3rd Division)

Back (L to R): R. Nankivell, A. de Kort, A. Smythe, P. Kent, N. Coates, P. Fraser, G. Webber
 Front: M. Elliott, V. Rixon, LEUT C. Low, T. Barrett, M. Sander, A. Sherington

SWIMMING

This year's swimming season started very well with the team's numbers being more than doubled by the influx of the new entry, which bodes well for next season's team. Despite the lack of enthusiasm for rising before 0530, to make our way to Huskisson and Nowra pools, where some would break the ice with the tip of a toe and others with a spectacular splash, the team seemed to turn up every morning to do their best. There were marked improvements in everyone's performances over a few short weeks thanks to the drive and encouragement of our trainers LS Walker and LS Robinson, who were cursed as much each morning as in the worst of their 'shake-ups'.

As we drew closer to the big event we began training in the afternoons at HMAS *Albatross*, where most swam themselves to a standstill in an attempt to reach their fastest speeds. On the other hand there were some who did plenty of standing still while still managing to keep their speed up. On the week prior to the ISCS carnival we were given a chance to show our strength when we defeated RANATE in a closely contested duel where the result was decided by the outcome of the relays. The team then relaxed a little in their 'training down' period in final preparation for ISCS. This 'training down' period introduced a number of new 'training' methods where the penalty for losing a sprint race was

to do a somersault from the diving board. This provided the rest of us with a great deal of mirth as we witnessed some rather original interpretations of the somersault.

The RAN College was host for the Inter-Service Colleges Swimming Carnival conducted at Nowra Olympic Pool on the night of 25 February 1978.

We began well gaining two firsts, three seconds and two thirds from the first seven events with RAAFA, RMC and RANC neck and neck into the final events, the relays. Then disaster struck with one of our relay teams being disqualified in a controversial decision, which put us vital points behind RAAFA and RMC. The final result was RAAFA 1st, RMC 2nd, RANC 3rd, OCS 4th and ECS 5th. This was a fine team effort by the RANC team and one of its best performances in recent years.

Special thanks must go to all those who acted as officials for the carnival and to LEUT Pedersen the swimming officer. Also thanks must go to the Cadets Galley who provided us with late breakfasts which were much appreciated by all, and which were in proportions equal to our appetites.

Finally, for their performance and efforts, full colours were awarded to Mick Irwin, CMIDs Kilby and Cummins, and half colours to CMIDs Nankivell, Cooper and MIDN Pedley.



SWIMMING TEAM

Back (L to R): LSPT Robinson, M. Cooper, B. Wheeler, W. Cummins, J. St Clair, A. Maguire, S. Andrews, P. Gaha, LSPT R. Walker
 Centre: D. Gallagher, M. Jerrett, T. Davis, C. Cooper, G. Irwin, P. Campbell, A. Jones
 Front: L. King, D. Kilby, T. Aldred, B. Gaudry, R. Nankivell

BASKETBALL

For many years the Naval College has entered teams in the Shoalhaven Amateur Basketball Association in Bomaderry. In the past, teams have been in the A reserve through to the C grades. This year the RANC Marlins broke into A grade.

The change began with the arrival of a new coach, Lieutenant Dan Neal, USN. Lieutenant Neal introduced new offensive and defensive patterns which capitalised on the abilities of such players as Col Cooper, Chris Siegman and Grant Ferguson. Success did not stop at being promoted to A grade, for the team also finished fourth. Grant Ferguson was voted the team's most valuable player for 1977.

The new year brought a renewed interest in basketball at RANC. The more experienced players from the 1977 team combined with 'new blood' to provide sufficient depth and talent for two teams. The 1978 competition began with an A grade team coached by Lieutenant Neal and a B grade team coached by LSPT Walker. Both teams have enjoyed successes, each making the semi-final in their respective grades.

The College also played various other high schools and colleges, compiling a record of eleven wins and three losses.



BASKETBALL

Back (L to R): A. Bryan, D. Garrett, S. Bowden, M. Moon
 Centre: G. Campbell, P. Tait, C. Gorey, B. Kay
 Front: C. Cooper, LEUT B. Neal, G. Dale, M. Brown



AUSTRALIAN RULES (1st Grade)

Back (L to R): T. Lennard, I. Wheeler, S. Glastonbury, G. Hewlett, C. James, G. Uren, R. Walker, B. Kay, P. Papalia, C. Gorey, C. Morris, N. Thompson, P. Mulready, M. Maclure
 Front: T. Davis, S. Anderson, S. Lovell, D. Bates, N. Dureya, C. Thomas

AUSTRALIAN RULES (Reserves)

Back (L to R): S. Johnson, S. Nichol, S. House, CPO M. Kearney, R. Walker, A. Gill, W. Vafiopolous, T. Dylan, C. King, R. Howatt, K. Williams, I. Wheeler
 Front: J. Harrison, M. Nichols, M. Posik, P. Naughton, S. Bruniewood, G. Hambour



AUSTRALIAN RULES

This year has seen some great thrills and equally some bitter disappointments but the spirit in which the College 'Panthers' have played is a credit to each and every member of the team.

Before the season started the South Coast League put on a 'knock-out' competition for local teams. The College came third with the best and fairest footballer of the whole day, MIDN Clint Thomas. MIDNs Geoff Uren, Brad Kay, Clint Thomas and ABRP Nick Dureya were selected in the south coast representative team that defeated the much fancied Illawarra Representative Team. MIDN Clint Thomas was judged best on the ground in that match also. During the year we defeated the Nowra 'Blues' at West St Oval—the second team in two weeks to defeat Nowra after they had won approximately 32 games

straight. Leave periods and various other reasons prevented us from getting into the finals. The reserves, however, got through to the preliminary final after a great year. Considering the number of people at the College and also the fact that the only way we can recruit players is through new intakes and draft-ins, we can be very proud of the reserves for even making the finals.

Many thanks must go to various people, particularly CPOs Mick Kearney and Bruce Spender for all the behind-the-scenes work.

1978 was a good year for Australian Rules at Creswell, and 1979 should see a much improved College 'Panthers' side go close to the flag in both grades. The experience the 'College Cubs' (as one author in a local paper named us) have gained this year will be very beneficial in the quest for those flags.

SAILING ACTIVITIES

Over the past twelve months sailing has been a major activity within the College. The year started slowly with the winter months being devoted to the maintenance of all sailing craft. However it was possible to conduct an inter-divisional 'Frostbite' series for Endeavour yachts, and after a keenly contested series Phillip Division (*Cararma*) proved to be the best sailing team.

In mid August 1977 a large number of officers under training of the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force paid the College a visit. Our visitors spent about three hours on the Bay 'under press of canvas'. Twenty Bosun dinghies, four Endeavour yachts and *Franklin* all under sail off the breakwater provided a very impressive sight.

Prior to the Christmas leave period two series of races were conducted for the Gibson Shield and Peter Sharp trophies. The former trophy is for champion coxswain and crew and the latter for champion single-handed sailor. Concurrently with the champion coxswain and crew series, an inter-division championship was also conducted and this was won by Cook Division. Andrew Lugton and Shane Johnson of Phillip Division were eventual winners of the Gibson Shield whilst Bruce Kafer of Cook won the Peter Sharp trophy.

Outside the College series, regattas were held against RMC Duntroon and RANSA.

The regatta against RMC was decided over three races with five Bosuns competing from each College. RANC won this event easily and so retained the inter-college trophy. In the regatta against RANSA, three races were again sailed with each team entering eight Bosuns and two Endeavours. The RANC team, ably led by Bruce Kafer, were victorious after a very close series sailed in light winds and drizzling rain. Mrs Joan Curtis, wife of the late Commander J. Curtis RAN, presented the 'John Curtis Memorial Trophy' to the winning team. This trophy has been presented by Commander Curtis's parents for competition between RANSA and RANC and replaces the ad hoc 'paddle' which will now be retained by the losers of such regattas.

On 11 November, the RNZN Liaison Officer, CAPT L. A. W. Urquhart RNZN, presented to RAN College on behalf of the RNZN a magnificent Kitty Hawk class catamaran. This craft had been built by HMNZ Dockyard apprentices earlier in the year to replace another catamaran which had previously been donated by the RNZN but was disposed of some time ago. The new catamaran has already been well used as it provides a totally different type of sailing experience to that given in Bosun dinghies.

Throughout the latter part of the first session the College yachts continued their

participation in JBCYC sailing activities. Two Point Score series of around-the-Bay races and an Off Shore series were held. The Club's season finished at the end of April, with the presentation night being held late in May. RANC yachts had made a clean sweep of all major trophies. Andrew Lugton as Coxswain of *Cararma* won one Point Score series while Andrew Gough as *Franklin's* Sailing Master collected the second Point Score and Off Shore series trophies. This was the first time that RANC yachts had done so well and the representatives present were justifiably proud.

The post-Christmas season in the College saw the running of the inter-divisional Bosun series for the Forster Cup. Cook Division were the eventual winners and also provided the victors in the Solano Cup for inter-divisional Endeavour yacht racing.

Before the season ended, RANC sailed a series of three races against RANSA as a return bout from the previous October. An extremely strong College team led by Bruce Kafer travelled to Sydney to defend the 'John Curtis Memorial Trophy'. The RANSA team included four members of the successful Navy inter-service sailing team and so the scene was set for some good races. Each team competed with six Bosuns and three Bluebird yachts and after a close and exciting weekend's racing, the RANC team retained the trophy by a meagre one half point. Credit must go to every member of the team for a fine performance.

After this the sailing season officially ended.

However, the sailing activities did not. Dinghies continued to be used for the prime purpose of gaining helmsman's certificates and the Endeavour yachts were being sailed in yet another 'Frostbite' series. This series has not been completed but at present Hugh Allen of Jervis Division in their yacht *Currambene* holds a convincing lead. The yacht *Franklin* meantime has been sailed to Sydney for her biennial refit, which is not to be done by GID but by private contract.

So it can be seen that sailing, the traditional sport of seamen, has played a major role in College activities this past year. Thanks must go to the various regatta team members for their performances and also to those individuals who won various College trophies over the past twelve months. Such performances and the experiences gained can only increase one's professionalism. Thanks must also go to MIDN Gough and LCDR Clark RNZN for their time and efforts in encouraging and developing the level of sailing competence within the College.

This sign has appeared outside a Breakfast Creek boat sales yard. It has won many fans and seems very apt for naval officers.

Inasmuch as three-quarters of the earth's surface is water
And only one-fourth is land,
The good Lord's intentions are very clear. A man's time should be divided—three-fourths for boating and one-fourth for work.

Back (L to R): M. Lemon, M. Prince, R. Tilley, M. Wookey, B. Kafer, H. Allen
Centre: R. Roberts, S. Hay, J. Cuthbert, M. Brooker, D. Sewell, G. Dale
Front: R. Williams, M. Gallagher, S. Johnson, LCDR J. Clark, A. Lugton, A. Gough, B. Wheeler



RUGBY 1977-78

The 1977 season finished on a high note with the first XV winning all three service trophies for the first time by defeating RANATE, RAAF Academy and RMC Duntroon. In these three matches the team finally put their game together and showed what a really top side they were. Although the results were close we were always in front and never in danger of losing.

The Burnett Memorial Trophy was awarded to the Captain of the team Stephen Day who led his team well, usually by example.

Colours were awarded to S. J. Day, G. I. Ferguson, B. W. Marien and S. Stangret and half colours to B. J. Kafer, C. M. Morris, M. F. Gallagher and J. F. Campbell.

The team played twelve matches, winning nine.

1978 began in the same vein as 1977 with a loss to Canberra Marist Bros 21 to nil. However with Mark Rodgers back as half and a pack of forwards which was never beaten by any side we played we proceeded to defeat Canberra Grammar 7-6, Trinity Grammar 7-3, the Kings School 37-0 and Combined Illawarra 9-6. Next we met Daramalan College on their home ground. A top class side, they gave us a lesson in Rugby, defeating us 31-6. However, the pack pushed a strong Daramalan eight all over the paddock, but their backs were just too good.

Since then we have defeated James Ruse

High and successfully defended the Storie Cup against NIRIMBA winning 15 to 8.

So far we have played nine matches, winning six of them, with games against Duntroon and Fleet Colts to come.

At this stage colours have been awarded to B. J. Kafer, M. F. Gallagher, J. Cuthbert and M. S. Angus. Half colours were awarded to A. R. Gough, A. W. Craig and G. R. Irwin.

1978 saw the College for the first time enter a team in the Illawarra under 18 competition. The team was successful in reaching the minor semi-final only to be beaten 6-4 (RANC scoring the only try). Second round of the competition, except for the one forfeit covered by the leave period, saw the RANC team undefeated. In fact it was the only team in the competition to defeat all other sides.

Whether the College continues in this competition will depend on form next year. Early matches created problems for the College side, as the organisers had allowed each team to field five under 19 players. This meant we were forced to play under 19 players. The early matches showed that otherwise, due to a lack of experience and size, the College could not compete on equal terms. This meant that the original purpose for entering into the competition was gone. It was hoped that we could provide a regular competition for the junior entry whose ages make an under 17 side more appropriate.

Back (L to R): B. Kaufhold, S. Millett, S. Casbault, L. King, A. Craig
Centre: R. Morrison, G. Irwin, R. Goulevitch, J. Campbell, A. Gough, J. Cuthbert
Front: M. Angus, Mr K. Armstrong, M. Gallagher, B. Kafer



SQUASH

Over the last twelve months, squash has been one of the fastest growing sports in the College, and its popularity continues to increase. This has been largely due to the enthusiasm and determination shown by the leading players and the keenness of the beginners.

The College fielded a B grade and a C grade team in the 1977 Shoalhaven Winter Competition, and although neither team made the finals it was an enjoyable season and most useful in terms of experience gained. At the end of the year coach LCDR Brian Hill RN returned to the warm beer and cold weather of his native England, and Andrew Arnold went to UNSW.

For the 1978 Autumn Competition an extra C grade team was formed, and all three teams were quite strong. The B team (Doug Lucock, Ian Middleton, Phil Warwick and Geoff Noyes) found the competition quite tough at times, but battled their way into the finals before being eliminated in a very close and hard-fought match. During this season Phil earned his nickname of 'Mr Consistent'.

The C1 side (Norm Reed, Ron Tregear, Dave Walker, Paul Chapman and Vaughan Rixon) had a very good season, with Norm

and Dave being the consistent winners. The whole team, however, improved over the course of the season, and were winning most of their matches during the second round. They were rather unlucky to miss out—by just a few points—on the finals. The C3 side, similarly, improved dramatically, and had some satisfying victories the second time around against teams which had beaten them in round one. This team (Richard Menhinick, Craig Pritchard, Peter Cunningham, Dennis Hart and Mick Moon) was handicapped by having two 'oldies' (Peter and Dennis) to 'carry'. However, Richard's winning form and Craig's determination inspired the rest sufficiently for them to get as far as the grand final, only to go down fighting (12 games to 9) to the Huskisson team.

For the winter competition this year we have had to field five teams—two B grade and three C grade—in order to promote our better players and give promising beginners a season's experience. At the time of writing only the B1 side is doing really well, but—to their credit—the rest do not seem unduly discouraged by the fact that (on average) they are playing a notch or two above their real level. In fact, the challenge has proved a

SQUASH—A Grade

Back: LCDR G. Noyes, I. Middleton
Front: D. Lucock, P. Warwick



SQUASH B and C Grades

Back (L to R): M. Wookey, M. Jerrett, B. Kaufhold, J. Hoisser
Centre: D. Walker, LCDR P. Cunningham, PO R. Tregear, SBLT N. Reed
Front: A. Gardner, M. Moon, R. Menhinick, V. Rixon



positive benefit in many cases. Practice sessions are always crowded and coaching by the B grades is eagerly sought and generously given.

Doug Lucock, RANC Squash Champion

HOCKEY

1977 proved to be an enjoyable, but somewhat unsuccessful, season for the College hockey team, playing in the demanding Wollongong competition. The team was a mixture of J2s and new entry, coached by LCDR Hacker. The less experienced players in the team learned a lot under his coaching, and the whole team would like to thank him for the effort he put into coaching us. Unfortunately we lost him in the second half of the year to HMAS *Watson*. His relief was the recently appointed Captain's Secretary, SBLT Reed.

Colours awarded in 1977 were: half colours to CMIDs Geoff Mike, Tony D'Orsogna and to the 'Kiwi' Martin Keast. We will certainly miss Martin's solid defence when he returns to New Zealand at the end of the year. The Bruce Seymour Trophy for best exponent of hockey for 1977 was awarded to Geoff Mike.

1978 saw the arrival of a new entry flooded with hockey talent. We were able to field two teams this year, one in the second grade and one in fourth grade. The 'mad Pom' John O'Neill proved to be a capable substitute for Martin Keast and other newcomers Alan Maguire, Craig Vandeppeer and Simon Rumsey also added much experience to the team. Unfortunately, John O'Neill and Simon Rumsey were lost to *Cerberus* with the SLs later in the season.

HOCKEY—A Grade

Back (L to R): J. Hoisser, D. Lucock, A. Maguire, S. Rumsey

Centre: C. Vandeppeer, G. Mike, SBLT N. Reed.

SMNSTD J. Laycock, J. O'Neill

Front: A. D'Orsogna



for 1977, is also favoured to win this year's title. However, the competition this year—Warwick, Middleton, Menhinick and Walker—is bound to give him a run for his money!

With a convincing game in the pre-season against *Albatross*, the second grade team showed that they were going to be a major force. A first-up win filled them with confidence, but they soon fell into a slump, winning only a few games for the rest of the season. The B team was slightly more successful than the A team, winning many games in the first two rounds. However, losses during the leave periods because of player shortages saw their semi-final hopes fade. Nevertheless, congratulations go to 'Bungy' Williams for the way he captained the B grade side.

Colours awarded this year were: full colours to CMID Geoff Mike and MIDN Tony D'Orsogna, and half colours to CMIDs Paul Field and Craig Vandeppeer, and to MIDNs John O'Neill and Simon Rumsey.

Unfortunately, many of our team members will be departing to UNSW next year, so hopefully we will have another successful new entry to keep the hockey team alive in 1979.

HOCKEY—B Grade

Back (L to R): J. Pead, P. Warwick, A. Jones, B. Wheeler
Centre: P. Field, D. Kilby, A. Baddams, S. Sparks, S. Andrews

Front: B. Gaudry, R. Williams, LEUT C. Jenkins, R. Tilley, G. Jackson, R. Botcher



TENNIS

The College tennis championships were held late in the second session of 1977. In the singles championship Clinton Thomas played determined and consistent tennis to defeat more stylish but erratic Mark Daniel in straight sets. Daniel, however, tasted victory in the doubles championship, combining well with David Littlehales to defeat Phil Warwick and Richard Menhinick in straight sets.

The 1978 season saw the College with a greater depth of players than we have had for several years. New players to the College, Craig Vandeeper, Bruce Carter, Bill Tucker, and Paul Papalia, added considerable strength to our ranks. Lachlan King, the College champion in 1976 who returned to RANC this year, Mark Daniel, Nick Sandeman, Michael Gallagher and Clint Thomas completed a very strong tennis squad. On several occasions as a result of this strength the College was able to field two teams in matches against other colleges.

In the first match of the year, against RANATE (*Nirimba*) the college proved far too strong for the apprentices, winning 6 sets to 1 in doubles play with Daniel-Vandeeper as a new combination performing well to win 6-2, 6-0, and King-Carter winning convincingly 6-0, 7-5.

The following day the team travelled to Chevalier College, to take part in the annual Chevalier Cup knock-out competition. In the first match the team of King, Daniel and Vandeeper scored a 3-1 win over hosts Chev-

alier but then faced very strong opposition from eventual finalists Daramalan College. In this match the College lost 0-3.

Following a cancelled match against Canberra Grammar, the next chance for our players to show their form was against Chevalier College again. On this occasion we fielded a team of eight players, King, Daniel, Vandeeper, Carter, Thomas, Crisp, Papalia and Gallagher. In singles play we won 6 of the 8 matches and followed this with a 5-3 win in the doubles matches for an overall result of 11 matches to 5.

Cancelled matches and unseasonable conditions deprived our players of all the opportunities they would have liked but to their credit they played well on most occasions. Probably the best example of their effort was at Marist Brothers College, Canberra, where they played in a Round Robin Tournament in absolutely bleak conditions with a 60 km/h gale blowing. Team members are looking forward to better conditions and more playing opportunities in the latter part of the season.

Two members of the College team tried out in the early part of the year for the EAA Interservice Tennis Team. Both players, Mark Daniel and Lachlan King, were successful and won a place in the Navy Interservice Team. This is the first time that members of the College have played interservice tennis and the example will now provide other players with a further incentive to improve their playing skills.

Back (L to R): B. Carter, C. Thomas, S. Millett, M. Daniel, C. Vandeeper
Front: LCDR E. Tynan, L. King



Back (L to R): M. Cooper, W. Tucker, P. Papalia, N. Sandeman

Front: LCDR E. Tynan, M. Gallagher



CROSS-COUNTRY

A small, but enthusiastic, group participated in weekly cross-country runs with the Nowra Amateur Athletic Club. The various courses varied from flat to truly mountainous, from 6.4 to 10 km in length, and from smooth roads to 'push-through' vegetation and wading in creeks. The absurdities of cross-country running were epitomised at one event where parts of the course(?) were so muddy that more than one runner, on extricating a leg from the mire, found that his shoe was no longer attached to his foot!

The highlights of the season were:

1. The McCaffrey Cup—an annual challenge between Nowra AAC and RANC runners. Although Simon Thompson and Geoff Noyes

ran well, the College team did not have sufficient depth of talent and were beaten.

2. The RANC Cross-Country Championship—in which most officers under training participate. The regular members of the Cross-Country group did exceptionally well, taking 7 of the first 11 placings, with Simon Thompson winning clearly. Flinders division won the annual Divisional Championship.

3. LCDR Noyes, who ran second in Nowra's King of the Mountain, as well as being the second local home in the Schoalhaven Circular Seven.

Our thanks go to Mr Don Thompson and LCDRs Hill, Ellis and Noyes for their support throughout the season.

VOLLEYBALL

Creswell volleyball maintained its high standard of play throughout the 1977 season, although we were unable to compete in final play-offs due to commitments with examinations and leave.

The 1978 season started with some enthusiasm and with the addition of some new players including Glen Hewlett. Unfortunately many of our taller players such as Mark Sinclair and Max Andrews had to leave on course.

The team managed to get to the finals in the

local competition but were defeated after a spectacular game. With a new season just started, *Creswell* volleyball has resumed with the hope of taking out the competition this year.

Competition against ships has also increased and in the past year lively matches have been played against *Hobart*, *Barricade* and others.

It is expected that *Creswell* volleyball will remain at a high standard for the following year.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Back (L to R): A. Gardner, J. Talbot-Sapsford, G. Clarke, W. Moore, S. Lovell

Centre: C. Curtis, T. Pasakarnis, J. May, R. Lok, M. Glenn

Front: LCDR Ellis, Mr D. Thompson, S. Thompson, LCDR Hill, LCDR Noyes



VOLLEY BALL

Back (L to R): N. Sandeman, S. Gilmore, S. Casbault, C. Thomas, T. Barrett

Front: P. Lawrence, G. Hewlett



ATHLETICS

Our athletes had their best season for many years with a win against HMAS *Nirimba* and a defeat by one point at ISCAM where the following placings were gained by RANC competitors.

Pole vault	N. Kerr	First	2.95 m
100	N. Coates	Second	11.8
800	S. Day	First	2.05.4
Long jump	A. Davis	Third	5.55 m
Hurdles	R. Marshall	First	17.1
Shot put	C. Morris	Fifth	10.03 m
200	N. Coates	Fourth	23.8
Javelin	R. Nairn	Second	45.88 m
1500	S. Day	First	3.23.2
High jump	D. Alexander	Second	1.70 m
Discus	L. King	Third	29.14 m
400	A. Craig	Fourth	54.9
5000	G. Heinicke	Third	17.13.1
4 × 100 relay	RANC	Third	45.7

After leading all day and being in front by three points before the relay it was disappointing to lose by one point, but we were rewarded to some extent by winning the track events trophy. Final scores were

OCS	56 points
RANC	55 points
RAAFA	50 points
RMC	50 points
ECS	27 points

At the College Carnival R. M. Marshall was the Open Champion and A. J. Davis won the Junior Championship.

ATHLETICS

Back (L to R): J. Talbot-Sapsford, S. Casbault, S. Lovell, C. Thomas

Centre: L. King, T. Davis, M. Wookey, B. Kay, M. van Balen

Front: N. Coates, Mr D. Thompson, LCDR G. Noyes, A. Craig



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