



Greetings from the Editor.

Greetings to all WRAAC who receive this.

For myself accepting that health issues can happen all of a sudden. I thought I was in remission from Cancer it has come back with a vengeance. I am back on the Chemotherapy, and I have been accepted for Stem Cell Transplant and am going through tests to see if my body can accept this.

A reminder to those who received this newsletter by mail that the stamped envelopes run out after this newsletter. If you still want to receive this newsletter, send four stamped addressed envelopes and \$5.00 for printing to me at: **Unit 11/ 7-9 Loftus Street, Ashfield 2131.**

For those preparing for ANZAC Day at their own Subbranch or intending to join other women on the city march, please NOTE later in the Newsletter details for ANZAC Day if you are marching.

Kind regards,

Muriel Buckland

Hello Everyone,

REMINDER ANZAC DAY MARCH - SYDNEY

We will not be marching as an Association in the 2025 Sydney ANZAC Day March.

Many regulars are staying locally after their RSL Sub branch Dawn Services.

We have the option to march with the Women Veterans Network in the RSL NSW Contingent.

FORM UP ON ELIZABETH STREET AT MARTIN PLACE CONTINGENT 5

STEP OFF IS 9AM

ANYONE WISHING TO PARTICIPATE WILL NEED TO BE IN POSITION BY 8.30AM

PLEASE PASS ON THIS INFORMATION TO ANY LIKELY MARCHERS.

DRESS: CIVILIAN DRESS WITH MEDALS AND WRAAC BADGE

Please send items of interest we can all share to Muriel for inclusion in the newsletter.

Gai Hutchison

Corp Day Luncheon



Corps Day

Saturday 15 February 2025

Tallawoladah Café

Ground Floor

Museum of Contemporary Art

Circular Quay





Some of our fellow WRAAC enjoying our Corps Luncheon

The **Tallawoladah Café** adjoining the entrance to the Museum of Contemporary Art at Circular Quay was a most pleasant venue for our Corps Day gathering. We were very comfortable in the shade with a gentle breeze and an outlook through the passing parade to the coming and going of ferries and the sails of the Opera House beyond.

A number of intending attendees such as Marion Beard, Betty Layt and Rosanna Taylor were thwarted by the industrial action on the rail network and we were sorry not to have their company.

There were food and drink options to suit all tastes and good fellowship was enjoyed by the Southern Highlands crew - Barb, Lou, Lee and Thelma; Betty Niblett chauffeured by her son, Nora Fisher, Muriel, Jenny, Cathy Boyd, Pamela D, Jane in town but NOT off on a cruise!, and Gai.

We toasted the Corps and remembered Absent Friends, and swapped stories of our WRAAC life and times.

Through the afternoon the line of eager passengers swelled to embark on the liner close by at the Overseas Terminal -some of us would have liked to join them!

YOU will be most welcome at our next gathering!

MEMORIES OFSARGEANT MAJORS

Joining the CMF in the late 1950's a small group of WRAAC were posted to Eastern Command Signal Regiment at their new unit at Lidcombe (NSW).

The British Sar-Major made it quite clear that he did not welcome Women in "his" Regiment.

A tour first parade we heard the loudest voice bellowing instructions so as I was to be the Duty Driver when everyone moved off, I stood awaiting my next order, which came across as a loud bellow "Pte Clarke go and draw a vehicle".

My day had just been spent in an insurance office and my mind was trying to think what "draw a vehicle" would mean. Still rigid to the spot Sar-Major bellows at me.

"Don't stand there looking like a stunned mullet - mooooooove".

The vehicle turned out to be a left-hand drive jeep, and as Sar Major came across to give me another order he couldn't resist saying.

"don't forget your sitting on the petrol tank"

Later that night when our 2 WRAAC Sgts went to the mess, they were with all the other Sgts standing awaiting the order "gentlemen be seated" so our WRAAC Sgts decided to remain standing Without taking a second breath Sgt Major ordered.

"for the purpose of the exercise Ladies will be Gentlemen"

One can only hope that in the Army all these years later:

"Ladies will be treated as Ladies".

Article sent in by Louise Green

CHRISTMAS QUIZ



Christmas Song Match



Match the Lyric on the left with the song title on the right

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| 1 - "Bells on bobtails ring" | A - Silent Night |
| 2 - "Noel, Noel, o night, o night divine" | B - Jingle Bells |
| 3 - "Glory to the new-born king" | C - Deck The Halls |
| 4 - "O come and behold Him" | D - Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer |
| 5 - "I don't want a lot for Christmas" | E - O Holy Night |
| 6 - "Where the tree tops glisten" | F - Little Donkey |
| 7 - "Just slip a Sable under the tree for me" | G - Once in Royal David's City |
| 8 - "In heaven, the bells are ringing" | H - O Little Town of Bethlehem |
| 9 - "Born is the King of Israel!" | I - All I Want For Christmas Is You |
| 10 - "Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child." | J - Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree |
| 11 - "You girls and boys won't get any toys" | K - White Christmas |
| 12 - "But the very next day you gave it away" | L - Ding Dong! Merrily on High |
| 13 - "When the snowman brings the snow" | M - Frosty the Snowman |
| 14 - "Oh, bring us some figgy pudding" | N - The First Noel |
| 15 - "Mary was that mother mild" | O - Last Christmas |
| 16 - "Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?" | P - I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus |
| 17 - "How still we see thee lie" | Q - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing |
| 18 - "Now the jingle hop has begun" | R - We Wish You A Merry Christmas |
| 19 - "Tis the season to be jolly" | S - Winter Wonderland |
| 20 - "With a corn cob pipe & a button nose" | T - Jingle Bell Rock |
| 21 - "Underneath the mistletoe last night" | U - Away in a Manger |
| 22 - "Later we'll have some pumpkin pie" | V - When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney |
| 23 - "Ring out those bells tonight" | W - Santa Baby |
| 24 - "The stars in the bright sky" | X - I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday |
| 25 - "Then one foggy Christmas Eve" | Y - O Come All Ye Faithful |

ANSWERS

1. Jingle Bells
2. O Holy Night
3. Hark, the Herald Angels Sing
4. O come, all ye faithful
5. All I Want For Christmas Is You
6. White Christmas
7. Santa Baby
8. Ding dong, merrily on high

9. The First Noel
10. Silent Night
11. When Santa Got Stuck Up the Chimney
12. Last Christmas
13. I Wish It Could Be Christmas Everyday
14. We Wish You A Merry Christmas
15. Once In Royal David's City
16. Walking In A Winter Wonderland
17. Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem
18. Jingle Bell Rock
19. Deck The Halls
20. Frosty The Snowman
21. I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus
22. Rocking Around The Christmas Tree
23. Little Donkey
24. Away In A Manger
25. Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer

