

## PRESS RELEASE

I'm absolutely thrilled to announce the release of our book on the history of Navy Women Queensland.

### **“FROM THEN UNTIL NOW”**

The Diamond Jubilee of our NAA Sub-Section

WRANS Sub-Section in Queensland 1964 – 2015

Navy Women (WRANS-RAN) Queensland Sub-Section 2015 – 2023.

These are the stories of our members who founded the Sub-Section and those who have kept it going for sixty years.

It is a beautifully presented 350-page book which details the history of the Sub-Section, including not only our Crests and uniforms, but also the history of the Members of the Sub-Section from WWII Veterans, the Post War Veterans and the modern Day Veterans, including their service records and their history within the Sub-Section.

The book was the brainchild of our current Treasurer Lorrae Johnson. Lorrae, with her love of history and researching, became fascinated with our WWII members while going through “piles of admin stuff”. Amongst all the paperwork were two sets of WWII War Medals that had been left to our Sub-Section. Whose were they, why did they want to join, what did they do etc etc. Once the seed was planted, it took root and started growing quite rapidly.

It is a fascinating read. What these women did not only during their time in the WRANS, but afterwards is nothing short of incredible.

They were trail blazers for all who followed and are still following today. Each milestone achieved by each generation of women, paved the way for the next group to build on it.

I read it several times before it went to print and am proud to say reading it again IN print made those stories even more wonderful.

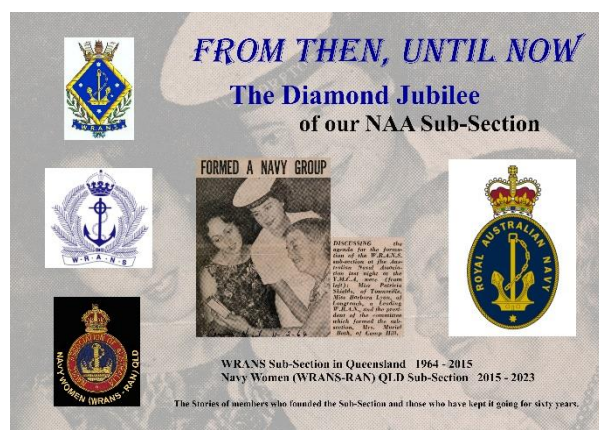
Every Wran and now every female sailor of the RAN has her own story to tell, whether her time was short or long, good or bad, and they are important to all of us.

Women were supposed to stay in the home and do housework, not do men's work. Women now command Warships and shore establishments, hold positions of power in Defense, and have the respect of all.

Grab a drink, put your feet up, and enjoy a thoroughly wonderful read.

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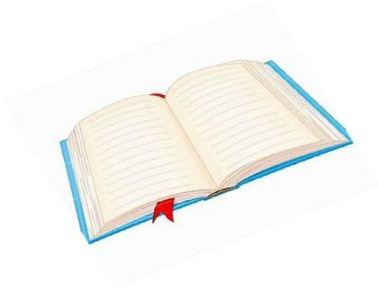


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