

## **HMAS NIRIMBA – The Apprentices' Story**

I wish to invite you to contribute an article for the book 'HMAS Nirimba – The Apprentices' Story'. The book, to be published in 2015, will be the story of apprentices at the Royal Australian Navy Apprentice Training Establishment from the first intake in June 1956 until July 1972 when training changed with the introduction of SAILSTRUC training into the RAN.

The book is being compiled by Dick Roebuck - Editor, Brian Carney – Photos and Graphics, and Sandy Freeleagus - Artist and Caricaturist.

All past apprentices up to the July 1972 intake are invited to contribute an article. The topic is to be of your choosing and one that might be considered to be topical, and reflect the manner in which RAN apprentices existed at HMAS Nirimba. Articles might be humorous; sombre; unbelievable; sporting, academic, technical achievements or even bragging. Some may wish to describe loneliness, happiness, relationships, unsavoury events, discipline or just the routine to which they became accustomed. Others may reflect on how they were treated, or how they treated others. The list is endless and hopefully will engage the writer's imagination and of course, memory. You are welcome to contribute more than one article, and we hope to have at least five articles from each intake.

Duplications of any storyline unless containing a new idea or salient information expanding on the original contribution will not necessarily be included. In this case, the contributing author will be asked to provide an article on a different topic. There are only so many ways we can describe breaking into the Scran Hall!!

A preferred layout is described later and by adhering to this layout you will greatly assist the Editorial team. We do advise that material deemed offensive or defamatory will be returned to the contributor for a re-write. The Editorial Team reserves the right to exclude any item deemed unsuitable. Swearing needs to be the rare exception, rather than the rule. We understand this might be difficult for some however, the publication is intended as a family collectable and needs to be suitable for all ages.

Copyright will remain with the Orbost RSL sub Branch however, each contributor will be acknowledged as the author of their respective article. The finished book will be about 200 pages in length and be published. It will also have an ISBN.

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If you would like to contribute an item for HMAS Nirimba – The Apprentices' Story please see the attached .doc **Guidelines for Contributors** for further information.

Commander Lindsay Wilson in his "Skilled Hands at Sea" wrote

"What a huge and wonderful story it would be if we were able to chronicle the personal stories of all the members of the family of HMAS NIRIMBA over 26 years. ...."

Well, this book will in part fulfil that wish, and we will sample the era with real stories told by real apprentices who were actually there at the time.

Regards

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## HMAS Nirimba – The Apprentices' Story

### Guidelines for Contributors.

1. The article should be an interesting story or account about an event that took place during your time as an apprentice at HMAS Nirimba
2. Format the article with single line spacing, 12 point, in Times New Roman or Palatino Linotype.
3. Limit the article to about 1000 words, and include a picture or photograph if possible.
4. In your item, please provide an introduction, body and conclusion. This will make your story stand alone and easier to insert in the book.
5. Please write in the 'past tense' if possible. This gives the book continuity and saves a lot of editing.
6. Spell check your work and double check the spelling of names and places.
7. Swearing needs to be the rare exception, rather than the rule.
8. For legal reasons, no defamatory articles will be accepted.
9. Articles need to be with the Editor on or before Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2015.
10. Send completed articles, with photos or illustrations to the following address:

The Editor  
HMAS Nirimba – The Apprentices' Story  
PO Box 321  
ORBOST VIC 3888

Articles without photos or illustrations can be emailed to :

[dickroebuck@gmail.com](mailto:dickroebuck@gmail.com)

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For the General Section of the book, we are also looking for any reproduction quality drawings, manuals or other printed material that might be useful e.g. Debutant Ball programs, Passing Out Ball pics, Sporting programs & pics, Daily Orders, Examination papers, Standing Orders etc. Please let the Editor know if you have memorabilia you consider useful to contribute.

Initial contact can be made by email [dickroebuck@gmail.com](mailto:dickroebuck@gmail.com) or 03 5154 1413 or 0402 986 109.

**All photographs and written memorabilia will be returned to the owner. Please supply a return postal address.**