



Our visit to Macleay Island for the Memorial Service for Bill Gould. The family had requested a Private funeral for Bill, but hosted a gathering to honour Bill at the Macleay Island Bowls Club. Several people said a few words about Bill, about his life on the island and his life at sea. His many friends mixed with our group and friendships were renewed that day.

Someone has remarked that I am terrible at spelling, including the word "Armageddon".  
It does not worry me.  
After all.  
It is not the end of the World is it ?

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## Our Visit to the Port



### Dragging the Speaker of the House to the Chair

When a new Speaker of the House of Commons is elected, the successful candidate is physically dragged to the Chair by other MPs. This custom has its roots in the Speaker's function to communicate the Commons' opinions to the monarch. Historically, if the monarch didn't agree with the message being communicated then the early death of the Speaker could follow. Therefore, as you can imagine, previous Speakers required some gentle persuasion to accept the post. This is why the in the Australian Parliment the Speaker is "manhandled".

### Merchant Navy Day

They were heros of the first order. They have been in every conflict of war. They carried men and supplies to the Boar War, WW1 and also helped row the men ashore at Anzac Cove, they were there also in WW2 and not to forget even the Falklands war. They were there, not in uniform or in strengthened ships, but in merchant ships! Did you know that during WW2, you stood the chance of dying in the Armed Forces of 1 chance in 33. Well think about the Merchant Marine. They stood a chance of dying at 1 in 6! The Merchant Navy are the true **Unsung Heros of the Sea**.

## Secretary's Report

Our visitor, Vic Holloway from NZ has once again visited us at our last Meeting. Vic enjoyed his time with the Lads and I think he was also very pleased that he had won a bottle of "blog" from the raffle.

We were also very pleased to see John Harrison who had been away from Meetings for a while suffering from Pneumonia and is now back on deck. Keep up with the Red Wine, John!

A few Members were unable to attend this Meeting as some had medical appointments, being hospitalised and also family commitments. However we had a good day. It is sad to see our Vindi Lads crossing the Bar. Bill Gould has crossed the Bar on 22nd June aged 92 years. Bill has always been a very loyal Member. In the earlier days, Bill attended our social events and we have also been over to McLeay Island to see him for many years for his birthdays. He was also a very keen supporter of all our Down Under Reunions, always the first to register and book his accommodation wherever it maybe. In the last couple of years as his eyesight and health were getting poor, his daughter had been accompanying him to Reunions which she enjoyed too. Bill loves a chat and always telling sea stories to the Lads. Many of us would know Bill's personal history of being at sea and his life as there was a big portfolio about Bill in our February 2012 Newsletter.

The following month in July, Vindi Boy Rob Lynde has crossed the Bar on 10th July. Rob was President of Vindi Qld in 1999 and also Vice President from 2001-06. Rob had worked hard for Vindi Qld. He was a great organiser and very determined in achieving whatever he organised. Our Down Under Reunions in 2002 at Nambucca Heads and 2003 at the Seagull Sports Club were both organised by him with a few helpers. He spent many many hours in getting the two biggest Reunions Qld ever held and enjoyed by all Vindi Boys and Girls from everywhere who have attended.

Sadly both Bill and Rob were cremated privately and we will honour their names on our Vindi Honour Board and proudly remember them as great Vindi Boys.

There have been complaints about our webpage not being in action. Well, I have to report that it is underway and as soon as it is ready, we will inform all Members.

We also say thank you to Pauline for all the work she has done for Vindi Qld over the last many years in organising our lunch at Meetings and we now thank Fred for offering to get the BBQ food for our Meetings. However, not only Pauline and Fred but we also like to thank everyone who has

lend us their helping hands, not forgetting our "Onion Man". (Vic) Without him, there is no BBQ.

On 15th July some 12 of us went on a tour to the Port of Brisbane. It was cold to start but the day turned out to be beautiful. We drove to the Port of Brisbane. Everyone had arrived about one hour earlier which gave them a chance to have a cuppa at the Café before starting the tour. A few were late and missed out. Soon the Tour Guide Peter came and guided us onto their coach. He apologised that the mike on the coach was not working for him that day but his voice was just as good as the mike as we were able to hear everything he said on the tour. There had been some reclaimed land which took ten years to settle and was able to expand the Port vicinity. They are still reclaiming some more land for future re-developments. It is an amazing place. A couple of us have been before on this tour a few years ago but were amazed to see the changes that have been taken place. Peter showed us how cars, coal, wood chips, containers and many other goods that were loaded onto ships. The modern technology has supersede the old way of labour and with less labour being required. The tour took just over an hour and we have also booked for a lunch at the Observation Café on the top floor of the Port of Brisbane which overlooks the whole perimeter of the Port. We enjoyed ourselves. It was 3pm and time to hit the start of heavy traffic on the Highway. I later learned that Vic and Terry have ventured over to visit the Seafarers Mission which is stationed at the Port site. If only we had known, we would have visited the Mission first, never mind there is always another time!

Our Meeting concluded and the Committee Members stood down for our AGM. The Committee Members have expressed their desire to take on their positions again and they were duly elected with Fred being requested as the Chairperson for the election.

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In conclusion I would also like to report that our Pearly King George Shepherd Ashby has been in dock for a few weeks and is now home receiving Lilly's TLC. Pat Joughin is also struggling with her health too

**KimCohen Secretary**

## Crossed The Bar.



**Bill Gould**



**Rob Lynde**

**78th Seafareres Day  
25th October at 11-30am  
St Johns Cathedral  
Ann Street  
Brisbane**

## We were wondering.

At the last ANZAC Parade in Brisbane we saw the Banner of the Toc H Group. Although many of us remembered seeing it before. Nobody could explain the Group. So for those who want to know, here is their story.

## What is Toc H ?

Toc H (TH) is an international Christian movement. The name is an abbreviation for Talbot House, 'Toc' signifying the letter T in the signals spelling alphabet used by the British Army in World War I. A soldiers' rest and recreation centre named Talbot House was founded in December 1915 at Poperinghe, Belgium. It aimed to promote Christianity and was named in memory of Gilbert Talbot, son of Edward Talbot, then Bishop of Winchester, who had been killed at Hooge in July 1915. The founders were Gilbert's elder brother Neville Talbot, then a senior army chaplain, and the Reverend Philip Thomas Byard (Tubby) Clayton. Talbot House was styled as an "Every Man's Club", where all soldiers were welcome, regardless of rank. It was "an alternative for the 'debauched' recreational life of the town". In 1920, Clayton founded a Christian youth centre in London, also called Toc H, which developed into an interdenominational association for Christian social service. The original building at Poperinghe has been maintained and redeveloped as a museum and tourist venue. Branches of Toc H were established in many countries around the world. An Australian branch was formed in Victoria in 1925 by the heretical Rev Herbert Hayes. Another was formed in Adelaide the same year. Toc H members seek to ease the burdens of others through acts of service. They also promote reconciliation and work to bring disparate sections of society together. Branches may organise localised activities such as hospital visits, entertainment for the residents of care homes and organising residential holidays for special group. The organisation suffered a progressive decline in membership and closure of branches during the later 20th century. In 2008, continued operation was ensured by dispensing with paid staff. In the 21st century, Toc H trustees have planned for it to become a stronger, voluntary movement still guided by the ethos of the original Talbot House.

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