

## **Coral Sea '92 Archive**

The Battle of the Coral Sea marked a major turning point for World War II in the Pacific. From 1942 to 1945, Townsville was the base for a large number of Australian and United States military personnel who fought in the Pacific Ocean. To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Coral Sea victory over Japan, Townsville held various celebrations, memorial services, exhibitions and cultural events from 1-13 May 1992.

This collection covers much of the work done by the organising committees for these events and ephemera associated with the celebrations.

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***CORAL SEA '92 - SERIES ONE***

**Correspondence:**

- SEA-1/CORR/1 General correspondence inwards.  
SEA-1/CORR/2 General correspondence inwards and outwards 1990.  
SEA-1/CORR/3 General correspondence inwards and outwards Jan-Aug 1991.  
SEA-1/CORR/4 General correspondence inwards and outwards Sept.-Dec 1991  
SEA-1/CORR/5 General correspondence inwards and outwards 1992.  
SEA-1/CORR/6 Business correspondence 1990-1992.  
SEA-1/CORR/7 Local, State and Federal Government correspondence.  
SEA-1/CORR/8 Correspondence with clubs.  
SEA-1/CORR/9 Correspondence from John Aitken Productions.  
SEA-1/CORR/10 Correspondence with Queensland Tourist and Travel Corporation.  
SEA-1/CORR/11 Correspondence with Queensland Events Corporation.  
SEA-1/CORR/12 Memos 1991-1992.  
SEA-1/CORR/13 Requests for information by phone, fax and coupon - mailing lists.  
SEA-1/CORR/14 Lists - mailing, troop train, US media, invitation, VIP, contacts, US-Aus Commemorative Council Members, Service and Veteran's Liaison Committee Members, brochure mailing list etc.  
  
SEA-1/CORR/15 Correspondence with Charters Towers.  
SEA-1/CORR/16 Correspondence with Churches and Ecumenical Service Programme.  
SEA-1/CORR/17 Correspondence regarding Civic Concerts.  
SEA-1/CORR/18 Correspondence regarding nurses.  
SEA-1/CORR/19 Correspondence with Australian Defence Forces.  
SEA-1/CORR/21 Correspondence from outside Australia.  
SEA-1/CORR/22 Correspondence to the American Media - U.S. Forces publications.  
SEA-1/CORR/23 Correspondence with Tours of Historic and Important Places regarding tour bookings etc. for Americans.  
  
SEA-1/CORR/24 Correspondence with the U.S. Embassy in Canberra and Brisbane including 1 unidentified photograph.  
  
SEA-1/CORR/25 Correspondence RE: Rear Admiral Paul Howell including two photographs of same.  
  
SEA-1/CORR/26 Correspondence with U.S. Air Force.  
SEA-1/CORR/27 Correspondence with Aust-American Association.  
SEA-1/CORR/28 Correspondence with U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation.  
SEA-1/CORR/29 Correspondence and other matters regarding U.S. Navy Visit.  
SEA-1/CORR/30 Visitors Book.  
SEA-1/CORR/31 Correspondence relating to Sky Show 1992 including programme.  
SEA-1/CORR/32 Correspondence and other matters regarding wreath laying ceremony.  
  
SEA-1/CORR/33 Correspondence regarding Coral Sea Memorial.  
SEA-1/CORR/34 Correspondence and other matters regarding: Anchor hand-over ceremony.  
  
SEA-1/CORR/35 Correspondence and matters relating to Major Bong Bridge naming ceremony.  
  
SEA-1/CORR/36 Invitations to Mr. G. Jenkinson and Mrs. Jenkinson regarding Coral Sea ceremonies.

**Meeting Records:**

- SEA-1/MR/1 Agenda and Minutes of Action Statement meetings.

- SEA-1/MR/2 Minutes, reports, correspondence and research material of Research Committee.
- SEA-1/MR/3 Minutes etc. of miscellaneous meetings.
- SEA-1/MR/4 Minutes of Working Group meetings.
- SEA-1/MR/5 Reports and Submissions - weather report, tourism report, public relations activity reports, tourism and marketing strategy report and submission for support.

**Financial Records:**

- SEA-1/FIN/1 Aust.-U.S. Coral Sea Commemorative Council unaudited management accounts as at 8 April 1992.

**Publications:**

- SEA-1/PUB/1 Address - Coral Sea 48th Anniversary, Mayor's press release - message and speech notes, various newsletters.
- SEA-1/PUB/2 Brochures, leaflets, newspaper supplements, invitations and tickets.
- SEA-1/PUB/3 Coral Sea '92 Schedule.
- SEA-1/PUB/4 Coral Sea '92 Programme.
- SEA-1/PUB/5 Coral Sea 50th Commemoration programmes.
- SEA-1/PUB/6 Drafts of Protocol management programme, list of functions and day to day activities sheets.
- SEA-1/PUB/7 Programmes - Arch Fraley Collection 20 Dec. 1991, Memorial Service 5 May 1991, Wreath Laying at Sea 3 May 1992, Consecration Z Force memorial proceedings and Official Events Programme May 1992.
- SEA-1/PUB/8 Veterans' Affairs Calendar of Anniversaries and Memories.

**Miscellaneous:**

- SEA-1/MISC/1 Itineraries for VADM Arthur and Mrs. Arthur, Ltg Richard Hawley, Brig. & Mrs. Keating, Gen. Gration, Adm. and Mrs. Larson.

**CORAL SEA '92 - SERIES TWO**

**Sound Recordings: Cassettes of Oral History**

- SEA-2/SR/1 Enid ABEL
- SEA-2/SR/2 Ron AITKEN
- SEA-2/SR/3 Andy and Joan ANDERSON
- SEA-2/SR/4A Peter ARMATI
- SEA-2/SR/4B Peter ARMATI
- SEA-2/SR/5 John ASHE
- SEA-2/SR/6 Marjorie BLACKMAN
- SEA-2/SR/7 Elva BRADSHAW
- SEA-2/SR/8A Robert BRITTON
- SEA-2/SR/8B Robert BRITTON
- SEA-2/SR/9A Fred CLEMENTS
- SEA-2/SR/9B Fred CLEMENTS
- SEA-2/SR/10 Lawrie CROCKER
- SEA-2/SR/11 May CROW
- SEA-2/SR/12 Brian DAVIS

SEA-2/SR/13	Kay DAWSON
SEA-2/SR/14	Peter de MEY
SEA-2/SR/15	Dan GLEESON
SEA-2/SR/16	Flora GREENSLADE
SEA-2/SR/17	Esme and W.A. GREGORY
SEA-2/SR/18	Ron and Joan HIVERS
SEA-2/SR/19	Jean HOLLIDAY
SEA-2/SR/20	Hulet HORNBECK
SEA-2/SR/21	Thelma HOWARD
SEA-2/SR/22	Dorothy JENKINSON
SEA-2/SR/23A	Darrell and Daphne LAUSEN
SEA-2/SR/23B	Darrell and Daphne LAUSEN
SEA-2/SR/24	Cliff LOCK
SEA-2/SR/25	Ronald McKERGOW
SEA-2/SR/26	Gert McLEAN
SEA-2/SR/27A	Steve McLEAN
SEA-2/SR/27B	Steve McLEAN
SEA-2/SR/28	Robert MELLOY
SEA-2/SR/29	Geoffery MOORE
SEA-2/SR/30	Gordon NEILSON
SEA-2/SR/31A	NEWMAN - GOFTON - WILKIE
SEA-2/SR/31B	NEWMAN - GOFTON - WILKIE
SEA-2/SR/32	Edith NORTON
SEA-2/SR/33	Gertude POHLMAYER
SEA-2/SR/34	Marie PULLMAN
SEA-2/SR/35	Sydney RAINS
SEA-2/SR/36	John RANSOM
SEA-2/SR/37	Betty RATH
SEA-2/SR/38	Tom REEVES
SEA-2/SR/39	Kevin RUDD
SEA-2/SR/40	Noel SHERRY
SEA-2/SR/41	Alan STEPHENSON
SEA-2/SR/42	Meryl STONE
SEA-2/SR/43	Lawrie STRATFORD
SEA-2/SR/44	Richard SUEHR
SEA-2/SR/45	Les TAYLOR
SEA-2/SR/46	Les TURNER
SEA-2/SR/47	Estelle WILSON
SEA-2/SR/48	Gordon WILSON
SEA-2/SR/49	Noel WILSON
SEA-2/SR/50	Keith Zierk

***Biographies and other matters relating to interviews:***

SEA-2/BIO/1      Biographies, interview protocol and correspondence.

***Correspondence:***

SEA-2/CORR/1      50th Anniversary Commemoration Committee. Correspondence - business and general.

**Financial Records:**

SEA-2/FIN/1 Invoices, accounts, draft business plan and other financial matters regarding 50th Anniversary Commemoration Committee.

**Meeting Records:**

SEA-2/MR/1 Agenda, minutes and reports relating to 50th Anniversary Commemoration Committee.

**Manuscripts:**

SEA-2/MS/1 Photocopy of Thesis by Darryl McIntyre on U.S. Military Forces in Australia 1942-45.

SEA-2/MS/2 *Townsville At War 1942* draft copy of manuscript with amendments and critique by Professor B. Dalton.

SEA-2/MS/3 *Townsville At War 1942* draft copy of manuscript with amendments and critique by Professor B. Dalton.

SEA-2/MS/4 *Townsville At War 1942* manuscript incomplete.

SEA-2/MS/5 Matters relating to *Townsville At War 1942* manuscript including author's agreement, financial agreements and amendments to manuscript.

**Miscellaneous:**

SEA-2/MISC/1 Parchment of presentation regarding Veteran's Register.

SEA-2/MISC/2 Programme of Memorial Service 5 May 1990, draft of events for 50th Commemoration and invitation list.

SEA-2/MISC/3 Research material and other related matters.

SEA-2/MISC/4 Publicity newspaper extracts.

**CORAL SEA '92 - SERIES THREE****Ephemera:**

SEA-3/EPH/1 Leaflets and programmes.

SEA-3/EPH/2 Poetry.

SEA-3/EPH/3 Draft of "The Bayonet of Australia" x 2.

SEA-3/EPH/4 Newspaper supplements.

SEA-3/EPH/5 Extracts from newspapers and other publications.

SEA-3/EPH/6 Leaflets and booklets.

SEA-3/EPH/7 "Townsville Under Attack" by Robert Kendall Piper.

SEA-3/EPH/8 "This Month in Townsville" special Coral Sea '92 edition.

SEA-3/EPH/9 Coral Sea '92 Official Guide.

SEA-3/EPH/10 Booklets - "The Battle" and "Battle Beyond Our Shores".

SEA-3/EPH/11 Newsletter Toc H. Qld. April 1992.

SEA-3/EPH/12 Poster.

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359L SEA-1/CORR/11-20

359R SEA-1/CORR/21-30

360L SEA-1/CORR/31-36, SEA-1/MR/1-5, SEA-1/FIN/1SEA-1/PUB/1-8 360R  
360R SEA-1/MISC/1  
361L SEA-2/SR/1-50, SEA-2/MISC/1  
361R SEA-2/CORR/1, SEA-2/FIN/1, SEA-2/MR/1, SEA-2/MS/1-5, SEA-  
2/MISC/2-4, SEA-2/BIO/1  
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