

Note on Rank/Position

There have been changes in the rank, position and status of many of the individuals involved in the 1992 SWAN events. As a result, there are variations in the way they are referred to in this Report, both in the text and in quotations from other documents. The following gives an indication of some of the changes that have occurred.

Dennis Mole holds the substantive rank of Commander, which is the rank he held during his posting as Commanding Officer of HMAS Swan. He was granted the acting rank of Captain when he took up the position of Commander of the Australian Submarine Squadron but will revert to his substantive rank of Commander upon completion of this posting unless he is promoted to the substantive rank of Captain. For the most part he is referred to in this Report as "Captain".

Carole Wheat holds the rank of Lieutenant in the RAN Reserve (RANR) although she is not currently an active member of the Reserve. This is the rank she held when she was embarked as the medical officer on HMA Ships SWAN and WESTRALIA in 1992 and during the court martial and Board of Inquiry. For the most part she is referred to in this Report as "Dr Wheat".

Wendy Flannery and Sheena Connelly held the rank of Leading Seaman when embarked on SWAN. Both have since been discharged from the Navy. In this Report they are referred to as "Ms Flannery" and "Ms Connelly" when referring to evidence provided since their discharge; otherwise they are referred to as Leading Seaman.

Michelle Miller and Mary Ganter held the rank of Sub-Lieutenant when they were embarked on SWAN. Ganter was promoted to Lieutenant before the Board of Inquiry was convened and Miller was promoted after the Board had delivered its findings.