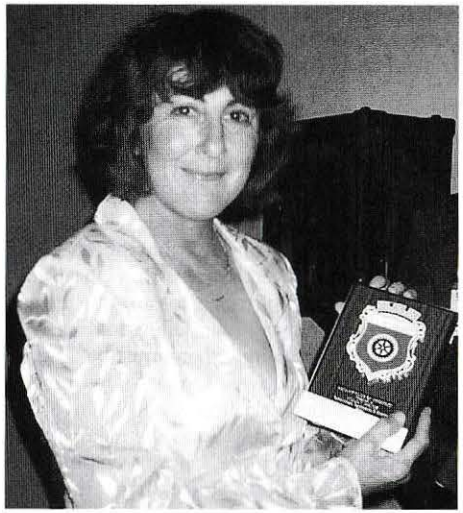

John Rischbieth (HMAS Hobart) and Ian Robertson (ex-submariner) at the Honour Roll ceremony.

We congratulate Helen Prisk on the Rotary Pride of Workmanship Award, marking her 'consideration, commitment and kindness.' This recognised 28 years nursing at Royal Adelaide Hospital Head & Neck Cancer Unit. It was presented by Frank Agostino, President of Prospect Rotary Club in April 2001. Helen is Race Results Recorder and a member of the crew of *Miss Robyn*.

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Elsewhere in this issue you will see a suggestion that we could establish a sort of **columbarium**. To the Romans a *columbarium* was subterranean sepulchre, having in its walls niches or holes for cinerary [funeral] urns; also one of these niches or recesses; and hence a similar structure in a modern crematorium, church, etc. This could be an appropriate way for the names of Members to be remembered. Obviously, such a project could be undertaken only if there is sufficient interest, which should be conveyed to the Office.

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Bob and Pat Catley will be changing hemispheres. Not of the brain but of the world. Bob is to spend time in Japan as a Visiting Professor, after which he will return to his University post at Dunedin in New Zealand. The pull of family (especially grandchildren!) brings Pat home from time to time, but Bob's hectic work commitments limit his opportunities to do so. We hope that it won't be too long before they are permanently back at the Squadron and we can enjoy their company, particularly in chatting over dinners upstairs.

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Peter McBride pointed out a somewhat unhappy coincidence about our last cover. In addition to *Gretka*, two other motor boats were included. All three were involved in serious fires, and on one there were a couple of deaths. This was *Mab*, which exploded in flames soon after refuelling soon before the Easter cruise to Port Vincent. Ern Stuckey and at least one child died.

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We express our appreciation to Fred Townsend for his contribution to the Honour Roll ceremony. The haunting notes from the balcony were perfect for the occasion.

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Editor's note on spelling: RW Burchfield's *The New Fowler's Modern English Usage* (1996) states: '**licence, license** In British English the first is the only spelling for the noun (American English *license*), while the second is the normal form for the verb in both countries.' *Oxford English Dictionary* gives only *licensee* and does not record *licencee*. *Squadron Quarterly* follows the usage of British English.

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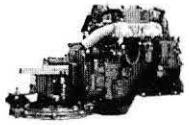

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