

# AHS Awards

The AHS Awards for 2013 are as follows:

- Patron's Gold Medal: CDRE Rod Nairn AM, RAN
- Award of Merit – Literary and Media Achievement (Non-Fiction): Dorothy Prescott
- Chairman's Letter of Appreciation: Frank Guerts

Congratulations to each of the recipients. The Awards will be presented at various AHS World Hydrography Day events.

## East Australia Region

A one day technical seminar and celebratory World Hydrography Day dinner was held on 16 August 2013. The seminar did coincide with the visit of a delegation from the new Hydrographic Society of Korea (HSK). The Korean delegation was led by the HSK president. This event also involved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Australasian Hydrographic Society (AHS) and the HSK. The president of the HSK advised us that he would be bringing three professors that have a background in Law of the Sea. The August seminar therefore had a 'Law of the Sea' theme. The theme is topical noting the recent tensions in the South China Sea and the vital role that hydrographic surveyors play in maritime boundary delineation.

## New Zealand Region

The New Zealand Region held its 2013 Seminar Day and AGM on World Hydrography Day in Tauranga. The Port of Tauranga is the largest port in the country in terms of total cargo volume and the second largest in terms of container throughput. It is also associated with the grounding of the container vessel Rena in October 2011 on a reef 20km offshore. A group of 30 attended and enjoyed a 2 hour tour of the port facilities in the morning. In the afternoon 10 high quality presentations were presented covering interesting hydrographic and dredging projects, new technologies and hydrographic education. The AGM was held and attendees enjoyed socialising and an evening meal afterwards. The presentations are at [www.hydrographicsociety.org.nz/events.htm](http://www.hydrographicsociety.org.nz/events.htm).