

The Navy League of Australia - Victoria Division
Incorporating Tasmania

NEWSLETTER



AUGUST 2017

Volume:6 No:8

“The maintenance of the maritime well-being of the nation”

is the principal objective of the Navy League of Australia

Patron:
Governor of Victoria

President:
LCDR Roger Blythman

RANR RFD RET'D

Snr Vice President: Frank

McCarthy

Vice President Secretary: Ray
Gill

PP: Treasurer: Special Events:
CMDR John Wilkins OAM RFD
RANR

NAVAL HISTORY

Listed in the following are some of the memorable events in naval history that have transpired during the month of August:-

AUGUST 1900

It was in August 1900 that her Majesty's South Australian Cruiser "Protector" sailed for China to engage in the Boxer Rebellion.

AUGUST 1908

The United States Great White Fleet visited Australia during their World cruise, arriving in Melbourne on the 29th of the month.

AUGUST 1914

At the outbreak of World War One the Defence Minister, Senator Millen, announced in Melbourne on Sunday 9th August 1914 that approval had been given for a Military force being formed to be **designated as the "Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force"**. **The force was raised in record time and** on 19th August 1914, it sailed from Sydney Harbour for active service in German New Guinea.

The Navy League member the late CMDR. Stan Veale, CMG**, RANR was a member of the force in which he served as a midshipman. CMDR Veale claimed to have been one of the first 200 Australians to go into action in World War One.

NAVAL HISTORY C'TND

AUGUST 1941

HMAS CASTLEMAINE, the last of the 60 Australian built Bathurst Class minesweeper – Corvettes still afloat, was launched by Dame Pattie Menzies at Williamstown Victoria on 7th August 1941.

“Castlemaine” has therefore been afloat for 76 years and is moored not far from her original launching place, after having steamed some 117,000 miles during WW2 service.

I have no doubt that the reason Ex HMAS CASTLEMAINE is still afloat today, is due in no small way to the sterling efforts of Peter Williams and his loyal small band of volunteer helpers.

AUGUST 1942

It was the 9th August 1942 that HMAS CANBERRA was lost during the battle of Savo Island, the result of a surprise Japanese attack.

Eighty three of “Canberra’s” complement were lost during the action including her Commanding Officer Captain F.E. Getting.

The United States Navy also suffered heavy losses of men and ships in this action including the cruisers “Quincy” “Astoria” and “Vincennes” with the loss of 939 lives.

AUGUST 1943

On the night of 1st August 1943, a Japanese destroyer group of the “Tokyo Express” successfully ran supplies through to Villa in the Pacific despite attempts by United States PT. Boats to frustrate the effort. As the enemy ships retired on the fulfillment of their mission, the Japanese Destroyer “Amagiri” rammed and sank PT109 commanded by Lieutenant Kennedy, USNR. Kennedy and the surviving 10 members of his crew – two were lost – reached the shore of a small island east of Gizo. From there LEUT Kennedy sent a message, scratched on a coconut shell, by friendly natives to Wana Wana Island, where Coastwatcher LEUT Evans organized the rescue of LEUT Kennedy who eventually arrived hidden under ferns in the bottom of a native canoe. Arrangements were then made for the rescue of the remainder of PT109’S crew from their island hiding place by another P.T. Boat. And so it was that a future President of the United States of America John F. Kennedy was saved by an Australian Coastwatcher, LEUT Reg Evans RANVR.

AUGUST 1945

The Japanese Government surrendered unconditionally, thus ending World War Two. Admiral William F. “Bull” Halsey of the U.S. Third Fleet, plus units of the British Pacific Fleet formed part of various task forces in Japanese waters at that time including British and American Task Force 37 and Task Force 38 under the commands of Admiral Sir Bernard Rawlings and US Vice Admiral John S. McCain.

United States leaders initially considered that the landing and occupation force planned for Japan was to be essentially American however, the British Pacific Fleet provided a landing force for Yokosuka and the Royal Navy landing battalion was placed under the command of the RAN’S Captain H.J. Buchanan of the Seventh Flotilla in HMAS NAPIER, which was a fine tribute to this distinguished Australian Officer.

The Japanese seaport of Yokosuka remains to this day a strategic naval base with units of the US. Navy forward deployed and home based at Yokosuka. These ships include the aircraft carrier ‘USS GEORGE WASHINGTON”, cruisers, the command ship “USS BLUE RIDGE” and the Arleigh Burke Class Destroyers of destroyer squadron 15.

AS IT WAS IN AUGUST 2007

Once again we invite you to join us as we take a look at more recent naval history at items that involved or caught the eye of Navy League over the years on our “Keep Watch” brief. This time we go back 10 years as we browse through or records and reports to July 2007 we note that it was around this time we reported on the following.

1. UK CADET HISTORY
2. HMAS RANKIN VISITS MELBOURNE 2007

NAVY CADET HISTORY TS. ADVENTURE, BRISTOL UK.

It is interesting to note that the UK Cadets were in existence in 1856, but had no official organisation supporting them. The first Navy League Group in Great Britain, TS.

ADVENTURE, was formed at Bristol in 1895 and has the distinction of holding the Navy League Certificate No. 1, granted to them that year.

In 1910, further Navy League units were formed in Bristol. On May 23rd 1938, the Bristol branch of the Sea Cadet Corps was formed, its first meeting being held at the Victoria Rooms.

On November 21st 1938 Admiral Sir William James presented their first colours at the Victoria rooms. The Duke of Beaufort presided at the occasion, along with Lord Lloyd of Dolobran, President of the Navy League.

In 1942, the training of Sea Cadets became a joint operation between the Navy League and the Admiralty, with his Majesty King George VI becoming the sea Cadets Corps first Admiral. In July 1965, the unit moved to new headquarters at Deal Cottage, Cumberland Basin.

RAN SUBMARINE VISITS MELBOURNE

At 1000 hours on Friday 27th July 2007 HMAS RANKIN arrived at Inner East Station Pier Port Melbourne.

The berthing procedure in Melbourne for a Collins Class Submarine is a little complicated. Two high powered tugs are used together with two line boats to complete the task. The tugs do more pulling than pushing and the line boats, with rope mats over their bows, nudge the submarine into place against the two three tonne fenders that are required to keep the submarine the correct distance out from the pier.

The fenders and rope mats used on the bows of the light line boats are borrowed from Tasmania and are shipped across to Melbourne onboard the “Spirit of Tasmania”, as and when required, as aids to berth the 3000 tonne Collins Class submarines.

The main problem associated with berthing Collins Class submarines in Melbourne is that the powerful Melbourne tugs could damage the submarines outer casing and break the anti-detection tiles that cover the submarines surface.

I might add also that I found it somewhat unusual as the submarine was approaching the pier, to see an American sailor in US uniform complete with “gob-cap” heaving the mooring line.

I am advised that there are about 40 US sailors on transfer duties with the RAN submarine service, selected from 800 volunteer applicants for a two year service period. I rather think that they would be quite handy as the RAN are experiencing an acute shortage of submariners. The US sailors gain the experience of serving in diesel-electric submarines, vessels that the United States Navy do not possess.

This visit to Melbourne by HMAS RANKIN nicknamed "The Black Knight" marks the fourth visit by a Collins Class submarine, the second by RANKIN and two another visits by HMAS WALLER. It is almost four years since the last Collins Class visit to Melbourne which was HMAS RANKIN on her first visit.

In addition to the US sailors on board there are also 8 female crew members bringing RANKIN'S total crew number to in excess of 50 personnel.

Other main characteristics of HMAS RANKIN include the following:-

LENGTH	78 METRES
BEAM	7.8 METRES
SPEED SUBMERGED	20 KNOTS
SPEED SURFACED	10 KNOTS
ARMAMENT	6 FORWARD TORPEDO TUBES

HMAS RANKIN is currently under the command of CMDR Phil Sandford with LCDR Byron Williamson as XO. NLA Vic Division executives will no doubt recall CMDR Sandford as then LCDR Sandford XO of HMAS WALLER when he and WALLER'S CO LCDR Jason Cupples were guests of the League during HMAS WALLER'S Melbourne visit of April 2003.

Following lengthy conversations with the CO., XO, and Engineering Officer, I was able to ascertain that the sole purpose of the port visit to Melbourne was to provide the crew with rest and recreation. The choice given to the CO for the R&R visit was Tasmania or Victoria and CMDR Sandford opted for Melbourne.

HMAS RANKIN has had a very busy past few weeks on patrol in and out of Brisbane and Sydney with exercises off the New South Wales and Queensland Coast, including exercise Talisman Sabre, an exercise that involved a total of 25,000 US and Australian Defence personnel and also involved RANKIN working with two USN Nuclear submarines.

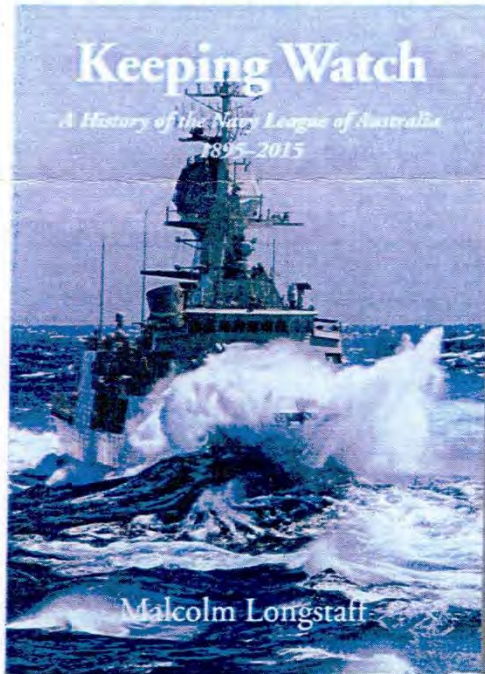
I left spare copies of the Leagues magazine "The Navy" with the XO, and suggested to CMDR Sandford that the next time he was in Melbourne, we should get together with other League members for a bite to eat, a drink and a chat. CMDR Sandford thought that was a good idea and advised that he would be back to Melbourne in RANKIN during early 2008. HMAS RANKIN departed from Melbourne 1st August 2007 to return home to Fleet Base West at HMAS STIRLING. During her return to base trip RANKIN continued with exercises, this time with the RAAF.



Keeping Watch

A History of the Navy League of Australia
1895–2015

Malcolm Longstaff OAM



Malcolm Longstaff has been an active member of the NSW Division of the Navy League of Australia since 1970. His book, recently published by the League, traces the history of its organisation from the formation of its parent, the Navy League of Great Britain, in 1895. Formed as a result of growing public concern about the increasing naval strength of continental European powers and the League opened its first Australian Branch in Launceston, Tasmania, in 1901. Growth of the League in Australia was slow until after the early success of the RAN in World War I but, ultimately, the League was represented in all states of Australia. In 1920 it began forming units of sea cadets, known as the Navy League Sea Cadet Corps. Responsibility for the cadets was assumed by the RAN in 1973 and they are now known as Australian Navy Cadets.

In 1950 the individual branches were consolidated into an autonomous national body, The Navy League of Australia, with each state and territory having representation on the League's Federal Council.

The League's quarterly national magazine, *The Navy*, is a highly-regarded commentator on naval and defence issues. The magazine has been continuously published since 1938.

With 280 pages including index, *Keeping Watch* has over 70 illustrations and is available as a hardback or soft-cover book. It can be ordered from the NSW Division of the Navy League of Australia using the form below. Payment can be made by cheque or by bank transfer.

**The Navy League of Australia
NSW Division
GPO Box 1719
SYDNEY, NSW 2001**

Please supply me with _____ copy/ies of *Keeping Watch* as indicated below:

- ☐ Hardback at \$40 plus \$15 postage and packing per copy
(Limited numbers of hardback copies are available)
- ☐ Softback at \$30 plus \$15 postage and packing per copy

Name:

Address:

State:

Postcode:

Tel:

Email:

Payment (please indicate)

☐ I enclose a cheque for \$ _____ payable to The Navy League of Australia, NSW Division

☐ I have transferred \$ _____ on _____ to _____

The Navy League of Australia, NSW Division
Westpac Bank
BSB: 032 002
Account No: 680624

***Please ensure that your surname and initials are
indicated on your bank transfer***

*Orders will be dispatched on confirmation of receipt of
payment*

Notice is hereby given that the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of

THE NAVY LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA – VICTORIA TASMANIA DIVISION

Will be held at the Box Hill RSL, Nelson Road Box Hill Victoria

On Saturday 9th September 2017 at 10:00AM

The League's CMDR John Wilkins, OAM, RFD*, RANR., has kindly contributed an interesting story relative to Naval Uniform Buttons as per the following:-

Royal Navy Engineers & Steam Engines 1763-1847

James Watt greatly improved Newcomen's steam engine in 1763 by inventing a 'separate condenser' and introducing crank movements, making the steam engine more efficient. With his partner, Matthew Boulton, they designed other steam engine improvements including the double-acting engine, a centrifugal governor for automatic speed control and a pressure gauge, all manufactured at Birmingham from 1774. These provided the essential components accelerating Britain's industrial revolution.

The term "Horse-Power", first used by Watt, and the power unit 'Watt', were named in his honour. The firm, Boulton and Watt, supplied c150 steam boat engines for Steam Packet boats, Danube steamers and Royal Navy Paddle Wheel Steamers from 1797 to 1871. By the 1850s the Navy's Paddle Wheel Steamers were becoming obsolete as new inventions appeared. One such invention in 1836 saw the 26 year old Francis Pettit Smith, a farmer from boyhood with a passion for building model boats, design and patent the screw propeller.

1839 Smith's revolutionary screw propeller was installed in 237-ton HMS "*Archimedes*" for a trial, the ship achieving 9 knots. The Royal Navy's 100 cumbersome paddle wheel steamers driven by Watt's 1774 side-lever atmospheric steam reciprocating engine and the combined Sail and Steam Paddle Steamers warships, were soon replaced with vessels using Pettit's new screw propeller in the new iron hulled ships.

This was a major turning point in the history of maritime ship construction and propulsion and the glorious age of sailing ships and Nelson was soon to be left behind but not forgotten.

1841 With increasing use of steam engines Chief Engineers in the Navy now gained commissioned rank, messes in the officers' wardroom, their names appearing in the Navy List.

The 21 Dec. 1841 Admiralty Order laid down that First-Class Engineers, currently wearing the same uniform as gunners, boatswains and carpenters, were now to wear special Engineer buttons.



Royal

The uniform to have eight coat front Engineer buttons, grouped in fours, with one extra-large button of the same design worn on the collar to ensure Engineer Officers were easily recognisable to executive officers concerned with upper deck routine duties.

The button design has an heraldically azure (horizontally lined) background on which an embossed Watt side lever steam engine was placed under a Queen Victoria Crown(QVC), all within a rope-like rim, manufactured by R.E. Hayward, the larger 'collar size' by Firmin.. A narrow band of gold lace now decorated the 1st Class Engineer officer's cap.

1843 First RN Engineering apprentices started training.

1844 Smith's screw propeller was installed in the new frigate, HMS Rattler, and Admiralty placed an order for 6 new propeller-driven iron hulled warships. From that time all new construction naval ships were similarly constructed. By 1861-2 HMS Warrior and HMS Black Prince were the first of the new armoured iron hulled, screw driven, warships.

1847 - Engineer Officers now commissioned as

1st Class Engineer - Inspector of Machinery Afloat.

2nd. Class Engineer - Chief Engineers.

The unique Engineer button was now replaced by the standard Royal Navy over Anchor buttons formerly reserved for Executive officer's only.



Crown

*John M Wilkins OAM RFD**

VICTORIA -TASMANIA

Tasmania Established 1900,



DIVISION

Victoria 15 October 1915

2017-2018 ANNUAL DUES are due for payment by

30 June 2017

\$35

Forwarding it to Hon Secretary R Gill JP at your earliest convenience, will be greatly appreciated by our Navy League volunteers handling the administration on your behalf.

Payment ensures you continue to receive the Quarterly issue of "The Navy" and V.Pres. Frank McCarthy's monthly newsletter update.

If you cease receiving these contact Hon. Secretary.

Direct payment to our account may be made via internet banking -,
(*ensure your name is included* after payment *and send an email* to Hon Secretary raydotgill@optusnet.com.au to confirm the payment made)

BSB 033 389 A/C No.: 107631 Westpac Bank

or POST to P.O. Box 2340 Mount Waverley 3149

NOTES

"Welcome luncheons" for visiting ships and "special events" are held when ship operations permit so please let Secretary Ray (03 9884 6237) know so the records can reflect that interest, and we can notify you of upcoming events.

Monthly Newsletters are distributed by email. Those without personal email may have a family member or a friend to whom we can send it. Please let us know that email address.

MEMBERSHIP: I attach a copy of our new member application form and encourage you to give it to a friend interested in joining the Navy League and supporting its objective "*The Maritime Well-being of Australia*"

Yours Aye!

LCDR Roger Blythman RFD

President

NAVY LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA VICTORIA-TASMANIA DIVISION

Welcome Luncheon-Reception Captain Tim Standen CSC, RAN.

Our thanks go to League Executive members Ms. Jane Teasdale and Ms. Lynda Gilbert for filing the following report, complete with images of the Navy League Luncheon-reception to welcome to Victoria Captain Tim Standen CSC, RAN together with his wife Karen.

Captain Standen is CO HMAS CERBERUS and Senior Naval Officer of Victoria (SNOVIC).

A brief extract Captain Standens speech is included in Jane and Lynda's report as below.

Captain Tim Standen Welcome Luncheon 14 July 2017 Mercure Hotel, Melbourne

Captain Tim Standen CSC RAN was welcomed by President NLA Vic-Tas Division LCDR Roger Blythman RFD. Captain Standen grew up in Townsville and has been in the RAN for 37 years.

Captain Standen thanked Roger for his introduction and noted that NLA is like the extended family of the Navy, with its primary mission to maintain maritime wellbeing of our nation. Tim started his naval career at 13 at TS Coral Sea at Townsville which had a significant impact on his life, an even then, he appreciated the unwavering support of the Navy League of Australia.

The Navy's role is to fight and win at sea, so it is imperative that Cerberus navy personnel are up to a standard that reflects this. Leadership is unrelenting and maintaining our good reputation is a top priority. Cerberus is acknowledged the largest and the best training organization in Australia. There are some 1600 sailors there at any one time. Cerberus puts people first – and they are proud, professional, multi-skilled, tough and combat-ready.

Cerberus currently has an upgrade program in place of \$463 million which will take place over 5 years. This will deliver sewerage, power, water and information technology, which will benefit engineering, maintenance and simulation training.

A podcast of Captain Standens speech has been uploaded and is accessible via The Navy League Victoria-Tasmania Division website.

Captain Tim Standen's (<http://navyleague.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Capt-Tim-Standen-14-July.mp3>) podcast is an excellent, engaging speech on the status of the 30 year ship building program and the vital role HMAS CERBERUS will play in the future.



CAPTAIN TIM STANDEN WITH LEAGUE VICTORIA-TASMANIA DIVISION
PRESIDENT ROGER BLYTHMAN



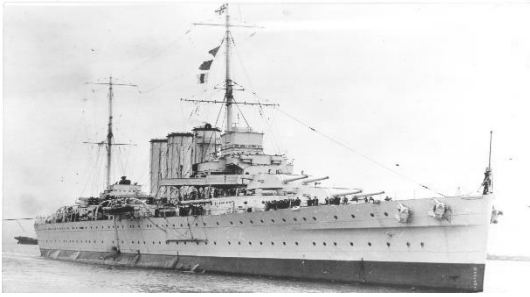
MRS KAREN STANDEN WITH THE LEAGUES (CENTRE) MS. JANE TEASDALE



LCDR SIMON LEE RANR AND MS. ROSEMARY CRESWELL AT CAPTAIN
STANDENS WELCOME LUNCHEON

SHRINE REPORT AUGUST 2017

CEREMONIES



75th Anniversary of the Sinking of the HMAS Canberra (Battle of Savo Island)

Wednesday 9 August 2017, 11:00AM

Wreath Laying on the Forecourt. Shrine Representatives: Shrine Governor Commander Terry Makings AM

72nd Anniversary of Victory in the Pacific (VP Day)

Tuesday 15 August, 10.30am
Wreath laying on the Forecourt

Victory in the Pacific Day is celebrated on 15 August. This date commemorates Japan's acceptance of the Allied demand for unconditional surrender on 14 August 1945. For Australians, it meant that the Second World War was finally over.

Vietnam Veterans Day Commemoration Ceremony

Friday 18 August, 11am
Wreath laying on the Forecourt

The Vietnam War was Australia's longest military engagement of the 20th century. Almost 60,000 Australians fought in the war and more than 500 lost their lives. Originally known as Long Tan Day, Vietnam Veterans Day is commemorated on 18 August every year.

75th Anniversary of the Kokoda Campaign

Saturday 26 August, 11am
Wreath laying on the Forecourt

The Kokoda Trail fighting was some of the most desperate and vicious encountered by Australian troops in the Second World War. This special wreath laying ceremony commemorates the 75th anniversary of this important campaign.



Legacy Sunday 2017

Sunday 27 August 2017, 11:00am

Wreath Laying on the Forecourt

Shrine Representatives: Shrine Trustee Wing Commander David Grierson OAM (Retd)
Shrine Life Governor Colonel George Mackenzie OBE RFD
Shrine Life Governor Lieutenant Colonel David Ford CVO AM GM



Merchant Navy Day Wreath Laying 2017

3 September 2017, 2:00pm

Wreath Laying in the Sanctuary

The Merchant Navy is frequently referred to as The Fourth Service because without this civilian service no country can hope to win a war. This is the service that transports the troops, their equipment and vehicles, their water food, fuel and ammunition to where it is needed. This vital service helps win wars. The almost total loss of the Japanese merchant ships to submarines, mines and bombs substantially helped the Allies in their desperate struggle.

Battle for Australia 2017

Wednesday 6 September 2017, 11:00am

Wreath Laying on the Forecourt

All school students welcome.

Shrine Representatives:

Shrine Governor Major Maggie More RFD

Shrine Governor Group Captain Annette Holian

Shrine Governor Commander Terry Makings AM

TALKS & EVENTS



Words From Our Navy Veterans

Wednesday 9 August 2017

Meet some of our last surviving Second World War navy veterans Jim Paizis, David Manning, Norm Tame, Hiram Ristrom, Ray Leonard and Pamela Nicholls of the WRANS as they recount tales from their service. From taking part in the Battle of Coral Sea, surviving POW camps in South East Asia and decoding and encoding war-winning intelligence, these vets will reflect upon their time at sea.

Presenter: Tracey Curro, Jim Paizis, David Manning, Norm Tame, Hiram Ristrom, Ray Leonard and Pamela Nicholls

Date: Wednesday 9 August, midday

Cost: \$5.00 (non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours of the event)

Location: Education Centre, Shrine of Remembrance



Gimme Shelter

Tuesday 15 August, 6pm
Shrine Auditorium

Join Paul Field as he discusses his new release *Gimme Shelter*, a collection of stories of endurance, courage and survival told by returned members of the armed forces and other first respondents. Paul will be joined by Vietnam veteran Don Barnby and Paul Stewart, brother of Balibo Five journalist Tony Stewart.



Curator Talk: *Nerves and Steel*

Thursday 31 August, 1pm
Shrine Auditorium

When Australians think of the war against Japan they usually reflect on the role of our soldiers in bloody actions at Malaya, New Guinea and Borneo. These land campaigns were, however, only aspects of a much wider conflict, fought across the vast Pacific Ocean. Shrine Curator Neil Sharkey will present an exclusive talk on our newest exhibition.



The Mausoleum and Melbourne

Thursday 7 September, midday

Shrine Auditorium

Join Professor Gillian Shepherd and discover the ancient origins of our modern commemoration

The following podcasts are now available on the website

<http://www.shrine.org.au/Whats-On/Video-and-Podcasts>: *One Woman's War and Peace* – Wing Commander Sharon Bown

EXHIBITIONS



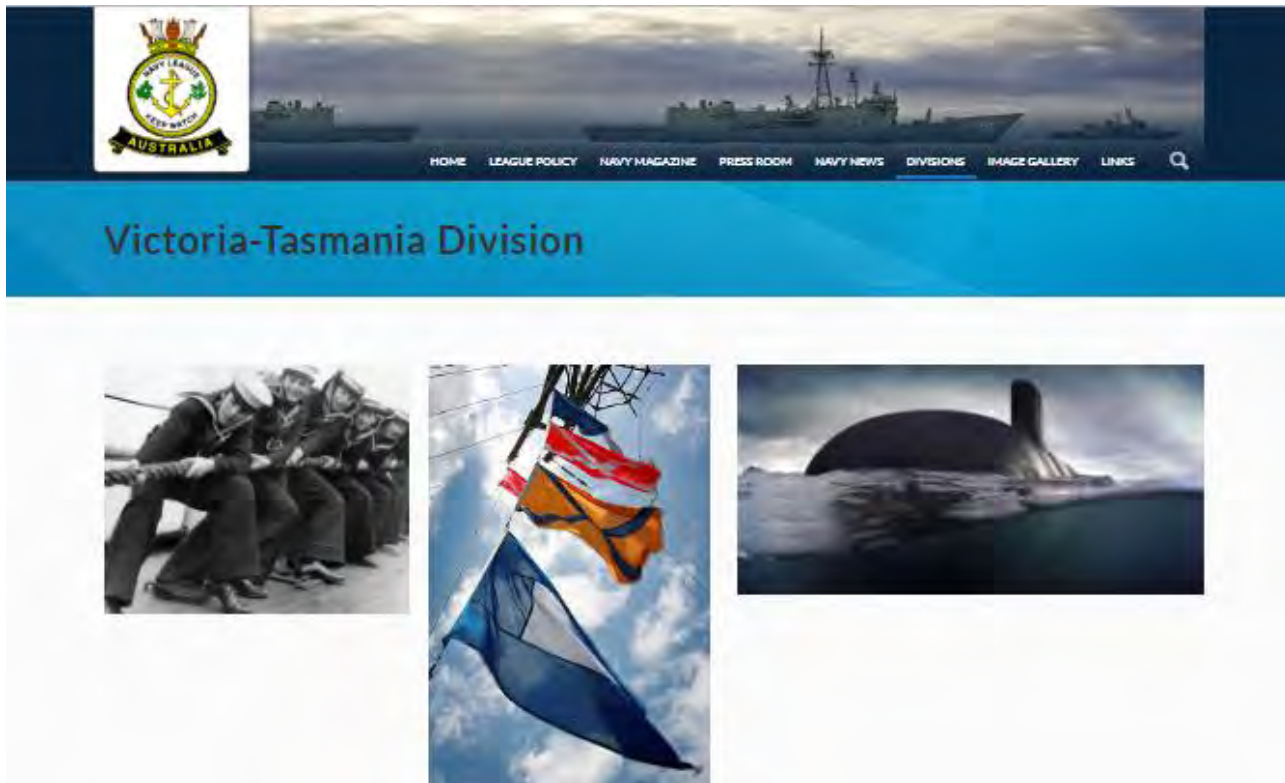
Nerves and Steel: The Navy in the Pacific

22 July 2017 – 29 July 2018

South Gallery, Galleries of Remembrance

A historical exploration of the naval battles in the Pacific during the Second World War. Discover the struggles and glory of the Allied forces against Japan's powerful navy and the role that the Royal Australian Navy played from December 1941 to September 1945 in securing the ultimate Allied Victory.

Website: <http://www.shrine.org.au> Telephone 9661 8100. Note: there is now a \$5 charge for all public programs and bookings are recommended.



NEW NLA VIC-TAS DIVISION WEBSITE

The new NLA VIC-TAS website is up and running.

It can be found at <http://navyleague.org.au/victorian-tasmanian-division/> There are nine pages comprising:

- Executive
- About the Division
- Events
- Newsletters and Publications
- Naval Cadets
- History
- Links
- Creswell Orations
- Podcasts

If you wish to add anything of naval interest, please contact Lynda Gilbert at lynda.gilbert@aol.com

THE NAVY LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP



To: The Hon. Secretary
The Navy League of Australia

Division

I wish to join the Navy League of Australia, the objectives of which I support, and I enclose a remittance for \$35.00 (including \$3.18 GST) being my first annual subscription to 30 June next.

Name: [Mr] [Mrs] [Ms] [Rank]

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Street

Suburb State P/code

Phone Mobile

Email

Signature Date

Subscriptions are due on 1 July in each year and your membership will be current to 30 June immediately following the date on which you join the League, except that if your first subscription is received during the period 1 April to 30 June in any year, your initial membership will be extended to 30 June in the following year.

Join The Navy League of Australia NOW

Become a Member - you only need an interest in maritime affairs.

Complete Application Form **below**, post it, **together with your first annual subscription of \$35.00 (includes four quarterly editions of Navy League's Journal "The Navy")**, to

Hon Secretary, Navy League of Australia Division in the State or region in which you reside.

Addresses:

New South Wales Division: GPO Box 1719, Sydney, NSW 2001.

Victoria-Tasmania Division: PO Box 2340, Mt Waverley, Vic 3149.

Queensland Division: PO Box 2495, Chermside Centre, QLD 4032.

South Australia Division: PO Box 3008, Unley, SA 5061.

Western Australia Division: 11 Georgetown Drive, Malibu 6169 WA

Australian Capital Territory: post form to New South Wales Division, Hon Secretary.

Northern Territory: post form to South Australia Division, Hon Secretary.

Subscriptions due on 1 July in each year. Your membership will be current to 30 June immediately following the date on which you join the League. **NOTE: If your first subscription is received during 1 April to 30 June in any year, your initial membership is extended to 30 June in the following year.**

Any person with an interest in maritime affairs, or who wishes to acquire an interest in, or knowledge of, maritime affairs and who wishes to support the objectives of the League, is invited to join.

THE OBJECTIVES

The principal **objective of the Navy League of Australia is” The maintenance of the maritime well-being of the Nation”** by:

- Keeping before the Australian people the fact that we are a maritime nation and that a strong Navy supported by maritime elements of the Air Force and Army and other Government Maritime agencies are indispensable elements of our national well-being and vital to the freedom of Australia.
- Promoting defence self-reliance by supporting maritime research, defence industry, Australian shipping, ship-building, port and transport infrastructure and off shore resource exploration and development.
- Promoting and encouraging the interest and training of youth in the sea.

ACTIVITIES

The Navy League of Australia works towards its objectives in a number of ways:

- By including in its membership leading representatives of the many elements which form the maritime community.
- Through soundly- based contributions by members to journals and newspapers, and other media comment.
- By publishing *The Navy*, a quarterly journal reporting on local and overseas maritime happenings, past, present, and projected.
- By organizing symposia, ship visits and various other functions of maritime interests throughout the years.
- By supporting Australian Navy Cadets, and assisting in the provision of training facilities.

Member participation is encouraged in all these activities.

POLICY

The policy of the League can be found at the back of *The Navy*.

Correspondence:- All articles for publication in the Navy League of Australia (Vic.-Tas Div.) Newsletter, should be addressed to the Editor, Frank McCarthy, email:- (alistle@bigpond.com). All other correspondence should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, Navy League of Australia (Vic.Div.) P.O.Box 2340, Mount Waverley, Victoria 3149; (raydotgill@optusnet.com.au).

Disclaimer:- Opinions and views expressed in editorial and contributed articles are those of the author and are not necessarily those of the Navy League. The Editor reserves the right to publish abridged articles, special features due to space constraints. The Navy League Editor and authors expressly disclaim all and any liability to any person, whether a Navy League member or not, who acts or fails to act as a consequence of reliance upon the whole or part of this publication. No responsibility is accepted by the Navy League for the accuracy of information contained in advertisements. Publication of any advertisement does not constitute endorsement by the Navy League of any product, nor warrant its suitability. Advertisements are published by the advertisers.