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## **HMAS SUCCESS TO THE GULF**

The RAN'S underway replenishment ship HMAS SUCCESS, AOR304, sailed from Fleet Base East Sydney, during late November 2014 bound for the Middle East under the command of Captain Justin Jones RAN.

HMAS SUCCESS deployed on operation “Manitou” which is Australia’s contribution to the international coalition against terrorism. HMAS SUCCESS is no stranger to the Middle East as she saw active service in the Gulf War of 1991, at the time under the command of Captain G.V. Sloper RAN.

The task for HMAS SUCCESS and her complement, whilst on her current six month deployment, will be to provide logistical support for coalition ships which will involve replenishment-at-sea including supply of fuel, ammunition, food and stores replenishment.

The 28 year old HMAS SUCCESS, the second ship to carry the name for the RAN, was built at the Cockatoo Island Dockyard Sydney and is based on the French “Durand” Class design.

Some of the main characteristics of HMAS SUCCESS, AOR304, are listed in the following:-

COMMISSIONED	23 <sup>RD</sup> April 1986
DISPLACEMENT	18,000 tonnes
LENGTH	157 metres
BEAM	21 metres
SPEED	20 knots
ARMAMENT	2x20mm Phalanx CIWS 4x12.7mm Machine Guns
AIRCRAFT	1 Helicopter
CREW	205

HMAS SUCCESS also provided Valuable logistic support to “Interfet” operations in East Timor during 1999. And again in 2006.

The last visit to Melbourne by HMAS SUCCESS was in August of 2012 then under the command of CMDR Ainsley Morthorpe RAN.

## **HMAS CANBERRA L02 JOINS THE FLEET**

The Royal Australian Navy's latest addition HMAS CANBERRA, Pendant No: 02, joined the fleet recently with Captain Jonathon Sadlier AM, RAN in command.

The Landing Helicopter Dock (LHD) HMAS CANBERRA was commissioned at Garden Island on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in the presence of the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove, Prime Minister Tony Abbott and Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Tim Barrett AM, CSC, together with 1500 members of the public.

The hull of CANBERRA was constructed by the Spanish ship builder Navantia then transported to BAE of Williamstown Victoria for completion including fitment of the superstructure.



The main characteristics of HMAS CANBERRA L02, the third ship so named for the RAN, are detailed in the following:-

DISPLACEMENT	27,500 TONNES
LENGTH	280.8M (757 FEET)
BEAM	32M (105 FEET)
DRAFT	7M (23 FEET)
SPEED	20 KNOTS PLUS
LANDING CRAFT	4 X LLC
COMPLEMENT	300 RAN 60 ARMY 3 RAAF
AIRCRAFT	CAPACITY TO CARRY 18 HELICOPTERS
TROOPS	1046
ARMAMENT	4X25MM RAFAEL TYPHOON & 6X12.7MM MACHINE GUNS

### **NEW ZEALAND VISITOR TO MELBOURNE**

A late visitor to Melbourne for 2014 was HMNZS TE KAHA F77. The 3600 tonne frigate was on her way home to New Zealand following her participation in the WWI commemorations at Albany in Western Australia.

TE KAHA, under the command of CMDR David McEwan, berthed in the Yarra River at No33 South Wharf during her six day stay, which was for the purpose of resupply and crew R & R.

TE KAHA'S visit to Melbourne was good timing for her commanding officer as his mother and sister are both residents of Victoria and were on the pier to welcome TE KAHA in fact the CO's mother Beverly who lives in Inverloch, was celebrating her 76<sup>th</sup> birthday on the day of the ships arrival and so together with sister Fiona, from North Ringwood, the trio with help from others enjoyed a TE KAHA chocolate birthday cake in the ships wardroom. TE KAHA is one of two Anzac Class frigates built for the New Zealand Navy at Williamstown Victoria and launched 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1995. Her sister ship, HMNZS TE MANA F111, WAS LAUNCHED 10<sup>TH</sup> May 1997.

The two New Zealand ships brought the total build of Anzac Class Frigates at Williamstown to 10, with eight delivered to the RAN over the period 1996-2006.

At this point in time it is intended that HMNZS TE KAHA will deploy to Turkey next year to represent New Zealand in April 2015 and participate in the commemoration ceremonies marking the centenary of the "Anzac" landings at Gallipoli.

Following her Melbourne visit HMNZS TE KAHA departed 20<sup>th</sup> November 2014.





### **WWII GUN SHIELD TO WWI NAVAL GUN**

The following article tells the story of a recently refurbished gun shield now destined for a heritage site north of Fremantle WA.

The refurbishment was undertaken by BAE in their Williamstown Victoria workshop. Originally fitted to HMAS ADELAIDE (1) the shield is to be now fitted to a 6 inch gun from HMAS SYDNEY (1) for display purposes.

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A seven-tonne World War II-era navy gun shield dumped at a tip on the Mornington Peninsula has been refurbished and will go on display in WA.

The shield is one of two that sat unmoved since the Mt Eliza tip was turned into parkland more than 30 years ago.

The Australian Army and private defence contractors donated their services towards the refurbishment of the shield.





**Peter Anning from BAE standing in WWII gun shield recently refurbished at BAE Williamstown**

Peter Anning from defence contractors BAE Systems said they had attempted to bring the gun shield back to its original condition.

"It's been out in the elements for quite some time," Mr Anning said.

The Australian Army transported the shield to the Williamstown shipyards, where Mr Anning and his team removed some metalwork before sending it to fellow defence contractors Eptec for blasting and painting.

Originally from the HMAS Adelaide (1), the shields were dumped at the Moorooduc reserve at Mt Eliza after a refit of the ship in 1943.

The Royal Australian Artillery Historical Society of Western Australia holds a MKXI gun barrel from HMAS Sydney (1), and had been searching for more than 20 years for a matching shield.



***HMVS Lonsdale*** was a second-class torpedo boat constructed for the Victorian Naval Forces and later operated by the Commonwealth Naval Forces and the Royal Australian Navy. She was sunk on mud flats on Swan Island in Port Phillip Bay in 1912 after being stripped of equipment and machinery.

*Lonsdale* was one of several torpedo boats ordered by the government of Victoria in 1882 to protect the colony from a possible Russian or French attack, and was built by John I. Thornycroft & Company.

The torpedo boat was 67 feet (20 m) long, with a draught of 3.25 feet (0.99 m), and a displacement of 12.5 tons. She was designed with a low freeboard, to minimise her profile. The boat had a maximum speed of 17 knots (31 km/h; 20 mph), which she would use to close rapidly with enemy vessels before attacking. *Lonsdale* was initially armed with two 14-inch torpedoes carried in bow recesses, and a spar torpedo, but in 1888, she was modified to carry the two 14-inch torpedoes in locally-developed 'dropping gear'; a davit-like device for lowering the torpedoes into the water for launching. She was also armed with 2 Hotchkiss machine guns.

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In 1983, the remains of a torpedo boat likely to be *Lonsdale* were uncovered in reclaimed land in Queenscliff, Victoria, on the grounds of the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum. As of 2010, only the boat's conning tower is exposed.

## NAVAL HISTORY

The month of December is indeed a memorable period in terms of Naval History, as we cast our thoughts back in time or browse through the history books.

### DECEMBER 1910

For example, and just to mention a few occasions it was on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1910 that the torpedo boat destroyers, ACNS YARRA and ACNS PARRAMATTA arrived in Port Phillip Bay on their delivery voyages from the UK.

In this current period the RAN has the fourth generation PARRAMATTA and YARRA in service. HMAS PARRAMATTA No.4 is an Anzac Class Frigate and HMAS YARRA No.4 is a Huon Class Minesweeper.

### DECEMBER 1941

Thirty one years later, it was the 7<sup>th</sup> December 1941 that the Japanese Navy attacked the American Base of Pearl Harbour.

Nineteen US ships were either sunk or damaged in the attack, and US casualties totaled 2403 dead and 1178 wounded. The Japanese Vice Admiral Nagumo's attack upset the naval balance in the Pacific and exposed Australia and the Islands to the North to enemy advances.

### DECEMBER 1942

It was on 1<sup>st</sup> December 1942, that the Bathurst Class Minesweeper, HMAS ARMIDALE under the command of LCDR D. H. Richards RAN was sunk by 12 Japanese aircraft 70 miles South of Betano Bay Timor.

The sinking of HMAS ARMIDALE resulted in the loss of 100 lives, including ordinary seaman Teddy Sheean, a loader on ARMIDALE'S after Oerlikon Anti-Aircraft Gun. When the order to abandon ship had been given, Sheean went to the side, but was hit twice by an attacking Zero's bullets. Undaunted, he went back to his gun, strapped himself in and brought down a Japanese plane, still firing as the ship sank, still firing as he disappeared beneath the waves.

As he disappeared beneath the waves, Teddy Sheean was protecting his mates already in the water and under attack from the Japanese planes. This act of extraordinary bravery earned Teddy Sheean a "mention-in-dispatches".

The current RAN Collins Class Submarine HMAS SHEEAN is named in his honour.

## **DECEMBER 1950**

Sixty four years ago in December 1950, the RAN became involved in one of the most dangerous naval operations of the Korean War.

Two Australian destroyers the WARRAMUNGA and the BATAAN joined three Canadian destroyers and one American destroyer in a mercy mission to the Korean Port of Chinnampo, where wounded UN soldiers and Korean refugees were waiting to be evacuated. The Chinese were advancing rapidly on the Port.

The mixed Australian, Canadian and American flotilla had to sail at night through a blinding snow storm into the mouth of the Taedong River and make their way thirty miles up the treacherous estuary through shoals and minefields to Chinnampo.

Chinnampo, was sighted at 3:00am and the UN flotilla made into Port at battle stations, anticipating an enemy attack at dawn. None came and throughout the day, the allied sailors operated a ferry service in LST'S, transports and junks between their ships and the Port evacuating approximately 8000 wounded troops and Korean refugees. Before the destroyers left Chinnampo, they fired 800 shells into military targets.

The Executive Officer of HMAS BATAAN described the scene as follows:-

*"As broadside after broadside from the destroyers pours into the burning frenzy of the waterfront and bofors and pom-poms chatter their red-streaking fire into every corner and cranny where anything useful may still remain, the darkness of another winter night settles upon us. Chimneys shudder and crumble slowly into the ruins below them. Warehouses flare furiously and fade only when nothing is left to burn. Over the hills the glare from the fires started by the on-rushing Chinese forces brightens the sky and almost reluctantly, we at last cease fire and slip silently downstream to a safer anchorage. As another dawn breaks, we move again to make for the open sea and for the next Port to the South that may require our presence at its fearful death".*

That was the description provided at that time by Lieutenant D Smyth RAN.

\*Editor's Note: The late CDRE Dacre Smyth AO Legion of Honour (France) RAN, was a staunch and loyal supporter of the Navy League and indeed Victoria's naval family.



# CRESWELL ORATION 2014

This edition of the Leagues newsletter contains details of the forthcoming “Australian Navy Foundation Day” commemoration, a key feature of which will be the “Creswell Oration” to be presented by Rear Admiral Stuart Mayer CSC\* RAN.

The venue for the “Creswell Oration” is the William Angliss Restaurant. The event is to be held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.

You are encouraged to book now for the luncheon-presentation in line with the contact details listed below.

Bookings now open

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As the Navy League newsletter now goes into recess for the holiday period, the Leagues President Roger Blythman, together with the Executive Committee members of the Victoria – Tasmania Division, take this opportunity to wish all members a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



"Creswell Oration" established 2001 by Navy League of Australia Victoria Division, and supported by Naval Association of Australia Victoria Section, Naval Officers' Club in Victoria and Naval Historical Society Victoria Chapter - who jointly formed the "Australian Navy Foundation Day Organising Committee" (ANFDOC) administered by Navy League of Australia Victoria-Tasmania Division.

## Celebration of 114<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AUSTRALIAN NAVY's FOUNDATION DAY and the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual "CRESWELL ORATION 2015"



presented by  
RAN's Fleet Commander

REAR ADMIRAL *Stuart Mayer* CSC\* RAN

to speak on



Creswell

**"Royal Australian Navy in 2015 - Old Wine in new Wine Bottles"**

### VENUE:

**William Angliss TAFE Institute Restaurant**  
550 Little Lonsdale Street  
between King & Spencer Streets.



**DATE:** MONDAY 2nd. Mar 2015.

**TIME:** 1200 for 1230

**LOCATION:** William Angliss Institute Restaurant, 550 Little Lonsdale St. Melbourne.

**COST & PAYMENT:** \$40 per head - Cheque or Direct Debit : Westpac Bank BSB:033389 A/C No: 107631 - include your NAME

**DRESS:** Uniform S7, Lounge suit / Day dress - Decorations & Medals optional.

**TRANSPORT:** Trams - Latrobe and Spencer streets. Buses - via Lonsdale St., to Spencer St.,

Rail - Southern Cross Railway Station is City two blocks from venue along Spencer St.

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**BOOK EARLY**

**RSVP - Monday 13 February 2015**

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Australian Navy Foundation Day Creswell Oration 2015  
P.O. Box 2340 Mount Waverley 3149



**"CRESWELL ORATION 2015"** Luncheon **MONDAY 2nd March 2015 @ 1200 for 1230 start.**

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accessed from 550 Little Lonsdale St. Melbourne - between Spencer and King Streets.

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## **SHRINE REPORT NOVEMBER 2014**

Remembrance Day (Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November) was the day the new Galleries of Remembrance were dedicated by the Governor of Victoria, Alex Chernov AC QC after the proceedings on the Forecourt had concluded.

At 10.20am the Remembrance Service commenced and concluded at 11.20am.

An impressive fly past at 11.03am by four RAAF aircraft from the Roulettes team was witnessed by approximately 2000 children who were amazed by the sights and sounds.

After the Dedication Ceremony in the Visitors' Centre was completed, the doors opened to the public at 12.30pm, for the first time, with a special late closing at 7pm (normal hours are 10am to 5pm.)

Special tours for pre-selected visiting schools and school Poster Competition finalists were conducted by guides through the new Galleries. Awards were presented to the winners of the Competition in the Visitors' Centre, and photos taken of the children, many of whom were from Victorian country towns.

Of the \$47m redevelopment, the 1600 m<sup>2</sup> of Undercroft space was enthusiastically received by the general public, with many congratulations in order. The Galleries honour Australian service men and women in all wars and peacekeeping operations, focusing on individual and unit stories of Victorian service and sacrifice, illustrated by the extensive temporary and permanent exhibitions.

Whilst the Galleries are an exciting new addition to the Shrine, the five core themes are still:

1. Purpose of the Shrine.
2. Ray of Light Ceremony.
3. Spirit of ANZAC.
4. External features of the Shrine.
5. Shrine Reserve.

There are in excess of 850 individual items on display, with 17 audio-visual and touch screens with hundreds of photographs and associated interactive displays.

There is a Research Centre with eight computers for public use and three activity (classroom) pods for education and training purposes, each holding approximately 30 people.

The 140 seat auditorium in the Education Centre has proved very popular with the Shrine's excellent Public Talk Series with some having a "full house", e.g. *ANZACS on the Wall* contained poetry, stories and music. It is recommended to ring the Shrine and book on 9661 8100 or online at [www.shrine.org.au](http://www.shrine.org.au).

The landscaping of Birdwood Avenue (east side) of the apron and garden surroundings were completed in time for Remembrance Day and is a credit to the Melbourne City Council, Shrine Trustees and staff, Architects Ashton Raggatt McDougall, and Probuild.

The Shrine staff, volunteers and visitors dealt with restrictions and limitations over the two year construction period, but it is now an outstanding facility that will not fail to impress. The redevelopment is a great tribute to the 2 million men and women who have served this country since Federation.

Ken Crook

November/December 2014



## **“OUR STORY OF TASMANIA’S NAVAL HISTORY CONTINUES”**

Of the 109 known RAN casualties during World War I, 11 were Tasmanian, including telegraphist (and former HMAS *Protector* featherweight boxing champion) Cyril Baker, in the ill-fated HMA Submarine *AE1*. Only Victoria and New South Wales suffered a greater number of casualties.

The DNO continued in its support and training role in the inter-war period. From 1924 the torpedo boat destroyers, HMA Ships *Huon* and *Swan* were based at Hobart and Launceston respectively for Naval Reserve training. From 27 March to 3 April 1924, Hobart played host to the visiting RN Special Service Squadron on its Empire Cruise. The Squadron was commanded by Vice Admiral Sir Fredrick Field, KCB, CMG, RN, in his flagship HMS *Hood* accompanied by six other RN vessels and HMAS *Adelaide*. The cruise was a successful public relations venture for the RN, and a reminder to all that Britannia still ruled the waves.



*HMAS Huon on the Derwent River, Hobart.*

While the permanent naval presence in Tasmania was comparatively small, the RAN made its presence felt with vessels attending the Royal Hobart Regatta and with one vessel traditionally acting as flagship. The three months following the Regatta would be spent in Tasmanian waters conducting exercises to bond the ships' crews following the summer leave and posting period. This association with the Regatta continues to this day, with only the Great Depression putting a temporary stop to naval participation. Between 30,000 and 40,000 people attend the three day event every year.

## “AS IT WAS ”

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 our records and reports to December 2004, we note that it was around this time we reported on the following:-

1. Ex HMAS CASTLEMAINE out of dry dock
2. RNZN and RAN visit to Melbourne
3. Tenix bid for AWD'S

### **HMAS CASTLEMAINE BACK TO GEM PIER**

Following a period of time in dockyard hands, the Bathurst Class Minesweeper-Corvette, ex HMAS CASTLEMAINE, has returned to her berth at Gem Pier.

During her time at Tenix Williamstown, from early November 2004 through to the 24<sup>th</sup> of November, CASTLEMAINE was dry-docked and work carried out to the 63 year old WWII veteran included a complete hull cleaning, a complete repaint plus the fitment of a new mast.

20-TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2004

MIDLAND EXPRESS

## **HMAS Castlemaine connections**

The search is on for anyone who has a past connection with the corvette HMAS Castlemaine.

The Castlemaine, a Bathurst Class Australian minesweeper popularly known as a corvette, was refloated last week with due ceremony after a clean and a refit in the Tenix Shipyard graving dock. She then returned to what has now become her traditional berth at Gem Pier.

HMAS Castlemaine is special for two reasons.

Of the 60 corvettes built during World War II as part of the Commonwealth Government's wartime shipbuilding program, just two remain. One of these, the Whyalla, is now held in a land-locked museum in Whyalla, South Australia. The other is the Castlemaine, the last remaining corvette still afloat.

The other reason for Castlemaine's significance is the connection with the central Victorian town after

which she was named.

All the corvettes were named after country towns, there was more to it than just the name. The main engines and some of the armaments were built at Thompson's Foundry. The people of Castlemaine “adopted” the ship during its wartime service, and kept the crew in care parcels to make their lives a little more comfortable during active service.

The ship was built at the Williamstown dockyard, from where she was also launched, between 1941-42. The engineering work on the engines, and on the guns, must also have been undertaken across this period of time.

No plans remain at the foundry because this was war work. Once the engineering job was completed, the plans, and the finished product, were returned to the Navy. But there could be some old-timers out there still who worked at



**Ship-shape:** All clean and ready to go after her beauty treatment.

Thompson's on the project, and who have stories to tell.

The same may apply to those who worked on the care parcels. RSL Ladies Auxiliary, CWA and various women's church groups would have undertaken the sock-knitting, the food parcels, and the numerous other comforts packed into

parcels to send to those serving on board. At that time the town took HMAS Castlemaine to its heart, and we would love to hear any stories regarding those days when the connection was close.

The cleaning operation and refit was undertaken because HMAS Castlemaine had been moored at

Gem Pier for the past 14 years, and according to Operations Officer Dick Budzienny, was badly in need of dry docking.

“When she came up, the growth on the bottom was phenomenal – barnacles, oysters, mussels and lots of weed,” he said. During the cleaning operation, HMAS

Castlemaine was also fitted with a new steel mast.

On board for the launch were a number of volunteers who had helped with the refit, including an old-timer known as Blue, who saw active service on the ship. Two tugs eased her out of the graving dock, and across the kilometre or so of

water back to the Gem Pier.

Flying from the hal-yard, to celebrate both the journey and the Castlemaine connection, was the Monster Meeting flag – a fitting symbol of this town's early struggle and survival, and a gift to this namesake vessel, which is also a survivor.

### **FRIGATES VISIT MELBOURNE**

The Adelaide-Perry Class Frigate HMAS NEWCASTLE, and the New Zealand Leander Class Frigate HMNZS CANTERBURY paid a visit to Melbourne both arriving on the morning of 26<sup>th</sup> November 2004.

The 33 year old 3200 tonne CANTERBURY is lightly armed with twin 4.5 inch guns and two triple barrelled torpedo tubes; however, with a total crew of 240, she carries 80 more than New Zealand's 2 more modern Anzac Class Frigates.

## “AS IT WAS C’TND”

During the ships brief stay in Melbourne the Leagues Victoria President, CMDR John Wilkins, represented the NLA at a luncheon reception held on board HMNZS CANTERBURY. The luncheon was also attended by the Commanding Officer of HMAS NEWCASTLE.

Commander Wilkins advises that HMNSZ CANTERBURY F421 is now under the command of CMDR Peter Kempster RNZN and the CO of HMAS NEWCASTLE FFG06 is Captain Trevor Jones RAN.

It was Captain Jones who was Task Group Commander of the four RAN vessels that participated in the all-important exercise “Rimpac”, conducted off Hawaii in July of last year.

HMAS NEWCASTLE was the last of the Perry Class Frigates built for the RAN. NEWCASTLE together with her sister ship, HMAS MELBOURNE FFG05, were built at the Williamstown dockyard whereas the first 4 ships of the class were built in the United States.

Neither of the ship’s Commanding Officers are strangers to the NLA Vic. Division, as we had the pleasure of hosting Captain Jones (then CMDR. Jones) CO OF HMAS DARWIN FFG04, at a luncheon reception to celebrate the centenary of Federation in May 2001, together with Senior Officers from HMAS ADELAIDE FFG01 & WARRAMUNGA FFH152 at the Naval & Military Club of Melbourne.

It was also at the Naval & Military Club that the League hosted CMDR Peter Kempster (then LCDR Kempster) XO of HMNZS CANTERBURY at a luncheon reception in April 2002.

The last visit to Melbourne by HMAS NEWCASTLE was in February 2001 with CMDR Peter Naughton as CO.

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The result of the tender is expected to be announced in April 2005 with the ships entering service commencing in 2014 through to 2016.



## Membership

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.

### 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*.


## Joining the League

To become a Member of The League, you do not need to have had any previous maritime experience. You merely need an interest in maritime affairs. Simply complete the Application Form below, and post it, together with your first annual subscription of \$35.00 (which includes the four quarterly editions of The Navy), to the Hon Secretary of the Division of the Navy League in the State in which you reside, the address of which are as follows:

**New South Wales Division:** GPO Box 1719, Sydney, NSW 2001.  
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**South Australian Division:** PO Box 3008, Unley, SA 5061.  
**Tasmanian Division:** 40 Fleetwood Drive, Speyton, TAS 7310.  
**West Australian Division:** 3 Prosser Way, Myaree, WA 6154.

If you live in the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory, please post the form to the Hon Secretary of the New South Wales or South Australian Division respectively.

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.

<b>THE NAVY LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA</b>		
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_____ 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.		
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