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# NEWSLETTER



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

is the principal objective of the Navy League of Australia

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THE SPEECH PRESENTED BY CAPTAIN PAUL MADZIY CSC, RAN, COMMANDING OFFICER OF HMAS ADELAIDE LO1, AT THE NAVY LEAGUES RECENT WELCOME-FAREWELL LUNCHEON-RECEPTION IS FEATURED IN THE FOLLOWING:-

Good afternoon CAPT Stephen Bowater OAM RAN, Senior Naval Officer Victoria, President LCDR Roger Blythman LLB RFD, CNCR Graham Harris RFD National President Navy League of Australia, RYCV Commodore David McLean and RVMYC Commodore Chris Atkinson, CMDR John Wilkins OAM RFD\* RANR Ret'd, and members of the Navy League of Australia Victoria-Tasmania Division, ladies and gentlemen.

As Commanding Officer of HMAS *Adelaide* I consider it an honour to be invited to attend your luncheon and to share a few words with you today.

Foremost, I would like to apologise on behalf of the Ships Company of *Adelaide* for our inability to return to your wonderful city for this Navy Week of celebration.

Navy Week provides an opportunity for the Royal Australian Navy to thank local communities for their support with traditional ceremonial and contemporary public performances, and by spending time visiting schools and remote communities.

Although *Adelaide* is unable to attend, I do expect that the Navy people and assets that are participating at HMAS *Cerberus* will provide an excellent opportunity for members of the public to see some unique traditions, and encourage further interest in our maritime operations.

*Adelaide* is one of the largest ships ever built for the Royal Australian Navy. She is an Amphibious Assault Ship and together with HMAS *Canberra* provides the Australian Defence Force with one of the most capable air-land-sea amphibious deployment systems in the world.

Both *Adelaide* and *Canberra* are the visible manifestation of our modern Navy, and with their increased capabilities we are reintroduced to the concept of capital ships. The capital ship of a navy is its most important **warship**. **William S Lind said; 'If a capital ship is beaten, the navy is beaten. But if the rest of the navy is beaten, a capital ship can still operate.'**

With the acquisition of our Amphibious Assault Ships, the concept of capital ships is resurgent. The capital ship is traditionally much larger than other naval vessels and in general, acts as the primary ship in a naval fleet. The capital ship however, is not without its challenges.

I daresay you would agree that the role of a capital ship prior to the Second World War was the least desirable. Its crucial function was to counter the enemy ship, often by sinking them while avoiding being sunk themselves. This role has broadened considerably since then, although the key purpose of a capital ship remains primarily unchanged. The capital ship ensures conditions that permit air, land and other naval forces to perform their respective roles. They secure the use of the sea to ensure other forces exploit it. There is a lot of pressure on a capital ship to maintain their position and to enable the operations centred on it.

In his speech at the *Adelaide* commissioning, the Chief of Navy said that *Canberra* and *Adelaide* allow the Australian Defence Force to project both hard and soft power to a degree and with a level of confidence that has never before been enjoyed. That in addition to bringing humanitarian aid for relief from suffering, *Adelaide* will **range through our region many times and far beyond it furthering Australia's interests and providing security for those using the seas for their lawful purpose.**

*Adelaide*, with her pennant number L01, is laying the foundation for the capital ship in our modern navy.

**The core theme that the Chief of Navy is developing is 'The Navy and The Nation'. This is recognition that Navy carries the public trust, and that the Navy itself is embedded in the fabric of the nation.**

The Chief of Navy has highlighted the critical importance of values and understanding of power and justice, that we must have a clear sense of the values that distinguish Australian naval power as a force for good.

This strikes me especially as the Commanding Officer of *Adelaide*. **Our motto is 'United for the Common Good',** and standing here in this room today, that is exactly what we are.

The Navy league of Australia has a single objective – the maintenance of the maritime wellbeing of the Nation. **I don't think there is another organisation present that has a more supportive, more invested mission than yours,** when you consider the Royal Australian Navy.

Maritime military culture has come to the forefront in recent years. The International Fleet Review in 2013 and Seapower Conference have once again brought the Navy into the spotlight. Since then we have increased our fleet, opened our capability, incorporating multiple new platforms and reshaped the way we operate in our **environment. But the military is not the only element of Australia's maritime sphere.**

Australia is extensively a maritime nation, with many elements that constitute our maritime endeavours – from the rigours of the Royal Australian Navy, to the industry and trade brought by merchant shipping, to organisations dedicated to protecting our marine park environment including the Great Barrier Reef.

These few marine factors I have mentioned represent the vast majority national interests, and the Navy is a small, yet important portion of this environment.

Our vision is to be a Navy with a worldwide reputation for excellence as a sea power; a well-equipped, professional team of highly motivated quality people, serving Australia with honour, supported by a nation proud of its Navy.

What we as a Navy have achieved in the past, what we have established today, and what we will accomplish in the future is inherently linked with the nation and our community.

As a defence force, we are trusted to defend, to maintain the sovereignty of our nation and to contribute to the security of our region.

As a nation, you are trusted to support, to champion our people, and to unite us. There cannot be a Navy without the nation that sustains it. Just as there cannot be a Navy League of Australia, without the people that comprise it.

We are united, and we are all working towards the common good.

Chief of Navy recently commented that this is an era of great materiel opportunity for the Navy, for the larger Australian Defence Force, for Defence Industry, for science and technology; for the education sector and the **Nation's workforce to join together in a common endeavour.**

We, as the Navy, look to advance our Defence Force, our capability. However, it is not something we could achieve without fortification. Without community involvement. The work achieved by the Navy League in the defence industry, throughout Australian shipping, port and transport infrastructure and the encouragement of interest and training of youth in the sea is a clear example of this support.

In closing, I would like to thank you once again for inviting me here today. It is my pleasure to speak before you, sharing some insights and touching on the parallels between our two organisations.

We are, United for the Common Good.

CAPT Paul Mandziy RAN  
CO HMAS Adelaide



## **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, we may recall some or all of the following:-

### **DECEMBER 1910**

It was on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1910 that the torpedo boat destroyers, YARRA and PARRAMATTA arrived in Port Phillip Bay on their delivery voyages from the U.K. 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 Mine hunter.

### **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 totalled 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. 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.

# CRESWELL ORATION 2016

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 Michael Noonan AM, RAN, Deputy Chief of Navy.

The venue for the “Creswell Oration” is the William Angliss Restaurant. The event is to be held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

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

Bookings now open

All enquires to CMDR John M Wilkins OAM RFD\*RANR Ret’d

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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.

## AS IT WAS IN DECEMBER 2006

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 of December 2006 we note that it was around this time we reported:-

1. HMAS BALLARAT VISITS MELBOURNE
2. HMAS WESTRALIA COMPENSATION
3. SUBMARINE RESCUERS
4. PATROL BOATS TO SHOOT
5. HMAS TOBRUK TO THE GULF

### **HMAS BALLARAT VISITS MELBOURNE**

The last naval ship visitor to Melbourne for the year 2006 arrived on 6<sup>th</sup> December for a 5 day visit.

HMAS BALLARAT FFH155, an Anzac Class Frigate, paid a routine visit to Melbourne but also included public relations exercises into the programme including a promotion for Ballarat Bertie Beer.

During the ships stay in Melbourne 100 of HMAS BALLARAT'S Officers and ratings travelled to the City of Ballarat to hand over a large cheque raised by the crew to a local, Ballarat charity

HMAS BALLARAT, currently under the command of CMDR Malcolm Wise, is ship No.6 of the RAN'S eight Anzac Class Frigates.

### **HMAS WESTRALIA COMPENSATION PAYMENT**

The Australian Government in early December 2006, agreed to pay a total of \$3.1 million in compensation to five sailors who were injured in the 1998 HMAS WESTRALIA disaster off the West Australian Coast.

Four sailor were killed and two others who were injured still have to reach a compensation agreement.

Those RAN members compensated were part of a fire fighting crew that went into the engine room after a disastrous fire, caused when a fuel line hose accidentally burst, spraying diesel onto the ships engine.

### **SUBMARINE RESCUERS RESCUED**

Two men spent 13 hours in a submarine rescue vessel 130 metres underwater after the vessel became stranded partway through a trial off the West Australian Coast during December 2006.

The problem began when one of two cables failed on the winching system connecting the Remora Rescue vessel to the Mother ship, M.V. SEAHORSE STANDARD.

The two men were rescued by navy divers from HMAS ANZAC when the REMORA was raised to within 15 metres of the surface.

## AS IT WAS IN DECEMBER 2006 C'TND

The commander of the submarine force Commodore Rick Shalders, advised that the REMORA is a 16.5 tonne remotely operated vessel with room for seven people, and able to withstand depths in excess of 500 metres. CDRE Rick Shalders is Senior Naval Officer West Australia area and a brother of Vice Admiral Russ Shalders. NLA executive committee members may recall the presence of both Vice Admiral Shalders and Commodore Shalders together in Melbourne during November 2006 for the commissioning of the Armidale Class Patrol Boat HMAS ARARAT.

### **RAN PATROL BOATS PERMITTED TO SHOOT**

RAN Patrol boats have been given permission to open fire with cannons to disable fleeing illegal fishing boats.

In major review of the Navy's rules of engagement, Defence Minister Brendan Nelson has given the go-ahead for a new response for vessels in Australia waters which refuse to stop.

No life may be endangered. Australian vessel have caught 166 foreign vessels in Australia's Northern waters this financial year, carrying \$5 million in illegal fish.

### **HMAS TOBRUK TO THE GULF**

The heavy landing ship HMAS TOBRUK L50, sailed for the Arabian Gulf during late December 2006, with Fremantle her last Australian port of call.

HMAS TOBRUK has deployed to the Gulf to deliver Australian military stores and equipment, which will be flown into Afghanistan by the United States Air Force. The ship will also bring Australian equipment home from the Middle East. HMAS TOBRUK is expected to return to Australia during March 2007.

Observant members viewing the finish of the 2006 Sydney to Hobart yacht race may have also spotted an around the World visitor, the Danish Frigate Vaedderen berthed in Hobart. The Royal Danish Navy Frigate Vaedderen F359 is engaged in "*Galathea No.3*", a maritime scientific research expedition.

The first Galathea expedition, named for the corvette engaged, took place between 1845-47. Galathea No. 2 took place between 1950-52.

HDMS Vaedderen is expected to return home to Copenhagen in April 2007, thus concluding the Galathea 3 expedition.

Returning to HMAS TOBRUK this ship is one of a kind for the RAN, she is a modified Sir Bedivere Class heavy landing ship of 5800 tonnes displacement with a length of 126 metres, a beam of 18 metres, a crew of 144 and a speed of 18 knots.

HMAS TOBRUK together with HMAS'S KANIMBLA & MANOORA, will eventually be replaced by the two new Helicopter Landing Dock Ships (LHD'S) HMAS'S CANBERRA & ADELAIDE, plus further down the stream a roll-on-roll-off Heavy Sea Lift Ship to a merchant ship design for in-port use.





Australian Navy Foundation Day

“CRESWELL ORATION” - 2017

WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> Mar. 2017

*Personnel Challenges for the Future RAN Fleet*

presented by

Deputy Chief of Navy - RADM *Michael Noonan* AM RAN

The “Australian Navy Foundation Day Organising Committee” (ANFDOC) has received administrative support from the Navy League of Australia Vic-Tas Division for the Annual “Creswell Oration” event since its inauguration in 2001. The “Creswell Oration” is jointly supported by *Naval Officers’ Club, Naval Association of Australia, Naval Historical Society in Victoria and Navy League of Australia Vic-Tas Division.*

**DATE:** Wednesday 1st March 2017.

**TIME:** 1200 for 1230 (bar open 1130)

**VENUE:** William Angliss Institute Restaurant, 550 Lt Lonsdale St.

(Between Spencer & King Sts), Melbourne.

**COST:** \$45 per head. **DRESS:** Lounge suit / Day dress, Decorations, Medals optional.

**PAYMENT::** Westpac Bank BSB 033 389, Acct: 107631 (please add your name to payment and

send email to NLA) or **CHQ to Navy League - PO Box 2340 Mt Waverley**

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**RSVP:** Monday 13th February 2017.

**Annual “Creswell Oration” 2017**

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**Please book** . . . . .seats for Creswell Oration 2017. I would like to sit with. . . . .

**Names/Rank** of those attending (for name tags) **Name(s)**-----

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**Tel.No./Email** --



Our thanks go to Navy League executive committee member s Lynda Gilbert for the following story and images of the recent “Navy Ceremonial Divisions” at HMAS CERBERUS.

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### Last Ceremonial Divisions for Captain S Bowater OAM, RAN, Friday 25 November 2016

Members of the Navy League of Australia (Vic-Tas Division) attended the last Ceremonial Divisions for Captain Bowater at HMAS Cerberus on 25 November 2016. It was a cold and windy day, but the rain held off for the duration of the event.

Some 300 invited guests and 50 students from Crib Point attended the Ceremonial Divisions. There were over 2000 Navy, 30 Airforce and 12 Army personnel. The Queen gave special permission for her flag to be used for the event and one hundred sailors guarded the flag. Commander Melanie Verho was Master of Ceremonies.

Captain Stephen Bowater OAM RAN arrived at 10.25am followed by the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Tim Barrett AO, CSC, RAN and the Governor General, the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) and Lady Cosgrove. Sir Peter was awarded the Military Cross Vietnam in 1971 and is specifically remembered for his military leadership in East Timor in 1999. He gave a short address, acknowledging the original owners of the land. He noted the building of new hardware capabilities and the importance of the Navy to be able to manage the technology. He praised the Navy's contribution, commitment to each other and defence of Australia, its proud history and traditions. Inspection of the Divisions took place followed by prayers.

Award presentations for 50 years of Service were made to Mr Barry Carroll; 40 years of service to Captain Bowater; 45 years of service to Petty Officer Stephen Dean OAM; and HMAS Cerberus Sailor of the Year award went to Lt Adam Attwood.

The March Past of the Queen's colours and Divisions was followed by the departure of the Governor General.

The Royal Australian Navy Band provided ceremonial and marching music for the event.



## HMAS DARWIN VISIT TO MELBOURNE

The RAN'S Adelaide Class Perry Type Guided Missile Frigate HMAS DARWIN FFG 04, paid a recent short visit to Melbourne arriving on 29/11/2016 and departing on 1/12/2016. With shipping traffic currently hectic at Station Pier, HMAS DARWIN again berthed at South Wharf Fishermen's Bend, as was the arrangement during her last Melbourne visit in October 2015.

HMAS DARWIN had just returned from New Zealand, having represented Australia at New Zealand's "Navy Fleet Review" as part of the New Zealand's navy's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. The following images show "DARWIN" making her way under the Westgate Bridge to her Yarra River berth at 33 South Wharf.



**HMAS DARWIN**



**HMAS DARWIN**

### **AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS**

The two Australian Navy Cadet Units, Training Ship Voyager, based at Williamstown and Training Ship Melbourne, based at Surrey Hills, held their presentation parades during the month of December with both units attracting strong attendance numbers from family members, friends and supporters of the Cadets and staff.

Commanding Officer of TS Voyager, LEUT Adam Hearsum ANC, reported that 96 visitors were in attendance at the TS Voyager parade, whilst Commanding Officer LEUT Ferdinand Cheriyaarambil ANC, advised of similar numbers at TS Melbourne. The following images reflect the "Presentation Parade" activities at Training Ship Melbourne 3/12/2016.



**TS MELBOURNE PRESENTATION PARADE 3/12/2016**





**COMMANDING OFFICER LEUT FERDINAND CHERIYAPARAMBIL ANC**



### **CADETS ON PARADE TS MELBOURNE**

### **NHS DINNER**

Sister organisation Naval Historical Society of Australia, Victoria Chapter celebrated their year-end get together at the Waverly RSL 28/11/2016.

The guest speaker for the occasion was renowned author Pattie Wright with special guest Captain Steven Bowater OAM, RAN, together with Mrs. Julianne Bowater-Woodrow.

A number of Navy League executive committee members were also in attendance at the function.



NHS PRESIDENT (L) WITH GUESTS AT NHS YEAR END GET TOGETHER

## **SHRINE REPORT DECEMBER 2016**

### **CEREMONIES**





## AMC/LSI (HMAS *Westralia*, *Kanimbla*, *Manoora* and *Assault*)

*Saturday 10 December, 11am*

*Wreath laying in the Sanctuary*

December 15 marks the first major landing operation by an Australian Landing Ship Infantry (LSI) during the Second World War. As a unit of the United States 7th Fleet at Arawe, New Britain, it was HMAS *Westralia* which took part in that historic operation in 1943. The association holds a ceremony on the closest Saturday to honour and remember the men and women who served with HMAS *Westralia*, *Kanimbla*, *Manoora* and *Assault*.



## Shrine Monthly Remembrance Service

*Sunday 18 December, 1.30pm*

*Wreath laying in the Sanctuary*

This service is in memory of Victorians who served overseas or in Australia with the Royal Australian Navy, the Australian Army or the Royal Australian Air Force. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the service.

## EXHIBITIONS



## Remembrance Day Poster Exhibition

**11 November 2016 – 26 February 2017**

**Shrine Visitor Centre**

On 11 November, The Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, Premier of Victoria, announced this year's winner of the Remembrance Day Poster Competition. Congratulations to Claudia Cover from Holy Rosary Primary School. The artworks of all finalists are on display in the Shrine Visitor Centre until the end of summer.



## Dear Laura: Postcards from the First World War

*29 October 2016 – 26 March 2017*

*Shrine Visitor Centre*

*Dear Laura* presents First World War postcards sent to Laura Brooks between 1915 and 1918 by her future husband Alan Ferguson, her brothers Ernest and Arthur and her uncle Charles Newman. These men enlisted and served overseas in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF). The exhibition explores the journeys and sights they encountered, the popularity of hand-embroidered silk postcards, the longing for loved ones and thoughts of home, as well as the devastation caused by war.

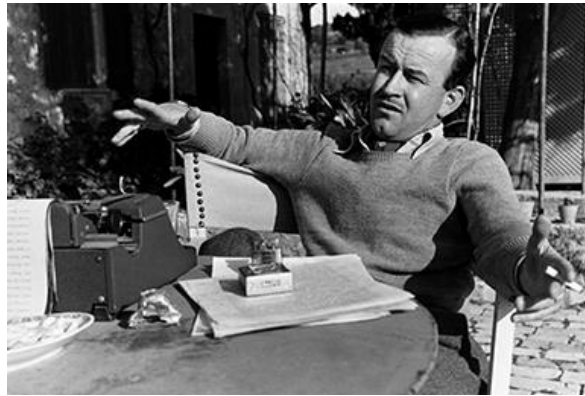
## Australia's Field Marshal - **The leadership of Sir Thomas Blamey**

*23 July 2016 - 30 July 2017, West Gallery, Galleries of Remembrance*

## **The 'Blood Tub': Australians at Bullecourt 1917**

*15 October 2016 – 1 October 2017, East Gallery, Galleries of Remembrance*

## TALKS & EVENTS



## Paul Brickhill: The Hero Maker

*Thursday 8 December, 5.30pm arrival for 6pm start. Entry by donation. Auditorium. Bookings required. Tel: 9661 8100*

*The Great Escape, The Dam Busters, Reach for the Sky.* Gripping stories of the Second World War that became classic films. According to London's *Times*, Melbourne-born Paul Brickhill, Spitfire pilot and Stalag Luft 3 prisoner, 'set a standard in the telling of popular war stories which has never been surpassed.' Hear award-winning writer Stephen Dando-Collins, author of *The Hero Maker*, reveal Brickhill's monumental struggles to overcome personal and professional obstacles to tell his gripping true stories about men at war.

## SHRINE SHOP



## 2017 DVA Calendar: Animals in War

The 2017 Department of Veterans' Affairs Calendar features images of animals with which Australians have come into contact on military operations from the First World War to the present day. Includes national public holidays, DVA pensions days and official days of commemoration proclaimed by the Governor-General of Australia. This soft cover 12-month calendar is a perfect stocking filler for animal lovers.



## Reflection

*"Left! Left! Left! Right! Left! We make our way in the dark..."*

A collaboration between Sydney writer Rebecka Sharpe Shelberg and Melbourne illustrator Robin Cowcher, this hardback picture book is a powerful tribute to those who have served their country. The watercolour paintings are full of symbolism and meaningful details; see if you can spot the subtle references to the Anzac Day tradition at the Shrine. Visit the Shrine Shop or call 03 9661 8119 to order

## SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL

*Boer War Association (South African Soldiers' Memorial, corner of St Kilda Road and Albert Road)*

As a result of the Metro rail project, the above Memorial, which is not part of the Shrine Reserve, will be removed by the City of Port Phillip. Under the guidance of Heritage Victoria, it will be dismantled, stored and rebuilt as close as possible to the existing location. There will eventually be a large plaza around the Memorial area.

## WOMENS' MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Womens' Memorial Garden in the Shrine Reserve has been extensively renovated. This is a joint venture between the City of Melbourne, Citywide and the Shrine and a vast improvement to the appearance, accessibility and upkeep of this landscape feature. In close proximity to the Memorial, Jacaranda trees from South Africa have been planted in recognition of the Boer War and the first time that Australian women served overseas.

## LONE PINE TREE

The Lone Pine/Gallipoli Memorial project is in the final research phase and it is anticipated that there will be a replacement tree shortly.

## VISITING INFORMATION

Visit the Shrine Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne. Opening Hours 10am-5pm, no entry after 4.30pm. Closed Christmas Day and Good Friday. Ray of Light remembrance service daily every half hour from 10.30am. Group bookings for guided tours essential. Wheelchair access and lifts available. Call 03 9661 8100 or visit [www.shrine.org.au](http://www.shrine.org.au).

*Ken Crook*

*3 December 2016*

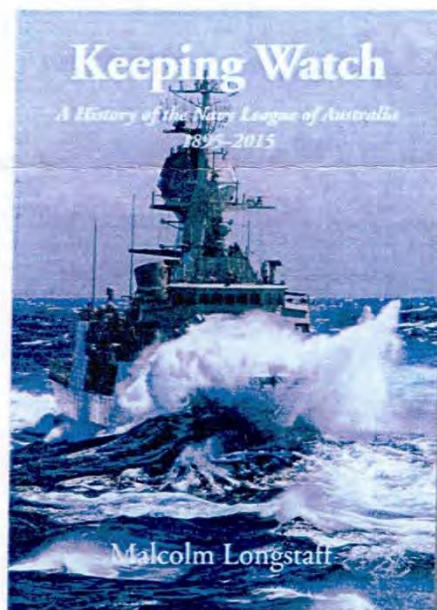




# Keeping Watch

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 Japan, the League opened its first Australian Branch in Launceston, Tasmania, in 1900. 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 active 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.

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NSW Division  
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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.

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

<b>THE NAVY LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA</b>		
<b>APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP</b>		
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 ] _____		
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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.		

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## 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*.