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NEWSLETTER



“Keeping Watch over the Maritime Wellbeing of Australia”

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\$213 million Wharf Infrastructure Project At Garden Island

17 July 2018

Minister for Defence, Marise Payne, and Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Nigel Scullion, today launched an Indigenous joint-venture to deliver the \$213 million Bayinguwa critical wharf works project at Garden Island Defence Precinct, the Royal Australian Naval Base in Sydney.

The Bayinguwa Delivery Team is a joint venture between Pacific Services Group Holdings Pty Ltd (PSG Holdings) and Lendlease Engineering Pty Ltd. PSG Holdings, a small to medium enterprise that is 100 per cent Indigenous owned, managed the design of the works. PSG Holdings has teamed with Lendlease for the construction of the works in a mutually beneficial venture that gives this Indigenous business a foot-in-the-door to deliver major infrastructure projects.

“This project was announced by the Prime Minister in his 2018 Closing the Gap speech and as he said ‘Bayinguwa’ is the Aboriginal name for Garden Island in Sydney,” Minister Payne said.

“The engagement of the Bayinguwa Delivery Team is first-and-foremost about delivering high quality works for Garden Island. The Garden Island Bayinguwa Delivery Team will be responsible for managing the demolition of two deteriorated wharves and constructing a single new wharf in their place.

“These works are essential to ensure the Royal Australian Navy can safely berth and maintain its ships at Garden Island, which is the major home-port on the east coast of Australia.

“By engaging an Indigenous joint venture to deliver these important works, the project will also support the Government’s commitment to creating economic opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses and growing the Indigenous business sector.

Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Nigel Scullion heralded today’s announcement as yet another example of the practical measures the Turnbull Government is taking to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians.

“The Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP) has supercharged the Indigenous business sector, driving rapid growth in the demand for Indigenous goods and services across a diverse variety of industries. The IPP has resulted in more than 1000 Indigenous business across the country winning contracts worth over \$1.084 billion since the IPP’s commencement in July 2015, up from just 30 Indigenous businesses winning \$6.2 million in 2012-13 under the former Labor government’s policies,” Minister Scullion said.

“The Bayinguwa project is just one example of the potential the IPP is realising, in this case encouraging Lendlease to enter into a joint-venture with an Indigenous business because of the strong market signal the Turnbull Government is sending. “This government is backing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island businesses all the way and we make no apology for the fact we are not only setting but also exceeding ambitious targets to do more business with Indigenous owned businesses.

“The IPP is a genuine win-win for taxpayers. All contracts under the IPP are delivered on a value for money basis, meaning the Commonwealth does not pay more for the goods and services it would otherwise be procuring, but by engaging an Indigenous business we get more Indigenous jobseekers off the misery of welfare and into the dignity of work. “The average Indigenous workforce of IPP firms is 50 per cent, compared to non-Indigenous businesses which have an average Indigenous workforce of 0.7 per cent, meaning if we get more Indigenous Australians into business we get more Indigenous Australians into work.

The total project value is \$213 million and construction is due to commence in September 2018 for completion in February 2022. It is anticipated that the project will generate up to 150 jobs at the peak of construction with opportunities available for local industry and Indigenous involvement.

<https://www.minister.defence.gov.au/minister/marise-payne/media-releases/joint-media-release-minister-defence-minister-indigenous>

State government plots additional Sydney harbour terminal at Yarra Bay or Molineaux Point

Cruise Weekly, 29 July 2018

The NSW government has this morning released a new Cruise Development Plan, which has been developed in consultation with stakeholders in the Cruise Industry Reference Group.

A terminal at Garden Island is "not a viable option," the government said, with NSW Treasury and the Port Authority of NSW to instead develop a Strategic Business Case for additional sites including at Molineaux Point and Yarra Bay.

As well, "the NSW Government will work with industry to identify solutions to maximise capacity at Sydney's two existing cruise terminals in Sydney harbour, while also working with partners to support growth in key regions such as Eden, Newcastle and Port Kembla," said NSW Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Adam Marshall.

Federal Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment, Steven Ciobo, said the national government would also work with NSW on the Strategic Business Case.

The plan envisages looking at options to maximise the number of passengers accessing the existing Overseas Passenger Terminal including a booking system, continuing to maximise use of berths at White Bay, exploring transport improvements to the existing terminals and "investigating opportunities to remove regulatory barriers to entry for emerging cruise markets, including the expedition cruise market".

The full plan can be viewed at industry.nsw.gov.au/cruise.

CLIA Australia chair Sture Myrmell welcomed the plan, saying the industry would work constructively with the NSW government.

"Our industry has been advocating for a solution to Sydney's infrastructure constraints for some years and having a clear plan of action with the NSW Government is a step forward to achieve greater certainty and a platform for growth," Myrmell said.

Thank you, NLA member Tim Ryan for bringing this to our attention. Eds

Geoffrey Evans Trophy - Presentation Night

The Royal Yacht Club of Victoria (RYCV) recently held its annual presentation night at their clubhouse in Williamstown. As part of the presentations on this gala night the award for the Navy Week Yacht Race is presented. The trophy is called the Geoffrey Evans Trophy. The trophy is sponsored by the NLA VIC/TAS and has been awarded for over 40 years. As part of the race RAN personnel are invited from HMAS Cerberus to join RYCV yachts as sea riders for the race. On the night the trophy was presented by NLA VP Commander Graeme Furlonger, RANR representing the NLA VIC/TAS Division. Also in attendance was Commodore Greg Yorke CSC RANR, Senior Naval Officer - Victoria representing Navy and his wife Pam.



Above: Commodore Michael Mclean of the RYCV, Commander Graeme Furlonger VP NLA VIC/TAS Division, Commodore Greg Yorke Senior Naval Officer – Victoria



Presentation of the Geoffrey Evans Trophy to the Peter Langford and Tony Spencer skippers of the winning yacht Money Penny.

Flexibility and stability support Navy's serving families

26 July 2018

Navy's involvement with the 100 Days for Change program is aiming to dispel a common misconception about who can access flexible work arrangements. Men as well as women are increasingly turning towards flexible work arrangements tailored to suit their current family requirements.

Navy encourages its people to balance their work and lives through the provision of flexible working arrangements and conditions, flexible leave arrangements and by promoting wellbeing. Essentially, workplace flexibility enables the needs of Navy and its people - both ADF and APS - to be met through making changes to the time, location and manner in which an employee works.

The 100 Days for Change initiative represents one hundred days to work together and take practical action to effect real change. The aim is to empower individuals and organisations, across all industries and sectors, to make all kinds of large and small scale changes.

<http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Jul2018/People/4736#.W1q4bdIzbIU>

Navy Diver honoured for Thai rescue



24 July 2018

Standing knee deep in cave water and mud, Chief Petty Officer Troy Eather reflected on past deployments which had brought him to this point. Cave diving as a teenager on the NSW mid-north coast; IED Ops in Afghanistan; the recovery of the US Marine Corp Osprey off North Queensland;

recovery Ops in East Timor - each experience had prepared him for what was turning out to be the biggest challenge he had faced so far in his Navy career. CPO Eather was one of nine Australians who helped in the complex international rescue effort of 12 schoolboys and their soccer coach who were trapped for up to 18 days in a flooded cave system near Chiang Rai in northern Thailand.

Back in the cave, things were heating up. “The humidity was extremely high,” CPO Eather recalled. “Rain was imminent and there was up to 5 inches of mud building up every day due to the amount of foot traffic.

The Chief says he relied on both experience and training. “Working in confined, uncomfortable environments under pressure, knowing what was required and when to let the Thais take charge - this was more of an exercise in leadership and resilience than anything else.” CPO Eather said.

CPO Eather was honoured to be awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia and a Bravery Medal for his role in the rescue.

http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Jul2018/People/4734/Out-of-the-cave-into-the-spotlight-%E2%80%93-Navy-Diver-honoured-for-Thai-rescue.htm#.W1q6_dIzbIV

Defence takes control of NUSHIP Brisbane

The Department of Defence Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group accepted delivery of the second Hobart Class destroyer NUSHIP *Brisbane* at an official ceremony in Adelaide on Friday. The



ceremony, attended by Minister for Defence Industry, the Hon Christopher Pyne MP and Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan AO, included the presentation of the ship's bell rope and battle honour board to *Brisbane's* Commanding Officer Commander Josh Wilson.

Minister Pyne said *Brisbane* is the second of three ships being delivered by the Air Warfare

Destroyer Alliance.

“*Brisbane* will enter into service later this year and with her sister ships, they will be the most potent warships ever operated by the Royal Australian Navy.” Minister Pyne

“By using a combination of Australian and globally proven technologies, these highly capable warships will contribute directly to our maritime security and allow us to work even closer with our allies.”

This is the final milestone for *Brisbane*, and she will transition from Adelaide to Sydney in September where she will be commissioned into service.

In April, *Brisbane* successfully completed her second phase of sea trials off the coast of South Australia. This phase of trials, known as Category 5 (CAT 5) Sea Acceptance Trials, ran over a three-week period, and included some 30 platform tests and 38 combat system tests, comprising of over 120 other test activities.

The Hobart Class destroyers will provide air defence for accompanying ships in addition to land forces and infrastructure in coastal areas, and for self-protection against missiles and aircraft.

<http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Jul2018/Fleet/4741/Defence-takes-control-of-NUSHIP-Brisbane.htm#.W1q6INIZbIU>

Soundwaves Concert

Date 8 August 2018

Time 2:00pm and 7:00pm

Where Band and Cinema Complex, HMAS Cerberus, Victoria

Cost Free

More information: navy.band@defence.gov.au



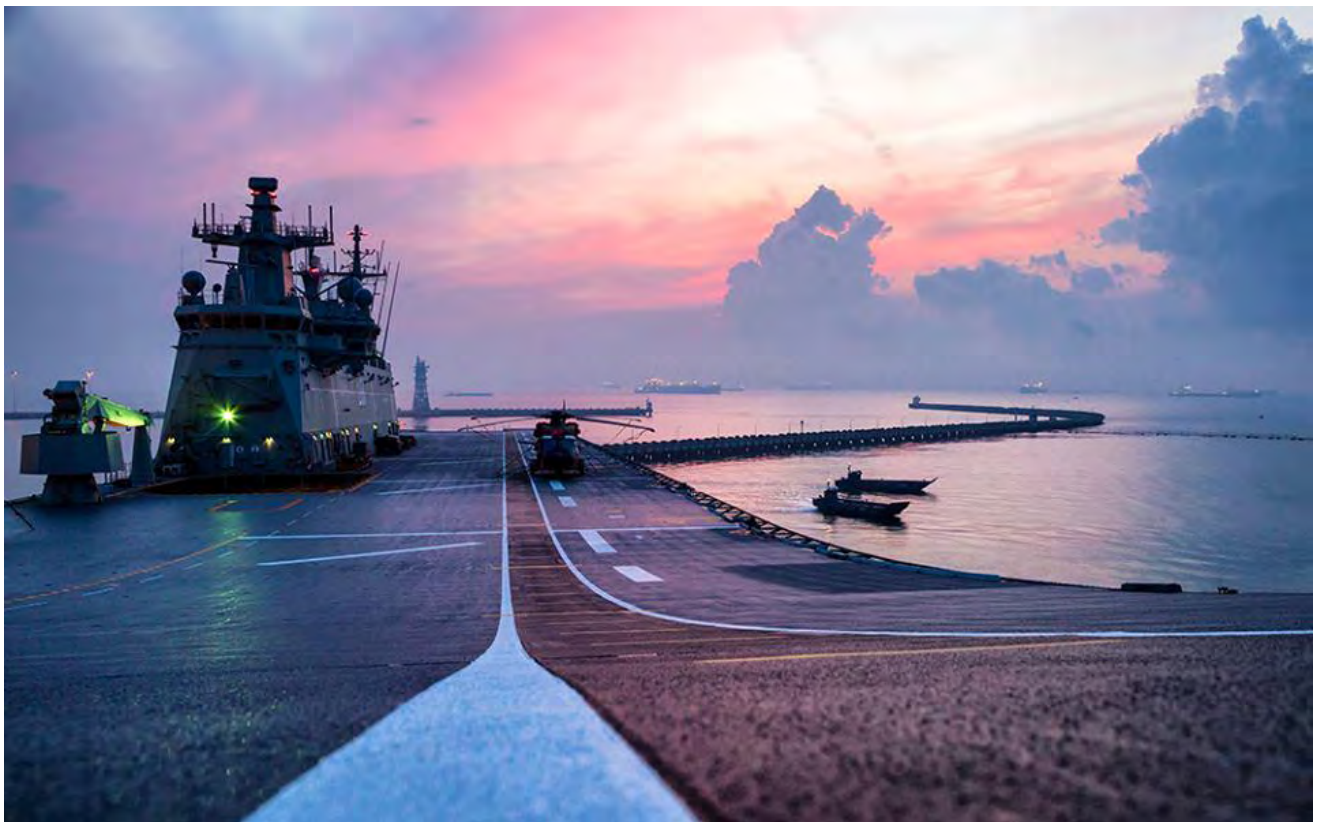
Our Executive Committee

We introduce NLA Vic-Tas Division Past President, LCDR John Redman RAN Retd



John Redman is the immediate past president of the Victoria Division of the Navy League of Australia. John joined the Royal Navy after graduating in Mechanical Engineering as a direct entry officer. His service included sea time in the Atlantic, Mediterranean, and Indian Ocean. On transfer to the RAN he served in the Pacific including Vietnam and Pearl Harbor. On leaving the Navy John pursued a career in professional management consulting with Price Waterhouse and Ernest&Young at Associate Director / National Director level respectively. John went on to become a founding director and later managing director of BattiniRedman Management Consultants. On retiring from consulting John pursued a third career as a sessional lecturer at the RMIT University. John now spends his time between his properties on the Mornington Peninsula and the Sunshine Coast.

Photos from the RAN Facebook page



LHD Landing Craft depart HMAS Adelaide before sunrise, to conduct Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Response training with the Singapore Armed Forces in Changi Bay, Singapore, for Indo Pacific Endeavour 2017 [#AusNavy](#)



HMA Ships Adelaide, Toowoomba and Darwin in formation off the coast of Sydney [#AusNavy](#)



HMAS Adelaide waits for United States Marine Corps amphibious assault vehicles to embark during Exercise Rim of the Pacific 18, Hawaii. Image digitally altered. Image by ABIS Tara Byrne

SHRINE REPORT

Services



Victory in the Pacific (VP Day)

Wednesday 15 August, 11am
Wreath Laying on the Forecourt

Japan accepted the Allied demand for unconditional surrender on 14 August 1945. For Australians, it meant that the Second World War was finally over. The following day, 15 August, is usually referred to as VP Day.



Shrine Monthly Memorial Service

Thursday 16 August, 11.30am
Wreath Laying in the Sanctuary

This month we commemorate the following important dates:

- 19 August 1914 – Departure of the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force
- 6–17 August 1915 – the August Offensive
- 8 August 1916 – Mouquet Farm
- 13 August 1941 – Formation of the Australian Women's Army Service
- 9 August 1942 – Loss of HMAS *Canberra*



HMAS Canberra (Battle of Savo Island) 2018

Thursday 9 August 2018, 11:00am
Wreath Laying in the Sanctuary

Shrine Representative:
Shrine Governor Commander Terry Makings AM

On 9 August 1942 the RAN Heavy Cruiser HMAS Canberra was severely damaged while serving in a joint US Navy and RAN force while protecting American troop transports during the landing operations on Guadalcanal. She was hit 24 times by attacking Imperial Japanese Naval forces in under two minutes, suffering 84 crew killed. The next day HMAS Canberra was scuttled by a torpedo from a US Destroyer. Today we honour those who served in the Battle of Savo Island.



RAN Recruits August 2018

Sunday 19 August 2018, 10:00am
Wreath Laying in the Sanctuary

Shrine Representatives:

Shrine Life Governor Lieutenant Colonel David
Ford CVO AM GM

Shrine Governor Lieutenant Commander Chris Le
Marshall

Talks and Events



Curator Talk: Resistance

Tuesday 21 August, midday
Auditorium

Hear how the stories and themes from different European resistance movements have been brought together to create the exhibition's overarching narrative. Shrine Curator, Neil Sharkey, explains the difficulties inherent in explaining such a complex and diverse topic.

Note: exhibition opens on 3 August to the public.



Army Leadership Secrets

Wednesday 29 August, midday
Auditorium

Some of our greatest leaders and shapers of society have hailed from the Australian Defence Forces. Hear from Brigadier Nicholas Jans OAM (Retd) about how military institutions create extraordinary leaders and what skills and principles civilians can learn from our armed forces.



The Last 100 Days

Tuesday 4 September, midday
Auditorium

What were the experiences of the Australians fighting on the Western Front in the final battles of the First World War? Sourced from soldier's diaries and letters, Will Davies pieces together their experiences from Amiens to the Hindenburg line.

Bookings required for talks and events. Cost \$5.

Shrine podcasts. Podcasts are available at <http://www.shrine.org.au/Whats-On/Video-and-Podcasts:>

Website: <http://www.shrine.org.au> Telephone 9661 8100.

DISCOVERING THE SHRINE

Here is a display of items belonging to the estate of Sub-Lieutenant Mac Gregory at the Galleries of Remembrance – World War II section.



Midshipmen's dirk, officer's cap and Binoculars c 1933–46 belonging to Sub-Lieutenant Mac Gregory Royal Australian Navy.

photographer Peter Dowd, 2014.

Mac was presented with this cap and dirk when he was commissioned a sub-lieutenant.

Mac wore these binoculars around his neck when HMAS Canberra was surprised by a superior Japanese force on 9 August 1942. Within two minutes the vessel had sustained 24 hits – 84 men lay dead and 109 had been wounded. Gregory and other survivors were taken aboard US destroyers *Blue* and *Patterson*.

Picture – copyright 2015 Galleries of Remembrance publication, p12



This plaque is located in the Naval Section, South East Corner of the Shrine Reserve

Battle for Australia 2018

2018 Invitation To Schools

BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA

1941 - 1945

COMMEMORATION

Wed. 5th Sep.
at 11.00 am

Shrine of Remembrance

75th Anniversary of 1943 Battles

- Lae
- Salamaua
- Buna
- Gona



Free transport for schools to attend

Schools will be offered one free bus or the opportunity to share it with other schools to fill the bus. Additional buses will be available at competitive commercial rates.



Alternate wet weather arrangements

(see website page for details)

Transport Coordinator - Jenny McKenzie email: Jenny.McKenzie@ctoa.com.au mobile: 0408 307 709

Schools are warmly invited to participate in the annual
Battle for Australia ceremony
Shrine of Remembrance 11.00am Wednesday 5 September 2018.

AN EXCITING, INSPIRATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

- Keynote address by prominent Australians. In 2018 the speaker will be Wing Commander Sharon Down (Rtd), a BAAP nurse who served in East Timor and Afghanistan.
- Choral performances by the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Choir led by renowned Andrew Wailes.
- Readings of *Australians at War* by four selected students from the attending schools (invitations to follow).
- Military music by a Defence Band including invited school student musicians.
- Guard of Honour: Shrine Guard Cataloque Party and fly past by military aircraft.
- Schools are encouraged to bring a wreath or floral tribute.
- Schools can also visit the Galleries of Remembrance after the ceremony. A prior booking may be required. jacksonshelley.org.au

Wet Weather Arrangements

The BFA Foundation is committed to conducting the ceremony at the Shrine and a cancellation due to extreme weather conditions will only occur following consultation with all stakeholders. Schools etc will provide priority email and SMS contact details to the organising committee and the transport coordinator so that a cancellation announcement (if required) can be communicated no later than 2.00 pm the previous day.

If the Bureau of Meteorology forecast indicates wet weather, water proof ponchos will be provided for students and other participants.

Students may meet some of the veterans who had defended Australia in its time of need

Legacy



LEGACY 

Legacy is keeping the promise to care for the families of Australian veterans who have given their lives or health.

The delivery of Legacy benefits and services is carried out by committed volunteer members called Legatees. The Legacy Club of Melbourne is always looking for new Legatees who have the time and enthusiasm to care for the families left in need of vital support.

If you want to learn more about how you can help, please contact info@legacymelb.com.au or Tel (03) 8626 0500.

Mission to Seaman Tours - 717 Flinders Street



The MtSV has operated from the now heritage-listed building at 717 Flinders Street since 1917. The building is *iconic to the City of Melbourne* and regarded for its perpetual service of responding to the unique circumstances of those who live and work at sea. The historical Mission complex is architecturally significant as being a fine urban example of the Arts and Crafts Style in Melbourne and you are invited to take a tour.

Led by our experienced volunteers you will be able to step inside and discover the original use of the Norla Dome, discover our hidden garden and enjoy morning tea in the courtyard.

The tour will take you through the entire operational areas of Mission to Seafarers site, encouraging visitors to explore the premises; discovering historical gems room-to-room. There are heritage interpretation panels and a number of display cases containing historical artefacts stretching beyond the Mission's 100 years of operation at its now heritage listed building complex at 717 Flinders Street, purpose built for seafarers in 1917. Any questions email: marketing@missiontoseafarers.com.au When: Last Thursday of the month or by appointment for groups of 10 or more. Cost is \$20 plus booking fee