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NEWSLETTER



“Keeping Watch over the Maritime Wellbeing of Australia”

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Welcome to new Vic-Tas members
Mr David Nugara and Mr Stephen Tallents

2018 Defence Seminar

As part of Navy Week a Defence Seminar was held at ANZAC House entitled: “Changes in Australia’s Strategic Circumstances”. The guest speakers were highly qualified to speak on their particular subjects and it is a pity that more people did not avail themselves of this opportunity. Some 30 people attended from Navy, Army and Airforce. There was an excellent morning tea and lunch provided.



Rear Admiral James Vincent Purcell Goldrick, AO, CSC was the first speaker. He joined the RAN in 1974. He has amazing qualifications and experience, too numerous to mention here. Briefly, he holds a BA & Doctorate of Letters (UNSW), Master of Letters (UNE), and is a graduate of the Harvard Business School. Rear Admiral Goldrick commanded ADFA from 2003 to 2006. In May 2006, he was promoted to Rear Admiral then served as Commander Border Protection for 2 years. In May 2008, he was Commander Joint Education, Training and Warfare.

After 38 years of active service, he transferred to the RANR in June 2012. He has written many books and publications.

His topic was “Reflections on the 2016 Defence White Paper”. He outlined the history of previous papers and the lead up to the current white paper. Challenges to Australia’s future include the continuing rise of China and the uncertainties of the Trump administration.



The second speaker was **Colonel Jason Cooke**. He has held all key positions within artillery and was the Commanding officer of 2/10 Fd Regt at the time when Division artillery units were converting to mortars. He was Chief of Staff of the Joint Task Force during the Victorian bushfires. His topic was the re-shaping of the Army. He provides advice on logistics and supply to the Army. In the past, equipment for soldiers has been out of date and communications have been inadequate, but there has been a real shift in the way business is being conducted. Logistics is now more integrated, streamlined and effective.



Group Captain Jason Lind was the third speaker. He joined the airforce in 1986. He graduated from ADFA with a Bachelor of Engineering. In 2014 he acted a Director Air for the Force Structure Review. He became the first Director of Force Design Contestability. He is currently Director Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance. He spoke of the change in strategic direction - from being geocentric - to handling threats no matter where they occur. His role is to look at an integrated investment program for a fifth generation airforce. Culture, education and training are all under review because of the impact of fast changing technology.



Commodore Greg Yorke was the final speaker of the day. He joined the RAN in 1974 and is a Principal Warfare Officer, specialising as a Gunnery Officer. He was promoted to Commodore in June 2016 as Director General and Project Director Plan *Acrux*. He was appointed as SNO Vic on 1 January 2018. Commodore Yorke discussed the Navy workforce continuous improvement project *Acrux* to 2028 and the decision support tools used.

NLA Federal Council Conference & AGM

The Conference and AGM was held in Canberra on 25 and 26 October 2018. This is an annual event for the Divisions to get together and discuss issues of interest to the League. Two guest speakers were invited to this year's conference: Rob Teasdale, Chief of Staff BAE Systems and LCDR Keith Nordstrom RANR – Deputy Director, ANC Policy.

Rob is a 27-year veteran of the Navy. He left in 2012 to work at BAE. The company was awarded the contract to build nine Type 26 Frigates over 10 years. The AWA contract was signed with the Commonwealth for design and prototyping. Some parts will be made in the UK and some in Australia with “significant Australian content”. BAE will work with Australian Universities and researchers to plan for a future workforce with the skills, communication and knowledge required for the next 30 years. The Naval Shipbuilding College will be established in Osborne and develop partnerships with Universities and TAFEs in WA, NSW & QLD to close the gaps between the educational courses currently available and future needs of the shipbuilding industry.

LCDR Keith Nordstrom RANR spoke about the ANC and its future direction. In 2015, a review of the ADF was undertaken in response to changes relating to the Child Sexual Abuse Royal Commission and this has led to reforms of the ANC Youth Engagement Programs including the Endeavour scheme. There is now more accountability for youth safety. In accordance with the review, all cadets over 18 are no longer able to come to the training schools, as Working with Children Checks are required.

There are 89 Training Ships and 9 flotillas. Nearly 30% of cadets are female. There are 2400 cadets, 400 staff, 40 Defence approved “helpers”. Each TS has a Unit Support Committee. Currently there are weekly parades, sailing, school holiday activities (watercraft, firearms, adventure training and drills), RAN ship visits and sea-riding, Young Endeavour programs (44 cadets assisted in 2018). In the future, drone flying, cyber security and aviation will be taught to cadets.

NLA COMMUNITY AWARD

There were 7 nominations for the NLA Community Award: **HMAS Stirling, Australian Maritime Warfare Centre, HMAS Penguin, HMAS Benalla, HMAS Moreton, HMAS Adelaide and HMAS Newcastle**. HMAS Stirling was recommended for the Award by Navy. Their application was outstanding, with participation in 286 community events, including Invictus Games; band playing; engagement with Indigenous people, young women, schools, disabled and the Leeuwin Ocean Sailing Foundation; 2 maritime rescues; fundraising for the Red Cross, Cancer Council, Legacy and a local high school; training in leadership, adventure. NLA Federal Council endorsed Navy's recommendation. HMAS Stirling was also last year's winner.

DEFENCE ISSUES

John Jeremy presented an interesting powerpoint presentation on 100 years of submarine development. NLA members agreed that Australia needed to build nuclear powered submarines in the future. See Background paper – Australian Strategic Policy Institute - aspistrategist.org.au - 16 October 2018. *Peter Briggs – “Can Australia afford Nuclear Propelled Submarines – Can it afford not to?”*

Unveiling of Commemoration Plaque at Point Lonsdale

A special celebration of the life of Captain William Lonsdale (1836-1854) was held on Saturday 6th October 2018. CMDR John M Wilkins OAM RFD* RANR Ret'd was asked to say a few words prior to the unveiling of a commemorative plaque. Here is his speech.

"As the Author of the book "Life and Times of Captain William Lonsdale 1799–1864" I thank the Queenscliffe Historical Museum (QHM) for the opportunity to say a few brief words on how my interest in CAPT William Lonsdale began and what followed.

*I joined Navy's "Stone Frigate" HMAS Lonsdale at Port Melbourne as an RANR officer in 1960 and asked myself the question "why was it called **Lonsdale**"? Just as many of you today may have asked why this part of Victoria's landscape was named "Point Lonsdale"?*

That started my 20 years of research and I gradually gathered information from local and International sources and traced William Lonsdale and some members of his family through Regimental Pay & Muster Lists held by the SLOV.

In the 1980s I first met Bill Cuthill, former Chief Stipendiary Magistrate. He was the last to have the title Police Magistrate, a title Lonsdale held for 15 years from 1836. Bill generously gave me his own Lonsdale research files.

By 1988 I needed a few elusive basic Lonsdale family details and after ten years of searching was not able to find the whereabouts of the Chest of Silver, presented to Lonsdale in 1842 by the very appreciative Port Phillip District Settlers who collected a fund to which Latrobe also added his contribution.

In that year, as I was working in my office, my PA advised me that a Mrs Newman was on the phone and wanted to speak only to me. As Chief Electrical Engineer managing the City of Box Hill Electricity Supply Undertaking I assumed this may be a customer with a problem. But No! I was very pleasantly surprised to find it was Cecilia Newman, Great Great Grand Daughter of CAPT William Lonsdale who, with her family, had just arrived in Australia from England. She had traced me through the Royal Historical Society of Victoria.

My wife Judy and I met with Cecilia two days later when she served us tea from the historic 1842 Lonsdale silver teapot and produced her family history, dating from 16th. C, with the elusive family details I was seeking. The family name, Lonsdale, was not unique in England and that made some facts hard to find. Cecilia also provided me with family miniatures of Lonsdale's children born in Port Philip and later the National Trust photographs of the Lonsdale silver.

I now finalised my biographical diary on Captain William Lonsdale and through 'the wide range of material I consulted it permitted the reader, from the corner of the eyes, as it were, to be able to discern a self-effacing, thorough, tactful, humane Colonial Christian Bureaucrat whose sole ambition it was to serve'. It was launched at the Naval & Military Club on Monday 24th. November 1991 and the late Professor A.G.L Shaw described it as a 'first class chronological account', a good thing to have an independent assessment. In 2018 I was invited to speak at the QHM's February meeting about Lonsdale. Incidentally my numerous Lonsdale research files, and an index prepared by my wife Judy, has now been gifted to the Queenscliffe Historical Museum.

Lonsdale, from 1836, together with his friend Latrobe from 1839, had an enormous influence in guiding the early development of the Port Phillip District and Victoria.

Lonsdale, and his family were brought to Port Phillip on board HMS Rattlesnake, commanded by CAPT William Hobson RN. On arrival the ship conducted the initial marine and coastal survey with Hobson honouring NSW Governor Sir Richard Bourke's selection of CAPT William Lonsdale as his first Chief Agent of Government for NSW's Port Phillip District, by naming "Point Lonsdale" the first site to be bestowed that honour in 1836.

Lonsdale's name was later applied to -

- Lonsdale Street, Melbourne in 1837,*
- HMVS Lonsdale in 1884*
- HMAS Lonsdale in 1940 (to 1992).*
- The Australian Naval Cadet Victoria Flotilla is named "Lonsdale".*
- The Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, with the support of the Navy League of Australia in 2016, restored Victoria's famous post world war 2 annual "Lonsdale Cup" Race that had been held for nine years from 1947.*

It is a great pleasure for me and my wife Judy to be here today together with members of the Navy League of Australia, to join you in witnessing Lonsdale being honoured in this very significant way. "

Photos below kindly supplied by Jane Teasdale



John and Judy Wilkins waiting for the Ceremony to begin.



Cecelia Newman, great, great granddaughter of Captain Lonsdale who unveiled the commemorative plaque.



Captain Lonsdale re-incarnated



John Bird enjoying the sunshine



Ken Crook and Lynda Gilbert enjoying the lovely afternoon tea kindly provided by QHM

HMAS Warramunga Ship Visit Saturday 20th October

Melbourne was lucky enough to experience a second ship visit this year. The HMAS Warramunga was busy with navy cadets as well as sailors from Vietnam exploring the ship. It was open to NLA members at 9am and the public from 11am. Tim Ryan will write a full report next month.





Vic-Tas Members Ken Crook & Greg Cusack – Warramunga visit

WA Division aims high

The WA Division has a close relationship with the Perth Association, including survivors of HMAS Perth 1. Currently there is no national memorial, only a plaque. A Foundation chaired by Captain Angela Bond is to be launched in February 2019 and is expected to raise some \$800,000 for the memorial depicted below. It will be made of ceramic glass which will be lit up at night. It is shaped like the prow of a ship. Swan Yacht Club has offered in-kind support. Congratulations to the WA Division on this ambitious endeavour.



HMAS PERTH (i) Memorial Foundation Incorporated (not for Profit)

HMAS Choules makes its maiden visit to Melbourne 2018

By Tim Ryan

Several of our members recently visited HMAS Choules, the Navy's versatile Landing Ship Dock (LSD), which as it transpired, turned out to be the vessel's maiden call to Melbourne despite being commissioned into the Royal Australian Navy back in 2011.

HMAS Choules is a most interesting vessel that was originally built for the Royal Fleet Auxiliary of the Royal Navy as RFA Largs Bay and developed from a joint Dutch/Spanish design. Named after Largs Bay in Ayrshire Scotland, RFA Largs Bay and sister ship Lyme Bay were ordered from the famous Swan Hunter shipyard at Wallsend in England in 2000. Largs Bay was launched on 18 July 2003 and entered service on 28 November 2006, the second of the class to enter service with the RFA.

The Bay class LHD's comprised a total of four vessels with the other two members of the class RFA Mounts Bay and RFA Cardigan Bay being built by BAE at Govan in Scotland. The Largs Bay and her sisters displaced 16,000 tonnes and were built to Lloyds Register specifications with a length of 176 metres, a draft of 5.8 metres and a beam of 24 metres.

Propulsion power is provided by two Wartsila 8L26 generators, providing 6,000 horsepower (4.5 MW), and two Wärtsilä 12V26 generators, providing 9,000 horsepower (6.7 MW). These generators are used to drive two steerable propulsion pods along with with a bow thruster. Maximum speed is 18 knots with a range of 8,000 nautical miles.

Largs Bay had an active career with the RFA starting in 2007 when the vessel was deployed to the Caribbean to conduct counter-drug operations where she intercepted a small fishing vessel and confiscated 575 kilograms of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$35m. In 2008 Largs Bay was assigned to the Falkland Islands on patrol duties and in February 2010 the vessel provided significant humanitarian relief as part of the international response to the Haiti earthquake. The vessel unloaded over 600 tonnes of supplies and rations while engineers from the ship assisted with restoring electricity for the residents ashore.

At the end of 2010, Largs Bay was marked as one of the vessels to be removed from service under the UK's Strategic Defence and Security Review and offered for sale. The vessel was purchased by the RAN at a bargain price of \$100m despite stiff competition from several other countries including Chile, Brazil and India. After a refit in Falmouth to make it more suited for Australian operating conditions, the vessel was commissioned on 13 December 2011 at Fleet Base West as HMAS Choules, named after Chief Petty Officer Claude Choules who had served in both the Royal Navy and the Royal Australian Navy. Claude Choules died on 5 May 2011 and is believed the last known living Australian (and British) survivor who had served during both world wars.

As RFA Largs Bay the ship was assigned pennant number L3006 but as HMAS Choules the pennant number L100 was allocated, reflecting the 100th anniversary of the RAN's origin in 2011. The ship's motto is "Face Difficulty With Zeal".

Despite a propulsion transformer failure keeping the ship out of service between July 2012 and April 2013 Choules has proved to be a welcome addition to the Royal Australian Navy. In July 2013, Choules was anchored off Manus Island in Papua New Guinea to provide temporary accommodation for Department of Immigration and other personnel due to a lack of accommodation at the Manus Regional Processing Centre. In April 2015, the ship transported 46 Vietnamese asylum seekers back to Vung

Tau after their vessel was intercepted at sea on 20 March 2015 by Australian border protection units. In March 2017 Choules was dispatched to Queensland to support recovery after Cyclone Debbie and in September 2017 Choules was deployed to Vanuatu to aid in the rescue of 11,000 people from a volcanic eruption of Monaro Voui.

From an operational perspective Choules is designed to operate using helicopters and landing craft to land forces and equipment ashore. The vessel has a large flight deck aft which can accommodate two large helicopters and a docking well in the stern capable of operating a LCM-8 or two LCVP landing craft. Capable of carrying over 300 troops, 23 Abrams tanks, 150 light Trucks, LCVP, Landing Craft Mechanised (LCM8), the ship is also capable of operating Navy helicopters including the Sikorsky MH-60R Seahawk and the Australian Army's S-70A Black Hawk helicopters. The vessel can also embark two mexeflote rafts for use in landing personnel ashore.

HMAS Choules can carry a normal load of 356 troops, or overloaded with 700 together with its normal ships's complement of 160. Depending on the situation Choules can operate either close in shore or over the horizon using helicopters and landing craft, to land personnel and equipment ashore. The amphibious capability is a key element of future Australian Defence Force's military operations, and provides the ability to conduct Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief throughout the region.

The RAN provides a significant amphibious capability with the Canberra class LHDs, HMA Ships Canberra and Adelaide together with HMAS Choules. The amphibious capability part of the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief range of options the Government has to activate in the case of emergency or natural disaster and the addition of these very capable vessels has greatly enhanced Australia's capabilities in this important area.



RFA Largs Bay RF3006



HMAS Choules (copyright Commonwealth of Australia)



HMAS Choules L100 (RAN)

Navy Week Yacht Race - Geoffrey Evans Trophy

The annual Navy Week Yacht Race was held on Saturday 20 OCT 2018. The event is held at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria at Williamstown. The trophy for the winner of the race is the Geoffrey Evans Trophy. Named after Commander Evans, whose dedication to the Royal Australian Navy extended far beyond his 40 years of service and earned him the light-hearted title "the Fifth Naval Member" among his Admiral friends – a play on the original Naval Board having four members – died in 2012 of a lung infection at Royal Melbourne Private Hospital. He was 90.

Geoffrey Evans saw active service in the Pacific theatre in World War II and went on to co-found an industrial chemical company in Box Hill. In-between, he was a stalwart of the Navy League of Australia and served as Aide-De-Camp and then Private Secretary to the Governor of Victoria. He also served three terms as an alternative member of the Press Council between 1987 and 1996. He even led a major behind-the-scenes effort in 1983 to get the Federal Government to reinstate the RAN with an "affordable" aircraft carrier after the Navy's last carrier, HMAS Melbourne, was decommissioned in May 1982 and later sold to China for scrap metal.

RAN personnel from HMAS Cerberus and HMAS Warramunga, which was conducting a port visit, were invited to sea-ride onboard RYCV yachts. Winds were light on the day but still a good race.

Winner of the GET was R374 MAGIC BULLET skippered by Leo Cantwell.



Commander Graeme Furlonger, RANR presenting the trophy to the winner with one of the sailors from HMAS Cerberus that sailed onboard MAGIC BULLET.

Invictus Games



Australian Invictus Games team member, Able Seaman Marine Technician Mark Daniels (left), passes the ball during a wheelchair rugby exhibition match against the WA Enforcers, in Perth WA.

A Navy member who suffered an amputation as a result of a motorcycle accident has overcome serious challenges to remain active, both professionally and in his down time.

Competing in the 2018 Invictus Games was a proud personal achievement for Able Seaman Marine Technician Mark Daniels.

“Navy sport and my involvement with the Invictus Games have really helped me to understand that I’m not alone in this journey,” said AB Daniels.

AB Daniels is currently serving at HMAS *Stirling* and competed in swimming, indoor rowing, sitting volleyball and wheelchair rugby during the event.

A positive attitude and solid support from the Navy has contributed to his ability to overcome and challenges he has encountered. Through resilience and determination, AB Daniels has overcome his above knee amputation and has achieved significant personal and professional milestones supporting Navy sport. He is motivated to further his Navy career and to demonstrate that a disability does not have to mean the end of his military service. Along with the Navy, AB Daniel’s family have been steadfast in their support of his endeavours.

“My family is extremely grateful for what Invictus has given me; it gave me a reason to live again in the early days

“It was my motivation to get out of bed in the morning and train.

“I found my purpose again through sport; fitness soon stopped becoming a hobby and became a way of life.

“It helped me get through my mental health problems and get back to being deployable within the Navy,” said AB Daniels.

The Invictus Games was one part of AB Daniels sporting journey, with further challenges ahead of him in the next few months competing in the Noosa Triathlon as a member of the ADF Triathlon Team and his continued training to be part of the 2020 Paralympics.

The Invictus Games is an international adaptive multi-**sport** event, created by the United Kingdom's Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, in which wounded, injured or sick armed services personnel and their associated veterans take part in **sports** including wheelchair basketball, sitting **volleyball**, and indoor **rowing**.

The word ‘Invictus’ is Latin for ‘unconquered’ and embodies the fighting spirit of our wounded, injured and ill servicemen and women. They have been tested and challenged, but they have not been overcome. They have proven that by embracing each other and the support of family and friends, they can reclaim their future. They are Invictus.

Most of us will never know the horrors of combat. Horrors so great that many servicemen and women suffer life-changing injuries, both visible and invisible, while serving their countries, while serving us. How do these men and women find the motivation to move on and not be defined by their injuries? How can we challenge perceptions and send a positive message about life beyond disability to an international audience? HRH The Duke of Sussex not only asked but answered these questions.

On a trip to the Warrior Games in the United States in 2013, The Duke of Sussex saw the positive impact sport could have on the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded, injured and ill servicemen and women. He vowed to take the idea and launch a similar event in the UK. The Invictus Games Foundation was established and in 2014 London hosted the inaugural Invictus Games, at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, with more than 400 competitors from 13 nations.

Led by an experienced and deeply passionate board of trustees, the Foundation supports the delivery of future Invictus Games, manages the process of selecting future Games hosts and promotes the importance of sport and physical activity in the rehabilitation journey of wounded, injured and ill service members and veterans.

The second Invictus Games took place in May 2016 in Orlando, Florida, and built on the excitement of the London Games with more than 500 competitors from 15 nations. The Games then moved to Toronto in September 2017 and in 2018 will head ‘down under’.

The Sydney Games attracted 500 competitors from 18 nations competing in 11 medal sports and participating in golf and wheelchair tennis. The Games recognise and thank families and friends for their role and the challenges they share in supporting our wounded warriors. Sydney hosted more than 1000 accompanying family and friends.

<https://www.invictusgames2018.org/the-games/the-story/>

Shrine Report



Remembrance Day

Sunday 11 November, from 10.15am

The guns fell silent 100 years ago on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, signalling war's end. We invite all to join us for special commemorative activities on, and in the lead up to, Remembrance Day. Together, we celebrate the centenary of the Armistice of the First World War and pause to remember those men and women who have served and sacrificed.

PRELUDE

(FROM 4 TO 11 NOVEMBER)

The **5000 Poppies Project** returns to the Shrine with a contemplative walk of handmade poppies articulating *The Ode* from Laurence Binyon's *For the Fallen*. Also, in an historic first, the Shrine will be illuminated red to remember this momentous event one hundred years ago.

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT THE SHRINE:

Pipers at Dawn: Pipers from across the world will join at 6am to mark this period in history.

Official Service: The Remembrance Day Service commences at 10.15am.

Choral Performance: Listen to a poignant vocal tribute following the official service.

Visit the Galleries: See the beautiful centenary wreath in our exhibition *Flowers of war*.

Massed Pipes Flag Lowering Service: The Shrine Guard will lower the flags at 5pm as the *Last Post* sounds. *The Battle's O'er*, performed by massed Pipes, will symbolise the end of the First World War

Services

HMAS Sydney and Vietnam Logistic Support Unit 2018

Monday 19 November 2018, 12:00pm

Wreath Laying in the Sanctuary

Shrine Representative:

Shrine Governor Commander Terry Makings AM

Talks and Events



Young Ambassador Program

Applications close next Thursday 8 November

We invite you to nominate your son, daughter, niece or nephew (who is currently in Yr 8 or Yr 9) for the opportunity to build confidence and learn through participation in Shrine commemorations. This youth leadership program is a great way to meet new friends and learn more about the importance of remembrance in honouring Australia's service community and our military history. Includes an educational trip to the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.



Armistice in Australia, 1918

Thursday 8 November, midday
Auditorium

When news of the end of the Great War arrived in Australia late on 11 November 1918, the outpouring of emotion in the streets spoke not only to pride but to the deep relief that four years of torment were over. Join Dr Bart Ziino as he speaks to the Australian experience of the Armistice.



Friends Garden Luncheon

Friday 23 November, midday
Terrace Courtyard

An exclusive event for Friends of the Shrine members, join us for a festive end to the year and light luncheon in the Terrace Courtyard (weather permitting). Following the luncheon, Friends will be taken on a special tour of the gardens to view some of the plants that are featured in our centenary exhibition *Flowers of war*. Free for Friends of the Shrine. \$30 for non-friends.

[Book now](#)



Spring Gardens Tour

Saturday 24 November, 10.30am and midday
Departing from the Visitor Centre

Explore the Shrine gardens on this special guided tour. Discover which of our plants and trees have been immortalised in the enamelled emblems of the centenary exhibition *Flowers of war*. The tour includes Devonshire tea (at the conclusion of the 10.30am session and at the commencement of the midday session).

[Book now](#)



Century of Emergency Relief

Friday 30 November, midday
Auditorium

As fighting ceased on the Western Front in November 1918, the Australian military turned its attention to a threat closer to home. The Spanish influenza had arrived in the Pacific Islands and was taking a devastating toll on the populations of Samoa, Tonga and Fiji. Join author Dr Steven Bullard as he reflects on a century of Australian emergency relief missions.

[Book now](#)

Exhibitions



Flowers of war

Now open
East Gallery

The appearance of cornflowers and poppies on battlefields at the end of the First World War symbolised for many the fragility of life and the hope of rebirth. This large sculptural steel wreath draws on stories of the First World War from local community archives and museums and considers the many ways people reflect upon the past. \



Everyman

Limited time only
Hall of Columns

Contemporary drawings of Craig Barrett are showcased in an exhibition inspired by the works of Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen; British soldier/poets renowned for their evocative and insightful war poetry reflecting their experiences on the Western Front during the First World War. *Everyman* makes a poignant return in the lead up to the centenary of the Armistice.



Resistance

Until 4 August 2019
South Gallery

Many Australian service men and women gave aid to the resistance, other Australians owed their freedom and their lives to it. Uncover the stories of those who through accident or design found themselves battling the Axis using unconventional means.

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.



Shrine Guard honoured in France

Marking their place in history

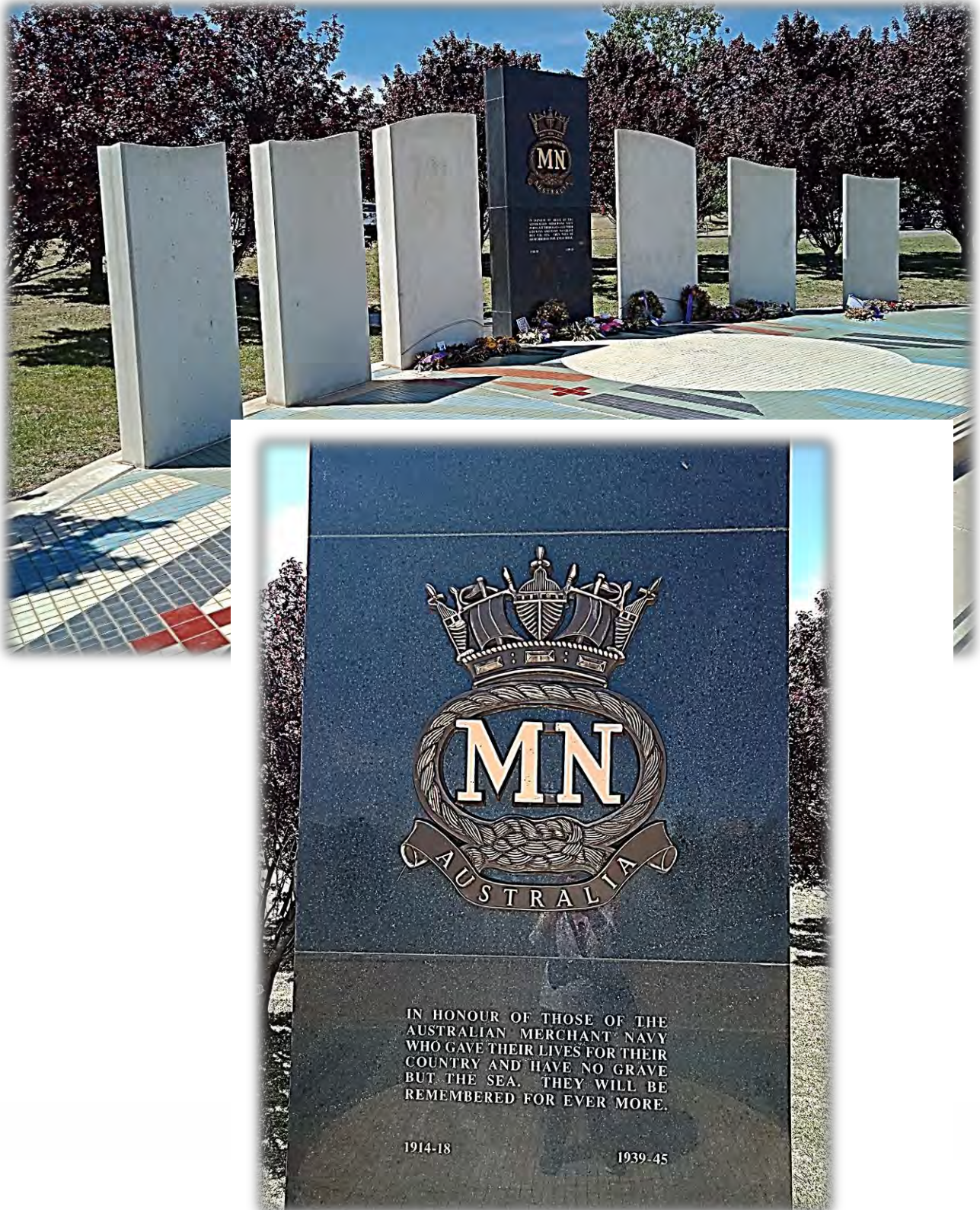
For more than 80 years, the Shrine Guard have protected the Shrine. This month, members of the Shrine Guard will travel to France to honour their own who helped liberate the small village of Montbrehain 100 years earlier during the last Australian-led action of the First World War on the Western Front. Among those valiant soldiers, drawn largely from Victoria, were original Shrine Guard's Lieutenant George Mawby Ingram, VC, MM and Private George Blyth, MM—Ingram receiving the Victoria Cross for his bravery in the campaign.

On 5 October, five serving Shrine Guard will be part of a ceremony for the official handover of a commemorative plaque signifying the bond that endures between our two nations.

Discovering Canberra

There are a number of memorials on the walking paths around Lake Burley Griffin. We were particularly impressed with **the Merchant Navy Memorial** which commemorates the contribution made by the Australian merchant navy during both World Wars.

The Australian Merchant Navy Seamen's Memorial at the Australian War Memorial lists the names of 182 merchant seamen who lost their lives in World War I. During World War II, 29 Australian merchant ships and 386 merchant seamen were lost in Australian waters.





The **HMAS Canberra memorial** is nearby and commemorates both the ship, HMAS Canberra, and those who served on her. Built in Scotland in 1927, the Canberra was a Kent Class heavy cruiser, commissioned into the Royal Australian Navy in 1928.

During World War II the Canberra served in both the South Atlantic and Indian Oceans. It escorted Australian troops to Singapore in 1942 and in May of that year took part in the Battle of the Coral Sea, providing support for United States Marines at Guadalcanal. On 9 August 1942, at the Battle of Savo Island, the Allied fleet was surprised by a Japanese fleet. The Canberra was hit 24 times within less than two minutes - 84 seamen were lost.

Ref: <https://www.nca.gov.au/attraction/hmas-canberra-memorial>