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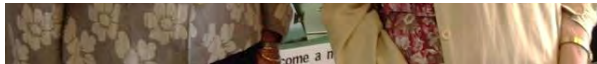
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"Keeping Watch over the Maritime Wellbeing of Australia"



*Rosemary Creswell (left) with Elizabeth Sevier at the 2015 Creswell Oration.
Photo courtesy Jane Teasdale.*



VALE ELIZABETH SEVIOR 1931-2021

Elizabeth Sevier lived a long and full life. She was born in Melbourne, but went to school in Ararat and Woodend. She completed a degree in music at the University of Melbourne, then gained a teaching qualification to become a Primary School music teacher.

She married Maurice Sevier and moved to Bulleen in 1959. They had 4 children – Janet, Martin, Madeleine and Charles. The family later moved to Mount Beauty. When Maurice passed away, Elizabeth came back to Bulleen in 1977.

Elizabeth threw herself into many causes during her lifetime. She was a Guide at the Shrine of Remembrance and a member of Friends of Westerfolds as well as Friends of Warrandyte State Park. She loved bushwalking and had a great affinity for the environment. She was an honoured guest at many naval events and last attended the Creswell Oration in 2019.

She greatly admired her grandfather, Vice Admiral Sir William Rooke Creswell, KCMG, KBE, RAN. Having been a long time advocate for an Australian Navy, Creswell now found himself administering one! He was promoted Rear Admiral and became First Naval Member of the Australian Commonwealth Naval Board on 1 March 1911. He was appointed KCMG in June. On 10 July King George V granted the title of 'Royal Australian Navy' to the Permanent Commonwealth Naval Forces. Regarded today as the 'Father of the Royal Australian Navy', the home of the Royal Australian Naval College, HMAS Creswell, is named in his honour.

Elizabeth died at the age of 90. Her funeral was held on 6 October 2021 at St Timothy's Church in Bulleen. We will miss her friendly face at the Creswell Orations and offer our condolences to her family.

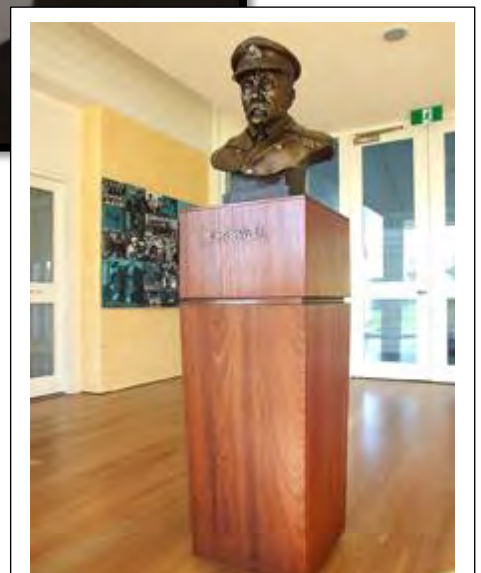


Anzac House March 1st, 2005. Elizabeth with Commodore Dacre Smyth AO (L) and Vice Admiral Chris Ritchie AO (R). Photo by Jane Teasdale.

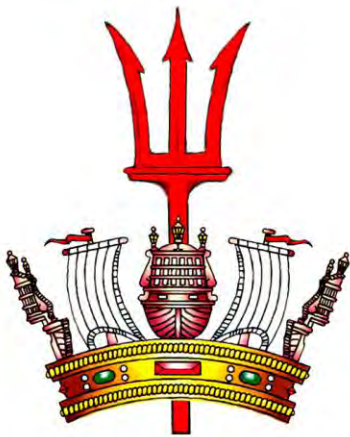


Photo above by Ken Crook. Photo opposite by CMDR John Wilkins

On Monday 5th September 2011 the Chief Of Navy, VADM Ray Griggs AM CSC RAN & Elizabeth Sevier cut a cake commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy with Vice Admiral Sir William Rooke Creswell's ceremonial sword. VADM Griggs unveiled the restored Creswell Memorial at 1430 in the presence of a small RAN parade and with 27 Creswell family members in attendance.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Due to the COVID restrictions, it has not been possible for your committee to meet and plan events. However, the **Creswell Oration** luncheon which is held annually in March to commemorate the foundation of the Australian Navy will go ahead on Tuesday 1 March 2022 and a booking has been made at the William Angliss Restaurant in Melbourne.



The **commemorative luncheon** in memory of LCDR John Bird RNR will be held at the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club in Williamstown on Sunday 10 July 2022, 1200 for 1230.

LCDR Bird is well known to many of you. He was a passionate supporter of the Navy League in the UK, NZ & Australia for over 70 years.