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NOVEMBER NAVAL HISTORY

NOVEMBER 1914

RAN'S FIRST VICTORY –

The RAN destroyed its first enemy warship on November 9th 1914. While escorting the first troop convoy from Australia to the Middle East, the light cruiser HMAS SYDNEY investigated reports of a strange warship off Direction Island in the Cocos Group. This turned out to be the German Cruiser EMDEN, and although hopelessly outgunned by the more modern faster Australian cruiser, the EMDEN stood out to engage the SYDNEY. After an action lasting over 1.1/2 hours, the EMDEN was almost totally destroyed and was driven ashore on North Keeling Island. HMAS SYDNEY was hit by several salvos, killing 4 men and wounding 12. Casualties on the EMDEN were very heavy. 134 killed and 64 wounded, while the Captain and the remainder of his crew, with the exception of a landing party which escaped in a commandeered schooner were taken prisoner.

NOVEMBER 1940

The auxiliary minesweeper HMAS GOORANGAI was sunk and its entire crew of 24 lost in a collision with MV DUNTROON in Port Phillip. This was the first RAN loss in World War 2, and the first surface ship to be lost in wartime.

NOVEMBER 1941

HMAS Sydney AND THE German Auxiliary Cruiser KORMORAN met in a naval engagement in the Indian Ocean off the WA Coast. Both ships were sunk, the SYDNEY with the loss of all hands – 645. She was the first RAN Cruiser to be lost. The Sloop PARRAMATTA was sunk off the Libyan coast by a German Submarine at the cost of 139 lives. She was the first RAN ship to be torpedoed and sunk by a Submarine.

'NOVEMBER NAVAL HISTORY C'TND

NOVEMBER 1942

The Cruiser HMAS ADELAIDE intercepted and sank the German blockade runner RAMSES in the Indian Ocean.

The destroyers HMAS QUIBERON and HMS QUENTIN assisted by RAF fighter aircraft sank the Italian submarine DESSIE off the coast of Algeria in North Africa.

NOVEMBER 1952

The Battle Class Destroyer HMAS TOBRUK, under the command of CMDR Richard I Peek RAN destroyed a complete communist freight train between Songjin and Chongjin during the war in Korea.

In later years, the now late Vice Admiral Sir Richard I Peek KBE, CB, DSC, RAN, became a member of the Navy Leagues Federal Advisory Council.

NAVY LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA VIC-TAS DIVISION WELCOME-FAREWELL PRESENTATION

The Navy League of Australia Victoria-Tasmania Division recently played host to Captain Steve Bowater OAM, RAN and Captain Paul Mandziy CSC, RAN at a luncheon presentation held at the Batman Hill Hotel in Melbourne.

The objective of the function was to welcome Captain Mandziy, Commanding Officer of HMAS ADELAIDE L01, to Melbourne and to farewell Captain and Mrs. Bowater-Woodrow, as Captain Bowater is to be posted to Canberra in January 2017, which follows his current three years as Commanding Officer of HMAS CERBERUS and Senior Naval Officer Victoria. Whilst no stranger to Melbourne it was the first opportunity for the League to play host to Captain Mandziy and to align with his busy schedule. On this occasion, it was necessary for Captain Mandziy to make use of air travel to meet with his commitments as HMAS ADELAIDE was detained in Sydney on other operation matters however, Captain Mandziy is still hopeful of bringing HMAS ADELAIDE to Melbourne prior to the end of 2016.

Other attendees at the luncheon-presentation included Mr. Chris Ackerman CDRE of The Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, Mr. Michael McLean CDRE of The Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, CMDR Graham Harris Federal President of The Navy League of Australia and LCDR Roger Blythman President of the Victorian-Tasmania Division of The Navy League together with Mrs. Alison Blythman.

Short speeches were delivered by Navy League executives and with the event held on 21st October much of the focus was on Admiral Lord Nelson and the 211th anniversary of The Battle of Trafalgar, plus focus was also directed towards the 72nd anniversary, on that day in 1944, of the Battle of Leyte Gulf and the RAN'S valuable contribution to that battle.

These speeches were followed by most interesting presentations from both Captain Bowater and Captain Mandziy. Captain Bowater advised that the incoming Commanding Officer of HMAS CERBERUS and SNOVIC will be Captain Tim Standen CSC, RAN.

During the "question and answer" segment of Captain Mandziy's presentation, he was able to "put to rest" a rumour circulating amongst the naval family groups that HMAS ADELAIDE was a bigger ship than her sister ship HMAS CANBERRA. Both Spanish designed ships had been originally considered as identical, however as Captain Mandziy explained HMAS ADELAIDE is 30cm (one foot) longer than CANBERRA and CANBERRA is 5cm (2 inches) wider than ADELAIDE. Therefore ADELAIDE is the longest ship in the RAN and CANBERRA is the widest. So rumour "sorted out" and mystery solved.

Once again The Navy Leagues special events coordinator CMDR John Wilkins OAM, RFD, was instrumental in ensuring, together with his band of willing helpers, that arrangements for the event progressed smoothly which included a number of gifts being presented to the official guests. The gifts included Navy League timber etched crests, plus copies of The Leagues recently published book detailing the history of The Navy League of Australia, entitled "Keeping Watch", by Malcolm Longstaff.

The presentation of the gifts concluded another most successful, interesting and informative Navy League Victoria-Tasmania Division event.

***Editors Note: A complete listing of the gifts presented by the Navy League and their recipient's together with the speech delivered by Captain Mandziy, is scheduled to appear in the December issue of the Navy League Newsletter.*



CAPTAIN MANDZIY DELIVERS HIS SPEECH AT NLA WELCOME-FAREWELL LUNCHEON



CAPTAIN MANDZIY RECEIVES NLA GIFTS FROM LEAGUE PRESIDENT VIC-TAS DIV ROGER BLYTHAMN & THE LEAGUES FED PRES GRAHAM HARRIS



LEAGUE VIC-TAS PRESIDENT EXTENDS BEST WISHES TO CAPTAIN BOWATER & MRS BOWATER-WOODROW



CAPTAIN BOWATER & MRS BOWATER-WOODROW RECEIVE A NAVY LEAGUE GIFT



CAPTAIN BOWATER MAKES A POINT DURING HIS PRESENTATION



LEAGUE VIC-TAS DIVISION PRESIDENT ROGER BLYTHMAN THANKS HIS GUESTS FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE

**Thank you Executive member Jane Teasdale for these photos.*

AS IT WAS IN NOVEMBER 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 November 2006 we note that it was around this time we reported:-

1. NU SHIP OTAGO
2. NU SHIP CANTERBURY
3. COMMISSING OF ARARAT

LAUNCHING OF NZ SHIP OTAGO OPV

At 12:00 noon on Saturday 18th November 2006, the offshore patrol vessel NUSHIP OTAGO was launched at the Tenix Dockyard Williamstown Victoria.

NUSHIP OTAGO is the first of two offshore patrol vessels (OPV'S) being built by Tenix at Williamstown as part of Project Protector.

The launching lady for the occasion was former New Zealand Governor General Dame Silvia Cartwright.

Dame Silvia served as a Judge of the High Court of New Zealand from 1993 to 2001 when she became Governor General of New Zealand until 2006.

NUSHIP OTAGO is one of seven ships being built for the Royal New Zealand Navy by Tenix under Project Protector.

AS IT WAS IN NOVEMBER 2006 C'TND''

As well as the OPV'S four inshore patrol vessels are being built at Tenix's Whangarei (NZ) facility, and the 8500 tonne multi roll vessel NUSHIP CANTERBURY L4212 built under sub-contract in the Netherlands, is currently in final fit out at Tenix Williamstown.

Guests at the launch of OTAGO included the New Zealand Defence Minister Phil Goff MP, the Chief of the New Zealand Navy Rear Admiral David Ledson, the Chief of the Australian Navy Vice Admiral Russ Shalders with whom I had a brief chat, the Australian Minister assisting the Minister for Defence Bruce Billson MP and the Victorian Minister for Manufacturing and Export Andre Haermeyer MP.

It was not too difficult to realise that an election was close at hand, Mr. Haermeyer spoke in terms of high praise of Tenix and offered the Company significant encouragement.

Mr. Haermeyer said that **Victorian Government assistance would ensure that Tenix's** Williamstown shipyard is ready for future naval shipbuilding projects in Australia.

The assistance package would incorporate investment in new infrastructure and skills development, contingent on the Williamstown shipyard undertaking work on the Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) and a large amphibious ships project.

Mr. Haermeyer went on to say that these projects are too large to be undertaken at any single location in Australia, so the Victorian Government is making certain that the Williamstown shipyard is part of a national capability that can ensure Australian ships can be built in Australia. The Williamstown upgrade will have long term benefits enabling Tenix to compete vigorously for other work in the areas of export, ship repair and maintenance and to bid for future Australian projects.

NUSHIP OTAGO forms part of the NZ\$500M Project Protector contract. Under the successful export contract total project management is based in Williamstown with 45% of the projects total work value being carried out in Victoria.

The second OPV NUSHIP WELLINGTON, is already under construction with sections taking shape in the Tenix Williamstown manufacturing shops.

In terms of dimensions the **OPV'S are, in some ways not unlike the RAN'S fully laden WW2 Grimbsy Class Sloops, HMAS's SWAN, YARRA, PARRAMATTA and WARREGO.**

The main characteristics of NUSHIP OTAGO are as follows:-

LENGTH	85 METRES
BEAM	14 METRES
DRAUGHT	3.6 METRES
DISPLACEMENT	1583 TONNES
COMPLEMENT	NAVY 45... EMBARKED FORCES 4
	EXTRA ACCOMMODATION 30
SPEED	22 KNOTS
RANGE ECONOMICAL	6000 NAUTICAL MILES
ENDURANCE ECONOMICAL	21 DAYS

AS IT WAS IN NOVEMBER 2006 C'TND''

NUSHIP OTAGO follows the original HMNZS OTAGO a 2500 tonne Frigate that arrived in New Zealand in 1961.

HMNZS OTAGO took part in regular deployments to the Far East, North America, Hawaii, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

The original OTAGO was 112 metres in length with a speed of 30 knots and had a complement of 240; she was decommissioned at Devonport in 1983 and sold for scrap in 1987 to Pacific Metal Industries Ltd.

At this point in time, the scheduling for the commissioning in New Zealand of the OPV'S is, HMNZS OTAGO in April 2007 and HMNZS WELLINGTON in October 2007.

NUSHIP CANTERBURY – OLD SHIP CANTERBURY

Whilst the NZ NUSHIP CANTERBURY L421, is having the final touches applied to it at the Tenix Dockyard Williamstown, prior to its commissioning in New Zealand during the early period of 2007, the old HMNZS CANTERBURY has been having its fate decided.

The old Leander type Frigate, HMNZS CANTERBURY F421, was a familiar visitor to Melbourne and well known to League members through various hosting functions.

The decommissioned old CANTERBURY is to be sunk as a dive site.

NZ Defence Minister Phil Goff said that New Zealand would benefit far more from having her as a dive attraction than by selling her as scrap.

It is proposed that CANTERBURY will be submerged at Deepwater Cove near Cape Brett in the Bay of Islands.

For your general information the main characteristics of NUSHIP CANTERBURY are as follows:-

LENGTH	131 METRES
BEAM	23.4 METRES
DRAUGHT	5.6 METRES
DISPLACEMENT	8870 TONNES (SEALIFT)
CREW	63 (PLUS ARMY 300)
MAX SPEED	19.8 KNOTS

NUSHIP ARARAT COMMISSIONS

The Armidale Class Patrol Boat NUSHIP ARARAT, ACPB89, arrived in Melbourne on 8th November 2006 from Darwin via the Whitsunday Islands and Sydney.

NUSHIP ARARAT was in Melbourne for her commissioning ceremony which was conducted in the presence of Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Russ Shalders CSC, RAN.

Chief of Navy and his brother CDRE Rick Shalders spent much of their youth in the Victorian town of Ararat after which the boat is named.

AS IT WAS IN NOVEMBER 2006 C'TND"

The Armidale Patrol Boats are multi-crewed resulting in the 14 boats doing the previous work of 21.

The Commanding Officer for the commissioning of ARARAT is LCDR Paul Ruhl with LEUT Cameron Hooper as Executive Officer.

The main characteristics of the Armidale boats are as detailed:-

LENGTH	56.8 METRES
BEAM	9.5 METRES
SPEED	25 KNOTS
DISPLACEMENT	300 TONNES
ARMAMENT	1X25MM CANNON 2X12.7MM MACHINE GUNS
CREW	21 PLUS EXTRA 20

During my visit to NUSHIP ARARAT I sailed onboard ARARAT from the refueling wharf to the Melbourne Docklands commissioning jetty and also enjoyed morning tea and lunch in the wardroom

Also during my visit to the boat I distributed current copies of "The Navy" magazine plus previous copies containing articles relevant to HMAS ARARAT.

HMAS ARARAT sailed from Melbourne on 13th November 2006 returning to DARWIN via Lord Howe Island and Queensland to take up patrol duties in our Northern waters.

NEWS IN BRIEF

FARNCOMB PAYS A VISIT TO MELBOURNE

Just in time for the Melbourne Cup, HMAS FARNCOMB arrived in Melbourne on Cup Eve 31st October 2016.

As Station Pier Port Melbourne was busy with Melbourne Cup Cruise Liner traffic, HMAS **FARNCOMB berthed at Fisherman's Bend, possibly the first of her class to transit the Yarra River** and the first of any submarine to do so for many years.

The Collins Class HMAS FARNCOMB SSG74, currently under the command of CMDR Ian Bray is the second of the six Collins Class Submarines and was commissioned in 1998. This visit to Melbourne by FARNCOMB is just the second visit and follows the first occasion in March of 2009 when at that time CMDR Tom Phillips was in command.

HMAS FARNCOMB is named after RADM Harold Farncomb CB, DSO, MVO, RAN who distinguished himself in action during World War 2. **HMAS FARNCOMB'S motto is "With skill and resolve" this was derived from the citation for the "Distinguished Service Order" awarded to Captain Farncomb as Commanding Officer of HMAS AUSTRALIA at Guadalcanal in 1943.**

NEWS IN BRIEF C'TND

HMAS FARNCOMB'S main characteristics are:-

DISPLACEMENT		SURFACED	3100 TONNES
		SUBMERGED	3400 TONNES
LENGTH			77.8 METRES
BEAM			7.8 METRES
DRAUGHT			7 METRES
SPEED	DIVED		20 KNOTS
	SURFACED		10 KNOTS
ARMAMENT			6-21 INCH TORPEDO TUBES
CREW			58

Three days after her arrival in Melbourne from Hobart Tasmania, HMAS FARNCOMB sailed from her South Wharf Berth on 2nd November 2016 bound for Esperance, Western Australia.

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SPANISH NAVY TO SUPPORT NUSHIP HOBART

Following on from the NAVY Leagues October 2016 visit to South Australia, which included a tour of the ASC Shipyard, to view progress with the Spanish designed DDG Air Warfare Destroyer project comes news that the Spanish Navy plans to deploy one **of its own "Alvaro de Bazan" Class ships (on which the RAN'S DDG design is based)** to Australia in 2017 to operate **with the first of our three DDG'S**, NUSHIP HOBART, which is currently undergoing sea trials. The 5th Spanish ship of the Class, SPS CRISTOBAL COLON F105, is expected to arrive at Fleet Base East from Spain during the first half of 2017 and operate with NUSHIP HOBART for a four month period. This move is designed to assist and support NUSHIP HOBART during her introduction into the RAN fleet.

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COLLINS CLASS SUBMARINE HMAS FARNCOMB ARRIVING IN MELBOURNE FROM HOBART TASMANIA 31ST OCTOBER 2016



HMAS FARNCOMB ON YARRA AT FISHERMANS BEND MELBOURNE



HMAS FARNCOMB PASSES WESTGATE BRIDGE TO BERTH AT SOUTH WHARF



HMAS FARNCOMB DEPARTING FROM MELBOURNE



SPS CRISTOBAL COLON F105

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The President and Committee members of The Navy League of Australia Victoria-Tasmania Division, were saddened to learn of the passing of CMDR George Nekrasov OAM, RAN RET'D, on the 19th October 2016. The Navy League offers sincere condolences to Commander Nekrasov's family on this sad occasion. Commander Nekrasov is well remembered by The Navy League for his great support over the years, he will be sadly missed.

SHRINE REPORT NOVEMBER 2016

Remembrance Gardens Tour Saturday 26 November 2016

For over 80 years the sprawling gardens surrounding the Shrine of Remembrance have provided a respite from the growing bustle of Melbourne. While the memorial trees on the Shrine Reserve have become well-known pilgrimage sites, the casual observer may not be aware of the creative vision and symbology behind our carefully landscaped gardens. Join this inaugural tour of the Shrine Reserve, led by a specially trained guide (and gardening enthusiast!). This tour will venture into some of our smaller gardens which commemorate the Battle of Fromelles, Post 1945 conflicts, and families affected by war. The tour will include a luncheon of sandwiches, cakes and tea looking out on to our Garden Courtyard, with its grand olive tree and Mediterranean-themed plantings. Cost: \$30 per person (includes lunch) \$25 per person for Friends of the Shrine Tour Times: 11am First Tour Midday Lunch 1pm Second Tour Meet in the Visitor Centre, Shrine of Remembrance.

CEREMONIES

Remembrance Day 2016 Friday 11 November 2016, 10am for 10:30am service



EXHIBITIONS

Australia Will Be There

Victorians in the First World War (1914-19)

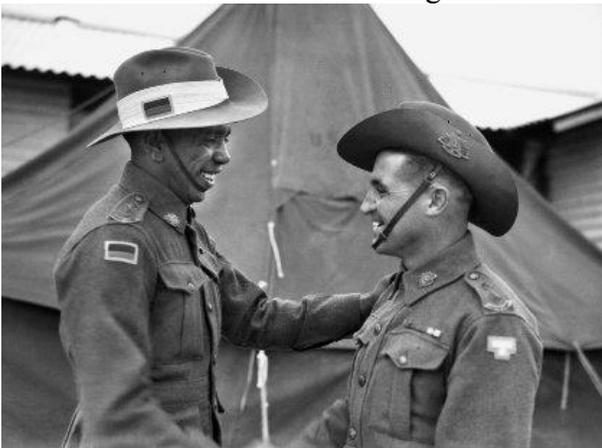
Through historical photographs and personal stories, this exhibition will present the chronology of the First World War (1914-19) and provide the opportunity to discover the fascinating stories with particular reference to the contribution of Victorians.

Find out about the hardships that our men and women endured and the battles that they fought alongside Allied nations – from the landings at Gallipoli to the battles in Palestine, Passchendaele and Fromelles.

Away from the frontline, discover the experiences of the people in Victoria, their contribution to the war effort and the growing social divisions which climaxed in the bitterly contested, and unsuccessful conscription referenda in 1916 and 1917.

Indigenous Australians at war from the Boer War to the present

Shrine of Remembrance travelling exhibition



GALLERIES OF REMEMBRANCE

The 'Blood Tub'

Australians at Bullecourt 1917 15 October 2016 - 1 October 2017

In early 1917 Australian soldiers fought two battles at Bullecourt in France. So ferocious were they that Australian soldiers renamed the town 'The blood tub.' The first action fought on 11 April was a complete disaster, the second (3 – 15 May) a hollow victory at best. German General Eric Ludendorff later wrote of the Arras campaign, of which the Bullecourt battles were part—'no doubt exceedingly

important strategic objects lay behind the British attack, but I have never been able to discover what they were.’

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

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July 2016 - 30 July 2017

No Australian military commander has ever shouldered more responsibility, nor so divided public opinion, than Sir Thomas Blamey.

Detractors describe him as ruthless, self-seeking and egotistical and point to personal scandals, and the damaged careers of the many capable soldiers who stood in his way. Supporters speak of a man who understood, better than any other Australian leader, the wider nature of war—the political implications of action and inaction, the importance of sea and air power, of logistics, intelligence, and troop training. This exhibition will tell his story and let visitors make up their own mind.

1966 The year that changed the world

4 April 2016 - 2 July 2017



Dear Laura - Postcards from the First World War

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October 2016 - 26 March 2017



TALKS & EVENTS

Monuments of Remembrance

Wednesday 9

November 2016

Even as the guns grew silent over the battlefields of Europe in 1918, Australia’s military leaders were planning to commemorate pivotal Australian victories through a series of monuments on the Western Front. In Australia too, communities motivated by loss, grief and a determination to never forget the cost to a generation, erected hundreds of war memorials across the land over the following decades—

and again after 1945. This talk will explore motives for commemoration—victory, honour and remembrance—through a range of key monuments to Australia’s service men and women.

Presenter: Dr Bronwyn Hughes

Date: Wednesday 9 November, 5.30pm arrival for 6pm start

Location: Auditorium, Shrine of Remembrance

Cost: Entry by donation

Paul Brickhill: The Hero Maker

Thursday 8 December 2016



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Date: Thursday 8 December, 5.30pm arrival for 6pm start

Location: Auditorium, Shrine of Remembrance

Cost: Entry by donation

VISITATION NUMBERS

Shrine visitation numbers for the calendar year to 30 September 2016 reached over 807,000 visitors, up by 4% compared with the same period the prior year. These schools education program delivery reached over 54,000 students, up by 3% compared with the same period the prior year. Also the two touring exhibitions (numbers are included in the overall total) are achieving incredible engagement results. *Australia Will Be There* (currently touring Victoria) has reached more than 116,000 visitors across nine venues. The *Indigenous Australians at War* (currently touring nationally) has reached more than 124,000 visitors, 86,500 of these relate to the current tour across eight venues within the NT, QLD, WA & SA.

REMEMBRANCE DAY POSTER COMPETITION

11 November 2016 – 26 February 2017

Shrine Visitor Centre

On 11 November, The Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, Premier of Victoria, will announce this year's winner of the Remembrance Day Poster Competition. Victorian primary school students have submitted unique and colourful artworks reflecting the theme: 'Symbols of Remembrance'. The winning and highly commended entries will be on display at the Shrine Visitor Centre until the end of summer.

For any queries, please call 03 9661 8100 or visit Shrine.org.au

Ken Crook



Australian Navy Foundation Day
“CRESWELL ORATION” - 2017
WEDNESDAY 1st 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 3149.**

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NOC Tel: 98489391, Email: johnredman@bigpond.com,

NHS 03_9850 9497_ Email: rex.f.williams@gmail.com

RSVP: Monday 13th February 2017.

Annual “Creswell Oration” 2017

P.O. Box 2340 Mount Waverley, 3149 Vic.

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PAYMENT:: to Westpac Bank \$. or Cheque attached \$.

Please bookseats for Creswell Oration 2017. I would like to sit with.

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

Tel.No./Email -----

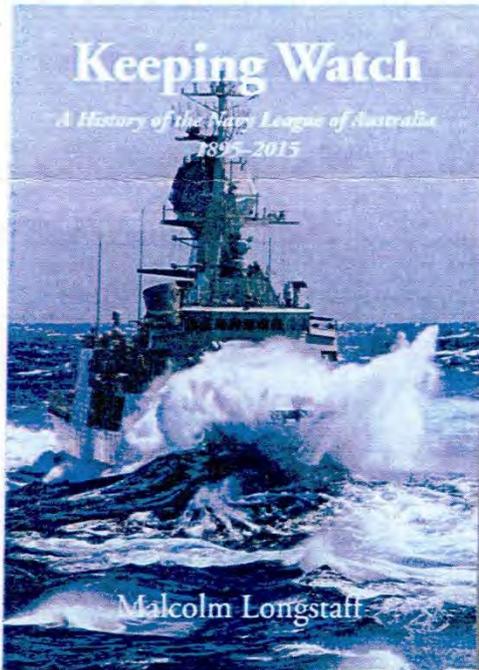
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Keeping Watch

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 of Australia, traces the history of its organisation from the formation of its parent, the League of Great Britain, in 1895. Formed as a result of growing public concern about the increasing naval strength of continental European powers and the League opened its first Australian Branch in Launceston, Tasmania, in 1907. 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 parts of Australia. In 1920 it began forming units of sea cadets, known as the 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 represented on the League's Federal Council.

The League's quarterly national magazine, *The Navy*, is a highly-regarded 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.

The Navy League of Australia
NSW Division
GPO Box 1719
SYDNEY, NSW 2001

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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.

Addresses:

- New South Wales Division: GPO Box 1719, Sydney, NSW 2001.
Victoria-Tasmania Division: PO Box 2340, Mt Waverley, Vic 3149.
Queensland Division: PO Box 2495, Chermside Centre, QLD 4032.
South Australia Division: PO Box 3008, Unley, SA 5061.
Western Australia Division: 3 Prosser Way, Myaree, WA 6154.
Australian Capital Territory: post form to New South Wales Division, Hon Secretary.
Northern Territory: post form to South Australia Division, Hon Secretary.

Subscriptions due on 1 July in each year. Your membership will be current to 30 June immediately following the date on which you join the League. **NOTE:** If your first subscription is received during 1 April to 30 June in any year, your initial membership is extended to 30 June in the following year.

THE NAVY LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA		
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP		
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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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*.