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NUSHIP ADELAIDE HAND-OVER TO NAVY

Following the successful completion of her sea trials, Nuship ADELAIDE 01 the second of two 27,000 TONNE Landing-Helicopter-Dock ships (LHD'S) was handed over to navy during a ceremony at BAE Dockyard Williamstown on Thursday 22nd October 2015.

Chief of Navy representative for the signing over formalities was Acting Fleet Commander Commodore Lee Goddard CSC, RAN. Other RAN attendees included CDRE Craig Bourke the LHD project manager, Nuship ADELAIDE'S Commanding Officer Captain Paul Mandziy, Executive Officer Commander Brendon Zilco and Engineering Officer Commander Henry Nord-Thomson.

Many other members of Nuship ADELAIDE's 375 crew also attended the hand-over from “shipyard-to-Australian-Government “ event plus Defence Material Organisation representation, Spain's Consul General to Australia and BAE Shipyard personnel, including the company's Chief Executive Officer Bill Saltzer.

Nuship ADELAIDE is the third ship so named for the RAN and a number of ex RAN personnel from the second HMAS ADELAIDE were in attendance at the hand-over, also wonderful to see one old sailor from the first HMAS ADELAIDE a World War 2 Light Cruiser that paid-off in 1945.

The second HMAS ADELAIDE was an American built Guided Missile Frigate (FFG) and lead ship of her class. Now a dive site at Avoca, off the NSW Coast. Following the transfer to Navy Control Nuship ADELAIDE will be commissioned on 4th December 2015. The ship's first visit as HMAS ADELAIDE to her namesake City is likely to be in February of 2016.



CAPTAIN PAUL MANDZIY PRESENTED WITH SHIPS BELL ROPE BY FORMER SAILOR
AND LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE AT THE WILLIAMSTOWN SHIPYARD DAVID MORSE
OCTOBER 22ND 2015



NUSHIP ADELAIDE ALONGSIDE BAE WILLIAMSTOWN 2015

CRESWELL ORATION 2016

This edition of the Leagues newsletter contains details of the forthcoming 'AUSTRALIAN NAVY FOUNDATION DAY COMMEMORATION'.

A key feature of The Australian Navy Foundation Day Commemoration will be the 'CRESWELL ORATION' to be presented by VADM David Johnston. The venue for the 'CRESWELL ORATION' is the William Angliss Restaurant. The event is to be held on Tuesday 1st March 2016.

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN

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NAVY WEEK YACHT RACE 2015

As part of "Navy Week 2015 The Navy League of Australia Victoria-Tasmania Division's trophy race was conducted on Saturday 24th October 2015 in Port Phillip Bay off Williamstown.

The presentation of the "Geoffrey Evans Cup" to the skipper of the winning yacht followed a light luncheon and after race BBQ, all hosted by The Navy League for the RAN personnel in attendance at the event from HMAS CERBERUS.

Place getters with navy crew members aboard were also presented with Navy League prizes in this the 34th year of the Navy League Navy Week Yacht Race.

Results of the race can be viewed via the internet on RYCV race results.

PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2015

In this edition of our newsletter, we have included the Victoria-Tasmania Division Annual Report for the 2014-2015 period. The report was presented by the Divisions President, LCDR Roger Blythman at the Leagues 101st AGM.

Whilst the Tasmanian Division had a head start on Victoria, established in 1900, the Victoria Division commenced in October of 1915 and will mark their centenary as a now combined Victoria-Tasmania Division, with a celebration programmed for this month.

NAVY LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE 101st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE VICTORIA DIVISION

It is my honour to report as President of the Victoria Division in its centenary year, it being established as the Victoria Branch of imperial body on 9th October 2015. The establishment of the branch in Launceston predates Victoria by many years and I remain curious that our Tasmanian brethren beat Victoria to it. We of course now welcome the Leagues members in Tasmania as part of our Division. In that regard I was delighted by Commodore Baird, past patron of the Tasmanian Division accepting appointment as honorary Vice President and member of the Victorian Executive of the Victoria Division – which in general parlance we refer to as Victoria – Tasmania Division. Whilst it had been hoped to host the 2015 Federal Council and Annual Meeting of the League in Melbourne to mark the centenary, the logistics would have been difficult to manage. However, there will be a celebration organized later this year, noting that there are a number of major social events for navy people during October, in particular the Navy Anzac Centenary Ball to be held on 17 October 2015 at the Victoria Racing Club. Promoting community interest in maritime affairs and the Navy in particular, in the Victorian community remains a primary goal. The executive is investigating means by which social media can be turned to advantage in connecting with young people, looking initially at naval cadets. In this we are pleased to have the assistance of an executive member who is a Flotilla commander, as well as other volunteers. It is considered worth expending some divisional funds in preliminary work, as future communication in necessarily delayed hard copy may not reach an ever growing constituency whom we hope to influence now and in the future. The digital world is upon us and to ignore it will take us down the path to irrelevance.

Notwithstanding the LHDs being fitted out at the Williamstown dockyard, the physical presence of Navy in Victoria is barely perceivable. Sailors on leave from HMAS CERBERUS, for security reasons, haven't travelled in uniform to Melbourne for many years; Naval personnel in uniform are something of a curiosity seen only in public events shaking tins for charity and by some on Anzac Day parades. Navy seems very distant from Victorians – something occasionally viewed on the television news. The announcement of the awarding of major ship construction to South Australia ahead of our Williamstown Dockyard adds to this problem as well as being a flawed decision.

This year a concerted attempt has been made under the guise of the Naval Commemoration Committee (of which the League is a major participant) to reinvent Navy Week. This has been strongly supported by SNOVIC Captain Steve Bowater. The key event will be the Navy Ball referred to earlier, but numerous activities, including lectures, sporting events, social activities and a church parade at St Paul's Cathedral have been arranged. A major event run by the League in conjunction with the Royal Melbourne Yacht Club is the annual race for the Geoffrey Evans Navy Week Cup, in which members of yacht clubs around Port Phillip as well as Navy participate.

Although unconnected with Navy Week but in similar vein to the Geoffrey Evans Cup, agreement has been reached with the Royal Motor Yacht Club for the running of an annual race to mark Navy Foundation Day and for which an antique sterling silver cup has been secured by the Division and which will be denominated as the LONSDALE CUP. This in part recognizes the role played by the "Small Ships" volunteers who patrolled Port Phillip during the Second World War. It also of course keeps alive the connection with the former HMAS LONSDALE, for which so many of our members and supporters have (mostly) fond memories.

Members of the executive have represented the League in many spheres. Frank McCarthy has been assiduous to tracking activities of RAN personnel and ship movements and visiting the few naval vessels that slip into Melbourne almost unnoticed and at formal Australian Naval Cadet parades. Graeme Fulonger has provided a vital link in the connection with the RYMC, Jeff Paul has kept us in connection with the Australian Naval Cadets and John Wilkins has led the Foundation Day Lunch and Cresswell Oration event for yet another successful time. Ken Cook has kept us abreast with the extraordinary developments in the vaults below our Shrine of Remembrance and arranged for the Executive to hold a meeting there before proceeding with a tour of League members of the maritime exhibits.

I had the honour of representing the League at a number of official functions at Anzac House, the Shrine, RSL State Conference as well as on various committees and through my involvement with the Geoffrey Evans Trust, with senior cadet officers.

I am indebted to the assistance given to all the members of the Executive to Ray Gill for his secretarial work and John Wilkins for stepping in as honorary treasurer. There remain some aspects of the amalgamation with the Tasmanian branch that are as yet unresolved and these are also being pursued by John in conjunction with the Federal President.

All of the members of the executive have contributed in so many ways. It is strange having an Executive without the presence of John Bird, who has not sought re-election at the 2015 meeting. However, Jane Teasdale has been a worthy addition. She and Lynda Gilbert have teamed up for function activities. Allan Paul (awarded an OAM during the year) has provided valuable insights as well as practical assistance to me.

Membership of the Division has remained fairly stable. The monthly newsletter is emailed to members who have internet connection. As the Treasurer's report has shown, our finances are healthy.

Due to relocation out of Melbourne, Peter Charlesworth has not sought re election to the executive. Our good wishes follow him to his new abode in Gippsland.

Finally, I express appreciation to the Federal President, who has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the League and in particular for his periodic reports which have been informative and valuable.

Roger Blythman RFD
President
Victoria-Tasmania Division

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 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.

NAVAL VISITOR TO MELBOURNE

The second Naval visitor to Melbourne for the year 2015 arrived on 29TH October when HMAS DARWIN, under the command of Commander Phillip Henry berthed at South Wharf Fishermen's Bend.

Following a maintenance period in Sydney and exercises off the Australian East Coast HMAS DARWIN paid a scheduled two day visit which was the first for seven years. On the occasion of the ship's last visit to Melbourne Cmdr Craig Powell was in command.

The 4200 tonne HMAS DARWIN 04 is an Adelaide Class Guided Missile Frigate, one of four built at the Todd Shipyard in Seattle USA. Her sister ship HMAS NEWCASTLE 05 is currently serving in the Middle East Region on Operation Manitou.

HMAS DARWIN is one of an original class of six ships with four having been built in the United States. Of the original four U.S. built ships "Adelaide" and "Canberra" have been sunk as dive sites. 'Sydney' has been "paid off" to serve as an along-side training vessel whilst HMAS DARWIN remains operational together with the two Williamstown built ships "MEBOURNE" and "NEWCASTLE"

Whilst HMAS DARWIN was not open for inspection to the general public during her visit, special arrangements were made for group tours of the ship from:-

Australian Navy Cadets, HMAS CERBERUS Recruit School, Starlight Children's Foundation and representatives from the Navy Leagues Victoria-Tasmania Division.

Details of the HMAS DARWIN main characteristics are as follows:-

Length	138 metres (453 ft)
Beam	14.3 metres (47 ft)
Draught	7.7 metres (26 ft)
Current Crew	225
Speed	30 plus knots
Aircraft	Hanger Space for 2 Seahawk Helicopters
Armament	Various Missiles plus 1 X 76 mm gun 1 x 20 mm C.I.W.S. plus torpedo tubes 4 x machine guns plus Nulka missile defence.

HMAS DARWIN departed Melbourne on Sunday 1st November 2015 heading for Australia's East Coast Exercise area for further work with the R.A.N. Sea Training Group plus readiness evaluation trials.

The now 31 year old H.M.A.S. Darwin FFG04, is expected to relieve HMAS MELBOURNE in February 2016 as the next R.A.N. ship for deployment to operation Manitou in the Middle East region.

HMAS DARWIN motto is:- "RESURGENT"



HMAS DARWIN ALONGSIDE SOUTH WHARF



NLA PAST VICTORIAN PRESIDENT LCDR JOHN BIRD RNVR BESIDE HMAS DARWIN'S SEAHAWK HELICOPTER

Navy League Executive Committee Member Ken Crook, Group Leader of the Navy League Visitors to tour HMAS DARWIN, filed the following report:-

The following people were privileged to visit the HMAS DARWIN on Saturday 31 October, 2015: Greg Candy, Alf Batchelder, Allan Paull, Ken Crook, Lynda Gilbert, Tim Ryan & Alexandra Ryan, Greg Cusack, Jane Teasdale and John Bird.

HMAS *Darwin* is a long-range escort frigate that undertakes roles including area air defence, anti-submarine warfare, surveillance, reconnaissance and interdiction. The ship is capable of countering simultaneous threats from the air, surface and sub-surface. It holds 184 crew and 15 officers (depending on deployment roles). HMAS DARWIN is 31 years old, commissioned in 1984. It is in excellent condition, but did not have the creature comforts of the new LHDs, which provide better accommodation.

We were met by Lieutenant Jake Wadsworth who kindly showed us the Bridge, the Junior Sailors Mess, the canteen, hangars and the flight deck. Alexandra and Ken sat in the helicopter much to their delight. There are generally 2 pilots, 2 tactical officers and 2 sensor officers and ten maintainers.

When in port, up to 12 new trainees are taken aboard.

It sailed on Sunday 1 November and will leave for another six month deployment to the Middle East in December this year.



HMAS DARWIN ARRIVING MELBOURNE 2015

ED NOTE; In line with the numerous photographs of HMAS DARWIN'S visit to Melbourne that we received, we shall publish more photos of the visit in our December newsletter, at the same time as expressing best wishes to all in HMAS DARWIN as they deploy to the Middle East on Operation Manitou.

“AS IT WAS”

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 and 15 years as we browse through our records and reports of November 2000 and 2005 we note that it was around this time we reported:-

1. Tasmania's Navy League Centenary 2000
2. Navy Week in Melbourne 2005

NOVEMBER 2000

Fifteen years ago, on the 25th November 2000 the Navy League celebrated the centenary of the formation of the first on-going branch of the League in Australia.

“AS IT WAS C'TND”

On 26th November 1900 branch number 53 was formed in Launceston, Tasmania with a nine member original “Committee-of-Management” team.

In 2000 the Navy League of Australia celebrated the centenary by holding the Leagues AGM and Federal Council Meeting in Launceston followed by a centenary dinner which was attended by the Governor of Tasmania, also Commodore Rowan Moffitt representing the Chief of Navy, plus Senior Officers from the Fremantle Class Patrol Boat HMAS BUNBURY, visiting Launceston for the Leagues celebration. The Senior Officers from HMAS BUNBURY included C.O. LCDR Michelle Miller.

At the centenary dinner guests had the choice of dining on *Tasmanian salmon, chicken a la diable or fillet of trevally*, followed by *chocolate marquis* or *Tasmanian pear strudel*, all washed down with fine Tasmanian wines and fine Tasmanian ale.

Speaking of fine Tasmanian ale, the Victoria Division members of the League's may, or may not be aware that a member of the original 1900 nine member committee in Launceston was James Boag of beer brewing fame.

James Boag, with his father James Boag Senior established “James Boag and son brewery of Launceston Tasmania. Their business activities included the take-over of the Launceston “Esk Brewery” and the neighbouring “Cornwall Brewery”.

At the time of James Boag Jnr's committee of management membership with the Navy League, he was also a Lieutenant in the Launceston volunteer rifles and a Warden of the Launceston Marine Board.

The history of the Navy League in Australia currently being compiled in book form will certainly make for an interesting read.

NAVY WEEK 2005

Navy week in Melbourne this year again resulted in a busy period for the League and also included naval visitors to our City.

Two ships of the RAN and one from RNZN visited Melbourne for Navy Week celebrations over the period late October through early November 2005.

First to arrive was the Amphibious landing platform HMAS MANOORA with the Anzac Class Frigate HMAS STUART, followed by the New Zealand tanker supply ship HMNZS ENDEAVOUR.

Navy numbers in Melbourne were further increased during this period with the arrival of RAN Mine Counter Measure Vessels. The units were in Victorian waters to engage in exercise “Dugong”, this year conducted in Port Phillip Bay.

The vessels involved in exercise “Dugong” were the two Auxiliary Minesweepers BANDICOOT and WALLAROO together with four Huon Class Mine Hunters HMAS'S HUON, DIAMANTINA, YARRA and HAWKESBURY.

Station Pier Port Melbourne was indeed a busy area at this time as a total of nine naval vessels were in port.

With the arrival of two cruise liners at the pier, a great deal of reshuffling of the naval vessels was required to accommodate all visitors.

The two Auxiliary Minesweepers, BANDICOOT and WALLAROO, are former Singaporean tugs. HMAS MANOORA is the former Newport Class Tank Landing Ship USS FAIRFAX COUNTY. The RNZN Tanker ENDEAVOUR was built in South Korea to a commercial tanker design and standards, which enables minimum manning levels by comparison to normal naval standards, and the Minehunters are four of a fleet of six built in New South Wales to a design based on the Italian Gaeta Class of fibre glass hulled minehunters. The Anzac Class STUART of course was built at Williamstown Victoria to a German design.

“AS IT WAS C'TND”

HMAS MANOORA ON-BOARD RECEPTION

The Senior Naval Officer, Victoria Captain Bob Richards Commanding Officer of HMAS CERBERUS, together with the Commanding Officer of HMAS MANOORA, Commander Andrew Rourke, welcomed guests to a cocktail party reception held on board MANOORA as part of Navy Week celebrations. Ceremonial Sunset was also included as part of the programme. Commander Peter Leavy the Commanding Officer of the Anzac Class Frigate STUART moored alongside MANOORA, also formed part of the welcoming party on board MANOORA. The 240 guests were also welcomed and addressed by the main host of the occasion Deputy Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral Max Hancock RAN. During Rear Admiral Hancock's presentation, he spoke in glowing terms of the 106 year old veteran of two World Wars William Evan Allan. Rear Admiral Hancock represented Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Russ Shalders, at William Allan's funeral three days beforehand on October 25th at HMAS CERBERUS.

The following NLA Vic-TAS Division Calendar events September 2015 - April 2016 has now been confirmed

NLA Vic-Tas EVENTS Calendar

1. **NLA Vic-Tas Xmas Luncheon - Saturday 12th. December** Box Hill RSL at 1200.
2. **Executive Committee meeting days**, from October, will normally be **2nd Saturday in the month at 1000** at Box Hill RSL, except for January as shown in 3.
3. **Executive Committee meeting day**, January 2016, will be on **Saturday 23rd. January at 1000** at Box Hill RSL.
4. **Creswell Oration 2016 - Tuesday 1st March 2016** at Wm Angliss \$45 per head. VADM David Johnston AM RAN Chief of Joint Operations to present the 2016 Creswell Oration.
5. **Lonsdale Cup Event** - Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club **Sunday 6TH March 2016** - The **inaugural annual event** for a perpetual *Lonsdale Cup* to celebrate the Australian Navy's Foundation Day 1st March 1901. Details to be supplied in newsletters. It is proposed that RAN Senior Officer present the *Lonsdale Cup* and the GGGr Dau of CAPT Wm Lonsdale will present a "Wm Lonsdale" book to the winner. The *Lonsdale Cup* will be supplied by the Navy League of Australia Vic-Tas Division, who will retain ownership, but it will held in the custody of the RVMYC between events.

NLA Vic Centenary First Day Covers \$10 each (limited numbered and signed edition of 150) - **6 different Post Cards** \$15 each (or 6 for \$50 - very limited numbered and signed edition of 25 sets of 6). These will have a special limited edition NLA VIC Centenary Label Stamp (Aust Post to print the 320 Navy League designed Label Stamps). At NLA Vic's request Australia Post supplied a specially designed postal Navy League Centenary postal Cancel for **Friday 9th October 2015**. Events may be pre booked and paid for direct to Navy League Hon Sec.: raydotgill@optusnet.com.au or Hon Treasurer: jmwilkins34@netspace.net.au

SUBMARINE VISITS VICTORIAN WATERS 2015

A further recent visitor to Victorian Waters was the RAN'S Collins Class Submarine HMAS RANKIN SSG78. The last visit to Melbourne by HMAS RANKIN was in March of 2008, at that time under the command of CMDR Phill Sandford. On this occasion HMAS RANKIN is under the command of CMDR Doug Theobald, as was the situation during HMAS RANKIN'S first visit to Melbourne shortly after her commissioning in 2003. This time HMAS RANKIN berthed in Geelong at Corio Quay for a short visit arriving on 1st November 2015.

Commissioned on 29th March 2003, HMAS RANKIN, the youngest of 6 Collins Class Submarines is nicknamed the 'BLACK KNIGHT' in line with her Crest featuring the helmeted head of a knight and the colour of her hull.

HMAS RANKIN is 77.8 metres in length with a beam of 7.8 metres and has a displacement of 3350 tonnes submerged.

The boat is named in honour of LCDR Robert William 'Oscar' Rankin, lost in March of 1942 as CO of the Sloop HMAS YARRA, which was overpowered and sunk by a force of Japanese Cruisers and destroyers whilst escorting a small convoy from Java.

The last visit to Melbourne by an RAN submarine was that of the lead boat of the class, HMAS COLLINS, five years ago in October 2010, at that time under the command of CMDR Glen Miles. The following images show HMAS RANKIN arriving in Geelong November 2015.



HMAS RANKIN ARRIVING GEELONG 2015



HMAS RANKIN GEELONG 2015

The following images are of the Navy League Victoria –Tasmania Division Centenary held on 14th November 2015 in the Upton Room of the Box Hill RSL.
We will have further details of the celebration and images in the December edition of the newsletter.



CAPTAIN STEVEN BOWATER SNOVIC



PRESIDENT ROGER BLYTHMAN AT THE LECTERN

FOLLOWING PHOTO PAGE 19----- CAPTAIN STEVEN BOWATER , JUILENNE BOWATER
AND MRS PAM MAKINGS



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*.


Joining the League

To become a Member of The League, you do not need to have had any previous maritime experience. You merely need an interest in maritime affairs. Simply complete the Application Form below, and post it, together with your first annual subscription of \$35.00 (which includes the four quarterly editions of The Navy), to the Hon Secretary of the Division of the Navy League in the State in which you reside, the address of which are as follows:

New South Wales Division: GPO Box 1719, Sydney, NSW 2001.
Victorian Division: PO Box 2340, Mt Waverley, Vic 3149.
Queensland Division: GPO Box 1481, Brisbane, QLD 4001.
South Australian Division: PO Box 3008, Unley, SA 5061.
West Australian Division: 3 Prosser Way, Myaree, WA 6154.

If you live in Tasmania, please post the form to the Hon Secretary of the Victorian Division. If you live in the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory, please post the form to the Hon Secretary of the New South Wales or South Australian Division respectively.

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.

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.			
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