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Listed in the following are some of the memorable events in naval history that have transpired during the month of September:-

1914

The year 1914, marked the commencement of WW1 and with it came the involvement of Australia's armed forces. By mid-September 1914 Australian sailors and soldiers were in action in New Guinea.

One of Australia's first engagements in the war was in the German Territory of New Guinea, Australian Naval and Military Forces were sent to the area to destroy German wireless stations thought to be transmitting messages to German naval vessels operating in the Pacific.

Some of the Australian naval ships ordered to the area included HMA ships:-

AUSTRALIA, SYDNEY, ENCOUNTER, PROTECTOR, WARREGO, PARRAMATTA and YARRA.

Submarines: - AE1 and AE2.

The RAN'S submarine AE1 sadly was lost with all hands off New Guinea during this engagement. Amongst the naval personnel participating in the destruction of the enemies' wireless stations was a young midshipman whose name would become very familiar to the Navy League of Australia CMDR. (Stan) Veale.

1926

It was in September 1926 that the former Victorian Navy turret ship HMAS CERBERUS was scuttled in Port Phillip Bay at Blackrock, to be used as a breakwater. HMAS CERBERUS remains there to this day.

1942

On September 23rd 1942 HMAS VOYAGER ran aground at Betano, Timor. HMAS VOYAGER could not be refloated and was subsequently demolished by her own crew together with assistance from Japanese aircraft.

The crew of HMAS VOYAGER were taken off Timor in the Bathurst Class Corvette-Minesweepers HMAS'S WARRNAMBOOL and KALGOORLIE and returned to Australia.

1944

A convoy of Japanese transports and escorts which included the Rokuyo Maru with many Australian and British prisoners embarked including survivors from HMAS PERTH, was attacked by allied submarines during a voyage from Singapore to Japan.

The subsequent sinking of the transports resulted in a heavy loss of the allied prisoners lives.

Out of a total of 2000 prisoners' involved only 152 were eventually picked up by the US Submarines Queensfish, Sealion, Pampinito, Barb and Growler.

1945

On the 2nd September 1945 the official document of surrender was signed onboard the American battleship USS MISSOURI in Tokyo Bay, thus formally ending hostilities with Japan.

Australia's naval representatives at the surrender ceremony included Commodore J.A. Collins, together with Rear Admiral G.D. Moore RAN, and HMA ships SHROPSHIRE, HOBART, WARRAMUNHA, BATAAN, NAPIER, NIZAM, BALLARAT, IPSWICH, CESSNOCK and PIRIE.

1947

Australia suffered her last WW2 casualty when HMAS WARRNAMBOOL was sunk after hitting an Australian laid mine off the Queensland Coast.

The Bathurst Class Minesweeper-Corvette suffered the loss of 4 of her complement with the remainder of WARRNAMBOOL'S crew taken off by HMAS SWAN.

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Yours Aye!

CMDR *John M Wilkins* OAM RFD*
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Indigenous Australians at War

The Leagues Vic-Tas executive committee member, Ken Crook, provided the following most interesting article detailing the activities and involvement of Australia's indigenous people in our Defence Force, from Boer War to the present time.

Indigenous Australian men and women have combined modern military and uniquely indigenous skills in the service of their country. The stories presented in this exhibition are drawn from all over Australia, contributing to our understanding of a history shared by Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

The long history of conflict that followed European settlement in Australia combined with the lack of equal rights, throws into perspective Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service and sacrifice in war and peacekeeping. Their readiness to enlist beside other Australians to fight abroad for their country, and for the British Empire, is all the more noteworthy when viewed against their lack of citizenship and the erratic administration of Defence policies that discouraged their enlistment. It would be many years until, in 1967, all Indigenous Australians would receive the full privileges of citizenship.

Why then did they enlist? Indigenous Australians joined the armed services for many of the same reasons as non-Indigenous Australians. They sought adventure alongside their friends and, in the process, made new ones. The opportunity to serve in this way would earn them money, independence and education, a way of escaping the restraints of mission life and, more broadly, dispossession.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have served in the Boer War (1899-1902 War (1914-18), Second World War (1939-45), Korean War (1950-53), and Vietnam (1963-72), in post 1945 conflicts and peacekeeping. These opportunities gave experience of liberation from racial stereotypes for the first time. Oral histories in the preparation of this exhibition reveal that while racism might have emerged, the lines, when serving at the front line, concerns to survive and ensure the safety of their fellow servicemen were primary.

During the Second World War, in addition to enlistments in the Australian Imperial Force and in appreciation of their traditional skills, special Indigenous units were created including the Torres Strait Islander Light Infantry Battalion and Northern Territory Reconnaissance Unit. Civilians worked, particularly in Northern Australia, in the armed services, in coastal surveillance, forestry, food production and sea rescue for crashed aircraft and survivors in remote areas.

Indigenous Australians at war from the Boer war to the present portrays the courage and pride of Indigenous Australians as they have taken their place in protecting the country in wartime.



Unknown soldier c 1918
ENGLAND
PHOTOGRAPHER, E H HAZELL

This young unidentified Aboriginal soldier probably served with the 20th Battalion in the Western Front during the First World War (1914-18).

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We have young people in the community who have no idea about the role their people have played in the defence of this country. They would benefit from the dignity this knowledge would give them.

John Lovett, 2010

LCDR ALEX MCCULLOCH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

Very likely holding the title of the oldest member of the Leagues Victoria-Tasmania Division is Lieutenant Commander Alexander McCulloch BSc, RFD, VRD* who recently celebrated his 100th birthday.

Lieutenant Commander McCulloch now resides in Warrnambool Victoria where a party to mark the occasion was arranged by the McCulloch family.

The cards and official letters received by Alex, offering best wishes and congratulations also included a letter from Queen Elizabeth II, Governor General, State Governor, Prime Minister, of Victoria and Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Tim Barrett AO, CSC, RAN.

The Navy Leagues CMDR John Wilkins OAM, RFD attended LCDR McCulloch's birthday party, on behalf of the League presented Alex with an NLA engraved plaque.

Commander Wilkins also compiled a detailed history of LCDR McCulloch's Navy and civilian service spanning a busy and lengthy period. An extract of Alex's WWII Navy service from CMDR Wilkins tribute package is included in this edition of our newsletter:



LCDR ALEX MCCULLOCH AT HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WITH THE LEAGUE: JOHN WILKINS AS ALEX RECEIVES MEMENTO'S AND VIP MAIL INCLUDING A LETTER FROM CHIEF OF NAVY MARKING THE OCCASSION

LCDR Alexander (Alex) McCulloch BSc RFD

VRD* RANR 1916 - 2016

Prior to Alex McCulloch being commissioned **SBLT RANVR (On Probation)** on 14 Apr 1941, ten months before the Japanese attacked he had been at Melbourne High, then briefly at the Yallourn Briquette Factory and then to RMIT to study for Chemistry Diploma before serving as junior teacher. Alex joined the RANVR and was posted to HMAS *Rushcutter's* Anti-submarine "U" Class as one of 11 personnel under A/S training. This was one of four classes the others designated S T & V. It appeared that HMAS *Rushcutter* was going through the alphabet indicating they had trained more than 220 before he arrived.

Australia was rapidly building and commissioning 56 *Bathhurst* Class Minesweepers 735 T., 186 ft long, 15.5 kts, endurance 4000 miles @ 10 kts, complement 62-78. The first HMAS Bathhurst was laid down on 10 February and commissioned 5 December 1940, one of 7 built in that year. 1941 saw 23 commissioned, 1942 another 19 commissioned, 1943 the last 7. They served as the RAN's A/S warfare 20th Minesweeping Flotilla some constructed for Admiralty. This was clearly a top priority for the RAN.

At this time FOC HMA Fleet RADM John Grace had his flag flying at *Rushcutter*.

The **Anti-submarine RAN staff at HMAS *Rushcutter*** were –



2. HMAS *Rushcutter* c.1944

H.M.A.-S. "RUSHCUTTER."
(Accounts carried out in "*Penguin*.")
SYDNEY.
NAVAL Reserve Depot.

District Naval Officer, N.S.W. . . . Commander Frederick L. Cavaye (Emergg.)_
 Lieutenant-Commander ... (G) Peter G. Anderson (E'mergy.).
(And for (G) duties on Staff of CCS., and for Gunnery Instructional duties)
 Lieutenant-Commander Alexander M. Wilkinson.
 LCDR, R.A.N.R... Alexis F. Albert.
 Lawrence E. C. Hinchliffe.
 Lieutenant, R.A.N.R. (S). Alexander Houghton.
 Lieutenant, R.A.N.R. Kenneth H. J. Robin.
 Lieutenant, R.A.N.V.R... James R. Griffin, DSC.
 Surgeon LCDR, RANR. Eric J. Susman *(And as D.N.M.O.)*.
 On 18th April **Alex posted to HMAS Ipswich** as **First Lieutenant** for its commissioning on 13 June 1942.



HMAS *Kybra*, 1942

October 1942 Alex was transferred to HMAS *Kybra* as **Lieutenant** – (seniority 25 Oct 1942) – to serve under its CO - LCDR Neven Read RAN.

HMAS *Kybra* had been requisitioned by the RAN on 8 July 1940 and commissioned as an RAN Auxiliary Anti-Submarine and Radar Training Ship HMAS *Kybra* on 30 Sept 1940 and attached as a tender to HMAS *Rushcutter*.

In June 1942 the **Convoy System** was introduced due to the closeness of Japanese enemy forces north of Australia.

HMAS *Kybra* became a **convoy escort vessel** operating out of Sydney Harbour.

March 1943 **HMAS *Kybra's*** role was changed to be a **Radar Training Ship** attached to the South Head Radar School (later known as HMAS *Watson*).

HMAS *Yandra* relieved HMAS *Kybra* of that role and HMAS *Kybra* returned to convoy escort duty.

12 May 1943 SS *Ormiston* was torpedoed and HMAS *Kybra*, on escort duty with the convoy, escorted the damaged ship, and other convoy vessels, through the defensive minefields to the safety of Sydney harbour.
HMAS *Kybra* - first Radar training ship of the RAN.

July 1943 **Lieut McCulloch** was posted in command of **Motor launch WINBAH** a 62 ft Cruiser built in 1936 and requisitioned by the RAN in WW2 from Halvorsen Lars. Lieut McCulloch served in this role until July 1944 when he was posted to HMAS *Rushcutter*.

October 1944 Lieut. Alex McCulloch RANVR was posted back to **HMAS Ipswich** where he served the remainder of the war on board until war's end in 1945.

POST WW 2

By 1946 Alex was at Melbourne University studying for a Bachelor of Science Degree and undergoing Teacher training with the Department of Education. He then commenced his teaching career at the new Box Hill Jnr technical School.



Alex's RANR Training Involvement

Post WW2 1946, for the first time in Australian Navy History, RANR part time Reserve training ceased. RANR part-time training was reinstated on 1st January 1950 and all volunteers were issued with a special lapel medal.

This was the time of the Korean War repelling Communist North Korea's invasion of South Korea and the Communist Chinese army successfully achieving the goal of governing China by defeating the Chinese Nationalist Forces that retreated to Taiwan.

At this point **Alex** was promoted **Lieutenant Commander RANR**, 31st. December 1951 wartime RANVR lists being phased out with the RANVR amalgamated with the RANR.



1946-1980 Alex joined the **HMAS Lonsdale** for RANR weekly training as a Seaman Specialist as well as making his contribution to improving the education of students at the Box Hill Jnr Technical School, Montmorency, Pakenham, Melbourne and Mount Waverley High Schools.

He also trained Naval Reserve personnel at HMAS *Lonsdale*, the RAN's *Stone Frigate* at Port Melbourne, where 150-200 volunteer RANR met once a week on Tuesday evenings for part-time training. He also was a training CO for Seamen Officers in gaining experience in commanding naval vessels.



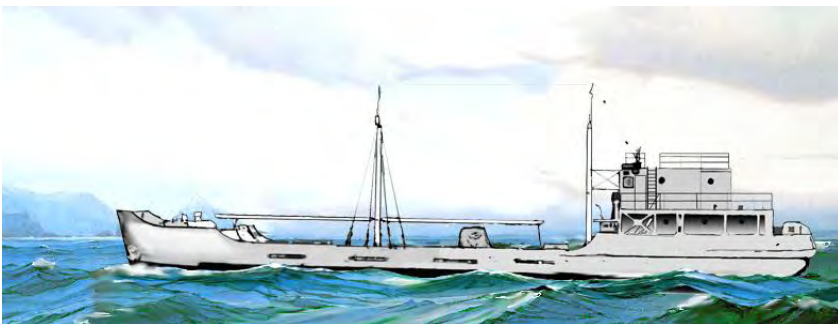
HMAS LONSDALE

During this time I had benefit of sailing with Alex when he was CO of a Reserve Training ship attached to Lonsdale, as it sailed to Tasmania for a two week exercise. For day long weekend training exercises on Port Phillip he would stop engines or anchor, he was first fishing over the side. Of course the



RANR divers on their craft would occasionally pull alongside and offer us a bucket full of scallops they had found. These small craft assisted in getting along with each other. An RAN cook from HMAS Cerberus was posted to one of our three RANR Vessels for two weeks ACT to Tasmania. On arrival he was not pleased. By the time the two weeks were up he really appreciated the way we ran the vessel and he really enjoyed every minute of it.

The camaraderie was good between officers and all ranks. Under the leadership of war time officers, such as Alex, we all joined in to do our best for the RAN during our part time training in the RANR. We had a job to do and we got on with it.



One of our training vessels was SDB 1324 which had an interesting war time involvement. It was a 58-ton Harbour Defence Motor Launch (HDML) of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). Built by A. McFarlane and Sons, Birkenhead, South Australia and commissioned into the RAN on 12 June 1944. She was at the Timor surrender of the Japanese occupying forces in 1945 and was later reclassified as a Seaward Defence Boat (SDB). The RANR at HMAS *Lonsdale*



received it for sea training and it had the appearance of being somewhat outdated but the HMAS *Lonsdale* RANR renamed it TS *Nepean*. When it was inspected by a visiting Admiral he shook his head and commented "It reminded him of *The African Queen*", referring to a basic vessel used in the

1951 film “*The African Queen*” starring Humphrey Bogart and Katherine Hepburn. Regardless of that it was a very useful training vessel.

Ship training also included duty of standing watch in accordance with the schedule –

NOTE- Watch-keepers' – generally worked the following watches:

First watch: 2000 to 0000
Middle watch: 0000 to 0400
Morning watch: 0400 to 0800
Forenoon watch: 0800 to 1200
Afternoon watch: 1200 to 1600
First dog watch: 1600 to 1800
Last dog watch: 1800 to 2000

Royal Navy traditional submarine has three watch system - 2 on 4 off during the day (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) and 3 on 6 off during the night (8 p.m. to 8 a.m.).

These are just a few random thoughts for you to review, my *Stone Frigates* publication has more detail about HMAS Lonsdale which you may find of greater interest.

Alex – We all wish you the very best for your 100th birthday - God Bless



Edited by CMDR John M Wilkins OAM RFD RANR Ret'd 8 August 2016*

AS IT WAS IN SEPTEMBER 2006

In addition to delving back into the annals of Navy History, it can also be of interest to peruse the recent happenings that either caught the eye of, or involved the Navy League.

In this section of our newsletter, we have a look back 10 years to September 2006 for events that transpired and note that it was around this time that **the.....**

1. ANZAC CLASS FRIGATE HMAS ARUNTA VISITED MELBOURNE.

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For the first time in more than seven years, the Anzac Class Frigate HMAS ARUNTA FFH151 visited Melbourne arriving on Sunday morning 27th August 2006 under the command of Commander Luke Charles-Jones.

I had the pleasure on this occasion of morning coffee in ARUNTA'S wardroom with the Executive Officer LCDR Karl Brinckmann and the Supply Officer LCDR Andre Clay, during which time I distributed Navy League mementos.

ARUNTA arrived in Melbourne directly from Mackay in Queensland where she had been involved in exercises in company with HMAS ADELAIDE one of the **RAN'S Adelaide Class** Guided Missile Frigates.

Included in ARUNTA'S recent exercises programme were visits to the Whitsunday Islands and Darwin.

During the ships Darwin stopover, the Commanding Officer and members **of ARUNTA'S crew** visited Alice Springs, designated as the ships home port due to the association of the ships **name and the local aboriginal people.** Whilst in Alice Springs, **ARUNTA'S C.O. and crewmembers participated in a "Freedom of Entry" ceremony.**

The port visit to Melbourne by ARUNTA also provided her Victorian C.O. with the opportunity to lend some support to his Australian rules football team in person.

The C.O. attended the Collingwood-Carlton game on the day of the ships arrival but he would have **been disappointed at Carlton's 7 goal loss to Collingwood.**

On Tuesday 29th August 2006, the members of **ARUNTA'S Senior Sailors Mess** commemorated the 64th anniversary of the destruction of the WWII Japanese submarine RO-33.

On August 7th 1942, the Japanese submarine **RO-33 sank a passenger vessel the "MAMUTU"** in the Gulf of Papua; its crew then machine-gunned the survivors – men, women and children.

AS IT WAS IN SEPTEMBER 2006 C'TND

Encountering the RO-33 OFF Port Moresby on 29th August 1942, the first HMAS ARUNTA, a Tribal Class Destroyer, at the time under the command of another Victorian, Brunswick born **Commander J.C. 'Copper' Morrow, attacked the submarine with depth charges and destroyed it.** For this action, CMDR Morrow was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. The connection between the first ARUNTA and the current HMAS ARUNTA NO.2 continued as it was CMDR **"Copper" Morrow's widow Dulcie Morrow, who launched the second ARUNTA at Williamstown 10 years ago on 28th June 1996.**

The current HMAS ARUNTA has not been without her share of operational activity, in particular **during her participation in the Arabian Gulf on "Operation Slipper" – rotation 3 - during her participation in the Arabian Gulf on "Operation Slipper-Rotation 3" – as part of the multinational maritime interception force, where she was involved in many harrowing operations.**

Following her three day Melbourne visit, HMAS ARUNTA sailed from Station Pier Port Melbourne on 30th August 2006 bound directly for her homeport at Fleet Base West in Western **Australia, where she was expected to arrive on Father's day September 3rd 2006.** Her stopover at Fleet Base West however was a short one as she was scheduled to depart the next day Monday 4th September in company with HMAS ANZAC to assist ANZAC in her working up exercises off the Western Australia Coast

At the conclusion of the exercise period with ANZAC HMAS ARUNTA will enter dock for a maintenance programme to be carried out in Western Australia.

In addition to the recent visit to Melbourne by HMAS ARUNTA, arrangements are now firmly in place for the commissioning in Melbourne of the Armidale Class Patrol Boat HMAS ARARAT on 10th **November 2006.** **The RAN'S Chief of Navy** Vice Admiral Russ Shalders, together with his brother Commodore Rick Shalders, are scheduled to attend the commissioning as Ararat Victoria is the town in which they were raised.

HMAS YARRA a Huon Class Minehunter, is expected in Melbourne to celebrate "Navy Week" and before the end of 2006 Melbourne can expect a visit from HMAS BALLARAT. Also on the horizon is the New Zealand Navy Multi-Role-Vessel Nu-ship CANTERBURY, which is expected to arrive in Melbourne sometime in late September 2006.

Nu-ship CANTERBURY is scheduled to complete fitting out to her armament and communication systems at Tenix Williamstown, prior to her commissioning at Port Melbourne 12th June 2007.

NEWS IN BRIEF

1. **Navy Week 2016 - Annual "Geoffrey Evans"** Navy League trophy yacht race
Saturday 22nd October **at 1400** Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, RAN personnel from
HMAS *Cerberus* to sail on yachts and hosted by NLA Vic-Tas for light luncheon, and
after race BBQ.

SEPTEMBER REMEMBRANCE **"THE BATTLE FOR AUSTRALIA DAY"** **AND "THE MERCHANT NAVY DAY"**

The first Wednesday in September is when we commemorate the "Battle for Australia". The Battle for Australia Day, this year Wednesday 7th September, was commemorated at the Shrine of Remembrance service 11; 00am to remember and honour the service, the sacrifice and the courage of Australians and their allies as they fought back the Japanese threat to Australia in the "Battle of the Coral Sea", at Milne Bay, on the Kokoda Track and in the many other hard fought actions during World War Two in the darkest hours of the war in the Pacific.

On Saturday 3rd September, we also remembered the Merchant Navy. This year Merchant Navy Day was again commemorated at a Shrine of Remembrance Service. During this period, we remembered these brave souls who provided vital support at home and in battle zones abroad.

LEST WE FORGET

VALE

The President and Executive Committee members of the Navy League of Australia Victoria-Tasmania Division, were saddened to learn of the passing on 4th September 2016 of our respected Navy League member LEUT Keith Nicol RANVR. The Navy League offers sincere condolences to **Keith's** family on this sad occasion. Keith will be well remembered by the Navy family as one of the last of **Australia's** WWII brave Navy group known as "*The Yachtsmen*"

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ELECTION RESULT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING VICTORIA-TASMANIA DIVISION 2016

The Victoria-Tasmania Division of the Navy League of Australia is pleased to advise that LCDR Roger Blythman RANR RET'D has been re-elected to the position of NLA Victoria-Tasmania Division President.

Lieutenant Commander Blythman was appointed President for the 2016-2017 period at the Victoria Division Annual General Meeting of 10th September 2016

Executive Committee member Ken Crook has submitted his September Shrine report as follows: -

SHRINE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2016

Education Programs

There is a gradual shift of focus from World War I to World War II with the education unit planning programs for school children and public. Bookings are required.

Visitors to the Shrine

Up to September, visitors totalled 570,000. Approximately 30% are from overseas. Guided tours are available at 11am and 2pm daily.

Domain Railway Station

Domain Road will be closed for two years whilst the new train tunnel is being dug. The project will not affect the Shrine Reserve, except for a temporary fence near the Cobber's Statue. The station will be the Domain station, however, volunteers suggested it should be called the Monash.

Shrine of Remembrance Annual Dinner

This will commemorate the Vietnam War, Battle of Long Tan 50th Anniversary. Black Tie dinner, now in its 8th year. Keynote speaker will be Dave Sabben MG, Platoon Commander at the Battle of Long Tan. Medal recipients for 2016 will be announced at the dinner and you will be entertained by the Royal Australian Navy Big Band. Enter the raffle for your chance to win a trip for two to Singapore and other special prizes.

Date: Tuesday 15 November 2016 6.30pm

Location: Melbourne Town Hall

Cost: \$220 per head.

For bookings and information go to www.shrine.org.au/dinner or call 03 9661 8100.

Talk – Defending Country

Tuesday 27 September, 5.30pm arrival for 6pm start.

There were at least 300 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men among the 61,000 Australian servicemen and women in Vietnam. They served for a variety of reasons even though most states restricted Indigenous civil rights. This talk will draw from oral histories and archival records to explore why they enlisted in the armed forces, mateship in war, returning to discrimination and the ways that many Indigenous veterans have assumed long-term leadership and advocacy roles.

Exhibitions

Australia's Field Marshal: The Leadership of Sir Thomas Blamey

23 July 2016 – 30 July 2017 South Gallery, Galleries of Remembrance

No Australian commander has ever shouldered more nor so divided public opinion, than Sir Thomas Blamey. Detractors describe him as ruthless, self-seeking and egotistical; they point to personal scandals and the damaged careers of 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.

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1966: The Year That Changed The World

4 April 2016 – 2 July 2017

West Gallery, Galleries of Remembrance

1966 was the year that Australia sent a Task Force to Vietnam, the year the first National Servicemen served in the war, and the year of the battle of Long Tan. Australia felt the heat of the Cold War and the throes of a youth revolution, in the year the first baby boomers came of age. Fifty years on, this exhibition tells the story of a year that changed Australia and the world.

Exhibition: Humanity Under Fire

Saturday 24 October - Sunday 9 October

Will Dyson's incisive political cartoons and his focus on the human face of the First World War can be seen in his lithographs, original cartoons and photographs in which he depicts friendships, hardships at the front and life behind the lines.

Ken Crook September 2016



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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*.