

President's Musings – September 2019

Roger Buxton, a former RCN Weapons Officer spoke to us last month about the Battle of the Atlantic in relationship to the effect changing technology had upon the outcome of the battle. Roger provided a very interesting illustrated lecture concerning of how the battle was fought by sea and air. We enjoyed part one in August and have part two to look forward to at our October 28th meeting. *October 28 is also our AGM.*

Nomination forms can be found in the THD.

This Month our Speaker is Captain Brian Surtees, who will speak to us about his career with the Department of Civil Aviation Flying Unit. A member of our Chapter, Brian has had a very interesting career. He flew with the RAF for 12 years.



Our Photographer at large, Alf Batchelder has shared with us some fantastic photos of the arrival in our fair city of HMAS *Melbourne III* for her final visit on Friday September 13. Lots of things occurred during her visit, a cocktail party, ship visits, a 'Freedom of Entry' was exercised by HMAS *Melbourne III* on September 14, as the crew marched from the National Gallery of Victoria on St Kilda Road past the Town Hall where the salute was taken. Part of the official Party taking the salute was our Patron, Chief of Navy, VADM Michael Noonan AO RAN.



Earlier that morning VADM Noonan participated in the Dedication Service of the HMAS *Melbourne* tree and plaque at the Shrine of Remembrance Reserve. All three HMAS *Melbourne's* are commemorated on the plaque and my colleagues and I found the service and presentation



memorable, plus I was delighted to meet our CN and to discuss with him his visit to our Chapter on December 6th.

YES! Our Special Guest Speaker at our 'End of Year Function' is:
Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan AO RAN

Meet and greet our 'Chief' on Friday December 6 at Waverley RSL in the Sunset Room at 1830 for a 1900 start. Accommodation is limited to 10 tables X 10 and we anticipate great demand from our Naval family being generated. Join us!

It is only \$35 per head and drinks are available at 'Bar' prices. It will be the same good fun night as last year.

Payment can be made by Cheque or by Direct Debit.

Note: We are unable to offer the 'cash payment' on the night this year.

Cheques to be made out to 'The Naval Historical Society of Australia, Victoria Chapter' and posted to our Treasurer, Marty Grogan OAM, 26 Forbes Drive, Aspendale Gardens 3195.

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NOTE: (please identify yourself)

Join us for a great night on Friday 6th December. You are very welcome.

Yours Aye!

Rex Williams

