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HMAS CERBERUS REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

It has been another busy year for all the uniformed and civilian personnel involved with \$466m redevelopment of the facilities and underground services at HMAS *Cerberus*. Throughout the past financial year, approximately \$140m was expended on the project with an average of 300 contractors working across the site each day, providing a much needed boost for local employment.

Works commenced on site in early 2018 and will be largely completed by the end of 2022 – a time savings of over 18mths. In recognition of reaching the half way mark of the construction phase it was a great opportunity to have the Commanding Officer, CAPT Mike Oborn, CSM, RAN and the *Cerberus* Redevelopment Project Officer, CMDR Cam Eastman, OAM, RAN place their handprints in the freshly poured concrete footpath on Dampier Road.



It has been exciting to see the steady transformation of the establishment as various well used buildings have been demolished and new facilities emerge. Visitors to *Cerberus* will immediately notice the new Logistics Centre, due to be completed in the coming months. The building will accommodate a new Clothing, Naval and Bedding Store and will be used for kit ups for the new

Events Calendar

(see [Diary of Events](#) for full details)

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NOTE: Due to COVID-19, it is advisable to check with the coordinators to confirm whether the event you were planning to attend is still going ahead.

We will endeavour to keep the Diary updated as news comes to hand.

At present the Shrine of Remembrance is closed, but ceremonies are still being conducted and they are live streamed on the Shrine's [Facebook page](#).

29 Aug-05 Sep – Legacy Badge Week collections

01 Sep – 100th anniversary of the commissioning of Flinders Naval Depot as a training establishment for the RAN

01 Sep – Legacy Day

02 Sep – Battle for Australia memorial service

03 Sep – Merchant Navy Day service

11 Sep – Battle of Bita Paka service

13 Sep – AE1 & AE2 Commemoration service

14 Sep – Peacekeepers and Peacemakers service

Latest Videos, Podcasts and News Headlines

The full articles of the news items listed below can be found on our website:

<https://navyvic.net/news/news.html>

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Recruits arriving each month. The original 'hot in summer and cold in winter' Clothing Store building will soon be a thing of the past.

On the training front, great progress has been made on the construction of the new School of Survivability and Ship Safety (SSSS). The new SSSS training precinct has been constructed north of the Senior Sailor's accommodation area and includes new classrooms, change rooms and office space, a Diesel and Gas Fire Fighting Unit and a Dynamic Leak Stop Repair Unit. The Units will provide training in a much more realistic environment and are also due for completion and handover before the end of the year.



Diesel and Gas Fire Fighting Unit



Dynamic Leak Stop Repair Unit

A feature building that is eagerly awaited is the provision of a new Survival at Sea Training Centre. This building will make jumping off the wharf into a chilly Hanns Inlet a distant memory. The new facility will involve abandon ship training with a safety jump to be undertaken from a height of 5m into a 25m x 15m x 5m deep training pool. The pool demonstration area will also include rain, wind and wave simulation to enhance the realism of the training experience. Additional state of the art training aids to be fitted in the coming months include a small boat capsized trainer, a helicopter wet winch recovery capability and a 10m high escape chute to replicate the abandon ship arrangement on an LHD.



Survival at Sea Training Centre under construction

A new training environment will also soon be completed for the ADF

VIDEOS.....

- *Littoral Combat Ship 21 'Minneapolis Saint Paul' Completes Acceptance Trials*
- *Sky News Australia presents 'Teddy Sheean VC: A Hero at Last'*
- *HMAS Canberra returns to Australia*
- *Ordinary Seaman Edward 'Teddy' Sheean VC – Governor General media conference*
- *ADF support to Vanuatu independence celebrations*
- *Navy assisting at Police checkpoint in Coldstream, Victoria*
- *ADF support to Vanuatu's 40th Anniversary of Independence*
- *HMAS Ballarat Evolved Sea Sparrow Missile firing*
- *ADF at the VICPOL call centre supporting Victorian Government*
- *Navy: Cryptologic Linguist (Ring)*
- *Putin reveals plan to expand Russia's navy with 40 new vessels*

NEWS.....

Able Seamen Jandre Van Der Walt and Katie Nattrass Russo are proudly serving in HMAS Ballarat as a way to give back and thank the country that welcomed them in their youth.

The first frigate to complete the Anzac Midlife Capability Assurance Program (AMCAP) upgrade, HMAS Arunta, has successfully fired surface-to-air missiles at Exercise RIMPAC in Hawaii.

The Morrison Government has announced a \$1 billion investment package to boost Australia's defence industry and support thousands of jobs across the country. The package is directed towards nationwide projects and jobs across Australia including:

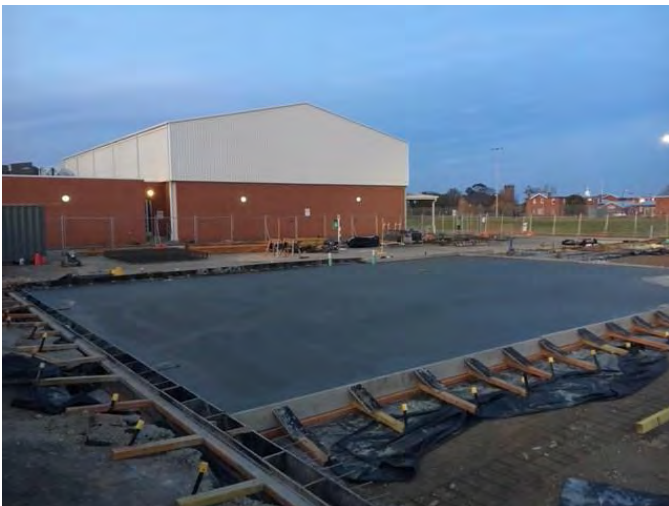
- * *Increasing the employment of ADF Reservists who have lost their civilian income, with an allocation of*

School of Catering and the Maritime Logistics School and the newly formed Maritime Personnel School. These schools will soon relocate from their well-used facilities in A Block to the fully refurbished offices and classrooms in B Block. The vacated A Block will then be redeveloped to provide 54 cabins to accommodate the growth in Junior Officer training at HMAS *Creswell* that is well underway.



The refurbished B Block

Technical training will also be enhanced with new buildings to be constructed for both Electronic and Marine Technician trainees. The ET building commenced in June 20 and is planned to be completed in early 2022 and will include a purpose designed area for air and surface



Upgraded ADF Physical Training School under construction

torpedo handling. The MT building will commence early next year and be completed in late 2022. Another much anticipated training building that recently commenced construction is the ADF Physical Training School. The first concrete slab has been poured north of the existing gym and it will be great to finally see this tri-Service school, originally formed at Cerberus in 1988, accommodated in a purpose-designed facility instead of sharing the existing gym facility.

up to an extra 210,000 days, and the targeted recruitment of an additional 500 ADF Reservists;

The U.S. Navy and partner nations have so far not encountered a Russian or Chinese maritime presence during the Rim of the Pacific 2020 exercise, according to a Navy official.

Navy's newest guided missile destroyer HMAS Sydney has sailed in company with sister ship HMAS Brisbane to conduct training and testing of the Aegis Combat System.

New autonomous technologies will revolutionise mine clearance capability in operations close to shore through a new five-year, \$15 million research and development project.

FORMER Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel employed by Veterans in Construction have been part of the team delivering the new car parking facilities at the Australian War Memorial, which includes extended permanent underground car parking facilities as well as additional parking close to the Memorial for visitors with mobility concerns.

IN a significant step towards promoting better outcomes for veterans' families, Ms Gwen Cherne has been appointed as the first ever Veteran Family Advocate, representing their perspectives in ongoing policy and decision making across Government.

U.S. Navy guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) conducted a gunnery exercise with the Royal Australian Navy frigate HMAS Stuart (FFH 153) August 19 during Exercise RIMPAC 2020.

Anti-submarine warfare (ASW) has always been a game of hide and seek, with adversarial states looking to adopt and deploy emerging



B and C block - 17 Aug 2020



SSSS and SAST viewed from SE - 17 Aug 2020

As you can see by the various photos *Cerberus* is steadily being transformed and modernised to meet the demand for the increased training throughput in support of the Fleet and the wider ADF. The 100th Anniversary of the commissioning (opening) of *Cerberus* will be acknowledged on 1 September with the construction of a small monument adjacent to the Rugby pavilion – it is amazing to think that many of the original buildings are now being refurbished. Hopefully the beautiful red brick buildings will continue to be used for another 100 years at *Cerberus* – “the Cradle of the Navy”!

Yours Aye!
NVN Team.

technologies in submarine stealth or detection to give them the strategic edge. The advantage has shifted back and forth, but, on the whole, it has proved easier to hide a submarine than find one: the oceans are wide, deep, dark, noisy, irregular and cluttered.

Britain's newest warship is ready for front-line duties – just five months after the first sailors stepped aboard HMS Tamar.

VETERANS, their families and the broader ex-service community that supports them will be able to have their say on how they are supported as part of the feasibility study into a new research and telehealth hub.

Captain Phillipa Hay of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) will lead Task Force One during exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2020. In a historic position, Hay is the first non-U.S. military woman to lead a RIMPAC task force, following only retired U.S. States Navy Vice Adm. Nora Tyson, former Commander, U.S. Third Fleet. Tyson held the position of Commander, Combined Task Force during RIMPAC 2016. From August 17-31, Hay will command more than 2,500 Sailors and officers across 11 warships from Australia, Canada, France, Japan, the Republic of the Philippines, and the United States.

In recent years, the promotion of equality for serving women in the Australian Defence Force has been a great positive. But there's still an equity problem in the lack of mental health care specifically tailored for ADF women. The support that female ADF members are providing to the government's Covid-19 response has only highlighted the need for a gender perspective to be incorporated into health support services for these personnel.

Four Royal Australian Navy vessels and almost 700 Australian Defence



If you know of any of our Navy family that has crossed the bar, please don't hesitate to let us know (webmaster@navyvic.net). We will list their names in perpetuity on our special [Memorial Wall](#) on the website. If possible list their Rank, Name, Number, the date of their passing and their age.

- † AB A.M. Smith, R64790, 21 August 2020. Aged 74.
- † LWRWTR E.J. Flanders (nee Edgar), WR1528, 14 August 2020. Aged 99.
- † LCDR A.L. Oakley DFC, E874, 14 August 2020. Aged 98.
- † POWTR B.M. Roberts, R37558, 13 August 2020. Aged 89.
- † ERA3 R.A. Cox, H2719 / 32826, 12 August 2020. Aged 95.
- † AB M. Berryman MID, PA2717, 06 August 2020. Aged 96.
- † SBLT B.G. Clarke, PA2406, 03 August 2020. Aged 99.
- † WORS M.C. Schoer, R49757, 02 August 2020. Aged 85.
- † CPO W.L. Cooper, R43186, 01 August 2020. Aged 70.
- † CMDR K.P. Railton, O1919, 27 July 2020. Aged 85.
- † ABFC B.G. Winnett, R55674, 26 July 2020. Aged 82.
- † CAPT D.T. Hunt, O.577, 25 July 2020. Aged 86.
- † CPOSN T.J. Egan, R54930, 25 July 2020. Aged 85.
- † AB F.M.E. Jenkins DSM, F4290, 24 July 2020. Aged 97.
- † LME R.L. Quinn, R58919, 20 July 2020. Aged 79.
- † LCDR M.J. Martin, 18 July 2020. Aged 61.
- † STO.MECH W.G.R. Crump, R38724, 25 May 2020. Aged 88.

Lest We Forget

Our August Navy Hero:

With the announcement on 12 August 2020 that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II had approved a posthumous award of the Victoria Cross to Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean, it is only fitting that we add Ordinary Seaman Edward 'Teddy' Sheean VC to our library of Navy Heroes.



Edward 'Teddy' Sheean was born on 28 December 1923 at Lower Barrington, Tasmania, fourteenth child of James Sheean, labourer, and his wife Mary Jane. He enlisted in the Royal Australian Naval Reserve as an Ordinary Seaman on 21 April 1941, following in the steps of five of his brothers who had joined the armed forces (four of them were in the Army and one in the Navy). On 1 December 1942 Teddy was serving onboard HMAS Armidale near

Force (ADF) personnel have arrived in Hawaii ahead of two weeks of training involving 10 nations during Exercise RIMPAC 2020.

Whether providing a bird's eye view of the battlefield or searching the ocean for mines, it's well known robotic systems are ideally suited to dull, dirty and dangerous jobs. The Government will strengthen the cyber defences of deployed ADF networks and combat platforms through its \$1.4 billion investment in Defence cyber capabilities over 20 years.

A four-person Navy team from HMAS Cerberus deployed on Operation COVID-19 Assist has saved the life of a Melbourne resident.

A ceremony marking the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII will be held at the Australian War Memorial on August 15.

The July MMHN Update referred to ominous signs of a second wave of COVID-19. In nautical terms this anticipated wave broke over our bows, swamping us.

More than 60 Navy and Army personnel have been working with the NSW Health Contact Tracing team as part of Operation COVID-19 Assist.

Navy personnel from multiple ships are working together to support NSW Police at vehicle check points as part of Operation COVID-19 Assist.

In a solemn sunrise ceremony in the seas of the Solomon Islands, 84 members of HMAS Canberra held tiny wooden crosses bearing the names of the 84 crew who lost their lives in a World War II naval battle fought there by the ship's namesake.

The Morrison Government is further

Japanese-occupied Timor when it was attacked by no less than thirteen aircraft and severely damaged. Despite receiving the order to abandon ship, Teddy scrambled back to his gun on the sinking ship. Although wounded in the chest and back, the 18-year-old sailor shot down one bomber and kept other aircraft away from his comrades in the water. He was seen still firing his gun as Armidale slipped below the waves. Teddy's story is located at: <https://navyvic.net/heroes/sheean.html>

Media statement

12 Aug 2020

Prime Minister

The Governor-General, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd), has advised me that Her Majesty The Queen has given approval for the award of the Victoria Cross for Australia to Ordinary Seaman Edward 'Teddy' Sheean for his actions on 1 December 1942, when he sacrificed his life to save his shipmates during the sinking of the HMAS Armidale.

Ordinary Seaman Edward 'Teddy' Sheean was an extraordinary Australian and Australia will remain eternally grateful for his service, dedication and sacrifice.

In June I established an Expert Panel, chaired by Dr Brendan Nelson AO, to resolve the contradicting advice regarding the case for an award of the Victoria Cross to Teddy Sheean.

There was never any question to the extent of Teddy's heroism and valour. It was exceptional. But the Government was faced with two previous findings of equal standing from two reviews that had concluded different results. It was important that the Expert Panel settle this conflicting evidence and determine whether there was new evidence to help dispel any ambiguity.

The Panel's report found there was compelling new evidence, including new evidence discovered by the Panel, in support of higher recognition for Teddy Sheean, and that Sheean was done a substantial injustice in consideration of his actions in the original decision making period in 1942 to 1943. It found Sheean's courageous sacrifice of his life to save his shipmates makes him eligible for the Victoria Cross for Australia, and the highest level of recognition should be accorded in this exceptional case.

boosting Australia's cyber defences to ensure our essential networks are even more secure and reliable.

Navantia Australia will play a central role in supporting the combat system upgrade of the Royal Australian Navy's Hobart class guided missile destroyers as the fleet prepares to receive the Baseline 9 upgrade for the Aegis combat system.

Heavy snow was a highlight for many of the 120 Royal Australian Navy personnel deployed on Operation COVID-19 ASSIST in the Alpine region's town of Jindabyne.

Able Seaman Stacey Harrison has always had an affinity with technology. She used to create web pages for her parent's motor inn in Toowoomba, Queensland, and managed a database for the local city golf club.

Work has started on the \$430.5 million HMAS Watson redevelopment, marking a major milestone for a project set to deliver significant benefits and hundreds of jobs for NSW's defence industry.

The Morrison Government will invest around \$11 million to acquire an advanced anti submarine warfare capability for Defence.

Nearly eight decades after he was killed in the attack at Pearl Harbor that launched the U.S. into World War II, a Missouri man has been laid to rest next to his parents.

There is no higher security requirement than deterring a nuclear attack against the U.S. homeland or our allies and partners. Today, the United States is in the early stages of comprehensively modernizing the nuclear forces to protect the United States from such an attack.

Veterans with post-traumatic stress

I accepted this advice and I had asked the Governor-General to convey the Government's recommendation to Her Majesty The Queen.

I welcome the approval of Her Majesty.

The Victoria Cross is the highest award that can be provided to any Australian serviceman or woman for their valour. As Prime Minister and as a Government, we have a very special responsibility to ensure that the integrity of the Victoria Cross is upheld for all of those who've been honoured by being bestowed.

The decision formalises what we already know: that Teddy Sheean is an Australian hero.

78 years might have passed since he died but his story will always be part of us.

After the order was given for the crew of the HMAS Armidale to abandon ship, Japanese aircraft strafed the Australian sailors who were overboard. Sheean then turned back, made for the gun, strapped himself in, and returned fire to the Japanese. He fought to the very end.

He chose to save the lives of his shipmates rather than his own.

A week after the sinking, 49 men from the HMAS Armidale were rescued. Many of these men owed their lives to the actions of Teddy Sheean.

All Australians can share in the joy of this award.

All who have served and who serve in the Royal Australian Navy can take satisfaction that the valour of one of their comrades has been recognised by the highest honour.

This week, we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific. Teddy Sheean never saw war's end, never saw the peace he helped secure, and did not enjoy the long life that many of his crew mates did. That was the price he paid for his valour.

I honour the Sheean family and Tasmanians who faithfully kept the case of Teddy Sheean before us all.

disorder (PTSD) will benefit from the addition of two new providers to the Government's Psychiatric Assistance Dog Program: the Royal Society for the Blind of South Australia and Integra Service Dogs Australia.

The Navy and Marine Corps identified the location of the amphibious assault vehicle that sank off the coast of San Clemente Island last week using a remotely operated search and rescue system.

HMAS Canberra and its embarked aviation assets assisted in locating the three-person crew of a skiff that had been missing for nearly three days in Micronesia.

THE next generation of Australians will now be able to learn about the beginning of a precarious time in Australia's history during the Second World War, the Fall of Singapore, in an engaging way through the latest stage of the Anzac360 app.

Congress has awarded the Congressional Gold Medal, its highest honor, to surviving crew members of the USS Indianapolis, the ship that delivered key components of the first nuclear bomb and was later sunk by Japan during World War II.

A Marine is dead and eight more are missing after an amphibious assault vehicle incident off the coast of California late Thursday.

Organisations that support Australian Defence Force (ADF) families across Australia will share in \$1.5 million to deliver programs and services within their local communities.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) has expanded its support to Victoria's COVID-19 response, with around 1,400 personnel deployed in Victoria at the request of State authorities.

Legacy Week 2020 - Dates

NSW, ACT, QLD, VIC, SA, NT, TAS:

30 August - 5 September 2020

Badge Day - Friday 4 September 2020

WA ONLY:

31 August - September 2020

Badge Day - Thursday 3 September 2020



Legacy Week Online Shop

Legacy has created an official online merchandise shop that sells Legacy Bears, Badges and other merchandise. Funds will go towards helping support our veterans' families around the country. Visit <https://www.legacyshop.com.au/>

All Darings Reunion 2021

And all other FESR Ships

Hosted by HMAS Duchess Association



The combined Darings and FESR Ships Reunion will be held September/October 2021, North Coast NSW.

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Full details will be distributed early in the New Year to interested parties.

Supported by Vendetta Association, Vampire Association, Voyager Survivors Association, and Duchess Association

THE voices of women who have served in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and family members of ADF personnel will be better heard with nine new members appointed in advisory roles to support the important work of the Council for Women and Families United by Defence Service.

The Royal New Zealand Navy commissioned the HMNZS Aotearoa, the service's new fleet tanker and sustenance vessel.

A special commemorative medallion marking the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War is now available to every living Second World War veteran to say 'thank you for your service'.

Improving understanding of veteran homelessness among housing providers will be the focus of a new set of industry standards, training materials and a toolkit being developed by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) and the Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA).

A new digital campaign puts artificial intelligence to the test and highlights the important role 'humans' play as Navy Cryptologic Linguists.

Naval Historical Society (Vic) President's Musings for August is now available to [download.....](#)

FlyBy – A periodical of the Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia. [August issue.....](#)

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