



# BROADSIDE

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## Editorial

### Naval Historical Collection:

Our Navy has been influential in shaping our past and is critical to our national interest in terms of shaping our future security and prosperity.

The task of our Heritage museums is to assist in the telling of a story.

The Navy's history and heritage is a compelling narrative which deserves to be told. Providing access to a collection which is both visible and relevant; fundamentally assists in the telling of such a story.

There are five geographically dispersed museums and one repository around Australia.

### RAN Heritage Centre (RANHC)

The RANHC opened in 2005 and is located on the foreshore of Sydney Harbour. This museum is a resident facility within the precinct of Garden Island Naval Base. Exhibits within the Heritage Centre focus on the seagoing fleet, spanning from colonial times to the present day.



The RAN Heritage Centre is currently closed due to council wharf redevelopment and will remain closed until further notice.

Please note: Our website has been updated. The Home page now contains all the latest news.

<https://navyvic.net>

## Events Calendar

(see [Calendar](#) 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](#).**

**11 Apr** - HMAS Vampire service

**13 Apr** - RAN band at Hoppers Crossing TBC

**14 Apr** - Soundwaves concert TBC

**15-19 Apr** - HMAS Leeuwin visits Melbourne - no community engagements.

**18 Apr** - Pre-Anzac activities - Waverley & StKilda RSL's

**18 Apr** - Battle of Crete service

**25 Apr** - ANZAC Day - Dawn service at Shrine. March from Art Centre at 0830 for registered Veterans. Cerberus personnel will be attending the following RSL's: Ararat, Cranbourne, Dromana, Flinders, Inverloch, Koo Wee Rup, Korumburra, Meeniyan, Mornington, Phillip Island, Rosebud, Seaford and Sorrento.

## Spectacle Island

The RAN first took possession of Spectacle Island in 1913 as an armament depot. Today, the island is a repository for artefacts and memorabilia of all shapes, sizes and descriptions, not otherwise on display in any of the Museums of the Heritage Centre, or on loan to partnered exhibits or ships of the fleet. Spectacle Island is not open to the public – but if you ever get a chance to visit it is well worth the time.



The commanding officers cabin of HMAS Parramatta I on display at the Main Repository located on Spectacle Island, Sydney.

## HMAS Creswell

The RAN Naval College is one the Navy's premier Officer Training facilities. As such, the *Creswell* Museum exhibits are principally focused on the history of the College, its staff and graduates. The site of the Museum exhibition has varied during the history of the college and is accessible to the public by appointment only.

**30 Apr** – Recruit school graduation

**07 May** – HMAS Castlemaine service

**08 May** – Victory in Europe service

**09 May** – Battle of Coral Sea 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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## VIDEOS.....

- The ADF evacuates flood-stricken campers in Wollondilly Forest
- Chief of Navy 2021 Priorities
- COVID-19 vaccine delivery team deploy to aged care facility in Nowra, NSW
- Gippsland officially announce Mallacoota as Choules' ceremonial homeport
- Voyages Endeavour to build confidence in youth
- Moving towards gender equality
- Navy celebrate their 120th Birthday
- HMAS Sheean visits Tasmania

## NEWS.....

EX-SERVICE organisations across Australia are invited to apply for a share of up to \$145,000 in funding to continue their vital support role to our veteran community, as part of the annual Grants-In-Aid program. Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester said applications were now open for eligible national ESOs to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 to help connect with their local branches.





## HMAS Cerberus

The Navy's principal training facility for sailor entry, HMAS Cerberus is often referred to as the "Cradle of the Navy". The exhibition at the museum of Cerberus is one of the largest in the Heritage Collection. Having first opened in 1980, the museum was formally placed under the umbrella of the Naval Heritage Collection. Whilst Cerberus Museum is located within the public precinct on the base, visitors from the general public need to make an appointment, and will be escorted to and from the gangway.



## Fleet Air Arm (FAA)

The origin of the FAA Museum can be traced to 1974 and was managed by a not-for-profit group from the mid-1990's until returning to RAN control in 2006. The purpose-built facility at HMAS Albatross near Nowra NSW, exhibits static aircraft and an assortment of FAA heritage artefacts.

Russian Northern Fleet's Admiral Gorshkov (F 454) successfully fired a P-800 Oniks (SS-N-26 Strobile) from the Barents Sea today (March 25), Russian MoD announced.

HMAS Sirius has completed her 715th replenishment at sea (RAS) when she supplied fuel to HMAS Anzac (III) during a transit through the South China Sea. The latest RAS proves the auxiliary oiler's readiness to provide similar support to other navies in the region.

The aviation team and MH-60R helicopter of 816 Squadron's Flight 6 are back aboard HMAS Anzac. The Flight 6 team of six aircrew and 12 maintainers was previously embarked in Anzac but detached in November last year. The team returned to Anzac prior to a 10-week deployment throughout South-East Asia and the north-east Indian Ocean.

The UK's Government published its Integrated Review 2021 of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy: Global Britain in a Competitive Age, on 16 March 2021.

Navantia has commenced sea trials of NUSHIP Stalwart, the RAN's second Supply class auxiliary oiler replenishment (AOR) to be built in Spain.

Elbit has integrated new safety technologies onboard its Seagull unmanned surface vessel. Elbit Systems has fitted a 360-degree panoramic video system with an automatic target recognition capability and a patented automatic navigation system to its Seagull unmanned surface vessel.

The Morrison Government is



The FAA Museum is accessible to the general public (as it is outside the perimeter of the depot).

Entry to the Museum is free, however any donations are welcomed.

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Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday to Sunday 10:00am-4:00pm

Closed New Year's Day, Good Friday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day



*Model of HMAS Sydney III (c. Korean War) complete with 2 squadrons of Sea Fury's and Fairey Firefly's - by Melbourne artist Max Montague - on display at Fleet Air Arm Museum, Nowra.*

*boosting the Royal Australian Navy's intelligence capability through Defence's Maritime Unmanned Aircraft System Continuous Development Program.*

*U.S. Pacific Fleet will host its most complex exercise to date involving unmanned systems, with next month's Fleet Battle Problem exercise including unmanned aircraft on the water's surface and in the air and USS Michael Monsoor (DDG-1001) commanding and controlling the missions.*

*Frigates are expected to account for a 32.7% revenue share of the total naval vessels market over the coming decade, GlobalData's new report shows.*

*The Future Submarine Program has reached a major milestone with the conclusion of negotiations between Defence and Naval Group for the amendments to the Strategic Partnering Agreement.*

*Australian Defence Force (ADF) helicopters have deployed to NSW to support search and rescue activities for the flood emergency.*

*VETERANS, their partners, war widows and widowers will benefit from an increase to their pensions in line with the biannual indexation process coming into effect on 20 March 2021.*

*As a positive response to the Bretherton Report on incidents in Afghanistan, the Royal United Services Institute of Victoria (RUSIV) is running an endowed essay competition on the topic of Ethics for the Australian Defence Force.*

*Australia Post will issue a stamp*

## HMAS *Stirling*

The HMAS *Stirling* museum, hosts a well-stocked naval historical collection. The collection depicts the significance of Garden Island in the development of Western Australia in the early colonial days and the military use of Garden Island during World War I and World War II. The Museum also details the other uses of the Island before construction of *Stirling*, environmental aspects of the Island and a large collection of RAN models and Memorabilia



The HMAS *Stirling* Museum is currently closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 lockdown restrictions in WA.

## Naval Heroes

### Our March Navy Hero is:

Acting Leading Seaman Ronald 'Buck' Taylor 20863 (KIA 04 March 1942)

Ronald Taylor was born on 29 April 1918 at Carlton, Melbourne, fourth of ten children of Collingwood-born parents George Taylor, ironworker, and his wife Elsie, née Davey. Raised at Carlton and Port Melbourne, Ron was a typical boy of the time: he played cricket and Australian Rules football, went fishing and rode billycars. He developed an interest in the Royal Australian Navy through watching warships entering port and from talking to sailors about life in the service. At the age of seven he became the mascot of the sloop HMAS Marguerite and was given his own uniform to wear on special occasions.



On 12 June 1935 he joined the RAN as an Ordinary Seaman. He was then 5 ft 6¼ ins (168cm) tall, with dark brown hair, brown eyes and a fresh complexion. Within twelve months he had gained almost 2 ins (5cm) in height and had an anchor tattooed in red and blue on his right forearm. *Continued at:* <https://navyvic.net/heroes/taylor.html>

Yours Aye!  
NVN Team.

on March 22 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Her Majesty's Victorian Ship (HMS) *Cerberus*' arrival in Port Phillip Bay, Melbourne, in April 1871.

Cultural immersion days are a key part of the Navy Indigenous Development Program (NIDP), which was established in 2014.

The ADF has begun deploying teams to aged and disability care facilities around Australia in support of the Government's COVID-19 vaccine rollout strategy.

Forty engineering students from Australian universities have been awarded scholarships as part of the Government's plan to grow the pool of engineering talent for naval shipbuilding.

HMA Ships *Gascoyne* and *Diamantina*, marked the end of this year's Fleet Certification Period with a mine location and recovery mission off the coast of Tasmania on March 15.

Air and maritime assets came together for integrated high-end warfighting training as part of Exercise *Tasman Shield 21*, from February 22 to March 12.

HMA ships *Anzac* and *Sirius* have completed two separate passage exercises with vessels from the Philippine Navy as part of a two-month deployment throughout the north-east Indian Ocean and South-East Asia.

HMAS *Sydney* departed her home port at Fleet Base East last week to conduct trials on her AEGIS weapons system with the United States Navy. The tests are a crucial milestone in order for *Sydney* to be





If you know of any of our Navy family that has crossed the bar, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#). 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.

- † POQMG M.G. Lowe OAM, R56609, 25 March 2021. Aged 81.
- † LME P. Cooper, R58739, 25 March 2021. Aged 76.
- † WOWTR T.A. Fauchon, R52864, 25 March 2021. Aged 81.
- † AB R.H. Forster, PM8470, 21 March 2021. Aged 93.
- † CMDR R.J. Elley, O62188, 20 March 2021. Aged 76.
- † ERA V.J. Harlow, R43396, 17 March 2021. Aged 70.
- † LWRCK M.P. Hirons(nee Minster), WR567, 14 March 2021. Aged 97.
- † CPOCK A.G. Brimelow OAM, R64816, 12 March 2021. Aged 73.
- † LEMC K.N. Hill, R64766, 11 March 2021. Aged 72.
- † MIDN R.A. Cherake, J103336K, 01 March 2021. Aged 73.
- † LEM(E) N.R. Alkemade, R28735, 21 February 2021. Aged 92.

## Lest We Forget



declared available for operational deployments.

*Mapping the ocean floor is an important job in the Navy, providing a major capability during war and peacetime.*

*Navy Indigenous Development Program recruit Clayton Anderson says it's never too late to go after what you want, and he lives by that principle.*

*The crew of the fast-attack submarine Connecticut has been subjected to a bed bug infestation in their racks, and sailors assigned to the sub allege that the boat's command has been slow to fix the problem.*

*Emboldened by its cost-free expansion in the South China Sea, Chinese President Xi Jinping's regime has stepped up efforts to replicate that model in the Himalayas.*

*THE unbreakable ties between HMAS Choules and the town of Mallacoota, forged during the 2019 bushfire crisis, have been recognised with the announcement of the town as Choules' ceremonial hometown.*

*Debate on Australia's future submarines is understandably focused on the information that floats out of the Defence Department about France's Naval Group and the \$80 billion program to design and build the boats.*

*Head of Navy Engineering Rear Admiral Kath Richards was little more than a toddler when she got her first taste of the Navy.*

*Plans for a new \$50 million National Vietnam Veterans*



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PRESS RELEASE: ADF Ethics Essay Competition

As a positive response to the Bretherton Report on incidents in Afghanistan, the Royal United Services Institute of Victoria (RUSIV) is running an endowed essay competition on the topic of Ethics for the Australian Defence Force.

This annual competition, judged by an independent panel, will be open to Australian citizens. The prize is \$2000. The official launch will be in June 2021 with entries due by 30 November 2021.

RUSIV is a non-partisan body that aims to inform the public on defence and security issues. It occupies Defence premises but is independent of the Department of Defence.

Further details can be obtained from the Secretary, LTCOL Bob Hart.

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### Latest updates - Operation COVID-19 Assist

#### Nationally - approximately 1,168 personnel are deployed as part of Operation COVID-19 Assist

- The Minister for Defence, Linda Reynolds, announced Operation COVID-19 Assist on April 1, 2020.
- Current nationwide Defence support includes:
  - 83 Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel in Vaccine Delivery Teams supporting the Department of Health's vaccine roll-out in aged care and disability facilities.
  - Supporting law enforcement agencies with mandatory quarantine arrangements.
  - The ADF will not be authorised as law enforcement officers as this remains the responsibility of the states and territories.
- Additionally, the ADF:
  - Has established the three-star-led COVID-19 task force to coordinate Defence's internal response to COVID-19 and support the whole-of-government effort.
  - Is supporting Emergency Management Australia-led (EMA) planning for the National Communicable Disease Incidence of National Significance Plan in response to COVID-19.
  - Is supporting the Department of Health with logistics and specialist staff.
  - Has been supplying clinical and epidemiological support to the Department of Health National Incident Room since early February 2020.
- Approximately 100 ADF and Defence APS personnel are embedded in various Australian Government agencies, including the Department of Home Affairs and Services Australia.

#### State-by-state breakdown

\*Note: Personnel in Joint Task Group headquarters, supporting roles, and those preparing for tasks are included in overall state-based figures but are not captured in the list of tasks.

*Museum will go to Bass Coast Shire this month, with an ambitious target to start construction later this year.*

*EX-SERVICE organisations (ESOs) who help veterans and their families are invited to apply for the 2021 Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) grants program which is now open.*

*A commemoration service was held at Brighton Cemetery in Victoria on March 1 to remember Vice Admiral Sir William Rooke Creswell.*

*Able Seaman Brianna Briscoe joined Navy four years ago, changing course from an otherwise desperate future.*

*One of Australia's toughest military involvements, the Battle of Sunda Strait was commemorated at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne on March 1.*

*The crew of HMAS Hobart used a replenishment-at-sea exercise to pass gifts to the crew of the Royal New Zealand Navy's newest ship, HMNZS Aotearoa, in a show of camaraderie.*

*The celebration of Navy's 120th birthday on March 1 gave personnel the opportunity to reflect on their own service and that of their families.*

*The recent completion of HMAS Canberra's maintenance is the first time an operation on such a scale had been performed in Australia.*

*If there was a fire or a toxic hazard was discovered aboard Navy replenishment vessel HMAS Sirius, the crew would know exactly how to respond.*

### Queensland - 256 personnel

- 176 ADF personnel are supporting quarantine compliance management efforts, including at airports and hotels.

### New South Wales - 234 personnel

- 203 ADF personnel are supporting state police quarantine, reception and repatriation efforts at Sydney airport and hotels.

### Victoria - 133 personnel

- 57 ADF members will support quarantine compliance management in Melbourne.

### South Australia - 98 personnel

- 81 ADF personnel are supporting South Australia Police quarantine compliance management at six Adelaide metropolitan hotels.

### Tasmania - 98 personnel

- 83 ADF personnel are involved in quarantine assistance in Hobart.

### Western Australia - 62 personnel

- 41 ADF personnel are involved in quarantine assistance at hotels and at the Perth Airport.

### Northern Territory - 37 personnel

- 20 ADF personnel are supporting Australian Federal Police and Northern Territory Police quarantine compliance management.

### Australian Capital Territory - 22 personnel

- 15 ADF personnel are supporting ACT Police quarantine compliance management.

### Defence COVID-19 cases



150 Overseas / other	0 ACT	7 NSW
1 NT	1 QLD	2 SA
0 TAS	16 VIC	2 WA
	<b>Total:</b> 179	<b>Recovered:</b> 171

*The national Sail Training Ship Young Endeavour has completed its first voyage since sailing was suspended in March last year because of COVID-19.*

*THE first Psychiatric Assistance Dog trained by veterans, for veterans, has moved home with her veteran handler in Canberra.*

*HMAS Sheean berthed at Beauty Point in northern Tasmania at the weekend in the first of a series of port visits in the state.*

*A commemorative service at the Navy Memorial, Anzac Parade Canberra has marked the Royal Australian Navy's 120th birthday.*

*A naval tradition dating back to the ancient Romans has been followed to bring good luck to the future crew of Navy's first offshore patrol vessel. A mast-stepping ceremony, in which a coin is placed into the base of the ship's main mast, took place at the Osborne Naval Shipyard for the Arafura-class vessel that will be known as HMAS Arafura once it is commissioned.*

**Remembering HMAS Armidale Association** newsletter No.6 is now available to [download.....](#)

**Melbourne Maritime Heritage Network** – [March update.....](#)

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