



# BROADSIDE

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## Editorial

*NVN current membership: 1151*

### **Sport in the ADF is a tradition that continuous to grow stronger**

Sport has played an important role in Defence and has assisted in developing leadership, teamwork, health, fitness and friendships. I am sure you all have fond memories of the days when every Wednesday afternoon departments would put down the tools and



participate in inter-departmental or establishment sport. The rivalry was fierce and it was win at all costs however, after the game was finished it was time to have a BBQ, chat and a cold beer.

The next level of sport in Defence is interservice sport where the three single services compete to have the bragging rights of being the best service in the Australian Defence Force (ADF). If you thought inter-departmental sport was fierce, interservice was off the charts. It was and still is as competitive as ever. Navy and RAAF being smaller in numbers always have that ability to rise and play above their weight to beat the much larger



## 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](#).

**31 May** – Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance Service

**01 Jun** – 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the loss of HMAS Kuttabul

**03 Jun** – 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the USS Evans / HMAS Melbourne collision, 74 lives lost

**10 Jun** – Soundwaves Concert

**11 Jun** – On this day in 1943 - HMAS WALLAROO sunk following collision with American liberty ship.

**14 Jun** – 'N' Class Destroyers Service

**16 Jun** – On this day in 1942 - HMAS NESTOR was sunk in the Mediterranean

**19 Jun** – Recruit School graduation

**21 Jun** – RAN Recruits wreath laying

**30 Jun** – On this day in 1941 - HMAS WATERHEN sunk off Tobruk

**30 Jun** – HMAS Waterhen Service

**02 Jul** – 1950 – United Nations operations in Korea commenced. HMA Ships Anzac, Arunta, Bataan, Condamine, Culgoa, Murchison, Shoalhaven, Sydney, Tobruk and Warramunga operated with the Commonwealth Task Force

Army. There was no better feeling than to knock them back to size and to be the best for one more year. From those interservice carnivals, a combined service team is selected to represent the ADF at higher level sporting events.

In December 2018, the ADF Sports Cell was formed and is part of the Joint Capability Group. The ADF Sports Cell is responsible for managing ADF participation at the joint level in conventional and adaptive sports, both domestically and internationally.



The four programs that the ADF Sports Cell is responsible for are the ADF sports, adaptive sports and the South West Pacific sports programs as well as special events such as the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo which was held in Sydney in October 2019. The ADF Sports Program is a comprehensive schedule of domestic and overseas events aligned with the 28 ADF Sports Associations. Additional to the more popular conventional sports such as cricket, basketball,

netball and the football codes, other associations include alpine snow sports, clay target, ice hockey, parachuting, Nordic biathlon, ten pin bowling, martial arts and lawn bowls to name a few. The ADF Sports Cell manages all aspects of ADF Sports including policy and procedures, funding, risk, and public affairs.

There are also a number of ADF members who represent their sport at the highest level (AFLW, triathlon and



**05 Jul – Reserve Forces Service**

**06 Jul – FESR Service**

## Latest Videos, Podcasts and News Headlines

*The full articles of the news items listed below can be found on our website:*  
<http://navyvic.net/news/news.html>

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### VIDEOS.....

- *Blue Angels Fly Over USS Harry S. Truman*
- *The Fate of HMAS Armidale (I)*
- *HMAS Sydney V commissioned at sea*
- *HMAS Parramatta returns home*
- *WWII Battleship USS Nevada Wreck Found*
- *Mother's Day 2020 Shout Outs - Part 1*
- *Offshore Patrol Vessel construction at Osborne Naval Shipyard*
- *Navy conducted First of Flight Trials*
- *Commercial for U.S. Space Force Recruiting*
- *Battle of the Coral Sea 04 - 08 May 1942*
- *Naval News Monthly Recap - April 2020*

### NEWS.....

*Amphibious ship USS Portland (LPD-27) shot down a drone with a laser weapon during a first-of-its-kind at-sea test of the Navy's high-energy laser weapon system.*

*Prime Minister Scott Morrison has responded to the embattled nephew of Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean, justifying his decision to refuse the war hero a posthumous Victoria Cross.*

*The following statement can be attributed to a Defence spokesperson – The Victoria Cross is awarded for the most conspicuous gallantry, or a daring or pre-eminent act of valour or self-sacrifice, or extreme devotion to duty in the face of the enemy.*

*The Royal Australian Navy has appointed a full-time Navy Indigenous Adviser and*



ironman events etc.). Although these elite sportsmen and women are managed by their single service, the ADF Sports Cell also provides valuable support and assistance to them so they can reach their full potential to perform at world class events.

The Adaptive Sports Program focuses on preparing ADF and former serving wounded, injured and ill personnel for major international sporting events such as the Invictus and US Warrior Games. In addition to their main focus, the program also provides assistance with the purchase and supply of specialised sporting equipment.



The ADF has become more active in the South-West Pacific by increasing and building enduring relationships with our Pacific

neighbours. Sport is seen as a key component in fostering good will and strengthening the bond between Australia and the Pacific as part of the Governments 'Step-Up' program.

The ADF Sports Cell, in conjunction with the International Policy Division, are responsible for assisting the 28 ADF Sport Associations in planning and executing any ADF sporting events / activities or programs in the Pacific. ADF Sport Pacific tours can consist of sporting events, health and fitness programs, leadership, training and accreditation courses, as well as community and school programs.

Sport in Defence is as strong as ever and I hope this article has given you a better understanding of the importance sport plays in the modern Defence force and in the development of our service men and women.

Yours Aye!  
NVN Team.

*Navy Indigenous Champion from the senior leadership team, as part of Navy's commitment to the Defence Reconciliation Action Plan 2019-2022 (D-RAP).*

*Northrop Grumman has successfully manufactured and tested the first industry-built Very Lightweight Torpedo (VLWT) for the U.S. Navy.*

*USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) is underway for the first time since arriving in Guam March 27.*

*The head of a tribunal that recommended Tasmanian war hero Edward "Teddy" Sheean receive a posthumous Victoria Cross has accused the Defence Minister of "misrepresenting" the tribunal.*

*The Morrison Government's Air Warfare Destroyer program has officially come to an end with the commissioning of HMAS Sydney at sea.*

*HMAS Adelaide has recently provided a platform for Army CH-47 Chinook helicopters from the 5th Aviation Regiment in Townsville to conduct training at sea.*

*Five sailors from the embattled aircraft carrier Theodore Roosevelt who had previously tested positive for Covid-19 retested positive this week, officials confirmed Friday.*

*Spain has officially joined the European Patrol Corvette program to design and develop a prototype of a modular 3,300-ton ship responsible for a number of tasks and missions, including those performed by ocean patrol vessels and light frigates.*

*India becomes the latest country to add the MH-60R Seahawk maritime helicopter to its fleet. The U.S. Navy announced a \$905 million contract to Lockheed Martin (Sikorsky) for 21 "Romeo" helicopters for the Indian Navy.*

*Tasmanian World War II hero Teddy Sheean will not be awarded a Victoria*

(The names below have been added to NVN's website Memorial Wall)

- † LCDR K.J. Brown, 21913 / O130, 26 May 2020. Aged 98.
- † LME J.A. Wright, R58624, 21 May 2020. Aged 76.
- † POME N.G. Rankin, R63896, 20 May 2020. Aged 78.
- † WOCD B.J. Bailey MID, R54635, 20 May 2020. Aged 80.
- † PO W.L. French, PM6198, 15 May 2020. Aged 99.
- † CMDR J.H. Speed DSC RAN, O2099, 15 May 2020. Aged 95.
- † ABWTR D. Rittman, 33545, 06 May 2020. Aged 90.
- † CPOWTR D. Estcourt, R48476, 06 May 2020. Aged 76.
- † POSBA J.F.W. Reynolds, R56541, 04 May 2020. Aged 83.
- † ABRO J.W. Shave, R93124, 04 May 2020. Aged 76.
- † CPORSSM D.R. Parsons, R59929, 02 May 2020. Aged 72.
- † ERA V.G.J. Merryweather, R42701, 02 May 2020. Aged 73.
- † AB K.B. Sharp, PM4531, 27 April 2020. Aged 96.
- † LSCD R.C. Lake, R122811, 27 April 2020. Aged 62.
- † AB R.H. King, R51986, 29 December 2016. Aged 77.

(This notice about Bob King's passing is a late inclusion to our Memorial Wall as Bob's wife Rhona only recently found out about our site and feels he deserves to be remembered. Robert Henry "Bob" King served in the RAN from 18th May 1956 until he was medically discharged on 28th August 1961. He was the unfortunate sailor hit by a wire on the deck of HMAS Melbourne on 20th February 1960 in Outer Harbour, Adelaide, resulting in the loss of his right leg and right hand. At the time of his accident he was just eight weeks from his 21st Birthday. He lived a productive life happily married to Rhona until his death on 29th December 2016.)

## Lest We Forget

### VALE Notices

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](mailto:webmaster@navyvic.net)). We would like to list their names in perpetuity on our special 'Vale' wall on the website. If possible list their Rank, Name, Number, the date of their passing and their age.

## Australian White Ensign flies over HMAS Sydney II Memorial Geraldton by permission of CN



*Cross, with the Federal Government deciding to hold to an earlier decision that his actions "did not reach the particularly high standard" for Australia's highest wartime honour — a decision blasted by Senator Jacqui Lambie as "cowardice".*

*The maritime strategic balance in the Indo-Pacific is changing rapidly. The future of undersea nuclear deterrent forces has strategic, operational and force structure aspects for all major powers in the region.*

*Veterans and their families will benefit from changes to the Australian Defence Force (ADF) Super and the Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme (DHOAS) eligibility criteria, following amendments passed through Parliament today.*

*Australia lost a true friend today with the passing of Dr Patrick Simon AO in France. As Mayor of Villers-Bretonneux in Northern France, close to the memorial sites so significant for many Australians, Dr Simon continued the tradition established by former Mayors of Villers-Bretonneux of holding commemorative activities in the town each year to mark Anzac Day.*

*Reducing the risk of suicide and improving the mental health and wellbeing of Australia's veterans and their families is at the centre of a new four-year Veteran Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy and National Action Plan released today.*

*These are the approximate positions of the U.S. Navy's deployed carrier strike groups and amphibious ready groups throughout the world as of May 11, 2020, based on Navy and public data.*

*USS Nevada (BB-36) – dubbed the "unsinkable battleship" that served in two world wars – was found nearly three miles below the water's surface about 65 nautical miles southwest of Pearl Harbor.*

*The US Navy's top officer will be in*



The HMAS Sydney Memorial at Geraldton in WA has become a place of pilgrimage for many thousands of visitors each year. Some visitors arrive by sea on cruise ships that come to Geraldton specifically to allow passengers to visit the memorial. Many others come because of the reputation of the memorial as an outstanding example of commemorative art. It was designed by the WA sculptors Charlie and Joan Smith and opened by the then Governor of WA Lieutenant General John Sanderson AC, on 19 Nov 2001. That was on the 60th anniversary of the loss of the RAN's cruiser in battle with the German raider Kormoran off the coast of WA in 1941. The annual commemoration each November has become a major occasion in the life of Geraldton and attracts relatives of Sydney's sailors among many others who wish to pay their respects to the 645 members of the ship's company who died with Sydney.



Until April 2020 the flags flown at the memorial permanently did not include the Australian White Ensign. Last month the Chief of Navy was requested by the warden of the memorial Mr Don Ralston for permission for this to be changed and the AWE to fly there with the Australian National Flag, the State Flag of WA and the flag of the City of Geraldton. Chief of Navy gave his permission for the AWE to fly permanently at the entrance to the memorial. It was duly hoisted by Geraldton's Navy Cadet Unit TS Morrow in the presence of the Warden and the team of Volunteer Guides who are the custodians of the memorial.

There will be a major commemorative event at the Memorial on 19 November 2021 on the 80th anniversary of the loss of HMAS Sydney. More information about the memorial can be found at: <https://www.hmassydney memorialgeraldton.com.au/>

*quarantine this week after coming into contact with a member of his family who had tested positive for COVID-19, the Pentagon announced late on Sunday.*

*At least 19 Iranian sailors are dead after a friendly fire attack in which a frigate accidentally fired a missile at a support ship in the Gulf of Oman, according to media reports.*

*China finally achieved an operational underwater nuclear capability in recent years, almost six decades after it first launched its nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) program in the late 1950s. The deployment of the Jin-class (Type 094) SSBNs armed with JL-2 submarine-launched ballistic missiles (SLBMs) marks a new stage in the evolution of China's sea-based nuclear force.*

*As part of Defence's contribution to the Whole-of-Government COVID-19 response, Defence has initiated a voluntary clinical trial of chloroquine as a preventative measure against COVID-19. The trial is seeking up to 700 civilian and Australian Defence Force (ADF) frontline healthcare workers and will examine whether this drug can prevent COVID-19.*

*The Morrison Government's Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) program has reached another milestone with the two halves of the first Arafura Class OPV coming together to form a complete hull.*

*5 things you should know about the US Navy's new frigate. The Navy selected Fincantieri's FREMM design for its next generation frigate, but as with most new platforms it will be a long time before the first ship hits the fleet.*

*Naval Special Warfare Center is resuming its training of SEAL and special warfare combatant-craft crewmen (SWCC) candidates this week after taking a pause in March to ensure it could keep the coronavirus away from young recruits already putting their bodies through punishingly tough*

**Our May Navy Hero is:  
Captain (Surgeon) Leonard Darby, CBE,  
MB, Ch.B, RAN**

Leonard Darby's name will forever be associated with the most significant event in the fledgling RAN's early history – the sinking of the German cruiser Emden off the Cocos-Keeling Islands in the Indian Ocean on 9 November 1914.

Leonard Darby was born in George Town, Tasmania on 3 January 1889 and attended Church Grammar School, Launceston. He graduated MB BSc from Melbourne University in September 1912. Later in the same month he enlisted in the RAN and was the inaugural appointee to the Naval Hospital at HMAS Cerberus. After a short period of training with the Royal Navy he transferred as the senior surgeon in the new cruiser Sydney (I) on 21 June 1913. He was supported by an assistant surgeon and Sick Berth Steward 1st Class Thomas Edward Mullins who had served in the Royal Navy from 1900 to 1906. Sydney formed part of the escorting force to the 1st AIF troop convoy crossing the Indian Ocean to Egypt in November 1914.



On the morning of 9 November, Sydney was detached to investigate an unidentified ship off the Cocos-Keeling Islands. Engagement with, and destruction of, the German cruiser Emden followed, with the death of four members of Sydney's crew and the wounding of 13. During the ensuing action Darby and his small medical team tended to a stream of battle casualties. Many of the injuries were horrific in nature but in spite of this, and the appalling conditions in which his team found itself working, many lives were saved.

The full article can be found at: <http://navyvic.net/heroes/darby.html>

**Accounts of WWII hero Teddy Sheean's act of 'outstanding bravery' inspire continuing fight for Victoria Cross** *Excerpt from ABC news*

That the astonishing act of wartime bravery by Edward "Teddy" Sheean, an 18-year-old with less than two years at sea, was denied a Victoria Cross does not come as a surprise to military historian Tom Lewis.

This week, supporters of the campaign to have Sheean posthumously receive a VC were dealt a huge blow, with the Government seeing no

*physical training courses.*

*Call sign 'Stalker' — the CH-148 Cyclone helicopter that crashed last week in the Ionian Sea off Greece — was only moments away from a scheduled landing aboard HMCS Fredericton when it went down in full view of horrified shipmates who were preparing to receive it aboard the frigate.*

*A Geelong-based company has been awarded a significant contract with the US Navy under the global F-35 Program cementing Australia's reputation as a top defence exporter. Chemring Australia, based in Lara, near Geelong, secured the USD\$107.5 million contract for the production and delivery of countermeasure flares for Australian, US and international F-35 operators.*

*It is starting to sound like a bad joke, but unfortunately, it isn't. Australia's most-complex defence procurement project ever, the Attack Class submarines, has seen yet another price increase, this time amounting to \$10 billion in just a matter of five months, which raises the question — could we have gotten a better deal somewhere else?*

*Royal Australian Navy helicopter frigate HMAS Parramatta has returned to Australia after completing a three-month deployment, which included South and South East Asia.*

*The Royal Navy has joined forces with the US to practise operations in the icy waters of the Arctic.*

*RFA Argus and French Navy ship FS Dixmude have sailed side by side in the Caribbean Sea as a multinational response to the COVID-19 pandemic assembles in the region. The UK, Netherlands and France have all sent ships to the Caribbean to stand ready to support overseas territories during the COVID-19 pandemic if required.*

*Defence has proactively tested personnel for COVID-19 in the Middle East Region after being notified that a number of locally engaged contractors had tested*



reason to overturn an earlier decision to withhold the award, Australia's highest wartime honour.



Included in the reasoning was the determination that nothing had changed since it had been decided Sheean's actions in 1942 "did not reach the particularly high standard" required.

"Of the approximately 100 that have been given to military personnel in Australian history, the Royal Australian Navy has never been given one," Mr Lewis said.

Wounded, his ship sinking beneath him, Sheean is recorded as returning to his anti-aircraft gun to fire at enemy aircraft that were strafing his shipmates as they floundered in the water, despite the order having been given to abandon ship.

"Nobody expects anything more from you when you're told to abandon ship, than to abandon ship," Mr Lewis said.

"But to do more, to go over and above, to turn back and man your station again and fire at the enemy, to defend your shipmates who have been machined-gunned in the water by Japanese aircraft, what better example can you get of outstanding bravery?"



Survivors of HMAS Armidale in a life raft, spotted from the air.  
(Australian War Memorial)

*positive.*

*The Morrison Government is investing around \$350 million for the build program of six new Cape Class Patrol Boats for the Royal Australian Navy.*

*The Royal Australian Navy needs a support ship, not a fixed base at Manus Island. Commentary on equipping the Australian Defence Force tends to focus on high-end combat capabilities such as frigates, fighter aircraft and armoured vehicles.*

*Underwater gliders that can rapidly send vital information that could give an extra edge to the Royal Navy's submarine hunting operations are being rigorously trialled in the North Atlantic.*

*The United States Navy will sponsor the 27th Rim of the Pacific exercise, Aug. 17-31. Hosted by Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, this biennial maritime exercise will be an at-sea-only event in light of COVID-19 concerns. The theme of RIMPAC 2020 is "Capable, Adaptive, Partners."*

*One Canadian military member is dead and five others are missing after a helicopter serving with a NATO naval task force crashed in international waters between Greece and Italy on Wednesday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau confirmed today.*

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

**Navy League of Australia(Vic-Tas Div)** April-June newsletter is now available to [download.....](#)

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

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**FROM: CN AUSTRALIA**

**VALE: COMMANDER JAMES HENRY SPEED DSC, RAN (RETD)**

1. IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT I INFORM YOU OF THE PASSING OF COMMANDER JAMES (JIM) HENRY SPEED, DSC RAN RETD. HE WAS AWARDED A DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS (DSC) FOR HIS COURAGE UNDER FIRE ON SWORD BEACH ON 5/6 JUNE 1944 DURING OPERATION OVERLORD, THE NORMANDY LANDINGS.
2. BORN IN 1924, HE ENTERED THE RN AS A MIDSHIPMAN IN 1942 AND WAS SELECTED FOR TRAINING AS A COMBINED OPERATIONS COMMANDO PREPARING FOR D DAY.
3. AGED JUST 19 HE LED A TEAM WHO MARKED WITH SIGNS THE SAFE PASSAGE WHERE UNDERWATER OBSTACLES HAD BEEN CLEARED BY DIVERS FOR BRITISH LANDING CRAFT. THE LARGE SIGNS HELD ALOFT BY THE COMMANDOS GUIDED LANDING CRAFT COXSWAINS BUT ALSO BECAME OBVIOUS TARGETS FOR GERMAN FIRE.
4. DESPITE THE LOSS OF MEMBERS OF HIS TEAM HE ASSISTED WITH GETTING THE FIRST BRITISH TROOPS ASHORE AND OFF THE BEACH. THIS ACTION WAS REPEATED ALL DAY AND RESULTED IN FURTHER CASUALTIES TO THE BEACH MARKING PARTIES.
5. HE CONTINUED IN THIS ROLE ON SWORD BEACH FOR A FURTHER MONTH COMING UNDER FREQUENT FIRE FROM WELL HIDDEN GERMAN HOWITZERS.
6. HE WAS DEMOBILIZED FROM THE RN IN 1946, BUT REJOINED AS AN ABLE SEAMAN IN 1954. A JUNIOR SAILOR WITH A DSC, AN OFFICERS DECORATION, WAS CONSIDERED ANOMALOUS AND HE WAS SWIFTLY COMMISSIONED AS A SUB LIEUTENANT.
7. SUB LIEUTENANT SPEED WAS SENT ON EXCHANGE POSTING TO HMAS COOTAMUNDRA IN 1957. HE MARRIED AND SOUGHT TO TRANSFER TO THE RAN BUT THIS WAS NOT PERMITTED BY THE RN FOR A FURTHER THREE YEARS AFTER HIS RETURN TO THE UK IN 1960.
8. IN 1963 HE LEFT THE RN AND JOINED THE RAN AND SERVED IN A NUMBER OF POSTINGS INCLUDING HMAS TARANGAU ON MANUS ISLAND AND IN HMAS MELBOURNE (II).
9. IN 1982 ON PROMOTION TO ACTING COMMANDER HIS LAST POSTING WAS AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF HMAS LONSDALE, THE NAVY'S DEPOT IN MELBOURNE. HE LEFT THE NAVY IN 1984 AND REMAINED AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE NAVAL OFFICERS CLUB AND WAS A GUEST SPEAKER ON HIS TIME ON SWORD BEACH.
10. ON BEHALF OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY I EXTEND CONDOLENCES TO COMMANDER SPEED'S WIDOW NATALIE AND HIS FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF THIS DECORATED OFFICER WHO GAVE A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO TWO NAVIES.
11. A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR COMMANDER SPEED WILL BE HELD IN MELBOURNE AT A TIME AND PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

Jim's talk about his wartime service to the Naval Historical Society in 2014 is well worth listening to.....

<http://navyvic.net/associations/nhs/recordings.html>



## VALE LCDR Kenneth James BROWN 21913 / O130, 26 May 2020. Aged 98.

He was the last surviving HMAS SYDNEY 2 Life Member of the HMAS SYDNEY Association (Vic).

Ken is survived by his wife Mavis and 4 children, Sandra, Rodney, Ken and Keith.

Ken and Mavis celebrated their 73rd wedding anniversary yesterday.

**Date of Birth:** 10th September, 1921

**Date of Death:** 26th May, 2020

**Place of Birth:** Hamilton, Victoria

**Date of Entry:** 22nd March, 1938

**Rank on Entry:** Ordinary Seaman Second Class

**Period of Engagement:** 12 years

**Address on Entry:** Frankston, Victoria.

**Occupation on entry:** Real Estate sub-agent (the youngest person to hold a real estate licence in Victoria).

Commission granted on 31st January, 1951 having served in every Sailor rank up until Master at Arms (Chief Petty Officer Regulating Branch). Ken was promoted to Master at Arms just 3 weeks after his 26th birthday. This made him the youngest ever to achieve this rank in either the Royal or Royal Australian Navies, an achievement Ken was deservedly proud of.

**Years service in RAN was 36.**

### **Ships served in:**

HMAS Sydney 2 - Ordinary Seaman - 29SEP38 to 18MAY39. Sydney 2 was lost with all hands on 19NOV41.

HMAS Perth 1 - Ordinary Seaman - 19MAY39 to 25AUG40. Thought to be the last Commissioning Crew Member alive today. HMAS Perth was sunk on 1MAR42.

HMAS Nestor - Able Seaman - 1FEB41 to 16JUN42. Ken was a survivor of this sinking and was the last one alive.

HMAS Napier - Able Seaman - 17JUN42 to 8JUL42.

HMAS Lolita - Acting Leading Seaman - 10SEP42 to 17FEB43. HMAS Lolita was sunk on 13JUN45 in New Guinea.

HMAS Platypus - Acting Petty Officer - 18FEB43 to 4SEP44.

HMAS Schropshire - Petty Officer - 12DEC44 to 15NOV46. Ken was onboard for the Japanese surrender in Tokyo Bay on 2SEP45.

HMAS Australia 2 - Master at Arms - 6APR50 to 26OCT50.

### **Honours and Awards:**

1939 - 1945 Star

Atlantic Star

Burma Star (with Pacific Clasp)

Africa Star

Arctic Star (*Presented by CN Tim BARRETT at HMAS CERBERUS in November 2016 in the presence of the G.G. Sir Peter COSGROVE*)

Defence Medal

Australian Service Medal 1939 – 1945

Australian Service Medal 1945 - 1975 (FESR Clasp)

Australian Defence Medal

Returned from Active Service Medal



Ken receiving his Arctic Star from CN Vice Admiral Tim Barrett at HMAS Cerberus Divisions in November 2016, in the presence of the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove.

