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Editorial



NAUTICOOOL NOISE MAKERS – A brief history of the Royal Australian Navy Band

On 24 June 1913, 18 bandmen under the direction of Chief Bandmaster Joshua Ventry posted onboard the flagship of the new Royal Australian Navy fleet, HMAS *Australia*. The band was made up of six Australian musicians recruited from Melbourne, and several ex-Royal Marines and British Army musicians. The musicians were kitted up in a modified Royal Marines Band uniform as opposed to traditional sailor's suits. On 04 October that same year, as the first Royal Australian Navy fleet of seven ships sailed into Sydney Harbour, stirring military music could be heard emanating from the flagship by the thousands of citizens lining the foreshore.



Victoria Naval Brigade Band
Boxer Rebellion 1901

Prior to the formation of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) Band, there are indications that in 1879 the Fremantle Naval Volunteers formed a fife and drum band. In 1893, the New South Wales Naval Brigade consisted of 22 musicians, and

another early naval band was the band of the Victorian

Naval Brigade. This band, which comprised personnel from the permanent service and Naval Brigade, deployed to China as part of the naval contingent that assisted in quelling the Boxer uprising. It was also present at the arrival of the US Navy's 'Great White Fleet' which sailed into Port Phillip Bay in 1908.

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](#).

28 May – Recruit School graduation

30 May – Cranbourne Lions Concert Band Festival – RAN Band - TBC

31 May – Victorian Aboriginal Remembrance service

13 Jun – 'N' Class destroyers service

16 Jun – Soundwaves concert

20 Jun – Mooroolbark concert – RAN Big Band - TBC

25 Jun – Recruit School graduation

28 Jul – Naval Historical Society meeting

30 Jun – HMAS Waterhen commemorative service

04 Jul – Reserve Forces day

06 Jul – FESR Commemorative service

14 Jul – Soundwaves concert

23 Jul – Recruit School Graduation



RAN bandsmen first saw action when war was declared in 1914 and HMAS *Australia* sailed with orders to seek out the German Pacific Fleet.

A second band was formed in 1927 for Flinders Naval Depot, now HMAS *Cerberus*. This band consisted of permanent musicians assisted by volunteers from all branches within the depot. By the late 1930s, in addition to bands in shore establishments, there was a rapid expansion in musician recruitment with a total of five bands at sea,

serving in the cruisers *Australia* (I), *Canberra* (I), *Hobart* (I), *Perth* (I) and *Sydney* (II).



During World War Two, musicians served with distinction in HMA Ships in all theatres of war. To supplement their duties, musicians worked as gun crews, shell bearers in magazines, in transmitting stations, as first aid parties and as lookouts through day and night watches. Fatalities occurred; and given that cruisers were prime enemy targets, musicians were amongst those unfortunate sailors who lost their lives. It is

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

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VIDEOS.....

- We are the Royal Australian Navy
- ADF Assists Offshore Rescue Operation
- HMAS *Cerberus* - MAY 2021 (Lendlease)
- 79th Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea Commemorative Ceremony
- HMA Ships *Ballarat* and *Anzac* conduct Officer of the Watch manoeuvres
- Recruits and competition winners tour naval base and submarines in WA
- HMAS *Ballarat* Gets A Top Up At Sea
- Crew from HMAS *Sheean* meet students at *Sheean* relatives' school

PODCAST.....

CMDR Steve Cole CSM RAN – "Navy Environmental Management – Past and Present"

NEWS.....

HMAS *Parramatta* has joined French Navy Marine Nationale vessels FS *Tonnerre* and FS *Surcouf* – operating as the *Jeanne d'Arc* Task Group – to complete a cooperative passage through the South China Sea.

A passage exercise with Indonesian Navy frigate KRI *Diponegoro* earlier this month gave one sailor in HMAS *Anzac* a chance to showcase her Bahasa Indonesia language skills.

Koda, the first psychiatric assistance dog trained and delivered by Dogs for Life in Victoria, is helping turn her

recorded that during World War Two the band category suffered the highest casualty rate pro rata with 19 fatalities; including two who died as prisoners of war after surviving the sinking of HMAS *Perth*. Musicians also saw action aboard the carrier HMAS *Sydney* (III) in



RAN Band Vietnam

Korean waters in 1953, and a total of 172 musicians served aboard HMA Ships *Sydney* (III) and *Melbourne* (II) during the Vietnam conflict. Musicians also deployed onboard HMAS *Melbourne* during the Malayan confrontation in the late 1950s. In more recent times, Royal Australian Navy musicians have deployed to Iraq (Operation Catalyst), Afghanistan (Operation Slipper), Solomon Islands, East Timor as well as being assigned to Transit Security Elements as part of Operation Resolute. Additionally, Navy musicians played a vital role as border sentries at State and Territory COVID-19 check points.

After World War Two bandsmen discharged, leaving the band category depleted. To rejuvenate the ranks, it was decided to establish a School of Music at Flinders Naval Depot to recruit and train selected 16½ year old ‘boy



musicians’. This term was later changed to junior musicians. The new school was to be run along similar lines to the Royal Marines School of Music, so in the late 1940s advice was again sought from the Royal Marines Band Service. The RAN School of Music opened on the 3 September 1951 and was housed in an old sail loft in which a second floor was added to provide a rehearsal area. The students undertook an 18-month music course and the first intake consisted of 6 ‘boy musicians’.

By the late 1940s, the only seagoing band in the Royal Australian Navy was onboard the flagship HMAS *Australia*. When the Royal Australian Navy Fleet Air Arm was formed in 1948, aircraft carriers

veteran’s life around.

Foreign military officials visited Navy establishments in April as part of an international engagement program that aims to foster ties.

Royal Australian Navy frigate HMAS Anzac has returned home, marking the end of an extended deployment that culminated in the ship re-tasked to support a critical search and rescue effort.

The military has been ordered to stop holding morning teas which celebrate diversity and inclusion, as Defence chiefs remind personnel their “primary mission” is to protect Australia.

The first of the Navy’s IFF system’s antenna and pedestals from Canberra Class vessels has been overhauled at HENSOLDT Australia’s new overhaul facilities and workshops in Canberra.

The Royal Australian Navy’s second Supply Class Auxiliary Oiler Replenishment ship, NUSHIP Stalwart departed for Australia from Pier 12 in Navantia’s Ferrol shipyard on Thursday, 20 May 2021.

Preparation for the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide has moved into the next phase.

HMAS Anzac has safely returned a group of Indonesian fishermen rescued in the Indian Ocean last weekend to their home port in Bali in cooperation with the Indonesian Navy.

HMAS Sydney ship’s company this week marked the first anniversary of her commissioning with a barbecue and cake while the ship was at anchor near San Francisco’s iconic Golden Gate Bridge.

U.S. Navy officials are denying a



RAN Band - Melbourne 1950

HMAS *Melbourne* (II) in 1982, the Fleet Band was transferred to the new Flagship HMAS *Stalwart*. On *Stalwart*'s decommissioning the Fleet Band transferred to HMAS *Jervis Bay* until she was also decommissioned. As there were no ships large enough in the fleet to house the Fleet Band, it was disbanded, and the musicians amalgamated with the Naval Support Command Band HMAS *Penguin* to become the Royal Australian Navy Band – Sydney. The band relocated to a purpose-built band facility in Waterloo, NSW in 1994. The Royal Australian Navy Band continues to support the fleet by embarking small music ensembles onboard major fleet units during certain deployments such as Rim of the Pacific Exercises (Hawaii) and Exercise Northern Trident (around the world deployment).



Victorian Naval Band 1952

were introduced into the fleet. HMAS *Sydney* (III) was commissioned in 1948; HMS *Vengeance* was loaned to the Royal Australian Navy in 1952 prior to the commissioning of HMAS *Melbourne* (II) in 1955. Musicians served onboard all three carriers at varying times. With the decommissioning of

guided-missile destroyer conducting a freedom of navigation operation in the South China Sea was "expelled" from the Paracel Island Chain on Thursday.

Guided-missile destroyer USS Curtis Wilbur (DDG-54) transited the Taiwan Strait on Tuesday drawing protests from Chinese military officials.

HMAS Parramatta has completed Exercise ARC21 off the coast of Japan, which included blue-water combat, amphibious and aviation training serials with partner navies.

A new augmented reality platform has the potential to take some Navy training out of the classroom and into a hands-on combined physical and augmented environment.

When Able Seaman Xavier Riddell joined HMAS Anzac (III) in June last year, he brought with him some serious classical musical talent.

The crew of HMAS Anzac (III) was giving a gift to other mariners on the 25th anniversary of the ship's commissioning into the Navy.

Ships from U.S. Exercise Ragnar Viking met up with the ships participating in the Royal Navy's Strike Warrior Exercise in the North Atlantic Ocean, May 17, 2021.

HMS Anson, the 7,400-tonne nuclear-powered submarine, was rolled out of her home for the past decade before being lowered into the water at BAE's yard in Barrow during a delicate two-day operation, the Royal Navy announced.

After eight years and almost 6000 stories, Navy Daily is retiring from service.

New Photos Reveal Details of Cuba's

One of the most significant changes in the RAN Band's appearance

occurred as a result of the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games in Melbourne on 22 November 1956. The massed bands of the Royal Australian Navy lead by Director of Music George Hooker performed a spectacular marching display prior to the opening in the presence of the Duke of Edinburgh who was dressed in the uniform of Admiral of the Fleet. The magnificent display was marred when a badly briefed media commentator referred to the band as being the Australian Army. The Commonwealth Naval Board was not impressed and consequently, on 01 January 1960, the RAN Band adopted the traditional sailor's uniform.



RAN Band at 1956 Olympics



In the early 1980s many changes were taking place within the various bands representing the three-armed services. Both the Australian Army and the RAN School of Music's facilities were in bad structural shape. It was decided that a Defence Force School of Music would be built at Simpson Barracks in Melbourne to accommodate Defence Band training. The official opening was conducted by the Governor

Tiny, Lethal Attack Submarine

HMAS Anzac has supported the rescue of 20 Indonesian fishermen in the Indian Ocean, 670 nautical miles off the coast of Western Australia.

HMAS Anzac's embarked MH-60R helicopter on May 15 transferred an injured Indonesian fisherman rescued in the Indian Ocean to a Perth hospital for urgent care.

Royal Australian Navy ship HMAS Ballarat has joined the international effort to enforce United Nations Security Council sanctions on North Korea. Ballarat's support to sanctions enforcement marks the second Australian Defence Force contribution to Operation ARGOS this year.

A joint force protecting Australia's borders and maritime interests has marked 100 rotations. Transit Security Element is part of the ADF's Operation Resolute, which can at any one time include up to 600 personnel at sea, in the air or on the land.

The 38th escort fleet of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy on Saturday (May 15) left a military port in Zhoushan, east China's Zhejiang Province, for the Gulf of Aden and waters off Somali to escort civilian ships.

Austal delivers 2 Cape-class boats to Trinidad & Tobago coast guard

The United States, Japan, France and Australia began their joint training exercise Jeanne D'Arc 21 in the Indo-Pacific region this week.

Two dead fin whales were dislodged from the hull of a Royal Australian Navy ship HMAS Sydney that has been conducting exercises in Southern California, authorities said.

General of Australia, Sir Ninian Stephen, on 30 October 1984. The opening of the Defence Force School of Music also saw Australian Defence Band Officers trained in Australia instead of the United Kingdom. In 1985, female recruitment was introduced into the RAN Band, with the band's first female graduating on the 25 October 1985.

In 1991, the RAN ceased training recruit musicians and introduced the Direct Entry Musicians Scheme. This scheme saw an increase in the recruiting standard where candidates were assessed suitable for entry into the permanent navy on completion of recruit training. In 1993, the Direct Entry Degree Musicians Scheme was introduced which allowed musicians with a University Performance Degree to be promoted to Able Seaman on completion of Recruit Training. This scheme is no longer available with the majority of musicians joining the RAN Band today already having a Music Performance Degree.



Massed Bands of the RAN Navy Fleet Review - Sydney 2013



RAN Band Melbourne - Cerberus Recruit School 2021

Today, the RAN Band is structured around a Directorate of Music, two permanent detachments (101 musicians) located at HMAS *Kuttabul* in Sydney and HMAS *Cerberus*, at Westernport, Victoria and four reserve detachments (approx. 100 musicians) located in Perth,

Students from HMAS Cerberus had a lesson in Indigenous culture on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula when they visited the Willum Warrain Aboriginal Association recently.

Wi-Fi at sea boosts crew's morale. Back in the days of letters and stamps, a port visit for a Navy ship meant one thing above all others for the crew: mail from home.

Dogs are man's best friend – but for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), they are a lifesaver and are also being given a second chance at life.

The Morrison Government's 2021-22 Budget is securing Australia's recovery with renewed commitments to help Defence keep Australians safe, while protecting our national interests in a rapidly changing global environment.

A U.S. Coast Guard cutter fired two rounds of warning shots at the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy (IRGCN) fast in-shore attack crafts (FIAC) after what the Pentagon described as an "unsafe and unprofessional" encounter in the Strait of Hormuz.

Austal Australia has delivered the tenth Guardian-class Patrol Boat (GCPB) to the Australian Department of Defence, the company announced with a press release.

Indonesian Navy assets conducted Passing Exercises (PASSEX) both with PLA Navy's and Indian Navy's assets on Saturday (May 8).

U.S. Fifth Fleet's guided-missile cruiser USS Monterey has seized an illicit shipment of weapons from a stateless dhow in the international water of the North Arabian Sea.

Adelaide, Hobart and Brisbane. The RAN Band has performed on the shores of Gallipoli, in the bunkers of Vietnam, throughout the Middle East and in the four corners of the world. The RAN Band has forged a reputation of musical excellence and is seen as one of the world's premier military ensembles.

Yours Aye!
NVN Team



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.

- † LCDR M.J. Killingsworth, O.2995, 24 May 2021. Aged 70.
- † POEAC R.G. Hobba, R62865, 21 May 2021. Aged 81.
- † CPO F.J. Sutton, R54407, 20 May 2021. Aged 85.
- † AB R.K. Smith, PM5293, 19 May 2021. Aged 95.
- † CPOEM(P) R.M. Smith, R36345, 16 May 2021. Aged 90.
- † NAMA E N.W. Lee, R58897, 15 May 2021. Aged 77.
- † CPOSY F. Lawton, R65138, 10 May 2021. Aged 72.
- † CERA P.H. Knott, R42942, 08 May 2021. Aged 73.
- † WOETC R.N. McAnally, 06 May 2021. Aged 66.
- † POACM R.B. Hawkins, R59689, 05 May 2021. Aged 75.
- † CNS E.P. George, R46122, 03 May 2021. Aged 90.
- † LSCOX F. Maccione, R105605, 02 May 2021. Aged 70.
- † ABSIG D.S. Davis, R46690, 01 May 2021. Aged 91.
- † ERA1 R.W. Maughan, R42181, 26 April 2021. Aged 79.
- † LWRTEL N.G. Morrow (nee Roberts), WR/1705, 25 April 2021. Aged 98.
- † CPOMTP N.C. Abraham, R94562, 25 April 2021. Aged 71.
- † CMDR R.A. Clarke, O206, 17 April 2021. Aged 87.

Lest We Forget



Our May Navy Hero - Rear Admiral John Saumarez Dumaesq CB CVO RN/RAN

John Saumarez Dumaesq (1873-1922), Rear Admiral, was the first Australian-born officer to command the Australian fleet.

He was born on 26 October 1873 at Tivoli House, Rose Bay, Sydney, son of William Alexander Dumaesq, pastoralist, of Furracabad station, Glen Innes, New South Wales, and his English-born wife Edith Helen, née Gladstone. Though Dumaesq was brought up in England from the age of 2, his family ties with Australia

dated from 1825 when his grandfather, William John Dumaesq had come to New South Wales with his brother-in-law Governor Darling, and established an estate

HMAS Sydney has successfully completed her combat system sea qualification trials in the Southern Californian Exercise Area.

The Russian Navy has commissioned Project 885M Yasen M Class submarine, Kazan, on May 7 with a ceremony held at Sevmash Shipyard on the White Sea in northwest Russia.

China military watch

There's rising concern about the prospect of a major military crisis erupting across the Taiwan Strait as a result of China's intention to force Taiwan to unify with the mainland.

An aircraft carrier battle group headed by the Chinese naval aircraft carrier Shandong conducted training in relevant waters of the South China Sea last week.

For the first time in more than 12 months, family and friends of Navy recruits were able to attend a graduation parade in person at HMAS Cerberus.

New Zealand Navy will join the United Kingdom's Carrier Strike Group in a tour of the Indo-Pacific, including passing through the contested South China Sea, New Zealand Defence Minister says.

U.S. Navy Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Gilday hosted U.K. First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff Adm. Tony Radakin for a formal counterpart visit May 4-5, in Washington, D.C.

Somebody might hear us: the future of secure communications

The Marine fighter squadron that will be part of the largest F-35B Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter deployment to date landed aboard the U.K. Royal Navy aircraft carrier HMS Queen

near Scone and large pastoral runs in the New England district.

On 15 July 1886 Dumaresq entered the Royal Navy as a cadet in HMS Britannia; he was commissioned Lieutenant on 28 August 1894 and after a period at sea with the Channel Fleet began to specialize in torpedo work. Promoted Commander in 1904, he was attached to the Admiralty to supervise the equipment of torpedo vessels. By then he was recognized as one of the navy's most innovative officers and he devoted much of his time to the science of naval warfare.

Switching his experiments from torpedoes to gun-room control, he invented a calculating instrument by which the rate of movement of enemy warships could be determined within seconds; this range-finder, named the Dumaresq by a grateful Admiralty, gave naval gunnery an unprecedented accuracy.

Read his full story in our Hero section: <https://navyvic.net/heroes/dumaresq.html>



Royal Australian Navy Band Melbourne is delighted to announce that our monthly 'Soundwaves' concert will be returning in May 2021 at the Band & Cinema Complex, HMAS Cerberus.

After an extended pause, the band is thrilled to be

back on stage and performing for live audiences once again. The ensembles have been busy rehearsing and preparing some exciting new repertoire, and are looking forward to sharing it with you at the first 'Soundwaves' for 2021.

If you would like to join us for this very special performance we now have a new ticketing system for seat allocation. Seats are limited so to ensure you don't miss out on this special event, please reserve your seats in advance. Once your booking is received you will be sent a follow-up email, including:

- Booking confirmation
- Base entry procedures
- Parking details and any relevant COVID safety requirements and information.

When booking please include your full name, phone number and email address.

For bookings please contact:

Able Seaman Francis Piccin

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Email: francis.piccin@defence.gov.au

Concert times:

Matinee performances begin at 2:00 pm

Evening performances begin at 7:00 pm

Dates can be found on our website: <https://navyvic.net/calendar/calendar.html>

Elizabeth (R08) on Sunday, the U.S. Marine Corps announced.

Naval Task Groups from Australia and France have conducted a bilateral transit in the South China Sea, carrying out a series of training exercises along the way.

China is sending rescue vessels to help retrieve the Indonesian submarine KRI Nanggala that sunk with the loss of all 53 crew members.

The RAN could soon use remote autonomous systems to jam mine explosives under a new program being explored through industry providers.

AUSTRALIAN Defence Force (ADF) families will benefit from more than \$1.4 million in grants provided to organisations across the nation as part of the Family Support Funding Program.

Naval Historical Society of Australia (Victorian Chapter) President's May Report - Flag K is now available to [download.....](#)

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

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

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