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## Editorial

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### Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Sydney 2019

One of the most spectacular events in the world, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (REMT), marched into Sydney to stage four breathtaking shows between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

The word tattoo is derived from the Dutch word for the signal played on a drum or bugle to summon soldiers back to their barracks at night. The term evolved in the 18<sup>th</sup> century to mean a form of evening performances given by military bands.



REMT Sydney 2019 was the largest Tattoo they had ever staged in their 69-year history with a cast of approximately 1521 performers. Fourteen nations from around the world were represented, boasting traditional uniforms and colourful costumes, from the UK, Switzerland, France, Tonga, Fiji, Cook Islands, New Zealand and Australia as well as for the first time ever, acts from Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Samoa and Vanuatu. The Australian Defence Force was a key stakeholder joining with the Michael Cassel Group (Producers), ABC (Broadcaster), Seven West Media (Presenter) and ANZ Stadium.

## Events Calendar

*(see website calendar for full details)*

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28 Oct – NHS meeting - all welcome

30 Oct – Soundwaves concert

02 Nov – Veterans Health week  
performance by RAN Big Band

07 Nov – Recruit School graduation

11 Nov – Remembrance Day

17 Nov – HMAS Goorangai  
commemorative service, Queenscliff

17 Nov – HMAS Sydney service Tree 24

20 Nov – HMAS Goorangai lost with all  
hands in 1940

27 Nov – Soundwaves concert

27 Nov – HMAS Parramatta sunk in 1941

01 Dec – HMAS Armidale sunk in 1942,  
commemorative service in Sanctuary

05 Dec – Recruit school graduation

06 Dec – HMAS Cerberus divisions

07 Dec – AMC/LSI service in Sanctuary

## Latest Videos and News Headlines

*NOTE: 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.....

- Leading Seaman Brendan Menz showcases an Aircrewman career
- HMAS Choules Walkthrough with ABET Esther Melvin
- Sea Power Conference Highlights
- ECA Group at PACIFIC 2019: Mine Warfare & Deperming Solutions
- Day 2 at PACIFIC 2019 – Royal

REMT's objective was to deliver an international themed Tattoo which also links to its traditional Scottish brand and enhances its long-term marketing potential, while maximising the opportunity to generate significant income for military charities. The theme for this year's tattoo was 'At All Points of the Compass'. The ADF's participation in the event offered an opportunity to promote Defence and security relationships between Australia and participating nations. It also allowed the ADF to showcase Australia on the international stage while promoting the importance of armed forces in society. The REMT previously performed in Melbourne in February 2016.



Given the code name Operation Tartan, the Australian Defence Force contribution included an ADF Headquarters lead by Brigadier Phil Winter, 106 piece tri-service military band, 44 piece ADF Pipes and Drums, 25 piece house band which supported a lot of the acts, Australia's Federation Guard, 30 liaison officers with linguist skills and 60 personnel who formed a Support Force. WO1 Paul Davies from the Australian Army Band Corp was appointed the Tattoo's Garrison Sergeant Major. This is the first time an Australian has held this prestigious position. The ADF also played an integral role with organising VIP's, salute takers and public affairs.

The Royal Australian Air Force were tasked with transporting 288 performers from seven South West Pacific nations to Australia and return via service air. Two C-17A and three C-130J aircraft were utilised in this highly complex operation. This operation supported the Governments 'Step Up' in the Pacific Program.

#### *Australian Navy Programs*

- *French Marine Industry Group GICAN at PACIFIC 2019 - Day 1*
- *Sea Power Conference 2019 - Day 1*
- *Launch of Sea Power Conference 2019 onboard HMAS Adelaide*
- *SeaPower Conference Intro Movie*
- *Navy launches Industry Engagement Strategy*
- *KONGSBERG unveils a game changer in naval operations - the Vanguard!*
- *Time-Lapse: USS George Washington Completes Dry Dock*
- *HMAS Melbourne final return*

#### *NEWS.....*

*Navy has celebrated the completion of 27 years of service by HMAS Melbourne, the last of her class. The 138 metre long Adelaide class guided missile frigate (FFG) — the last remaining of six built for Navy — was decommissioned at her home port at Fleet Base East, Garden Island in Sydney.*

*The Australian Defence Veterans' Covenant serves to recognise and acknowledge the unique nature of military service and the contribution of veterans and their families. The Covenant is supported by the Veterans' Recognition Program, which includes the Veteran Card, lapel pin and oath.*

*A group of officers and sailors of HMAS Stuart had the honour of representing the Royal Australian Navy at the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the largest naval battle of World War II.*

*Transformation of support for Reservists  
A new advisory body will be established to enhance Australian Defence Force (ADF) capability.*

*The RAN's brightest engineers have put their technical mastery to the test at the finals of the national 2019 Royal Australian Navy Engineering Challenge at HMAS Cerberus.*

*USS Gerald R. Ford got underway today for sea trials from Huntington Ingalls Industries' Newport News Shipbuilding (HII-NNS) division following a 15-month pierside maintenance period.*



Held at ANZ Stadium, over 120,000 people attended this historic production. Australian Producer, Michael Cassel said, 'The four stadium shows are the culmination of three years planning, and I couldn't be prouder of the stellar team that joined us to deliver these shows – representing a who's who of the world's best major event and ceremonies production teams.' Audiences were treated to a culturally diverse production with 33 musical, folkloric and military groups including 297 pipers and drummers, 630 Military performers, 42 Shetland Fiddlers, 102 Tattoo Dancers, 4 Indigenous Song Men and 195 Cultural Performers from Australia and abroad.



The combined pipes and drums included; The Highlanders 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion The Royal Regiment of Scotland, Combined Universities Officer's Training Corp, Royal Air Force The Pipers Trail, Rats of Tobruk, Scots College, Western Australian Police Force, Brisbane Boy's College, NSW, Auckland, Western Australian Police, Christchurch City, and PNG Pipes and Drums. Military Bands included Musique de L'artillerie, France, TNI Academy Drum Band Indonesia, Papua New Guinea Defence Force Military Band, Republic of Fiji Military Forces Band, Royal Corps of Musicians, New Zealand Army Band, The Band of the Royal Airforce Regiment, The Band of Her Majesty's Royal Marines Collingwood and The Band of the Irish Guards. Other acts included Lochiel Marching Drill Team from New Zealand. Cultural Dance groups from New Zealand, Cook Islands, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu and Top-Secret Drum Corp from Switzerland.

*Following a fiery showdown at Senate estimates, concerns have continued to grow about the delivery time frame of Australia's \$50 billion SEA 1000 Attack Class submarine program – so what are the possible options available to Australia?*

**PODCAST:** *In this episode of the Defence Connect podcast, Chief of the Royal Australian Navy, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan joins Phil Tarrant at Pacific 2019 to discuss how the Navy is effectively adapting to change in the Australian defence landscape.*

*Whilst deployed for her United States Combat System Qualification Trials (US CSSQTs), HMAS Brisbane and her crew were fortunate enough to take part in San Francisco Fleet Week 2019.*

*Australia is deploying a Royal Australian Navy frigate, HMAS Parramatta in support of the international effort to enforce United Nations Security Council sanctions imposed against North Korea.*

*While relations with Timor-Leste remain strained over Australia's 2004 bugging of its cabinet office, the young nation, on half an island just 720 kilometres from Darwin, has asked China to help train its navy.*

*Beyond consulting: Is it time to expand ANZUS for a new era?*

*Fifteen personnel from HMAS Cerberus Technical Training Faculty braved a course of mud and obstacles in stormy weather to raise funds for Beyond Blue.*

*Naval Group has signed a subcontract with Jeumont Electric (France) for the design of the Main Electric Propulsion Equipment for the Attack Class Submarines.*

*A crew of deep-sea explorers and historians looking for lost World War II warships have found a second Japanese aircraft carrier that went down in the historic Battle of Midway.*

*China's shipbuilders have been progressing at breakneck speed, with the*



This is the third time the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo has been performed in Australia. The show was simply breathtaking and gave all involved the opportunity to interact with performers from all over the world. REMT Sydney 2019 will be broadcast on ABC television on the 1 December 2019.

*Yours Aye!*  
NVN Team.



- † POEC P. O'Shea, R58690, 23 October 2019. Aged 75.
- † RPO W.J. Glynn, R27683, 19 October 2019. Aged 91.
- † TEL E.W. Bastow, R39176, 02 October 2019. Aged 86.
- † K.D. Longford, 14 September 2019. Aged 78.

## Lest We Forget

### Note: 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.

### Assistance dogs to support veterans with PTSD

Military veterans experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) will be able to access specially trained assistance dogs under a new program announced today by Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel Darren Chester.

Mr Chester said two suppliers of assistance dogs had been contracted to work with the veteran community following overwhelming feedback from ex-service

recent launch of large-deck amphibious warfare ships, new nuclear and conventional submarines and rumours of a steadily larger, more capable aircraft carrier fleet.

Work has been completed on the new jetty for the Royal Navy's second aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales.

**PODCAST:** In this podcast, Rear Admiral Wendy Malcolm joins host Phil Tarrant to discuss the role sustainment will play in supporting the future Navy.

The Royal New Zealand Navy has retired two of its four inshore patrol vessels in line with the recently-released Defence Capability Plan. HMNZS Pukaki and HMNZS Rotoiti were decommissioned on October 17 at a formal ceremony at Devonport Naval Base in Auckland.

Agree or disagree with Hugh White's prognosis of Australia's strategic situation, options and potential responses, at least he has tabled the subject, and shaken more of the general public out of their comfort zone.

The new Underwater Collision Research Facility (UCRF) has been officially unveiled at the Australian Maritime College in Launceston.

HMA Ships Stuart, Parramatta and Hobart have arrived in Guam as part of the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN) Maritime East Asia Deployment.

Drawing inspiration from the resurgent Royal Navy, South Korea is preparing two plans for a conventional aircraft carrier force in response to the rising capability of both the People's Liberation Army Navy, Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force and North Korea's continued nuclear belligerence.

Defence's worst kept secret is now officially public. Defence Minister Linda Reynolds stated at last week's Sea Power conference in Sydney that the Defence Department is conducting a strategic review.

Australia's international security outlook is starting to look very unpredictable and



organisations.

"This program will change lives and it will save lives," Mr Chester said.

"Matching a veteran experiencing PTSD with a specially trained assistance dog will help reduce isolation and give the veteran a chance to improve their mental wellbeing and overall lifestyle.

"We have listened to veterans, ex-service organisations and the wider ex-service community about the role psychiatric assistance dogs can play in the lives of veterans with PTSD.

"These dogs are highly trained to detect signs of distress in their handler and perform specific tasks to help ease those symptoms.

For example, waking their handler experiencing a night terror or nuzzling their handler to distract them from emotionally disabling symptoms.



## Sponsor a Defence Community Dog

### Information for Clubs, Groups and Businesses

It costs over \$7,500 to train a Dog to Assistance Dog level and provide it free of charge to a veteran suffering PTSD. A Dog Sponsorship will fund the rescue of an abandoned dog and cover the costs during the dog's training (including rescue fees, boarding, feeding, vet bills, flea and worming treatments and professional training sessions).

It usually costs over \$20,000 to train a Service Dog to this level, but with the help of the inmates at Bathurst Correctional Centre, Defence Bank meeting our Administration costs and our many volunteers, including our Director of Dog Training, Steve Austin, we are able to keep these costs to a minimum.

You can help by sponsoring a dog today:

#### Dog Sponsorship Options

Option 1: \$7,500 to Sponsor a Dog

Option 2: Sponsor a dog via 2 x \$3,750 Installments within an 18month period

Option 3: \$2,500 to sponsor 1/3 of a Dog. 3 Sponsors will be recognised as the Dog's sponsor.

#### Dog Sponsorship Benefits

- Company name or group logo on a Dog's Jacket
- A welcome letter
- A Dog Sponsorship certificate
- Recognition on the Defence Community Dogs website
- A fully tax-deductible receipt
- Updates at Graduation, 6 months and 12 months after Graduation.



Application Forms are available at our website [defencebankfoundation.com.au](http://defencebankfoundation.com.au) or email [info@dbfoundation.com.au](mailto:info@dbfoundation.com.au)



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*potentially threatening. Our defence planners must now deal with a world which is markedly different from any they've known before.*

*In the next 15 years, the development of unmanned systems in the air, on and under the waves and on land, alongside sophisticated networks of 'sensors and shooters', is likely to accelerate. Australia must be ready to respond.*

*On 14 July 2019, the Government announced reductions to deeming rates, with the changes backdated to 1 July 2019.*

*Since 2010, Submarine Special Operations (SSO) which took place between 1 January 1978 and 31 December 1992 have been classified as 'operational' and 'qualifying service' under the VEA. Following a review by the Department of Defence, the Parliament has agreed that service by submariners on certain special operations after 31 December 1992 should be reclassified.*

*South Korea is allegedly reviewing plans to build a 5,000-tonne nuclear-powered submarine based on the French Barracuda Class submarine.*

*The Royal Australian Navy has neglected long-range naval surface-warfare capability for too long.*

*During PACIFIC 2019, Lacroix is showcasing its latest solutions such as the SYLENA MK2 decoy launching system, focusing on RAN tailor-made naval solutions for the SEA5000 and SEA1180 programs.*

*The size of the Royal Australian Navy's workforce must increase if the service is to maintain its rising operational tempo, says Vice Admiral Mike Noonan.*

*The 2019 Sea Power Conference has provided the perfect setting for the launch of a naval history book written by a young serving sailor.*

*The Royal Australian Navy is strongly focused on building relationships with allies and gaining experience in an*

# HMAS GOORANGAI

"LOST WITH ALL HANDS"

## COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

WHEN: **SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2019**

WHERE: **QUEENSLIFF AT OCEAN VIEW RESERVE**

Organised by



The Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria  
"Perpetuating Gallant Ships and Brave Men"

### PROGRAM

**11:15 AM** MARCHERS FALL IN, KING STREET  
**11:30 AM** SERVICE COMMENCES OCEAN VIEW RESERVE  
**12:30 PM** LUNCH RSL HALL KING STREET (MUST BOOK)  
DRESS: MEDALS PLEASE

EMAIL: [NAVAL.COMMEMORATION.COMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:NAVAL.COMMEMORATION.COMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM)  
TO RESERVE LUNCH AT \$30/HEAD



### Fremantle Class Patrol Boats 40th Reunion Anniversary Reunion – 2020

Friday, 13 March - meet & greet at a local  
pub/club

Saturday, 14 March - Ex-HMAS Gladstone and  
Gladstone Maritime Museum open for

inspection. Free entry for those attending the reunion (*but all donations gratefully  
accepted*). Dinner at a local function centre

Sunday, 15 & Monday 16 March - brunch at a local venue, golf game, barefoot  
lawn bowls, coach excursion touring the local area, two-hour harbour cruise  
(negotiations continue regarding actual day, timing & cost);

Tuesday, 17 March - 40th anniversary of the commissioning of HMAS Fremantle.  
Morning tea at Gladstone Maritime Museum/ex-HMAS Gladstone/local  
restaurant (negotiations continuing regarding location).

*increasingly complex and uncertain Indo-Pacific region, says its commander, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan.*

*The five naval shipbuilding primes have signed a landmark Industry Strategic Workforce Plan with the Naval Shipbuilding College that will boost our sovereign capability to design, build and sustain Australia's naval capabilities..*

*The largest warship in the Royal Australian Navy's fleet has today marked Mental Health Awareness Month with an event to build confidence in asking 'R U OK?', prior to overseas deployment later this month.*

*West Australian Premier Mark McGowan has announced the release of the state's business case to the federal government outlining its commitment to bring Collins Class full cycle docking (FCD) to WA by 2024-25.*

*Captain Anne Andrews knows improvements have been made to the lives of Afghan women and girls, which includes a tenfold increase in school enrolments since 2001. The Royal Australian Navy officer is the gender adviser at the NATO-led Resolute Support Mission in Kabul, Afghanistan.*

*Royal Navy bomb disposal experts have destroyed a 987kg German World War Two bomb found in the wreck of a 17th century warship near Southend Pier in Essex. Civilian divers with Historic England discovered the historic device during an archeological dive on the 350-year-old protected shipwreck of 'London' which lies in two parts near the pier.*

*Peninsula Ship Society - October edition of [Sea Chest](#)*

*Naval Historical Society [October newsletter](#)*

*Navy League (Vic/Tas) [October Newsletter](#)*

*Visit our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page for more news articles not included in this newsletter.*





## Naval Historical Society – Victoria Annual Christmas Function

**Date:** Friday 6th December 2019. (Please note the change of date. Hopefully we haven't inconvenienced too many of our members.)

**Time:** 1830 for 1900

**Venue:** Sunset Room, Waverley RSL. The RSL have advised that the capacity for the room is 100 diners, so we urge you to reserve your booking ASAP.

**Guest of Honour:** Chief of Navy, VADM Mike Noonan AO RAN

**Annual Christmas Raffle:** Prizes include homemade Christmas cake (meticulously crafted by our very own Lynda Gilbert). 20 prizes in total which also include a copy of the recently published **Limited Edition** 65 paged colour coffee table book "Australia's NAVY - Past, Present and Future - Volume 1" personally signed by Chief of Navy.

**Tickets:** \$35.00 per head and MUST be pre-booked.

**Payment:** Cheque or by Direct Debit.

**Cheques** – to be made payable to the "Naval Historical Society, Victoria" and posted to Marty GROGAN at 26 Forbes Drive, Aspendale Gardens VIC 3195.

**Direct Debit** – BSB - 633 000, Account – 118958503. *Please enter your name.*

Please send brief email to Marty at [grevillethedevil@gmail.com](mailto:grevillethedevil@gmail.com) indicating that you have made a payment and this will be confirmed. Marty can be contacted on 0417 377 763 if you have any queries.

**Bar Service:** Full service bar is available at normal RSL prices.

