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 <u>MUST</u> 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 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.

Vice Admiral Michael Joseph Noonan

Chief of Navy: (2018 -)

Deputy Chief of Navy: (2016 - 2018)

Vice Admiral Michael Noonan, AO, RAN joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1984, trained as a seaman officer and then subsequently completed Principal Warfare Officers course and specialised in Air Direction and Above Water Warfare.

Throughout his career, he had experience in a wide range of Navy and ADF operations through various sea and shore posting and operational roles. Highlights have included deployments to the Middle East, Southern Ocean and being the Commissioning Commanding Officer of the Anzac class frigate HMAS Parramatta.

He has fulfilled leadership positions at all levels of the Australian Defence Force, with senior positions including the Director of Military Strategic Commitments, Director General of Operations at HQJOC, Command of Maritime Border Command and Deputy Chief of Navy.

In June 2018, he was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia in recognition of his distinguished service in significant senior ADF command roles.

Vice Admiral Noonan assumed command of the Royal Australian Navy on 7 July 2018 and will be the 32nd professional head of the Australian Navy, and the 9th officer to hold the title of Chief of Navy Australia. In this role, he is entrusted by Government to be its principal naval advisor, and to raise, train and sustain Australia's naval forces to execute maritime missions in a dynamic region.