



# Newsletter

*Incorporating NCCV's newsletter Rogues' Yarn*

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## Editorial

*NVN current membership: 990*

### BOOK REVIEW

*Under New Management – The Royal Australian Navy and the Removal of Germany from the Pacific, 1914 -15.*

Reproduced with the permission of the Author Dr Ian Pfennigwerth (former Captain, RAN).

This is a book that anyone interested in naval history will want on their bookshelf. It is a brilliantly researched and well-written book that packs a lot of little known facts into its 151 pages of text. There are a further 19 pages of photographs and statistics of ships plus useful index and bibliographical pages.

The book contains an in-depth analysis of the RAN campaign to rid the Pacific of the German Navy, led by Admiral George Patey, the Fleet Commander. The description of one of the operations – the battle of Bitu Paka – is the most coherent I have read. The book goes on to describe the ousting of the Germans from the Pacific Region by the ANMEF. It also traces the history of the German colonisation from the early years of German unification (one of the worst things to happen in human history) and follows up with what happened to the various island colonies post WW1. Dr Pfennigwerth examines the personalities involved, Australian, British and German, and as a former intelligence officer he may well have sources denied to the rest of us.

This is a book that is easy to read; written by a craftsman at the top of his game. It contains much from diaries, letters, despatches and other historical documents. We owe the writer a

## Calendar Events

*(see calendar for details of all events)*

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**01 May** – HMAS Castlemaine wreath laying

**03 May** – Battle of Coral Sea wreath laying

**24 May** – RAN Recruits wreath laying.

**25 May** – NHS Meeting (all welcome)

**30 May** – HMAS Sydney III 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner – **BOOK NOW!**

**03 Jun** – Anniversary of HMAS MELBOURNE & USS FRANK E. EVANS collision - 74 lives lost.

## ANZAC Centenary Events

*ANZAC Naval Commemorative Ball*

*Saturday 17 October 2015 in the Victory room at Etihad Stadium, Melbourne. The room has been booked for 1000. As of the 15th March 2015, 510 places have been booked.*

**BOOK NOW.....**

[Navy Ball Flyer.....](#)

[Navy Ball Information page.....](#)

[Navy Ball Booking Form.....](#)

**For details of all Centenary events in Victoria go to:**

<http://anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au/new-s-events/events/>

debt of gratitude for pulling together so many strands from so many different places.

Under new Management is available from Echo Books at [www.echobooks.com.au](http://www.echobooks.com.au) at \$24.95 plus postage.

Professor Ian Pfennigwerth served for 35 years in the Royal Australian Navy. He spent his last ten years of service mainly in Intelligence. He is a former Commanding Officer of HMAS *Perth* and retired from the RAN in 2000 as a Captain.

He is the Author of 4 other books:

In Good Hands – Feb 2012

A Man of Intelligence – 2007

The Australian Cruiser *Perth* 1939-1942 – 2007

Tiger Territory – 2008

His latest project is leading a small group of volunteer researchers putting together a book titled Bravo Zulu (Navy Honours and Awards 1901 – 2014).

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On the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the landings at Gallipoli we thought it appropriate to include Banjo Paterson's – *Open letter to the troops, 1915*.

### "We're All Australians Now"

Australia takes her pen in hand  
To write a line to you,  
To let you fellows understand  
How proud we are of you.

From shearing shed and cattle run,  
From Broome to Hobson's Bay,  
Each native-born Australian son  
Stands straighter up today.

The man who used to "hump his drum",  
On far-out Queensland runs  
Is fighting side by side with some  
Tasmanian farmer's sons.

The fisher-boys dropped sail and oar  
To grimly stand the test,  
Along that storm-swept Turkish shore,  
With miners from the west.

## Latest News

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**NOTE: The full articles of the news items listed below can be found on our website:**

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

### **Australians Unite To Commemorate Anzac Day**

*Across the country and around the world, thousands paused today to honour the Australians and New Zealanders who first landed on the shores of Gallipoli 100 years ago.*

### **AE2 remembered 100 years on**

*Against the bitterly cold wind of the Turkish Sea of Marmara HMAS Anzac hosted a solemn ceremony to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the actions of the HMAS AE2 crew ahead of the landings at Anzac cove.*

### **Letter to the Editor – Fairfax Media**

*I am disappointed that Fairfax media has chosen to publish an erroneous opinion that fails to contribute to what should be a constructive discussion about military and veterans' mental health care.*

### **Ministerial visit to France**

*Today I met with my French counterpart, Minister for Defence Jean-Yves Le Drian. France has been identified as a potential international partner for Australia's future submarine program.*

### **Bilateral meetings in Germany**

*Today I met with Minister for Defence, Dr Ursula von der Leyen. Germany has been identified as a potential international partner for Australia's future submarines program.*

**ADSO UPDATE – 23 April 2015**

The old state jealousies of yore  
Are dead as Pharaoh's sow,  
We're not State children any more --  
We're all Australians now!

Our six-starred flag that used to fly  
Half-shyly to the breeze,  
Unknown where older nations ply  
Their trade on foreign seas,

Flies out to meet the morning blue  
With Vict'ry at the prow;  
For that's the flag the Sydney flew,  
The wide seas know it now!

The mettle that a race can show  
Is proved with shot and steel,  
And now we know what nations know  
And feel what nations feel.

The honoured graves beneath the crest  
Of Gaba Tepe hill  
May hold our bravest and our best,  
But we have brave men still.

With all our petty quarrels done,  
Dissensions overthrown,  
We have, through what you boys have done,  
A history of our own.

Our old world differences are dead,  
Like weeds beneath the plough,  
For English, Scotch, and Irish-bred,  
They're all Australians now!

So now we'll toast the Third Brigade  
That led Australia's van,  
For never shall their glory fade  
In minds Australian.

Fight on, fight on, unflinchingly,  
Till right and justice reign.  
Fight on, fight on, till Victory  
Shall send you home again.

And with Australia's flag shall fly  
A spray of wattle-bough  
To symbolise our unity --  
We're all Australians now.

***Labor's indecision has left shipbuilding in a precarious and uncertain state***

*The Government is in the early stages of an ambitious program to procure around 40 naval surface ships and submarines over the next two decades.*

***The Future Royal Australian Navy - Alternative Surface Combatant Force Structures***

*SAM GOLDSMITH analyses three possible options for a better surface combatant mix for the RAN. This forensic examination is essential reading for anyone concerned with getting the best force for Australia's future.*

***Navy takes The Lemnians home***

*The island of Lemnos in the eastern Mediterranean Sea may not be a household name, but one group of Australians is proud of the role played by the island during the Gallipoli Campaign of 1915—1916.*

***A choice for Labor: get on board or miss the boat***

*Today the Victorian and South Australian Premiers confirmed that they would prefer to play politics with the future of Australia's defence industry rather than work constructively with the Federal Government.*

***Release of the RAND Corporation report***

*Today the Government releases a comprehensive report into the Australian naval ship building industry.*

***Statement by Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Tim Barrett on deaths at HMAS Stirling***

*Navy acknowledges the ABC 730 report into the deaths at HMAS Stirling between 2011 and 2012. Navy*

Yours Aye!  
NVN Team

## VALE

- † LS B.A. Connell, R42478, 25 April 2015.
- † CPOCOX P.T. Newby, R50908, 20 April 2015. Aged 78.
- † LEM(P) W.K. Battersby, 20 April 2015. Aged 72.
- † LSMTP3 D. McKenzie, R95458, 16 April 2015. Aged 65.
- † PORS R.A. Mills, R94824, 12 April 2015. Aged 66.
- † POME W. Christenson, R37599, 28 March 2015. Aged 89.
- † AB T. Young OAM, PM7455, 20 February 2015. Aged 88.

## Lest We Forget

**Members:** When you hear of any of our Navy family that has crossed the bar, please don't hesitate to let us know. We would like to list their names in perpetuity on our special 'Vale' page on the website. If possible list their Rank, Name, Number, Age and their date of passing. Thank you



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*again offers its sympathy to those who have been affected by these tragic losses.*

### **Release of Gulf War Veterans' Follow Up Health Study 2015 Release**

*After 5 years of work the subject study has been released on the Department of Veterans' Affairs website on 1 April 2015. The release of the study is an important event for DVA and the Australian Gulf War and broader veteran community.*

### **Future of surface fleet on the agenda**

*Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Tim Barrett, outlined lethality, 'effects' and ship availability as key considerations in the design of the future surface fleet for the Royal Australian Navy.*

### **First Principles Review of Defence**

*The Review delivers on a Coalition election commitment to ensure that Defence is appropriately structured and organised and has the right business practices in place to support the Australian Defence Force (ADF) in the 21st century.*

### **First Pass approval for ANZAC Air Search Radar Replacement**

*The Australian Government had provided First Pass approval for project SEA 1448 Phase 4B – ANZAC Air Search Radar Replacement.*

### **Naval Historical Society (Vic) [April Newsletter.....](#)**

### **Navy League of Australia (Vic Div) [April newsletter.....](#)**

### **AMC/LSI Association [March 2015 newsletter.....](#)**

### **NAVY NEWS – [The latest edition.](#)**

*Don't forget to visit the [website](#), there is a lot more information and many more news articles that are not included in this newsletter.*

**NCCV's "Rogues' Yarn" attached below**





# Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

## Rogues' Yarn



### ANZAC Day 2015

#### KEY ENGAGEMENTS

**Services at the Shrine of Remembrance**  
[Everyone welcome]

**HMAS Castlemaine Wreath Laying**  
01May@1000  
In the Sanctuary

**Battle of Coral Sea Wreath Laying**  
03May@1200  
At the Cenotaph

**RAN Recruits Wreath Laying**  
24May@1000  
In the Sanctuary

**Next NCCV meeting**  
09Jun @1030 at  
Melb Naval Centre.

All Ship/Unit/Branch Associations are encouraged to be

#### Battle of the Coral Sea

*A Flag Ship occasion for Navy, your support is critical if this is to be a meaningful service. The commemorative service will be on the forecourt, Shrine of Remembrance and as mentioned above, scheduled for 1200, Sunday 3rd May 2015.*

A very big day for everyone who has made that all important connection with WWI on 25APR15. Obviously everyone alive today had a forebear who was directly or indirectly involved in WWI - irrespective of what side they may have been aligned with. For those with a direct connection with the British Empire, ANZAC day 2015 was a vivid reminder of the devastation and long term impact of war. As a young country and the only nation ever to be formed without bloodshed, WWI was a despicable experience that consumed many of Victoria's young men. 114,000 young Victorians joined up, 89,000 deployed overseas, 19,000 Victorians made the supreme sacrifice. Given the limited population of Victoria what was a tremendous contribution that resulted in a terrible loss to virtually every family in the State. The Dawn Service at the Shrine of Remembrance again attracted well over 100,000 Victorians and visitors. The march demonstrating a continued commitment to ANZAC by Service, Ex-Service men and women and the descendants of those no longer with us. The Navy Guard and Colour Party (below) were an impressive sight as they marched along St Kilda Rd. The



strength or otherwise of the various Ship/Unit/Branch Associations was evident as they journeyed towards the Shrine of Remembrance. The HMAS

Sydney Association is no doubt one of the strongest ship association, given the numbers on the day and attendance at activities. The image below shows the level of interest and dedication.



Another strong contingent was the RAN Communications Branch Asso.



The success of including descendants into commemoration activities is demonstrated by the increased support for the LSI Associations. The images below give an idea of their success.





### Disclaimer

Articles included are the Author's thoughts only. An article may be edited to meet the space available.

### Navy Victoria Network

The NavyVIC website is a service to the entire Navy Community.

The purpose is to share information and where possible avoid a clash with activities scheduled by others in the Navy Community.

To avoid conflict with other activities log on: <http://navyvic.net>

### Melbourne Naval Centre

MNC provides much needed funds to Ship Associations and has done so over many decades. For financial support, contact MNC.

# President's Report

April has seen the culmination of much of the work over recent times with ANZAC Day services occurring with great support from Victorians. Every one who took the time to participate or witness the various marches and commemorative services will no doubt have reflected on the enormous effort made by our forebears. Whilst you may have been directly involved in some way, the Spirit of ANZAC being shared with so many others has brought a new and uplifting dimension to this crucial aspect of our history. Hopefully the experience of ANZAC Day 2015 will leave a sense of responsibility across the Navy community encouraging you and the family to, at the very least, maintain a connection with one of the many ex-Navy entities in Victoria. There are many activities that have occurred recently that are closely related to the Navy fraternity. The exhibition at Melbourne Museum is a must see and is a precursor to another exhibition at the museum that follows the lives of several Australian's and their families through war conflicts that shrouded the country.

If you were observant whilst travelling along St Kilda Road recently you will have been surprised by the size, variety and impact of the images projected onto the eastern side wall of the National Gallery of Victoria - they were spectacular! The NCCV is continuing to search for ways of increasing the awareness of those who have served, or continued to serve, in the ex-Service Organisations still in existence today. The simplest method of engagement is through Ship or Branch Associations. Although many are past their mature phase, they all need small but fair dinkum support. This support need only be by way of attendance at a once a year commemorative service. For instance, if you were part of the Scrap Iron Flotilla Association (at no cost) you could attend one of three services and one annual lunch. They also marched on ANZAC Day with anyone without a home to march, having served in any destroyer if you like joining them to carry the banner relevant to so many RAN ships. *Yours aye, Terry Makings*

## Navy Week 2015

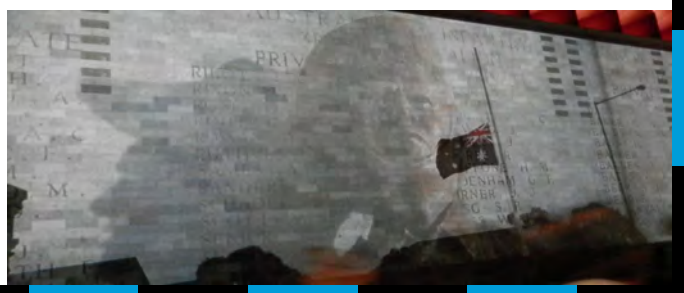
You will read more about Navy Week in October, but for now please note the ANZAC Naval Commemoration Ball will start Navy week on Saturday, 17OCT15. This will be a highlight, top Defence flag rank officers of the three Services will attend as will a few Stokers. For more information, best go to: [anzacball.org](http://anzacball.org) The Seafarers Church Service at St Pauls will be at 1030, Sunday 18OCT. Quickly followed by the Navy Wreath Laying Service at the Shrine of Remembrance. A Golf Tournament is planned for Monday, 19OCT with more details to be provided soon. On Wednesday 21OCT (Trafalgar Day) there will be a seminar held in the new theatre, Shrine of Remembrance. This will feature each of the Senior Service Offices of Victoria and Admiral Chris Barrie AC will also present. This will be a remarkable 4 - 5 hours of interesting material in a remarkable venue: best to advise early if you wish to attend as numbers will be limited. On the evening of 21OCT, NOC will hold their annual Trafalgar Dinner in the Melbourne Club. You will need to know an NOC member and go as a guest if you wish to attend. On Friday, 23OCT there will be a Bowls Tournament, again more info to come. HMAS Cerberus Open Day will complete Navy week. *NCCV is most grateful for support of Navy as we seek to rekindle Navy Week.*

## National Gallery

The Arts Community in support of the Centenary of ANZAC projected images on the east wall of the National Gallery. The image below is an oil painting owned by the AWM in Canberra. It depicts the busy shore at ANZAC Cove Gallipoli.



The next image shows the face of a digger with the words, penned by Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. The display of many and varied images on such a wide canvas was most impressive and memorable.





## HMAS Canberra

There are numerous photographs of the new LHD to highlight the functionality and beauty of this ship. The most recent image to be circulated is the shot below showing a helicopter landing on the ship late in the afternoon. Those that served in warships with helicopters will know of the procedures surrounding take offs and landings and the tight rules that apply - in particular no goofers! That makes for a challenge, for those off watch to make sure they witness every flying operation possible. Hopefully the image will conjure some excitement as it reminds you of our own experience at sea.



## HMAS Assault



Above are two stalwarts of HMAS *Assault* Association, Doug Paine - Secretary and Norm Tame - President in the Sanctuary. Like many of the associations they have a declining membership, although somewhat different because many that trained at *Assault* were subsequently posted to Kanimbla, Westralia or Manoora. Interest in the AMC/LSI Association, through descendants has injected life into the legacy of those that served at *Assault* and in LSIs. NCCV is interested in hearing from anyone who has achieved an improvement in membership over recent years. Our objective being to share your success.

## Centenary Exhibition



The WWI Centenary Exhibition is now underway at the Melbourne Museum. This is a very sophisticated exhibition utilising a wide range of artifacts provided for the first time outside of Britain by the Imperial War Museum. Every display has been meticulously designed and constructed. The images include many oil paintings and more modern depictions through movies and photographs. The specific exhibits highlight a range of attributes of the army, a display around Navy and the birth of the airforce. This is an exhibition well worth your attention. Entry fee also allows access to the entire museum, an opportunity to see the 'Love and Sorrow' exhibition. This exhibit follows the life of nine people through WWI & after (6 Vics, 2 NSW & 2 brothers from Germany).



## Seeds of Freedom

Pictured below is the Australia Turkish Friendship Memorial - Seeds of Friendship unveiled on Monday, 13th April in Kings Domain by the Premier, the Hon Daniel Andrews MP. The Premier was accompanied by the Turkish Ambassador. A magnificent artwork that appropriately depicts the seeds of trees germane to Australia and Turkey. The seeds lay upon a disc with the profound words by Mustafa Kemal Ataturk 1934, the father of modern day Turkey.



## ANZAC Centenary

The biggest occasion for year one of the Spirit of ANZAC period was Saturday, 25th April. The Dawn Service was a moving experience with well over 100,000 Victorians and others in attendance. The many electronic screens distributed about the Shrine of Remembrance Reserve assisted to maintain a sense of participation across those assembled for the service. The Lieutenant-Governor, The Honourable Marilyn Warren AC officiated on behalf of the Governor who was in Canberra, deputising for the Governor General who was in turn in New Zealand. Victoria now has two trams travelling along the Swanston Street route displayed with magnificent artwork depicting WWI activities. There are related personal stories displayed at the NGV tram stop and at the Domain tram stop. This and many other projects were the consequence of State Government funding processed through the ANZAC Centenary Committee of Victoria, chaired by the Hon Ted Baillieu. Keep your eyes open for one of the many activities directly related to Spirit of ANZAC.

**ONCE NAVY, ALWAYS NAVY!**



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## *Items of special interest*

**Veterans Council.** Some might be amazed that the Veterans Council 'never' receive applications from Navy organisations seeking financial support. Time to review the process and see if you have the right criteria. If you are not incorporated, then the MNC will provide the necessary information and channels to assist your bid for funding.

**ANZAC Portal Website.** This new website was designed by DVA to encourage the wider community to seek out stories and look at what their connection is to those days a century ago. Cut and past: [www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au](http://www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au)

**Memorial in New Zealand.** For those who have been to New Zealand you will know of its beauty and friendliness. There is now a new site to see, that is the Australian Memorial in Wellington. This symbol of the unity between Australia and New Zealand is in Pukeahu National War Memorial Park. The memorial was dedicated on 25APR15.

**ANZAC.** If your organisation wishes to use the word ANZAC there is a legal process to be followed. You must request use of the word ANZAC through the Federal Minister of Veterans Affairs.

**RANCB New Zealand Cruise.** The RAN Communications Branch Association (Victoria) is planning a 14 day cruise around the New Zealand fiords in January 2016. The cruise is open to anyone who wants to attend, Service and ex-Service, their family and friends. If anybody requires any further information please contact the travel agent Kath Williams who has the relevant information by email to [kath.rowville@helloworld.com.au](mailto:kath.rowville@helloworld.com.au) or if required, telephone 03 9764 8487.

**TS Bataan Recognition Parade.** The new TS Bataan [Australian Naval Cadets], formally CIHS Hampton Park was commissioned Bataan on 26th September 2014. They have planned a parade on Sunday, 24MAY15 to recognise the new entity. Success of the renaming rests with John Laughton.

**HMAS Sydney Dinner Dance.** HMAS Sydney Association has a wonderful night arranged for those seeking to enjoy a dinner dance at the Rydges Hotel, Exhibition Street, Melbourne. At \$100 per person you will receive a 2 course meal and beverages. If interested contact the Hon Sec. by email [daviddwyer@hotmail.com](mailto:daviddwyer@hotmail.com) or telephone David on 0423 675 146 or home 03 9720 8183.