



Newsletter

Navy Victoria Network

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Editorial

Welcome to the [Navy Victoria Network](#) newsletter for August 2013. **Our newsletter now incorporates NCCV's newsletter "Rogues' Yarn"**

The Tall Ships Are Coming To Melbourne from 06 to 13 Sep

In less than two weeks' time almost half a kilometre of tall ships will grace the historical maritime shores of host town Williamstown from 6th to 13th September.

HMAS TOBRUK is also scheduled to visit during the period 6th to 9th September (TBC) and will be berthed at Station Pier. No program has been released as yet for this visit.

The sole booking agent for all the tall ships is Cruiseabout, 80 Douglas Parade, WILLIAMSTOWN - 1300 610 073. Contact them for exciting cruise opportunities.

During the period of the visit the SEAWORKS MARITIME FESTIVAL – www.seaworks.com.au will be the prime venue for the visit of the biggest fleet of tall ships to dock in Williamstown in about 100 years. Nine tall ships will be visiting Williamstown, including five international vessels. These include:

- the *Lord Nelson*, a British tall ship which especially caters for people with disabilities
- three Dutch vessels – the *Europa*, *Oosterschelde* and *Tecla*
- the *Dewaruci*, an Indonesian Navy sail training vessel, and
- four iconic Australian tall ships; the *Windward Bound* from Hobart, the *Soren Larsen* and *Young Endeavour* from Sydney, and Melbourne's own *Enterprize*.

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)

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03 Sep – Merchant Navy Day, wreath laying at Shrine

06 - 14 Sep – Melbourne Tall Ships Festival

11 Sep – Rabaul remembers – wreath laying at Shrine

14 Sep – Submarine Association – Wreath laying the the Shrine

18 Sep – Soundwaves concert at Cerberus – concert band

20 Sep – Admirals Own Big Band at Monash University

23 Sep – NHS meeting

27 Sep – Recruit School Graduation

Latest News

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SUICIDE AWARENESS SUPPORT FOR VETERANS NOW ONLINE

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Warren Snowdon, announced today that a new website, Operation Life Online, has been launched to assist veterans, Australian Defence Force (ADF) members and their families in learning about suicide prevention.

[More....](#)

Government Gazette - Notices of Investigation

1. [Posttraumatic Stress Disorder](#)
2. [Alcohol Dependence & Alcohol](#)
3. [Abuse Diabetes Mellitus](#)
4. [Drug Dependence & Drug Abuse](#)

For full details on the Tall Ships Festival including Tours and Events go to the website
<http://www.melbournetallships2013.yachting.org.au/> or
<http://www.seawords.com.au>.

In celebration of this commemorative occasion, Seaworks is hosting the SEAWORKS MARITIME FESTIVAL, an exciting week-long program of engaging maritime events. This festival is the primary event open to the public as part of the Melbourne International Tall Ships Festival hosted in conjunction with their partners, Tall Ships Victoria, the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, Sailing Training International and Australian Sail Training Association.

The SEAWORKS MARITIME FESTIVAL features a two-day family festival on September 7 & 8 of tall ships, re-enactment groups, canon firing, roving performers, activities for kids, music and food. Fun for all the family! This will be your best opportunity to board a tall ship. Get there before 10.30am on Saturday, September 7 to watch the three Dutch tall ships dock at Seaworks. Avoid queues at the gate by buying your tickets online.

From Sunday, September 8, to Friday, September 13, Seaworks Foundation will be hosting a series of SPECIAL EVENTS; including talks by some of the ships Captains. Get in early to book your tickets.

It's important to keep returning to the website for regular updates of events. Bookings for events can be made online to avoid queues.

The 2.6 hectares of the site will not only have the tall ships at the piers but also 20 small sailing vessels in the old boat building sheds and stalls with many Maritime interest groups represented with various activities across the site.

Festival times are:

Saturday 7th 0900 to 1700

Sunday 8th 1000 to 1700

Monday 9th to Friday 13th 1000 to 1700

HMAS *Cerberus* have been requested to provide Sailors for the weekend activities of the 7th and 8th.

Our colleagues in the Navy League (Victorian Chapter) are holding a luncheon for two of the tall ships at 1300 for 1330 on September 11th. The two sail training Ships are the Brigantine HMAS *Young Endeavour* and the Barquentine KRI *Dewaruci* from Indonesia. Further information is available from John

CN On the Record: Letter to the Editor – The Cairns Post To the Editor,

In the 19 August 2013 edition of The Cairns Post there was an article entitled "Call to cut sonar near pods". The article contains a misleading statement which I need to correct.
[More....](#)

Successful Torpedo Firing

The Royal Australian Navy has successfully conducted the world's first firing of a "war shot" MU90 Lightweight Torpedo, Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AO CSC RAN announced today. [More....](#)

Milestone for Submarine Training

A new submarine training trial which aims to significantly reduce training chokepoints and increase graduate numbers has passed out its first round of trainees this month. [More....](#)

Australian Maritime Digest - Issue #225

The Australian Maritime Digest is compiled by the Australian Association for Maritime Affairs – www.aama.asn.au - and published monthly for the benefit of the Australian maritime community.
[Read....](#)

Registrations for the Sea Power Conference 2013

Registrations are now open for the Sea Power Conference 2013, being held in Sydney over the period 7-9 Oct
<http://seapowerconference2013.com.au>

Australian War Memorial pays tribute to modern day ANZACS

On 6 August 2013 the Chief of Defence Force, General David Hurley officially opened a new exhibition at the Australian War Memorial (AWM).
[More....](#)

STOP PRESS:

International Fleet Review and associated activities.

A decision has been recently made regarding retired Navy Members marching in the main parade through the streets of Sydney. To avoid a wide disparity in the sizes of contingents, a maximum of 20 retired members will be permitted to march behind the 7 banners representing the Ships that arrived in Sydney on 4th October 1913. HMA Ships *Australia*, *Encounter*, *Sydney*, *Warrego*, *Parramatta* and *Yarra*. This will make a total of only 140 being able to march. This is an occupational health and safety issue as well as an insurance issue. Retired Members will not march the entire distance but will come in at the back for a shortened march.

Yours aye,

NavyVIC Management Team

VALE

- † POEP Maxwell Bean – 21st August 2013.
- † LRO Robert McGeorge, R53999 – 09th August 2013. Aged 74.
- † ABNA(Phot) Allen Porter, 28012 – 01st August 2013. Aged 85.
- † LSSIG Graham 'Bear' Linton, R95596 – 30th July 2013. Aged 63.
- † TO Neil Edwards, R53171 – 28th July 2013. Aged 73.
- † LCDR Raymond Norton RANR, R57688 – 27 July 2013. Aged 73.
- † CMDR Anne Briggs AM RAN, W85182 – 25th July. Aged 72.

Lest We Forget

Interests. If you have a specific interest/link you think would be of appeal to the wider navy community, we would be pleased to hear about it. Just email our webmaster – webmaster@navyvic.net with details.

Semaphore: August 2013

The Economic Value of Australian Fisheries

Over one billion people rely on fish as their basic source of protein and as the global population increases so too does the demand for fish, placing global fisheries under further pressure. This is then compounded by a shift in eating habits as increasing affluence drives demand for high value seafood.

[More.....](#)

RAN Spectacular Teaser

Released by the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and Imagination (Australia) Pty Ltd, an impression giving a glimpse of what the Pyrotechnics and Light Show will look like. [View the video.....](#)

Chief of Navy Speech

Port and Maritime Security Conference 2013 - Safeguarding Australia's Maritime Environment. [Read.....](#)

Chief of Navy Speech

National Security Lecture at University of Canberra - The Role of the Navy in National Security. [Read.....](#)

International Fleet Review

For all the latest on the IFR go to <http://www.navy.gov.au/ifr>

Navy League of Australia - Victorian Chapter - [August Newsletter](#)

NAVY NEWS

[Click here for the latest edition.](#)

A Fair Go Campaign – [Click here to view the latest updates](#)

Don't forget to visit the website, there are many more news articles and information that are not



Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

Rogues' Yarn



Answering the Call

DIARY NOTES

**Next NCCV meeting is
at 1030, 8 October at
Melb Naval Centre,
All Associations are
encourage to be
represented!**

**Services at the Shrine
of Remembrance
[You may attend]**

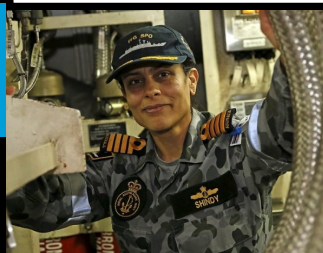
**RAN Recruits
Emms Division
1SEP13@1030
Sanctuary**

**Merchant Navy Day
3SEP13@1400
Sanctuary**

**Battle of Bitu Paka
11SEP13@1200
Sanctuary then
Memorial Tree**

**Submariners
Loss AE1
14SEP13@1100
Sanctuary**

*Captain Mona Shindy,
director of the Guided
Missile Frigate System
Program and Islamic
Cultural Adviser to
Chief of Navy*



For some time we in Victoria have had the opportunity to get behind what will prove to be a great project — that is 'Answering the Call'. A modest way of demonstrating our heritage, within cannon shot of HMAS LONSDALE of old. Many will be aware of this, key proposal to have a life size statue cast, representing a sailor in round rig, kit bag over his shoulder waving farewell to his family and friends. He may well be waving goodbye to Melbourne!

There has been a meeting of minds around this initiative, this meeting included representatives from the Navy League, Naval Association, Naval Historical Society, Navy Victoria Network and the NCCV. We have also been advised of the positive support from the Naval Officers Club and the Royal United Services Institute of Australia (Victoria). The importance of this wide ranging support should not be underestimated as it clearly demonstrates the capacity of the wider Navy Community in Victoria to come together when there is a demonstrated need for such team work. Our Patron, CDRE Jim Dickson AM MBE RAN Rtd has kindly and enthusiastically agreed to lead the way as we pursue this significant contribution to the Centennial of ANZAC commitment. Jim has a wealth of experience and is widely known across our fraternity and within Government circles. That said we can not expect one person to do this alone. As mentioned above, each of our Navy/Service organisations will need to lend a hand as the various critical elements of the project are progressed. A prime aspect of this initiative will be obtaining the funds.



Money is always the issue, however, with a concerted effort and the backing of a strong Navy Community we can surely come up with the goods. Whilst we still need to map out the program that will culminate in the final product, each of you can assist by spreading the word. Your verbal support or even a letter to your newsletter(s) may change the tide. This single point of focus could readily represent the start we all experienced. Imagine this statue of a sailor being of the same quality as those we see stationed around the Melbourne Cricket Ground, they are world class and within reach of our project. We have provided the image above in several earlier editions of Rogues Yarn. Even if you didn't wear round rig, if nothing else it is clear it represents the many hundreds of thousands of Victorians who set off from Melbourne to do their duty.



Disclaimer

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

Melbourne Naval Centre

MNC is an organization that has provided much needed funds to Ship Associations over many decades. In need of financial or administrative support, contact the MNC.

Navy Victoria Network

The NavyVIC website is there for all to see, in particular it is for Navy Associations to provide information on their activities to the wider Navy Community in Victoria. An opportunity not to be missed.

President's Report

I am pleased to be able to report that we have enjoyed meeting with many of our Navy Community organisations over the past month. Whilst this may not seem to be such a big deal, the level of collaboration is. Victoria has a strong maritime history and for some reason this has been virtually lost. There are many good people working tirelessly in the background, the champions of our maritime legacy. Sometimes I think they have given up calling for our support, probably because they think we are all on gold cards and incapable of summoning enough strength to join the chorus. This is not necessarily the case, it might be that we are so heads down putting out self ignited fires that we have missed the bigger picture. With the onset of Centennial of ANZAC, this might be just the medicine to help us resurrect our rightful place as a strong, albeit retired Navy Community. We have basically been reinvigorated by a precious few new sailors who have come into focus. This has been inspirational to many of the champions who have labored on for decades with little if any support. Ask yourself, is there a small contribution I can make that will be appreciated by others.

Obviously we will say YES there is. You can demonstrate an awareness of your specific experience in the Navy by coming along to a service at the Shrine of Remembrance - probably 20 minutes out of your life, plus travel time. Check page one for opportunities relating to Navy services. You can also view the NVN or go direct to the Shrine of Remembrance websites.

I appreciate that we continually go on about encouraging everyone to attend at least one thing a year. This is particularly relevant to our ex-Navy fraternity who don't attend anything. If you want to come along to a Flagship Event, keep in mind the Seafarers Commemorative Service, schedule for Sunday, 20th October. This service will commence at 1030 and take less than an hour. Chief of Navy will be there, you can rub shoulders with RAN musicians, the Colour Party through to the Chief of Navy. Best of all you will be with a lot of your colleagues, whether before, during or after your time. No matter, you will be welcomed as if you had been coming along for years!

Best wishes, Terry Makings

Recruit School—Taylor Division

The RAN Recruit School inaugural Taylor Division, visited the Shrine of Remembrance recently. There are four classes in the Division and the photograph below is Yarra Class. Pictured with the class is Gary Taylor, HMAS YARRA Association and great nephew of LS Ronald Taylor, namesake of the Division. A very impressive group of young Australians. Accompanying

Gary was Robert Taylor, nephew of LS Ronald Taylor. The Taylor family were very excited to meet the Recruits and the Recruits were in turn impressed with chatting with descendents of their Division's namesake. Below we have two young Taylor Division sailors proudly carrying the HMAS YARRA Association's Banner.



<https://twitter.co>

Being a new age 'person' probably means you have a handle on twitter, facebook and other methods being used to provide information to the minions. What might be a surprise is knowing that Chief of Navy tweets, as do other elements within Navy. Further, many Ships and Establishment has a facebook page (s). These sources of news are very informative and help to keep us up to date with current events. Take the plunge and see what you can learn from tweets.

Navy Daily

Another terrific way of reading up on activities taking place within Navy is to read Navy Daily. This is a new web based means of reading snippets relating to our Sailors at sea and ashore. Each day there are new articles listed that demonstrate the enthusiasm of our men and women at work, sport and play. We still have Navy News, but the rapid fire approach by Navy Daily is entertaining and very likely to be the most appropriate way to generate interest across the Navy Community. Go to <http://news.navy.gov.au/>

Opera House



↑ Sydney Opera House is ready for the International Fleet Review. Two magnificent images are planned: HMAS AUSTRALIA makes for an incredible display, old on new with the Australian White Ensign below↓



Centennial of ANZAC

No doubt we have all heard about the National effort towards Centennial of ANZAC arrangements, these will span 2014 through to 2018 and probably a little beyond. The State of Victoria has also put in place a committee to oversee centennial activities in the state. It is not clear at this stage how this initiative will benefit the Navy Community, however, we all need to be conscious of its existence. There will be many ideas created around how best to remember the actions and consequences of World War One. These ideas may stem from composing music, through to commemoration. Each organised group will have their particular interest, all of which needs to be respected and responded to in a responsible way. It might be best to avoid being overly directive in what we think constitutes a suitable mark of remembrance. Within the Navy Community, those organisations that carry the banner for the entire fraternity will hopefully demonstrate their capacity to press for a number of activities that will bring together many interested individuals. We also have a number of historic achievements to focus on, for instance the sinking of the SMS EMDEN, Battle of Bitia Paka, loss of the submarines AE1 and AE2 and other incidents. The period of discovery, insofar as mapping out the relevant activities that should be commemorated may be less than we expect. If external funding

is required to enable these activities to occur then we need to appreciate that each federal member of parliament has been allocated \$100K in support of Centennial of ANZAC. No doubt each proposal should be made known to your local federal member immediately after the members have been elected on 7 September. One request is that you also include a request for funds in support of the 'Answer in the Call' project. Whilst it should be well understood that this is a key project to be supported by all elements of the Navy Community, the wide range of activities proposed should ideally be made known to all in the Navy Community. Most important is that we minimise conflict by recognising all established services. Underpinning this request is the desire to maximise the benefit derived from RAN support as there will be an increased demand on HMAS CERBERUS. To assist to develop our commitments, particularly in 2014 and 2015 we request you discuss any proposal your organisation may have and let NCCV know about each activity you are contemplating. This way we can readily see if there is a conflict. We will also be able to identify if similar projects are under review across multiple organisations. With your assistance, we will be able to generate the best possible outcome throughout the Centennial of ANZAC program.

Maintaining our Heritage

Most of our colleagues will know that the Centennial of ANZAC will present enormous opportunity for the Navy Community to come together for the purpose of presenting a united force. Hopefully our leaders within the Navy Community recognise our failings and the need to demonstrate a capacity to unite. Much will be published from now until the end of the events that mark the centennial years covering WWI, 2014 through to 2018. Let's hope the destination described by these words is consistent and realise some enduring legacy. We should campaign strongly for us to inevitably achieve success in presenting our heritage. The least we should aim for is to encourage many more of our ex-Navy bretheren to join our various organisations - strength in numbers!

ONCE NAVY, ALWAYS NAVY!



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Items of special interest

Flag Ship Events. The next Flag Ship Event is the **Seafarers Commemorative Service** to be held at 1030, Sunday 20OCT13, at the Cenotaph—Shrine of Remembrance. Chief of Navy will be present. **HMAS GOORANGAI Commemorative Service** will commence at 1130 on Sunday, 17NOV13 at the Ocean View Reserve, Queenscliff. This will be preceded by a short march, we will step off at 1115 from the RSL Hall, King Street. Keep watch for the invite to the lunch at the RSL Hall afterwards.

Recruits Visit the Shrine of Remembrance. All Recruits visit the Shrine of Remembrance at the end of week three. The response has been extraordinary with most comments recognising how relevant their service is to the contribution made by those that went before them. A credit to all concerned.

Friends of the Shrine of Remembrance. Have a look at the Shrine of Remembrance website to see if you have any interest in becoming a friend of the Shrine. There are perks associated with membership and above all it provides a low cost stream of funds to support ongoing operations of the Shrine. There is a Remembrance Dinner on in November, do a search, you may wish to join in for an interesting night at the Melbourne Town Hall.

Air Warfare Destroyers. The AWDs are to be designated DDGH – Destroyer, Helo Capable, Guided Missile. These will be major surface combatants with their mission being to conduct operations with strike, ASW & amphibious forces. They will perform screening and convoy duties. Fitted with one or more guided missile systems, along with a flight deck to operate and maintain helicopters. The hull numbers: HOBART 39, BRISBANE 41, SYDNEY 42.

Catering. Graham Wilson a retired WO2 ARA (RAR & AUST INT), now a military historian, researcher, writer and consultant is writing a book dealing with feeding Australian Soldiers. He is keen to make contact with ex-Navy cooks who served Soldiers in HMAS SYDNEY on route to and from Vietnam or other deployments involving soldiers. Contact is duty_first@hotmail.com

Unidentified Remains. It seems that the remains of a sailor recovered from the sea after the loss of HMAS GOORANGAI lay at rest in Williamstown Cemetery. An RANR Petty Office has researched this discovery and is working to have the remains appropriately recognised. This is an amazing story, we will provide more advice when known.