



# NVN News

*incorporating NCCV's newsletter Rogues' Yarn*

Navy Victoria Network

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## Editorial

**NVN current membership: 1034**

About five years ago, a number of leaders within the ex-Navy community (led by Commodore Jim Dickson RAN Retd) met to discuss the problems of dwindling membership of ex-Naval Associations, the declining numbers participating in commemorative events and the lack of awareness among many of what was happening within and across the permanent and ex-Navy communities in Victoria. A strategy was launched with strong linkages established between the Naval Commemorative Committee of Victoria – NCCV (to organise and conduct the commemorative aspects of Victoria's many ex-Naval Associations), the Navy Victoria Network – NVN (to generate awareness and promote activities that might be of interest to ex-Navy members and their families) and the Melbourne Naval Centre – MNC (to provide financial support to Victorian-based Navy Veterans, Navy Ship and Branch Associations).

It has been a highly successfully relationship between these three now well-established pillars of the ex-Navy community with many memorable commemorative events being run annually throughout Victoria. The NCCV continues to be the driving force behind naval remembrance activities, especially during the ongoing Centenary of Anzac period. Those of you reading this newsletter will be well aware of the useful information that comes into your email inbox every month, not to mention the resource that is the NVN website <http://navyvic.net/>. There are now over one thousand subscribers to this newsletter and there are new members joining every month. Probably the least know part of this successful threesome is the MNC, yet it remains an important source of

## Calendar Events

**(see calendar for details of all events)**

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**01 Sep** – Legacy Day

**03 Sep** – Merchant Navy Day Plaque Dedication and Wreath Laying

**07 Sep** – Battle for Australia, wreath laying

**11 Sep** – Battle of Bita Paka ([see Flagship events](#))

**11 Sep** – Submarines Association of Australia wreath laying

**26 Sep** – NHS meeting (all welcome)

**01 Oct** – In 1942 – WRANS officially sworn into the Navy.

**02 Oct** – Daylight saving commences

## 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>

**US Navy fires shots in second confrontation with Iranian vessels in two days**

Just a day after four Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps boats charged a U.S. Navy destroyer near the Strait of Hormuz, a U.S. Navy coastal patrol boat was forced to fire warning shots to fend off fast approaching Iranian vessels in the North Persian Gulf.

financial support that routinely assists associations in achieving their objectives.

The purpose and activities of the MNC are well known to some in the ex-Naval community. Indeed, some associations receive practical support every month to enable them to conduct their activities. For those of you who are not so well informed, the next couple of paragraphs are intended to let you know what the MNC does, how your association can be helped and if you need the MNC's assistance, what you need to do to seek their support.

Over the past year or so, the Melbourne Naval Centre has faced a number of challenges, not the least of which is the fact that its home of over 20 years (the English Speaking Union Building in South Yarra) is being sold by its owners. Combined with unprecedented low dividends from its investments and the growing challenge of meeting the needs of Associations, the MNC committee has been forced to examine almost every element of its business. Under the chairmanship of Captain David Garnock RAN Retd, the committee has painstakingly reviewed its 'Statement of Purpose', remodelled its investment strategy, refined its 'grants' policy and investigated a new permanent home for the many associations that are supported by the MNC.

By way of background, the roots of today's MNC go back to 1945, when the then Ex-Navalmen's Association of Australia – Melbourne held fund raising activities in the streets of Melbourne to raise funds to establish a central meeting place for naval personnel who had served and were serving in His Majesty's Navies. In 1947, the Melbourne Naval Centre used the funds collected to purchase property in Flinders Lane, Melbourne, known as 'Tavistock House'. This building provided meeting rooms and offices for ex-naval organisations. At the same time the Melbourne Naval Centre, in agreement with the Trustees of the Exhibition Building, established the White Ensign Club in the then northern annexe of the Exhibition Building.

The White Ensign Club tended the needs of the serving sailor in that it provided accommodation, meals and recreation for sailors ashore or on recreational leave in Melbourne, particularly trainees from HMAS Cerberus on weekend leave. The rooms and offices in Tavistock House served the needs of ex-naval

***WATCH VIDEO: Iranian boats come dangerously close to US destroyer in high-speed intercept***

*Four Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps boats came within 300 yards of the U.S. Navy destroyer USS Nitze on August 23 in the latest run-in between U.S. and Iran in the Persian Gulf.*

***Students honour Australian Vietnam veterans***

*The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Dan Tehan, today congratulated the winners of the Honouring Australian Vietnam Veterans secondary schools' competition. Mr Tehan said the competition encouraged students in years 9 to 11 to investigate the contribution of Australians who served in the Vietnam War and reflect on the importance of commemorating their service and sacrifice.*

***DVA supports vibrant veteran networks***

*The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Dan Tehan, today announced 15 ex-service organisations would share in nearly \$140,000 Grants in Aid funding in 2016–17.*

***Veterans helping veterans receive \$4m boost***

*The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Dan Tehan, today announced more than \$4 million in Government funding for essential advice, advocacy and welfare services for veterans, serving members and their families, war widows and widowers.*

***French DCNS in Indian Scorpene submarine leak scandal***

*A massive leak of documents containing top-secret technical details of the Indian Navy's Scorpene-class submarines has hit the French defense company DCNS which is set to build new Australian submarines. The documents, first revealed by The Australian, contain 22,400 pages and*

organisations. In approximately 1984, the Melbourne Naval Centre was required to carry out extensive capital works for Tavistock House to comply with health and safety regulations as a place of assembly. After much investigation, reports and costings, it was found in 1986 that the cost of the work to be done was prohibitive. A decision was then made to sell the property and invest the proceeds. The Melbourne Naval Centre then fostered (using the proceeds from its investments) meeting places in Melbourne for ex-naval groups to come together. It leased premises in Flinders Lane which were used by various groups but mainly the Melbourne sub-section of the Naval Association of Australia. Other MNC locations over the years have been HMAS Lonsdale, the RAAF Sergeant's Mess at Southbank and most recently at the ESU Building in South Yarra.

While the needs of the serving and ex-serving elements of the RAN have changed dramatically over the years, one constant remains, namely the desire for a permanent place to meet, recreate and enjoy each other's company. With this in mind, the newly endorsed 'Statement of Purposes' for the MNC is to:

- *Arrange or facilitate a meeting place for men and women whom have served in the RAN, RN or an allied Navy in order to perpetuate a spirit of comradeship and mutual assistance throughout the Naval Services;*
- *Arrange, facilitate or promote recreation, amusement and education for the men and women who are serving or have served in the Naval Services; and*
- *Engage and support other groups and organisations, in Victoria, that commemorate and promote naval history, values, customs and traditions.*

The types of support eligible under these Statement of Purposes are intentionally broad. As such, associations can hold their regular meetings and social events at the MNC premises free of charge, their reunions or commemorative events can be subsidised, or the MNC can assist associations to meet the cost of overheads, material and equipment required to fulfil their objectives. However, noting the ongoing challenges in generating income from any lump sum investment, associations are normally expected to contribute part of the cost of an event, particularly if it is a discretionary activity such as a reunion or social occasion.

*detail secret combat capabilities of the six Indian Navy submarines designed by DCNS.*

#### ***Navy sailors damage luxury home***

*A SQUAD of peacetime naval officers have left a luxury Hobart holiday home looking like a war zone, the owner says. The sailors, who arrived aboard the HMAS Adelaide on Friday, rented the \$5000- a-week property at Old Beach at the weekend.*

#### ***Australian survey motor launches to receive new navigation sonars***

*U.S. sonar system company FarSounder has been awarded a contract to upgrade Royal Australian Navy's four Paluma class hydrographic survey motor launches with FarSounder-1000 navigation sonars.*

#### ***HMAS Moresby & White Ships Reunion***

*We are contemplating a reunion for HMAS Moresby and White Ships Reunion on either the Gold Coast or Brisbane around March 2017. If you are interested in this event please contact Junior Watt ASAP with your preference of venue. Phone - 0402749582 or send an email to - [jakknco@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jakknco@bigpond.net.au)*

#### ***Untouched British WWI minesweeper now protected from looters***

*Discovered off the Dorset coast, England in 2014 after spending a century undiscovered, a rare steam fishing trawler fitted out as a mine sweeper for the Royal Navy during the First World War has been given special protection by British authorities.*

#### ***US Navy signs deal to refuel ships with biofuel in Queensland, Australia***

*Following initial talks in June 2015, the U.S. Navy has now signed an agreement with the government of*

In considering applications, the Committee will exercise its judgement and discretion taking all known factors into account, particularly:

- whether the application falls within the Statement of Purposes of the MNC;
- the history of grants made to the applicant;
- the amount of income (from investments) available for distribution; and
- the worthiness of the application (based on detail provided by the applicant).

Applications for financial assistance are considered at quarterly Committee meetings normally held in February, May, August and November. Applications should be forwarded to the Secretary (PO Box 88, HMAS CERBERUS, VIC 3920) by the middle of the preceding month.

At the time of publishing this newsletter, the location of the MNC's new permanent base is still uncertain, but by October, the MNC Committee is confident that it will have negotiated a long-term arrangement with a new landlord in the Melbourne CBD. The MNC expects to be able to negotiate a 'dedicated' Navy room within the facility, where routine meetings can be held, plus access to the larger public areas where larger reunions and social occasions can be accommodated. Negotiations include the possibility of having prime use of the establishment on days such as Anzac Day. Stay tuned for more information. These premises include bar and catering facilities. Details, including how routine or ad-hoc bookings can be organised will be advised shortly. Obviously, the more associations that use this facility, the better value for money is obtained and more the location can be made into 'our home'.

Yours Aye!  
NVN Team

## VALE

- † AB R.W. Parsons, S8534, 05 May 2016. Aged 91.
- † AB W.C. Newland, H2418, 05 June 2016. Aged 92.
- † STO D.R. Asker, W2888, 19 June 2016. Aged 90.
- † LSCK T.N. Farrall, R54093, 19 June 2016. Aged 75.
- † ME R. Wilsher, R50745, 22 July 2016. Aged 83.
- † POSTD A.E. Bartlett, 23 July 2016. Aged 89.

*Queensland, Australia to refuel its Great Green Fleet warships with biofuels in Queensland. Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and United States Deputy Under Secretary of the Navy for Management Thomas Hicks today signed a Statement of Cooperation as part of the Great Green Fleet initiative.*

### **Chief of Navy Address to Williams Foundation Seminar**

*National Gallery of Australia  
"Integration design requirements for Navy's future systems and ships"*

### **Great Green Fleet destroyer visits Sydney**

*U.S. Navy's Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Stethem (DDG 63) arrived in Sydney August 14 for a port visit as part of her deployment in the 7th Fleet area of operations. The port visit supports the Great Green Fleet, an initiative created to promote energy efficient systems and alternative resources. The program is designed to increase the flexibility and endurance of warships.*

### **Defence mental health support and suicide prevention**

*Any death by suicide is tragic. Defence is committed to increasing our understanding of this issue so that we can continue to improve the support services available to our people. Most importantly, we need to help those who are suffering to understand that support is available to them – they do not need to suffer alone.*

### **Australia and India attempt strategic convergence**

*In the 20th century, Australia's strategic relationship with India was so frigid it was in negative territory for decades. In the 21st century,*



- † ME R. Moynihan, R63792, 24 July 2016. Aged 71.
- † STO J.C. Searle, S/8471, 25 July 2016. Aged 90.
- † POWTR M. McFadden, R62675, 31 July 2016. Aged 71.
- † LME E. Hodikin, R64566, 05 August 2016. Aged 69.
- † CAPT G. Kable RAN, 08 August 2016. Aged 93.
- † EMP C. Bates, 11 August 2016. Aged 74.
- † ABUC R.N. Clarke, R57731, 20 August 2016. Aged 72.

## **Lest We Forget**

**To all who read this:** If 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' wall on the website. If possible list their Rank, Name, Number, the date of their passing and their age.

### **RAN Sailors Rescue Drowning Man in Honolulu**



*POMT Dave Finney, Mr Chad Gillingham, and CPOCIS Craig Davis at the scene of Mr Gillingham's rescue at the waterfront precinct in downtown Honolulu*

Responsive actions by two Royal Australian Navy sailors deployed to Exercise RIMPAC have saved the life of a drowning man at the waterfront precinct in downtown Honolulu.

Hawaiian resident Chad Gillingham fell more than four metres from the pier into the harbour shortly before midnight earlier this month and suffered a serious head wound and lacerations after striking exposed rock on the way down. POMT Dave Finney, from Modbury in South Australia, and CPOCIS Craig Davis from HMAS Canberra arrived at the scene a short time later.

Petty Officer Finney said he saw Mr Gillingham struggling to stay afloat on the evening on 7 July and made the call to enter the water to provide assistance. "We quickly assessed the situation and determined that Mr Gillingham was unable to help himself - that's when I made the decision to jump in.," he said. Stripping down to his underwear, Petty Officer Finney leapt in to the water in time to support Mr Gillingham and lead him to a nearby pontoon while Chief Petty Officer Davis called 911 for emergency services.

**Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria's newsletter, "Rogues' Yarn" is attached below**



*Australia and India have begun to attempt strategic convergence. That rapid shift from negative to positive means the big change in Australia's strategic perceptions this century has been about India.*

**ASC upgrades equipment for Australian Future Submarine build**  
*The Australian government-owned submarine builder and maintainer ASC, formerly known as Australian Submarine Corporation, is upgrading its 'virtual shipyard' system Dassault Systèmes ENOVIA to the 3DEXPERIENCE platform in preparation for the construction of a new class of Australian Navy submarines.*

#### **Government supports veterans and ADF personnel**

*The Turnbull Government will increase support for veterans and ADF members, including an employment initiative to support people moving from military service to civilian life.*

#### **US Navy sub-hunter drone aces sea trials**

*Sea Hunter, the U.S. Navy's unmanned anti-submarine warfare vessel, has recently completed at-sea tests off the coast of San Diego, California.*

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# Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

## ROGUES' YARN



L-R ABCD Jeff Garrett, CPOCD Vic Rashleigh, and ABCD Mike Ey: 40 + years since 1969

*The CDT3 article describes the first swimmer/sapper attack involving CDT3 in Vietnam. Drawn from the book 'United and Undaunted – the First 100 Years', by EW Linton & HJ Donohue.*

## Clearance Diving Team 3

In the early hours of 23MAY69 3 VC swimmers tried to attack ships berthed



at the DeLong pier ↑ in Vung Tau. CDT 3 playing a major role, recovering 2 modern Soviet BPM-2 limpet mines. A sampan dropped 3 VC Swimmers near DeLong pier. At around 0125, a sentry aboard USS *Hickman County* spotted 2 swimmers astern of the ship, he opened fire as the swimmers headed for MV *Heredia*, further north on the pier carrying 8K tons of explosives. *Hickman County's* sentries then saw all three swimmers and opened fire. Two swimmers turned south towards a hard stand, lights were directed on them and grenades were thrown into the water. Port control were notified, Mil/Police arrived to investigate. 2 swimmers were now 50 metres to starboard heading towards the hard stand. A patrol boat pursued the swimmers, the boat's position prevented gun fire from the ship. Contact with the swimmers was lost, but the 3rd swimmer was captured by the patrol boat. CDT 3 Response: POCD John Brumley and ABCD Andy Sherlock had left headquarters at the Harbour Entrance Control Post (HECP) earlier to conduct a routine search of ship's anchor cables in the anchorage off Vung Tau. At 0130 HECP were advised of the swimmers. Within 15 mins, CPOCD Vic Rashleigh, ABCD Jeff Garrett & ABCD Mike Ey arrived at DeLong Pier. They found the area

*Pictured ↓ L-R Brumley, Sherlock, Ey, Davis, Garrett and Rashleigh Clearance Diving Team 3 1969.*



around the pier and ships in turmoil. US MPs were shooting at random, throwing scare charges and grenades off the pier. Rashleigh restored order, clearing the pier of all personnel. Then the swimmer was captured. Rashleigh put a diver in the water to investigate, aware that enemy sappers were close. Garrett dived into the water, discover a hand made mine - an explosive charge the size of a four gallon drum under a fender. The mine was suspended about 4 metres below the surface. Garrett was pulled him out of the water, back onto the wharf. On being briefed by Garrett, Rashleigh advised the MPs to clear the area of all personnel and the master of *Heredia* was also advised to move his ship as soon as possible. As preparations were made to move the ship, a small explosion was heard. Rashleigh checked to see if grenades had been thrown in the water and on receiving a no response, told Ey to investigate the charge. Ey entered the water from the bows of a patrol boat positioned between the ship's stern and the wharf and found the mine had experienced a partial detonation which would have been the small explosion they heard. The container bottom was burst open and he recovered some of the contents which turned out to be plastic explosive. *A great effort CDT3*



### You should attend:

**Merchant Navy Day**  
**Dedication of Plaque**  
**3SEP16@1330 at Tree**

**Battle of Australia**  
**Service at Cenotaph**  
**7SEP16@1100**

**Battle of Bitu Paka**  
**Service - Sanctuary**  
**11SEP16@1100**

**Submariners Service**  
**At AE1 - AE2 Tree**  
**11SEP16@1130**

**NCCV meeting**  
**Tuesday, 11OCT16 at**  
**the MNCentre 1030**  
**start! Associations,**  
**please send a REP.**





### **Disclaimer**

Articles contributed are the Authors thoughts only. An article may be edited to meet the space available. Political articles will not purposely appear in R's Yarn.

### **Navy Victoria Network**

The NavyVIC website is there for all to see, in particular it is for anyone with an interest in Navy. Also, if you are involved in arranging a Navy specific function why not provide information on the activity to the wider Navy Victoria Community. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

# *President's Report*

August has been a very important month for our Vietnam Veterans, with Long Tan Commemoration Services being conducted all around Australia. The Service at Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance was a very solemn occasion. 50 years has now past since the Battle of Long Tan - recognised as symbolic of the Vietnam conflict. The consequences of service in Vietnam, in fact all front line service has had a dramatic impact on many who have served our country. It is horrifying to think that so many of our mates have given up on daily life. The magnitude of this issue has finally caused a serious effort to be made to make it known that there are many who care about your welfare. If you are having troubled thoughts, please ask for help! Time is approaching when all of our ex-Service organisations should be seeking to offer participation at one or more events arranged for Navy Week Victoria 2016. This support could be demonstrated by making transport available for those that might have difficulty in using public transport and do not have the capacity to get themselves to an event that appeals to them. For example, organizing a bus to transport members to the Open Day at HMAS Cerberus would prove very helpful

to many who would otherwise miss out on the experience. At the very least, we hope all Sub-Branches make their members aware of Navy Week and the value of their attendance at these activities. The seminar during Navy Week Victoria mentioned elsewhere in the RY will be a good opportunity to update on Navy's future. Attendance has the potential to be of benefit to the Ex-Navy fraternity should it advance our knowledge of Navy. This improved knowledge may assist us to better converse with others on the matter of Defence. Learning more about the Defence White Paper, its impact on Navy and the benefit of a large shipbuilding program for Navy will be discussed. Hopefully there will be sufficient interest in Navy Week Victoria to ensure it continues into the future. The only purpose being to support Navy. Changes proposed for the Melbourne ANZAC Day march 2017 has caused some concern. Ex-Navy organisations need to make themselves aware of the proposals and if not convinced of the value of these changes then it is time to make your concerns known to the RSL.

*Yours aye, Terry Makings*

## *Bita Paka*

Approaching is the anniversary of the Battle of Bita Paka. A service at the Shrine of Remembrance to commemorate the Battle will be held on 11SEP, then afterwards at the Darebin RSL Sub-Branch. A reminder that the first Australian casualty of WWI was AB Billy Williams. Another casualty on the first day was Captain Dr Brian Prockley. Billy was an ex-Melbourne City Council employee who lived in Northcote. Brian Prockley was from Sydney, with his family living in Northcote more recently. This connection prompted the Northcote/Darebin RSL to demonstrate the everlasting appreciation of the Veteran and local community for the sacrifice made by the WWI volunteers, particularly those at the Battle of Bita Paka.

## *AE1-AE2*

The Submariners' Association will conduct their annual service to commemorate the loss of HMAS AE1 and the momentous contribution of the crew of HMAS AE2. These being the only warships/boats lost by the Royal Australian Navy during WWI. The loss of the entire crew of AE1, knowing their tombstone is a rusting hulk beneath the cruel sea is a stark reminder of the risky working life of all Submariners. The service will be held at 1130 on Sunday, 11SEP at the Shrine Reserve Tree, a tree dedicated to Submariners. Two significant plaques, one for each submarine highlight the importance of the service. All Submariners are encouraged to attend and demonstrate support of their colleagues, past and present on this memorable occasion.

# USS Indianapolis

**USS Indianapolis** Launched 7 November 1931 was



the pride of the US Navy and saw plenty of combat in 1943 from Rabaul, New Britain, Lae and Salamaua New Guinea,

Kiska Is, Adak Is, Dutch harbor and supporting amphibious assault Landings in the Aleutian Is, Gilbert Is, Marshall Is. In 1944 the battle of Kwajalein, Palau Is, Mariana Is, battle of Saipan, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. On the 16JUL45 **Indianapolis** departed San Francisco for Honolulu on a Secret mission, no Radar, Radio silence and no escort. On arrival, they took on a mysterious sealed box and set sail for Tinian Island, to rendezvous with a plane called **Enola Gay**. The crew of **Indianapolis** not knowing what was in the box (*the Little Boy atomic bomb*) sailed for Guam, before leaving Guam the Commanding Officer, CAPT Charles McVay III, requested but was not given any protection against enemy Submarines in the area. At 0014, 30JUL45 LCDR Hashimoto CO submarine **I-58** fired 6 torpedoes at **Indianapolis**, 2 hitting the starboard side, taking on water, a fire raging on the upper decks the ship rolled over and sunk. 300 men went down

with the ship, 880 survived the sinking with only a few lifeboats and lifejackets. The crew were adrift, exposed to the elements and shark attacks. The survivors were spotted three and half days later on 2AUG45 by a routine patrol flight, only 321 men came out of the water, 317 survived the most horrific shark attacks in history. A Catalina seaplane command by Lt Marks seeing men being attacked by sharks disobeyed standing orders, landed and began picking up the survivors and radioed for immediate assistance. When Marks' plane was full, survivors were tied to the wings, the weight damaging the plane so much that it would never fly again. The crew of the Catalina saved 56 men that day and 9 destroyers were ordered to the rescue scene to search for survivors. CAPT McVay was picked up two days into the rescue, in NOV45 he was court martialled and convicted of failing to zigzag despite overwhelming evidence that the Navy itself had placed the ship in harm's way, CAPT of the submarine was called to testify against him said that zigzagging would have made no difference, CAPT McVay was the only CO to be court-martialled for the loss of his ship in combat in WW11. CAPT McVay lived with regret and committed suicide in 1968, he was 70 years old. In OCT00 President Clinton signed an order that cleared CAPT McVay's record of all wrongdoing.

## War at Sea – the Navy in WWI

Over one hundred years ago, on 14SEP14, **AE1** Australia's first submarine disappeared in the seas near present day New Guinea. No trace of **AE1** or its 35 hands have ever been found. This story is now being told in '*War at Sea – the Navy in WWI*', an eight panel exhibition at Queenscliffe Maritime Museum on tour from the Australian National Maritime Museum, opening 11 September.

The experience of Australian sailors in World War I has largely been overshadowed by the stories of soldiers on the Western Front or at Gallipoli. This panel exhibition draws on the personal accounts of Navy servicemen – through their diaries, mementoes, ship's logs and letters home. They tell their stories of bravery and sacrifice amidst the drudgery of life at sea, patrolling, blockading and escorting troopships. The mystery of what happened to **AE1** is explored alongside the story of Australia's second submarine **AE2**. **AE2** became the first Allied vessel to breach the Dardanelles in Turkey, disrupting the Turkish forces moving to defend the Gallipoli peninsula in April 1915; and the story of the RAN Bridging Trains at the Gallipoli campaign.

Visitors will see rare archival footage of the Navy during WWI which gives a window into life on battleships as well as the troop transport ships which ferried soldiers around the globe.

Kevin Sumption, director and CEO of the Australian National Maritime Museum said, "Australia's involvement in the First World War was a defining moment in our nation's history and the contribution of the Royal Australian Navy to the First World War, was significant. It is our hope that this panel exhibition, on tour around Australia, will give due recognition to the brave naval servicemen who sacrificed so much."

There are ten *War at Sea* panel exhibitions that will tour nationally during the World War I centenary period. They will visit over 110 venues to give thousands of people a better understanding of the role of the Royal Australian Navy in WWI.

This tour is made possible with the support of the Returned and Services League of Queensland.

*War at Sea – the Navy in WWI* is on display at the Queenscliffe Maritime Museum until 30 November. Information gathered from the official flier.



### Navy Week Victoria - 2016

We have several activities arranged for Navy Week Victoria this year. The first activity is arranged for 1030, Sunday 16OCT, Seafarers Church Service at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. The Guest of Honour will be VADM Tim Barrett AO RAN, Chief of Navy. Everyone is encouraged to attend, medals to be worn. There will be no wreath laying service this year at the Shrine of Remembrance, a wreath will be placed at St Pauls by CN during Seafarers. The Seminar will be held on Wednesday 19OCT in the theatre, Shrine of Remembrance. RADM John Lord AM will open the seminar with CAPT Mike McArthur, Director Sea Power Centre being the key note speaker. CDRE Craig Bourke CSC RAN will present on the Air Warfare Destroyer program and Peter Croser will present on other key shipbuilding projects for Defence. Lawn Bowls and Golf Tournaments will occur on Friday 21OCT and we hope RSL Sub-Branches will contest for honours. The Navy League Geoffrey Evans Yatch Race will be held on Saturday 22OCT and an Open Day at CERBERUS will be the finale, Sunday 23OCT.



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## *Special Notes*

**Stanthorpe Dinner.** The President and Members of the Naval Association of Australia - Stanthorpe and District Sub-Section Inc invite all members of the Navy fraternity to a dinner marking the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea on Saturday, 29th April 2017 at the Civic Centre, Marsh St, Stanthorpe, QLD. 1830 for 1900 dinner, at \$75 pp. Dress: jacket, tie, miniatures and Ladies After five. RSVP by 15th April 2017 with payment to: PO Box 764 Stanthorpe 4380, Or Direct Deposit to: BSB: 633-000, A/c: 154229132, Ref: Surname. For more information email [storhel70@gmail.com](mailto:storhel70@gmail.com) or review information on the [navyvic.net](http://navyvic.net) website.

**HMAS Jeparit.** MV Jeparit was seconded into the RAN at a time when our Wharfies were not inclined to support our Servicemen deployed to Vietnam. March 2017 will be the 50th anniversary of the commissioning of *Jeparit*. The convenor is giving thought to holding a reunion and would like to hear from anyone who served in Jeparit to contact him by email, address is [tonyalexander@bigpond.com](mailto:tonyalexander@bigpond.com)

**New Digs.** All RUSI Members are advised that the library has been relocated within Victoria Barracks. Now in B Block, beside the old South Gate off St

Kilda Road. Eventually B Block will be partitioned off from the Barracks proper, enabling direct access from St Kilda Road. For the foreseeable future, access will continue by advising your intentions by email to Rob Hart the day before attending, send to [secretary@rusvic.org.au](mailto:secretary@rusvic.org.au)

**HMAS Moresby.** Junior Watt is contemplating a reunion for HMAS Moresby and White Ships. This may occur on either the Gold Coast or in Brisbane around March 2017. Make contact now with your idea of location etc, by emailing Junior at [jakknco@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jakknco@bigpond.net.au) or ring 0402 749 582.

**National Vietnam Veterans Museum.** Keep in mind that the NVVMuseum needs our support to keep going. If you are travelling anywhere near Phillip Island, a short visit to the museum is quite an event and well worth the visit. Conveniently located at 25 Veterans Drive, Newhaven, Phillip Island (behind the helipad - smallish sign). Low admission fees apply, no need to book. Victuals available at the Nui Dat Café, just inside the main entrance. If you need to chat to the troops at the museum, call 03 5956 6400 or send an email for information to [sales@vietnamvetsmuseum.org](mailto:sales@vietnamvetsmuseum.org)