



NVN News

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Editorial

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The Shrine of Remembrance was created to meet the needs of a grieving community after the extensive loss of lives in the First World War (1914 –18). 114,000 Victorians enlisted in the First World War. Of the 89,000 of them who served abroad 19,000 were killed. They were buried in distant graves far from home at a time when most Australians did not travel abroad. The Shrine provided a place where Victorians could grieve as individuals, as families or as a community. It also served to honour the courage of the men, women and children who remained at home.

The Shrine was officially opened in November 1934 before a crowd of 300,000 people. Since then, other memorials have been added to the site to mark the service of successive generations, such as the WW2 Forecourt and the Post 1945 Memorial. Today the Shrine places a high priority on education and interpretation. Through commemoration, exhibitions and public programs the Shrine continues to honour Victorian service and sacrifice and to uphold and reinforce the values we associate with the original ANZACs.

For our readers who have not been to the Shrine of Remembrance lately, you will likely be hugely impressed with the quality and diversity of the exhibits on display, the fascinating tours and talks that are available and the poignancy of commemorations that occur nearly every day. A visit to their website <http://www.shrine.org.au> is a great starting point to refamiliarize yourself with the array of events and displays that are available to all of us.

September is a busy month for those with an interest in naval history and/or who wish to commemorate the deeds of our

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)

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22 Jul 2017 - 29 Jul 2018 – *Nerves and Steel - The Royal Australian Navy in the Pacific December 1941 – September 1945 (Exhibition at the Shrine)*

01 Sep – *Legacy Day – please give generously*

01 Sep – *On this day in 1920, Flinders Naval Depot was commissioned as a training establishment for the RAN.*

02 Sep – *On this day in 1943 the Australian Commando vessel Krait sailed to attack Japanese shipping in Singapore Harbour.*

06 Sep – *Battle for Australia day*

11 Sep – *Battle of Bitu Paka*

14 Sep – *On this day in 1914 - HMA Submarine AE1 presumed lost off New Britain.*

01 Oct – *Daylight saving begins.*

01 Oct – *On this day in 1942 Wrens were officially sworn into the Navy.*

Latest News Headlines

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

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



maritime forebears. Why not come along – you are likely to learn something new and pay your respects to those, who in some cases, laid down their lives for us.

Here is a summary of what is on at the Shrine in September:

Commemorative Events:

- Merchant Navy Day Wreath Laying: 3 September 2017, 2:00pm
- Battle for Australia Commemorative Service: 6 September 2017, 11:00am
- Battle of Bita Paka (Rabaul 1914) Commemorative Service: 11 September 2017, 11:00am
- Submarines Association of Australia Commemorative Service: 16 September 2017, 11:30am
To commemorate the loss of AE1 and the involvement of AE2 at the Dardanelles during WW1.

Exhibitions:

Nerves and Steel “The RAN in the Pacific, 1941–45”
22 July 2017 - 29 July 2018



Nerves and Steel explores the role played by the RAN in ultimate Allied victory and features items from the Shrine’s own collection as well as loans from the Australian War Memorial, the RAN

LATEST VIDEOS.....

- * Russian arms manufacturer Kalashnikov has ventured into the boat-building business, embracing the BK-16 as a flagship model.
- * HMS Queen Elizabeth: first entry into Portsmouth
- * NUSHIP Hobart Arrival at Fleet Base East

NEWS.....

The first Kookaburra Kids Foundation camp for children of current and former Australian Defence Force (ADF) families affected by mental illness will take place this weekend.

The crew of patrol boat, HMAS Childers stuck their necks out for a marine friend when they rescued an injured green sea turtle off the coast of the Tiwi Islands recently.

The US Navy has found the second of ten USS John S. McCain sailors who went missing following a collision on Monday.

The US Navy’s 7th Fleet announced it is suspending the search efforts for US Navy sailors reported missing after a collision between US destroyer USS John S. McCain and a commercial tanker on Monday. The navy said it discovered the remains of one sailor while the other nine are still missing.

Royal Navy divers have placed a Royal Navy flag on the UK’s first purpose-built aircraft carrier HMS Hermes for the first time in 75 years.

The US Navy has relieved the 7th Fleet commander of his duties after the latest in a spate of US warship collisions in the Pacific.

The Royal Malaysian Navy announced that it is launching the country’s first littoral combat ship (LCS) in a

Heritage Collection, veterans and their families.

Galleries of Remembrance

Open daily 10am – 5pm (last entry 4.30pm), except Good Friday and Christmas Day. FREE ADMISSION



The Galleries of Remembrance are set in a cathedral-like underground chamber beneath the Shrine, with permanent and special exhibition spaces integrated between the memorial's original red brick foundation columns.

Talks:

RAN in the Pacific War

Wednesday 4 October, 6pm

Presenter: Ian Pfennigwerth Cost: \$5.00 (non-refundable if cancelled within 48 hours of the event). Location: Shrine Auditorium



Tours:

The Shrine Tour offers visitors a multi-layered experience rich in meaning and symbology. Your professional tour guide will lead you on a personal journey of discovery as you explore the building's classically inspired architecture. Experience the Ray of Light ceremony in the reverent solitude of the Sanctuary. View breath-taking vistas of Melbourne from the Balcony. And immerse yourself in the evocative stories of Victorians in the context of war in the Galleries of Remembrance.



Location: Visitor Centre

Tours run: Daily

Start times: 11am & 12.45pm

Duration: 75 minutes (1hr 15m)

Veterans and Defence Force

Personnel/Veterans and serving Australian

and New Zealand defence force personnel may participate in Shrine Tours free of charge. Bookings are required.

We would love to see you and your family avail yourselves of this wonderful public asset and delighted to see you attend at least one of the forthcoming commemorative naval events. The 'Battle of Bita Paka' Commemorative Service on 11 September 2017 at 11:00am is one of the Naval Commemorative Committee

ceremony on August 24 in Lumut.

Navy's sailors and officers have a new and improved war-fighting tool in the form of the humble pocket notebook with important information at the fingertips, saving time and effort.

Defence welcomes today's release of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse Report on Case Study 40.

As part of what contractor BAE Systems described as the most extensive restoration project the 252-year-old HMS Victory underwent following her repair after the Battle of Trafalgar, the world's oldest commissioned warship will receive a new structural support system for the ship.

US Navy destroyer USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) collided with a merchant ship while underway east of Singapore and the Strait of Malacca on August 21.

The 2016 Defence White Paper, the Naval Shipbuilding Plan, and associated statements by political figures such as Prime Minister Turnbull and Defence Industry Minister Pyne have all advocated the need for enhanced anti-submarine warfare (ASW) capabilities for the Royal Australian Navy.

Billionaire and philanthropist Paul G. Allen and his researcher team have found the wreck of the famed World War II cruiser USS Indianapolis, which was lost on July 30, 1945. The cruiser was found in the Philippine Sea, more than 18,000 feet below the surface, with the number 35 on the hull as a first confirmation. Around 800 of the ship's 1,196 Sailors and Marines survived the sinking, but after four to five days in the water – suffering

of Victoria's 'Flagship' events so a huge turnout from the ex-Navy community is encouraged.

Source: Shrine of Remembrance official website <http://www.shrine.org.au>

Yours Aye!
NVN Team

VALE

- † CPOATV P. Welsh, 22 August 2017.
 - † CDRE J.A. O'Farrell AM ADC RAN, 18 August 2017. Aged 88.
 - † RADM M. Reed AO RAN, 09 August 2017. Aged 95.
 - † NA I.J. Ferguson, R35387, 07 August 2017. Aged 89.
 - † CPOATA F.M. White, 02 August 2017.
 - † WORS F.T. Morris, R52221, 31 July 2017. Aged 80.
 - † MECH1 P.W. Jones, R52100, 26 July 2017. Aged 83.
 - † LSMTP I. Martin, S121480, 24 July 2017. Aged 54.
 - † CMDR A.A. Evans RAN, 19 July 2017. Aged 83.
 - † LEUT F.W. Faulkner RAN, 13 July 2017. Aged 97.
 - † R.J.H. O'Keefe, A28911, 23 June 2017. Aged 89.
 - † LCDR P.J. Whittaker AM RAN, O94759, 01 June 2017. Aged 68.
- Inaugural Warrant Officer of the Navy.*

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(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.

Talking to the chiefs: Tim Barrett (part 2)

by Brendan Nicholson

Australia's surface warships and submarines will, in future, be much more closely linked to allied vessels to provide a collective defence against increasingly lethal threats, Royal Australian Navy chief Tim Barrett tells The Strategist.

Discussing options and capabilities the revitalised fleet will bring, Vice Admiral Barrett says surface warships provide a meaningful visible presence in, for instance, protecting trade routes. 'A navy must be able to demonstrate presence but also be capable of engaging and operating with others in the region—not just those you might consider to be future adversaries, but all others.'

Barrett says the issue then is to ensure vessels can operate freely against the sorts of threats being developed. Weapons being designed to attack

exposure, dehydration, drowning, and shark attacks – only 316 survived.

Robert Dagworthy was captain of the attack-class patrol boat HMAS Arrow when Cyclone Tracy decimated Darwin in 1974. Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin in the early hours of Christmas morning, almost entirely destroying the city. Of the 66 people killed, 53 were on land and 13 at sea. Two of those were Mr Dagworthy's men. "We were told there was a small cyclone tracking towards Darwin but [that it] would probably pass close by," Mr Dagworthy said.

Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Marise Payne, joined Rear Admiral Mike Noonan, Deputy Chief of the Navy, and veterans to dedicate a memorial on the site of ex-HMAS Platypus, Australia's decommissioned east coast submarine base, honouring all who have died while serving in Australian submarines.

Following a thorough investigation into the June 17 collision between destroyer USS Fitzgerald and a commercial tanker, the US Navy has determined that the destroyer's poor leadership is responsible for the collision.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Mr Dan Tehan today encouraged Australians to visit The Anzac Portal website after a recent renovation. The Anzac Portal website at <http://www.anzacportal.dva.gov.au> aims to promote awareness of Australia's wartime history.

Ministerial statement on veterans and their families.

I ask leave of the House to give the first annual Ministerial Statement on Veterans and Their Families.

surface ships are driving the shape, numbers, size and design of naval forces and, more importantly, the way the fleet will operate.

‘So I still think there’s a role for surface ships. While we still have trade routes around the world and the requirement for a surface ship to be able to support, engage and demonstrate an intent to allow that free flow of trade, I think the visible presence will still be there.’

The US naval concept of ‘distributed lethality’ is intended to deal with emerging threats to the fleet by arming and connecting every vessel in it to allow them to operate in contested waters as a much more lethal force, says Barrett. That will concentrate the mind of an adversary who may wish to attack a carrier group but who has to contend with the fact that all of the ships in a fleet could pose a lethal threat, making targeting much more difficult.

‘Each ship becomes more lethal,’ Barrett says. Distributed lethality could involve ships from various nations using their Aegis air defence systems to protect the fleet from every direction. ‘If we’re to design a fleet in this day and age, and if we acknowledge our alliance, we would certainly need to consider those elements, otherwise we’d be an orphan sitting in one part of the region and not being able to provide a meaningful contribution.’

Barrett says that even before the navy’s future frigate has been selected, a lot of work is already being done to establish infrastructure for its construction. ‘That’s being done knowing we haven’t finalised the selection of a particular type but there are certain aspects that will be generic in terms of design.

The government provided a very ambitious program—to cut steel by 2020, the navy chief says. ‘Doing a number of things in parallel provides an increased risk that must be managed. It’s a challenge but we knew that as soon as the date was set. But at the moment those things we told government we would do, are being done.’

From time to time it’s suggested that the short take-off and vertical landing version of the new joint strike fighter, the F-35B, could be bought to operate from the navy’s giant landing ships, or landing helicopter docks. The Spanish version of the LHD does operate British Harriers, so how feasible would it be for the RAN to do something similar?

The government’s been very clear in saying it would not do that, Barrett says. ‘If you ask me in practical terms what would it take, Britain had to modify its carriers to take the JSFs. I’d envisage that we’d have to do that as well so there would be a cost beyond the airframes. That’s just to operate them on deck.’

Minister for Defence Personnel Dan Tehan today launched a website for current and former ADF members that is a central hub of information about free support and services.

The Royal Australian Navy is forging ahead with new technologies to counter the threat of sea mines to military and commercial vessels.

The Australian Government has granted First Pass approval to extend the service life for Navy’s Huon Class Minehunter Coastal vessels.

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

An important step in delivering Navy’s future warfare effects was achieved in Sydney on 1 July with the establishment of a specific organisation to focus on information warfare. The Information Warfare Force will bring together a number of existing groups with the aim to further develop Navy’s ability to operate in the fast-changing world of information transmission and technology.

A reconnaissance mission flown by a Royal Navy Wildcat over the tiny Caribbean island of Montserrat has uncovered nine illegal drug plantations in the island’s forbidden zone. Naval aviators revisited the town of Plymouth on the island, 20 years after it was destroyed by a volcano eruption. Half the island was abandoned back in 1997 when the volcano erupted, mud and lava swallowed much of the Montserrat capital Plymouth.

Navy personnel at the West Head Gunnery School in Victoria have been

Barrett says it would be possible to fly the JSFs off the RAN's landing ships if technical issues could be resolved. 'But in practical terms, it's a relatively small deck that we've got, with six spots for helicopters. And you would need to consider broadly what you were seeking to achieve with that number of aircraft.'

The RAAF plans to use its conventional take-off and landing F-35As as part of a networked force with tankers and the Wedgetail command and control aircraft. Barrett says it's not clear what strategic advantage having jets aboard ships would bring to the navy.

'As an aviator I'd say that would be nice to have. But as chief of the navy I'd ask you to explain what you are trying to achieve here.' Having a relatively small number of jets would mean fewer helicopters to carry troops ashore. 'If you turn the LHD into a fixed-wing carrier, then you're completely changing the effect you're trying to deliver and the nature of how you operate and defend that ship changes as well,' Barrett says.

'So could we put them in? We'd find a way. Should we put them in? I would like to see all of the strategic logic before I could then consider the advice I'd provide to government.'

Asked if the navy's confident of finding, recruiting and training enough people to run its new ships, Barrett responds, 'If we do what we've always done, the answer is, no.' Drawing a capable workforce will require coordination from government, industry and the education system as a whole of nation project, he says.

'There's a good opportunity for us all to reconstruct how we recruit from school, how we educate, and develop the skills which will allow me to dip into a bigger pool to have people to go to sea. I envisage a lot more people moving from navy to industry and back to navy through their lives. I also see closer engagement with education departments to put purpose behind why people should be studying certain things.' And an increasing number of naval ships are being manned by civilian crews, Barrett says.

Might Australia in the future employ unmanned surface warships? That's possible, says Barrett, along with unmanned submarines and aircraft, but they'd be likely to work with manned vessels on specific tasks.

AUTHOR: Brendan Nicholson is the defence editor for *The Strategist*.

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



praised for their innovation to resolve an issue that could have arisen as the Royal Australian Navy's shipbuilding program gathers pace.

HMAS Melville has located the MV-22 Osprey aircraft which crashed in Shoalwater Bay on Saturday leaving three marines missing and presumed dead.

The Australian Government is committed to a stand-alone Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). This has been an election commitment by the Coalition over successive elections and remains Government policy. There are no plans to merge DVA with the Department of Human Services (DHS).

A small bottle of whisky, recovered from the base of ex-HMAS Sydney IV's mast during its scrapping in mid-June, has caused quite a stir in naval circles. The Adelaide class frigate was towed to Western Australia

In a small country town, an hour from Melbourne, American-born sculptor Richard Yates is making his mark on the Australian Navy's new fleet of destroyers, hand carving the battle honour boards for the future HMA Ships Hobart, Brisbane and Sydney.

Naval Historical Society of Australia (Vic) President's August musings is now available to [download.....](#)

Navy League of Australia(Vic-Tas Div) August newsletter is now available to [download.....](#)

Don't forget to visit the [website](#) as there are many more news articles that may be of interest to you but are not included in this newsletter.



Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

ROGUES' YARN

Every Navy commemoration service Shrine of Remembrance warrants support of the Navy Fraternity

1. **Merchant Navy Service**, wreath laying at 1400, Sunday 3rd September in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance.
2. **Battle of Bita Paka**, wreath laying at 1100, Sanctuary, Monday 11th September, and then at dedicated tree, Shrine of Remembrance
3. **Loss of HMAS AE1**, wreath laying at 1130, Sanctuary, Saturday 16th September, Shrine of Remembrance.
4. **RAN Recruits Pilgrimage**, wreath laying at 1000, Sanctuary **Sunday 17th September**.

BRAVERY TRUST Supporting those who serve

If you are a current or former member of the ADF who has sustained physical or mental injuries as a result of your service and you are experiencing financial hardship you may be eligible to apply for assistance. Alternatively you may also be eligible to apply if you are the immediate family member of a current or former ADF member who has died as a result of their service, including those who have died as a result of their physical or mental injuries and you are experiencing financial hardship. Phone 1300 652 103, or email ask@braverytrust.org.au

Melbourne Naval Committee

MNC has an agreement with the Mission to Seafarers that allows Navy groups to meet at the MtS at no cost. To book email **Ajith Jayasuriya** at marketing@missiontoseafarers.com.au

Navy Victoria Network

Navyvic website is for anyone interested in Navy.

If arranging a function, check the calendar! Provide information to navyvic to avoid conflict with others.

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Articles published are the Authors thoughts, they may be edited to meet the space. Our aim is support for vets.

HMAS Canberra 1

Sinking of HMAS *Canberra* I on 9 AUG42 was a tragic loss, 84 making the supreme sacrifice and 109 injured. A commemoration service for the Battle of Savo Island focused on the sinking of *Canberra* was held at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne. The service was supported by a Catafalque Party, HMAS *Cerberus* →



came to grips with the tragic incident that was unfolding from that first explosion on the bridge. *Canberra* was hit 24 times, immobilised, on fire with a 5th of her crew dead - wounded. The Japanese fired 19 torpedoes at *Canberra*, they all missed, but the damage was done! RADM John Lord AM RAN Rtd ↓ delivered a reading for our Navy family. The RAN Band also generously supported the service.

↑RADM Peter Briggs AO CSC RAN Rtd delivered a stirring pledge for deliverance from war & strife. CMDR Luke Ryan RAN, CO RAN Recruit School ↓ delivered a moving address. He gave an account of the courageous efforts of several of the crew as they



Three Veterans demonstrating the importance of this 75th anniversary of that dreadful day. Five WWII Vets attended: Hiram Ristrom, Norm Tame & Ted Hollingsworth with *Canberra* survivors, Norrie McKelvie & Roy Stephens. *Lest we forget*



Platypus

article by Commodore Bob Trotter
OAM RAN (Ret'd)



Fifty years ago the first of six Oberon Class submarines of the Australian Submarine Squadron, HMAS *Oxley*, surfaced between Sydney's North and South Heads into the eyes of Australia via all the national television networks. First Australian landfall (*port*) had been Brisbane 12–15AUG67, mainly to clear customs and quarantine in advance of her ceremonial arrival for the Commissioning of her new home, the newly established submarine support base HMAS *Platypus*. *Oxley* had made a dives passage from Brisbane at an SOA of 8kts during which *Oxley's* capabilities were demonstrated to a photographer & reporters embarked for the trip. *Oxley's* arrival alongside *Platypus* at 1115, 18AUG67 for the formal Commissioning ceremony of *Platypus*. This signalled the start of Australia's modern submarine force. Unsurprisingly to some who served in the early, and not so early days, this first maintenance period got off to an inauspicious start: no craneage or shore power was yet available; stocks of Oberon Class spares and drawings within *Platypus* were sparse; and test equipment for *Oxley's* war shot torpedoes was yet to arrive. Submariners are part of something greater than most persons can ever imagine, because we continue a fine tradition of service inherited from submarine service across a 103 year history of resourcefulness, composure and compassion; achieving the mission with a spirit of community, mateship, bravery, mischief and a fair go; all true-blue qualities that are quintessentially Australian but, dipped in diesel and shale.



Inside an Oberon

logistics, in training or in our Association, continuing to enjoy the unique 'esprit de corps' and to look after each other. After serving as Chief of Naval Staff 1937-41, Admiral Sir Ragnar Colvin KBE CB RN, summed up the Australian naval character as being "...never mere copyists. They assimilated the knowledge and traditions of the older service, but blended with it something peculiar to themselves and the result was unmistakable and unmistakably good." So, this was the case with the Aussie Submariner from the very beginning of the modern Australian submarine force fifty years ago. We had built and operated our Oberons subtly better than in their parent navy, in our view rather wonderfully so! We went on to develop knowledge and skills that proved Colvin's words again and again. Delivering the Weapons update of the 1980s – our own work that created the most effective conventional submarine of the day – was just one example.

We moved up a step when these O-Boaters in the Force and in industry were instrumental in creating what became the highly effective, home-built Collins Class of the 1990s and beyond. Today, it is the C-Boaters' turn as they build on this growing and pervasive influence of the submariner in all parts of the nation's capability. Submariner's DNA is now firmly in that of the Navy, industry and the nation. As we reflect on the achievements of the past fifty years we also remember the Submariners who have passed, or as we put it, are still on patrol. Tragically, we lost some of them during their service and in remembering them, we celebrate their lives and experiences and say thank you for sharing them with us. HMAS *Platypus* motto sums up the Submariner, the first fifty years of the modern Australian submarine force and its undeniably effective future; "Nothing Too Difficult".

Editorial note: The Harbour Trust has commenced demolition of the 3-storey office building on the *Platypus* Site. Works will take approximately three months to complete with measures taken to minimise noise and any other impacts on the environment.



HMAS PLATYPUS: OXLEY, followed by OTWAY, OVENS, ONSLOW, ORION and OTAMA.

At sea, we prove each other every day by the direct test of working in a dangerous environment - we act, think, and endure as a team, in and with the submarine, the machine. Ashore, in uniform or retired, we are never far away – in industry, in

Are you a MEMBER

Are you a member of the Returned and Services League, a ship association, Navy League, Legacy or other? An entity that may benefit from your support is the Naval Association of Australia (NAA). If we look at who speaks on behalf of Navy in the wider community, it becomes apparent that there are a host of organisations voicing opinions, some virtual, but only one appreciates the seafarers plight. The NAA has been voicing an opinion for some 97 years, their influence has made a difference and combined with other ex-Service Organisations (ESOs) has changed the way the Federal Government supports Veterans. If we wish to continue having a specific voice for Navy, some think that all Navy folk should be NAA members. The purpose being to maintain a reasonable support base to ensure someone is at the DVA table to make the point where Navy is concerned. You would think there was a lot to be thankful for, particularly given the tremendous improvement in DVA support now available to Veterans. Generally membership numbers would tell the story, maintaining or even increasing to ensure the voice of Navy is heard across

the wider community. Unfortunately this is not the case, the future looks bleak for the NAA and that will eventually shift the focus on Navy matters away from an ESO dedicated to the wellbeing of Navy and ex-Navy men and women. It would be reasonable to give some thought to this matter, if you feel there is any merit in what has been put. You could take a look at the navalassoc.org.au website and make contact with them. DVA deliver a wide range of services, they are the Federal Government agency responsible for amongst many things, commemoration. Much of their work in this area is either overseas or at the Australian War Memorial (AWM). Local commemoration rests with ESOs. Navy milestones, such as the Battle of Savo Island discussed on page 1, are consistently arranged by ESOs, not DVA. The NAA is a prime protector of the Navy legacy, in Victoria the Naval Commemoration Committee is a major participant. The NAA strategy underpinning the sentiment here is one of preserving the Navy legacy, of ensuring the wellbeing of Navy, in or out of uniform and supporting the veterans families.

A weekend of activity - 21/22OCT

NAVY DEFENCE SEMINAR

Presenters:

Prof Damien Kingsbury

Lcdr Peter Horobin MBE RAN Rtd

Cmdr Doug Stevens RANR

Vadm Tim Barrett AO CSC RAN



21OCT17

At 1100-1430 in the Auditorium, cost \$10

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NAVY DEFENCE BALL



1900 21st October 2017

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

with the Navy Band

Guest of honour:

VADM Tim Barrett AO CSC RAN

Master of Ceremony:

Mr Nick McCallum

Reservations: Email Sandra: navy.week.victoria@gmail.com

7 Clarence Place, Cranbourne East, 3977
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President's Dit

August marked the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Savo Island and the tragic loss of HMAS Canberra I with 84 of the Ship's Company making the supreme sacrifice. These services are a reminder of the battle honours that are inherited by subsequent warships of the same name. This is a proud tradition that should not be undone by the notion of separately crews by campaign or generational change. September will bring to mind the Battle of Bita Paka and the loss of HMAS AE1 a few days later. Commemoration services are key events that bring honour to those that have made the supreme sacrifice. The ex-Service fraternity has a responsibility to maintain the legacy of service and sacrifice. Honoring past events, events reflecting the sacrifice, courage and duty is up to us. Navy may be able to support an event, but commemoration is not their day job. It may take some effort on our part, but the reward of remembering far outweighs the effort surrounding our promise never to forget. It would also be appreciated if you supported the Navy Week activities in OCT17.

Yours aye, Terry Makings

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Special Notes



Trafalgar. The Royal Naval Association, Port Philip Branch invite all to draw near and give attention at Frankston Naval Memorial Club on Sunday the 8OCT17 to commemorate and give thanks to shipmates of all nations and creeds of 1805, and all those who contributed in the glorious event and so set the world standard for naval tradition and customs. Go to the website for more information about this lunch.

Facts: Average years in the military before transition is 7.5 years. Service men and women leaving the ADF live in: QLD 29.1%, NSW 27.1%, VIC 17.2%, WA 10.5%, SA 7.5%, TAS 2.9%, and NT 1.4%. A recent report indicates that between 2012-16: Army 60%, Navy 23% and RAAF 17% of the total separations. The type of separation: voluntary 54.36%, involuntary 22.92%, retirement 1.79%, trainee 20.93%. Serving members need to appreciate the benefit of their service skills and experience against the recognition criteria in civvy street. This is something the ex-service fraternity can help with.

Engage. A new support website for serving and ex-service ADF members has been developed to assist them when in need. The purpose is to provide ready access to support provided by ESOs, go to the following website; <https://engage.forcenet.gov.au/>

Statement. Minister Tehan recently made an address to the Australian Parliament on the matter of Care for our Veteran community, go to: http://minister.dva.gov.au/media_releases/2017/aug/va110.htm to read this important statement.

HMAS Canberra Survivors. Norrie McKelvie & Roy Stephens at the eternal flame on 9AUG17. Below, remembering their shipmates lost on that fateful day and those absent over the past 75 years.

