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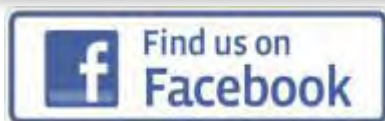
incorporating NCCV's newsletter Rogues' Yarn

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Yes, we are now on Facebook, where all our news items, photos etc. will also be published.

<https://facebook.com/navyvictoria>



Merry Christmas & a happy, safe and healthy New Year from the NVN Team

Editorial

NVN current membership: 1099

The NVN Team wish all of our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, hopefully a year that exceeds expectations. 2018 has been a year of ups and downs, but the most important thing is that we are still on watch. Being on watch means we should be thankful for small mercies and gracious for the support of family and friends. Many of you will have experienced service in the Australia Defence Force, either as a direct participant or as a family member providing essential support to a partner. May you reflect on that time and appreciate the good that came from your effort as we wish those on watch today our very best.

There is something paradoxical about being at sea, separated from your own family yet bonded to others. This connection is no more real than at Christmas time when everyone is filled with goodwill. It's important that we sense the kindness and patronage that stems from this goodwill. Shipmates are a special breed of friend. Some not so grand, but most keep us grounded through a dialogue laced with obscure linguistics known only to sailors – how fantastic!!

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)

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25 Dec – Merry Christmas

20 Jan – On this day in 1942 HMAS DELORAINE, KATOOMBA & LITHGOW sink Japanese submarine I-124 off Darwin.

22 Jan – On this day in 1943 HMAS PATRICIA CAM sunk by Japanese aircraft.

26 Jan – Australia Day

10 Feb – On this day in 1964 HMAS VOYAGER AND HMAS MELBOURNE collided off the coast of New South Wales culminating with the sinking of VOYAGER and the loss of 82 of her crew. This was and still is the greatest peacetime disaster the RAN has ever suffered.

Latest Videos and News Headlines

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

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

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LATEST VIDEOS.....

- HMAS Hobart's Combat System Ship Qualification Trials
- Pacific Patrol Boat Nuship Ted Diro
- Navy Engineering Challenge 2018 - Marine Technician

We hear much about aging organisations, younger generations don't join anything and there is little if any interest in traditional conventions. There is an obvious solution to being an aging organisation, start recruiting younger folk! But they are not interested – then change something to demonstrate that there is relevance between generations. Yes the 'old guard' can be a tad stubborn, for instance, all of our readers use computers or you wouldn't be able to read this note about how we express our good wishes towards you. So we need to cultivate our colleagues that sit with quill in hand, getting limited exposure to the wider community. The talk about conventions; this is how we have always done things, or no we are not interested in doing that! Relevance is crucial to sustainability; let's change something, maybe change everything. Test new ideas; remember continuous improvement and Total Quality Control (TQC). TQC was the flavour of the month, sorry year(s) and the entire Navy was put under the pump in the 1980s. Where is TQC today? Another name, another catch phrase – doesn't matter, so long as we all give it a go and appreciate the purpose of these changes/initiatives. Yes we know, we tried that and it didn't work, sorry about that, you just have to let others have a go at it if they think it will work now.

The purpose of NVN is to communicate and give the Navy community an opportunity to read about events, happenings and changes to Navy. Above all it is to keep you in the loop, it also seeks to avoid conflict between different parts of the Navy community as they plan events. Some concurrent events cannot be helped; such if a commemoration service on the same incident is being held simultaneously in different locations. What is important that the organisers at least know this will happen as they lock onto a date. Should knowledge of a likely conflict be known, at least the organisers can make adjustments accordingly.

The welfare of the Navy community is something that underpins all of our interests. We may express ourselves in terms of care, commemoration, support for youngsters (Navy

- *Navy Engineering Challenge 2018 - Aviation Technician*
- *Navy Engineering Challenge 2018 - Electronics Technician*
- *HMAS Ballarat completes first patrol*
- *Navy Industry Outplacement Program - Sikorsky Australia*
- *Commodore Tony Partridge comments on personnel retention*
- *Commodore Tony Partridge's response from Leading Seaman Forums*

NEWS.....

The Royal Australian Navy Minehunter, HMAS Gascoyne has returned to Australia after completing the longest voyage undertaken by a vessel of its class.

Australia's first Aegis combat system based guided missile destroyer, HMAS Hobart, has ended the year in spectacular style, conducting weapons and systems evaluations with the United States Navy off the US West Coast.

Thales and Aquabotix announced they are joining forces to design and develop a rapidly deployable mine counter measures (MCM), rapid environment assessment (REA) and military hydrographic autonomous system mission solution.

A day after President Donald Trump announced a US troop pullout from Syria, his highly respected defence secretary, James Mattis, announced his resignation. Here The Strategist republishes the full text of General Mattis's letter to Trump. It deserves close attention.

The Royal Australian Navy recently released a signal calling for volunteers from the Maritime Logistics, Communications Information Systems and Boatswains Specialisations to undertake a dual posting pilot against selected platforms and Shore

Cadets) or plain old camaraderie, what matters is the well-being and happiness of each individual involved in our community, that is what counts.

The point being that each of us, our colleagues and our families deserve a bright future, a year better than the last, opportunities that we don't even know about yet. Even for the 'old guard', seeing descendants progress, appreciating the service and sacrifice of our ancestors, all go towards shaping how we appreciate the world we have created for ourselves. Let's hope we can keep making decisions that warrant goodwill, favour from our families and above all highlight the contribution each has made to the wider Australian community. Merry Christmas folks, have a good one and come back refreshed to support NVN next year!

Yours Aye!

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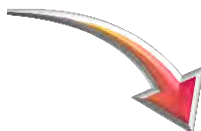
- † LEUT B. Terry RAN, 15 December 2018. Aged 88.
- † LCDR S.W. House RAN, 13 December 2018. Aged 60.
- † LCDR(SM) T. Bowra RAN, 01 December 2018.
- † CPOETS F.R. Payne, 30 November 2018. Aged 67.
- † TEL A.E. Langton, R51068, 25 November 2018. Aged 86.
- † LCDR R.J. Minns RAN, 20 November 2018. Aged 57.
- † CPO(AR) A.R. Hoskins, 18 November 2018. Aged 90.
- † CDRE J.W. McClure OBE RAN, 15 November 2018. Aged 93.
- † LEM(P) A. Walters 06 November 2018. Aged 69.
- † LTO P. Kirby, 31 October 2018. Aged 62.
- † I.S. McInnes, R59316, 25 October 2018. Aged 73.
- † WORRS P.J. Figg, R41806, 25 October 2018. Aged 91.
- † ADO T.J. Hall, R59791, 03 October 2018. Aged 76.

Lest We Forget

Note: VALE Notices

If you know 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.

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



Establishments.

The navies of Australia, France and the US concluded a four-day 'Ship Anti-Submarine Warfare Readiness and Evaluation Measurement' (SHAREM) 195 exercise in the Arabian Sea.

The focus of the Royal Australian Navy's 2019 Indo-Pacific Endeavour (IPE19) will focus on developing cooperation with the Indian Navy.

Members of the Australian civilian surgical and medical teams that provided medical aid, training and treatment to local Vietnamese people during the Vietnam War will be eligible for the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Gold Card.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester today welcomed the Productivity Commission draft report of its inquiry into compensation and rehabilitation for veterans.

A new council for women and families is set to provide direct policy advice to the Federal Government.

The Royal Australian Navy's future submarines will be named the Attack class.

US Navy destroyer USS McCampbell carried out a freedom of operation in the Sea of Japan on December 5.

After more than a year out of the water as part of her AMCAP upgrade, HMAS Arunta has undocked at Henderson Shipyard.

Naval Historical Society of Australia (Vic) President's December musings – [download....](#)

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



Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

ROGUES' YARN

3FEB19 RAN Recruits Service, 1000 Sanctuary
10FEB19 HMAS Voyager Service, 1030 Sanctuary
17FEB19 Prisoners of War Service, 1000 Sanctuary
1MAR19 Battle of Sunda Strait Service, 1100 Sanctuary

HMAS Armidale

The lead up to Christmas of 1942 was a very sad time for many, Navy had already felt the pain of losing many men and Warships. 1DEC42 was to inflict yet another tragic incident upon the Australian community, with HMAS *Armidale* added to that dreadful list of 1942 tragedies.

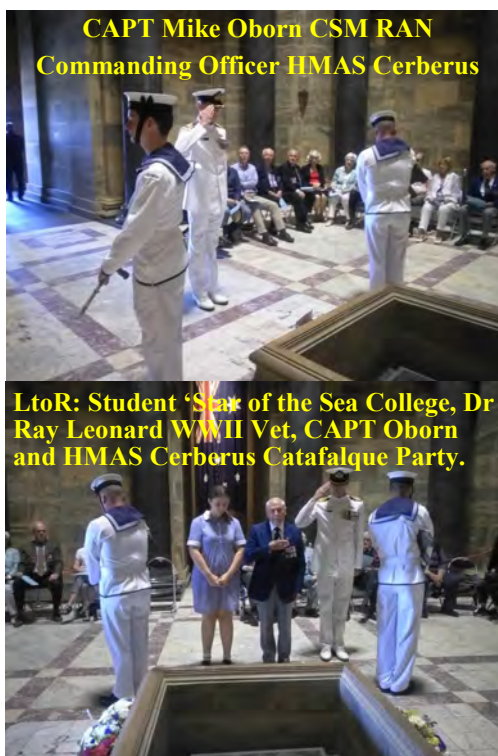
Armidale was deployed to Betano Bay, Japanese occupied Timor to pick up a 70+ Portuguese citizens and land Netherlands East Indies troops. A very risky task given the Imperial Japanese Forces were known to be very active in the area. *Armidale's* encounter with the Japanese off the coast of Timor ended badly with the loss of their ship on 1DEC42. 100 sailors and soldiers were to make the supreme sacrifice on or after that fateful day. A service to remember the courage on that day and the loss of Shipmates was commemorated in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance. Captain Mike Oborn CSM RAN, Commanding Officer HMAS *Cerberus* delivered the address, paying tribute to the service and sacrifice of the many thousands of men who served in Corvettes, citing the courage of *Armidale* in particular. CAPT Oborn spoke of the connection between those we remember and today's Navy

men and women. The Corvettes built by Australia and put into service during WWII demonstrated what a young Nation could achieve at a time of great hardship. The capacity of the Australian community to hone the skills needed to build warships and rapidly turn their minds to shaping young crew members into efficient Ship's Companies was a remarkable feat.

Adversaries had prepared themselves over many years, scheming to demoralise and destroy our way of life. *Armidale*, along with the fleet of Corvettes did their duty admirably and in quick time. CAPT Oborn spoke of the devotion to duty across the decades where our sailors of today are aware of the courage of their predecessors that served in Corvettes during WWII.

The service was supported by a Catafalque Party from HMAS *Cerberus*, proudly led by newly promoted CPO Renee Thorpe. ABMUS Dorian Broomhall, RAN Band, Melbourne Detachment called the Last post and Reveille in a superb manner seldom heard in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance. The

presence of WWII Veterans added an important dimension to the occasion, they were: Stan Yates and Dr Ray Leonard, eye witness to the courageous feats of Teddy Sheean. Lest we forget!



CAPT Mike Oborn CSM RAN
Commanding Officer HMAS Cerberus

LtoR: Student 'Star of the Sea College, Dr Ray Leonard WWII Vet, CAPT Oborn and HMAS Cerberus Catafalque Party.



Attendees at the Corvettes Service, Visitors Centre, Shrine of Remembrance

Attack



Artists impression of the Attack Class

The recent announcement relating to naming of the future submarines as 'Attack Class SSG' was a proud moment for our Shipmates who served in Attack Class Patrol Boats (ACPBs). VADM Michael Noonan AO RAN, Chief of Navy made specific reference to the hard working effort of ACPBs. Naming of the first submarine as HMAS *Attack* is a symbol of pride and elation, linking it to past service, indeed sacrifice is heartening to many. These new submarines will be lethal weapons with the ability to operate independently or within a task force and be fitted with updated sensor performance and superior stealth features. ACPBs may not have been so sophisticated, but the steadfastness of their crews will long be remembered. ACPBs were deployed around Australia, fair or foul weather, doing their duty! Cyclone Tracey brought



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The NavyVIC website is there for all to see, in particular it is for Ship Associations to provide information on their activities to the wider Navy Community. Go to navyvic.net

Disclaimer

Articles are the Authors thoughts, although may be edited due to space available. No political comments included.

Melbourne Naval Committee

MNC provides funds to support welfare. MNC also provide a room at the Mission to Seafarers for like-minded groups, email

sue.dight@missiontoseafarers.com.au to make a booking.

Correction

In the last edition we cited HMAS Yarra as a Corvette, wrong, it was meant to bring together the heroic deeds of Sheean and Taylor!

Arrow



JAN75 - The wreck of HMAS Arrow at Francis Bay, Darwin.

home to many people's the risk of being a mariner, particularly in a man-of-War. HMAS *Arrow* sunk, with the loss of PO Leslie Catton and AB Ian Rennie. His Excellency the Governor General has rightly endorsed the future Submarine class being named "the Attack Class", the first submarine to be HMAS *Attack*. CN said "This will be the second Australian warship to carry this proud name, with the first being our Attack Class Patrol Boat, which served in our Navy from 1967 until 1985. These vessels will be at the forefront of Australia's defence strategy for many decades." CN then said, "HMAS *Attack* will carry the traditional motto of it's predecessor: "Never Waver". This name embodies the qualities and virtues that reflect the warfighting spirit of our Navy and captures the tradition of tenacity and determination within the Australian Submarine service." Perpetuating Warship names reminds us of the legacy of past service.

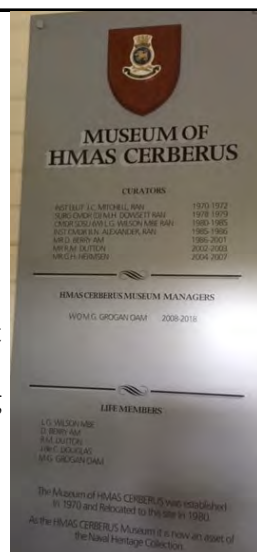
Armed Merchant Cruisers

The 14th December heralds the remembrance service dedicated to the Armed Merchant Cruisers and Landing Ship Infantry ships. This annual service is organised by AMC/LSI Association, although it may be scheduled for the weekend closest to the 14th to facilitate attendance by those working full time. This Association is showing the way when it comes to maintaining the legacy of past service. We all know, it only takes one champion to keep the momentum, after WWII there were many individuals who sought to maintain the camaraderie they had experienced during their days in the Navy. With the passing of WWII Veterans, we now have to rely upon others to step up to the plate, as demonstrated by the AMC/LSI Association. They have formed a committee of descendants, in the absence of more recent Veterans from Warships that inherited the Battle Honours of their name sake predecessors. The AMC/LSI committee has gathered over 400

WWII Veterans, some Veterans of more recent ships, but mainly descendants that wish to honour the service and memory of their fathers and grandfathers. This year's service was supported by Commodore Greg Yorke CSC RANR, Senior Naval Officer VIC, who delivered the address. HMAS *Cerberus* provided a well turned out Catafalque Party, led by CPO Aaron Precht. ABMUS Dorian Broomhall called the Last Post and did so in fine style. Six WWII Veterans were present: Ian Gardner - Westralia; Wilson Tattersal - Kanimbla; Bruce Candy - Westralia; Hiram Ristrom - Kanimbla; Norm Tame - Assault; & Frank Birmingham - Kanimbla. Margaret Hattersley WWII WRANS was unable to attend the Service, however, she was able to meet up later with her WWII colleagues at the RSL. CDRE Yorke spoke of the ships as they joined Allied Forces, Moving north, pushing the enemy towards Japan, island by island. Those were dangerous times and our Navy was ever vigilant, as it is today with 30% of the Navy on operational duty on any given day.

Museum Pieces

A momentous day at HMAS Cerberus recently when long term contributors of the Museum were recognised with life membership for their extraordinary service and support of the RAN's heritage collection in Victoria. The plaque was unveiled by VADM Michael Noonan AO RAN, Chief of Navy, his participation demonstrated the respect and admiration earned by the volunteers for their meaningful work. The most prominent of these dedicated volunteers are the inaugural life members, they being: CMDR Tug Wilson MBE RAN Rtd, WO Butch Berry AM, NS1 Bob Dutton, CPO John de C Douglas and WO Marty Grogan OAM. Each of these individuals has dedicated much of their post PNF time to the heritage collection. A collection used to broaden the horizons of current Service men and women, also to enlighten the descendants of ex-Service men and women. Surrounding these life members has been a bevy of staunch and dependable volunteers with similar ideals that go towards promoting Navy to the wider community. Some of these stalwarts are pictured: far left, Ex POSV Neil Rutzou and excited by the fact that he had met for the first time a Chief of Navy, that was a proud day for Neil; Rex



Williams, seated, Rex is the President of the Naval Historical Society (Vic), although he was unable to attend the unveiling he is a good supporter of the Museum; Ex CPOQMG John Douglas completed 38 years RANR Service commencing with National Service in the Navy in 1955 and was overwhelmed by his Life Membership award – a great effort over 20 years as a Volunteer; on the far right is LCDR Eric Mushins RANR Rtd, Federation Star recipient also remains very active at the museum; not available for the photograph were volunteers LCDR Jan GALLAGHER RANR Rtd, Federation Star recipient, ex-POMUSN Errol HATCH (Secretary and Life Member of the RAN Band Association) and Kris BRAMSTON, granddaughter of an Engineer Commander awarded a DCM during WWII. These individuals go about their work at the Museum with one thing in mind, promote Navy to all Victorians and inspire serving men and women to be proud of their part in Australia's Defence Force. Well done to a dedicated Team of champions.



JOSS

HMAS *Cerberus* receive literally hundreds of calls for support during any calendar year. In the past all requests have been willingly processed through the First Lieutenant at *Cerberus* or directly through the Band Master, RAN Band, Melbourne Detachment. Times have changed and requests now have to be administered through the Joint Operational Support Staff (JOSS). There is a JOSS available in each State and Territory. To initiate a request for support for a ceremonial occasion the approved proforma must be sent to the appropriate State or Territory Section to be processed. The Ceremonial Support Request Form is available at the following website: <http://www.defence.gov.au/Ceremonial/CeremonialRequests.asp> The request form can be completed whilst on the website, then printed off to be scanned after signing. The process applied is as follows:

- complete the form with as much information as possible whilst on the website and print off;
- sign the form, scan and email to the appropriate State Support Section, listed on the request form;
- include any informal liaison and previous sup-

Ceremonial

- d) lead time for ceremonial support is 6 weeks;
- e) flypasts require 8 weeks;
- f) if requesting the Roulettes, that requires 12 weeks;
- g) on receipt of the completed form, JOSS register the request and acknowledge receipt;
- h) the request is distributed to the relevant Navy, Army or RAAF organisation requested for support;
- i) JOSS will liaise with the organisation from whom the support is requested to determine availability;
- j) the requester is advised if support as requested is available or not, if unavailable from the Service as requested, the JOSS representative will make contact and seek advice regarding the relevance of another Service providing ceremonial support;
- k) when support has been confirmed, the JOSS representative will arrange direct liaison between requester and the Service providing support.

NOTE: There will be occasions when support cannot be provided. The JOSS representative will advise the requester of the situation. You should contact JOSS if clarification is required of the situation.

Special Notes

Up North. A reminder that a reunion for all those folk who served at HMAS Melville/Coonawarra, outstations & Darwin based patrol boats will be held around Anzac Day 2019. For info, register at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/451041072021229/?ti=cl> For those not on Facebook (yet), contact Al by emailing allanconway@internode.on.net Details in brief: the fun starts with a meet & greet at 1600, Tuesday 23APR19 and ends on Saturday 27APR19 Venues: Various in Darwin NT.

NCCV AGM. The NCCV Committee held their AGM early December and alas the 2018 Office Bearers are required to continue for another year. The President thanked each of the Committee for their contribution and support over the past year and looks forward to improving the attendance and support across all of the commemoration services we are involved in throughout next year. The committee also expressed thanks for the assistance provided by the Melbourne Naval Committee and also the Lynly and Sheila Aitken Trust for the support of the Defence Seminar conducted during Navy Week. The President stated the need to bring closer the work of the NCCV, Ship Associations and the Naval Association of

Australia. The President also thanked our Patron for his years of ongoing support and wise counsel.

Ashes. For some the last link between a sailor and his/her Navy experience is to have their ashes committed to the sea. Undeniably a distinct tribute to their Shipmates and the impact their Navy service had on them. Thankfully the Navy provides an opportunity of this dedicatory act to continue, albeit as and when they are able. As always, you have to make your wishes known to family beforehand. Families may request to commit the ashes to the sea of their family ex-Navy member by contacting Defence Community Organisation, Locked Bag 18, Darlinghurst NSW 2010 or send an email to LCDR Mark Burton at: mark.burton4@defence.gov.au

Navy Week 2019. Preparations have begun for Navy Week 2019 and many events need others to be actively involved. The major social event of the year could be a Defence Ball/Cabaret, however, to make it so there needs to be a general agreement that this would be the major social event for many organisations. What is the view of your group, in or out!! This type of event can be very simple to arrange, but we need folks to attend for it to work.



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President's dit

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, may all of your wishes come true as we venture into 2019. All of the services experienced over the past year have been moments to remember Shipmates that are no longer with us. A staunch core of Veterans and descendants have kept the legacy of past service and sacrifice front of mind. The capacity of the NCCV to endure through the decades rests with the ongoing support for commemoration. The challenge is to encourage others to connect with their own family experience, or simply to remind the wider Veteran community of the importance of remembering. Connection to like minded folk is important, learning about family, their service and sacrifice should be considered a significant part of knowing about your own family's accountabilities and hardships. If we can convince all of the Veteran community to take note of their direct link to serving and ex-service men and women we may be better placed to maintain the legacy of that service. Just to repeat, the primary effort is to have a safe Christmas and enjoy the hell out of your family, Shipmates and friends. Let's catch up in 2019!

Yours aye, Terry Makings