



# Newsletter

Navy Victoria Network

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## Editorial

Welcome to the [Navy Victoria Network](#) newsletter for January 2013.

Christmas 2012 has rapidly disappeared into the past, the welcoming of 2013 been, school holidays are nearly over, and most people are back into their yearly routine. We now need to look at the year ahead, which as indicated in the December Newsletter is a significant one for the RAN. The most significant event is the "International Fleet Review" from 03-11 October, and although based in Sydney should be well worth the visit by people from all over Australia as there will be numerous activities of interest with a Maritime and Naval flavour. These events are listed in the NVN Calendar and will be fully published in due course.

In Victoria, as also indicated in the November and December Newsletters there are two events early in the year. The 1<sup>st</sup> of March is the annual Creswell Oration at the William Angliss TAFE Restaurant, to be presented by VICE ADMIRAL Jones, and will focus on the establishment of the RAN College. To complement this on the 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> March there are celebrations to mark the Centenary of Osborne House in North Geelong as the first Naval College.

It is pleasing to see the superstructure has been installed on the new LHD Canberra at Williamstown, and for those who may wish to have a look, it is clearly visible from the HMAS Castlemaine, or there is a close up view from Anne Street, adjacent to the Dockyard.

## Calendar Events

*(see calendar for details of all events)*

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**01<sup>st</sup> Jan** – Happy New Year.

**05<sup>th</sup> Jan** – From the 5-9 January 1945 HMAS AUSTRALIA, SHROPSHIRE & ARUNTA engaged in Battle of Lingayen Gulf..

**20<sup>th</sup> Jan** – On this day in 1942 HMAS DELORAINE, KATOOMBA & LITHGOW sink Japanese submarine I-124 off Darwin.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Jan** – On this day in 1943 HMAS PATRICIA CAM sunk by Japanese aircraft.

**26<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Australia Day – Flag raising ceremony at Melbourne Town Hall – Commanding Officer HMAS Cerberus in attendance.

**03<sup>rd</sup> Feb** – Recruit School wreath laying service at the Shrine at 1030.

**10<sup>th</sup> Feb** – This day is the anniversary of the collision between HMAS VOYAGER AND HMAS MELBOURNE and the subsequent sinking of HMAS VOYAGER, with the loss of 82 crew.

## Latest News

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**Cantabria set for adventure on the high seas en route to Australia.** Two weeks into a 12 month deployment, ESPS Cantabria and her embarked 12 person RAN DET have been busy navigating their way through the Mediterranean Sea, Suez Canal and Red Sea en route to Australia. [More.....](#)

If you have a reunion please use the NVN to help advertise and promote your Ship Association or other event. Don't forget, we can also publish your newsletter for wider distribution.

While browsing the web, why not visit the [Navy's website](#), and keep up with the current activities of your Navy. We try and keep you up to date with most, but there are many other items of interest both current and historical that will give you an indication of present day issues and also a reflection of how the Navy has evolved over the years.

Keep an eye on the NVN Calendar for the events listed that may happen to coincide with the plans you have in line this year, and enable you to participate in naval activities, and catch up with mates you have not seen for some time.

Happy New Year to you all.

Yours Aye!

NVN Team

## *Coming Up.....*

### **Centenary of the foundation of the RAN Training College at Osborne House.**

Celebrations will be held over weekend of 2/3 March. Further details will follow when known.

The Naval Association of Australia - Geelong Sub Section, are very excited about the opportunity to be involved and would like to extend an invitation to all serving and former members of the RAN who may be visiting Geelong for the celebrations to visit our Sub Section Club rooms to relax, have a quiet drink and view our extensive Memorabilia.

The address is:

90 Skene Street Newtown VIC 3220

Telephone: 03 5229 4148

Hours of business - 12.00pm - till late - 7 days a week.

### ***Helping to ease the cost of Education for Veterans' Families***

*The families of eligible veterans and former serving members will receive extra financial support to help their kids start the school year with the first payment of the Schoolkids Bonus.*

[More.....](#)

### ***RAN personnel and Cantabria crew pay tribute to service men***

*Seven days after leaving Ferrol for transit to Australian waters, the Commanding Officer ESPS Cantabria (CMDR J.L. Nieto) and members of the crew of Cantabria showed solidarity with their Royal Australian Navy companions, from the RAN DET Cantabria, in paying their respects to the fallen at the Commonwealth War Cemetery, Souda Bay. [More.....](#)*

### ***Smith fails to defend his own Defence cuts***

*As cuts to the Defence budget under Labor continue to grow past \$25b, it is perhaps little wonder why the Minister for Defence, Stephen Smith, has shirked radio interviews on the subject in his home town of Perth.*

[More.....](#)

### ***No More Excuses on ADF Health Care***

*The Labor Government should immediately roll out the full ADF Family Health Care Trial so that all dependants of ADF members receive free basic medical care. [More.....](#)*

### ***Budget cuts take their toll on ADF reservists***

*The beginning of 2013 signals six months since the Gillard Labor Government handed down its last budget, which saw \$5.5b cut from Defence. Now the pinch is on ADF Reservists..... [More.....](#)*

### ***Australian Operational Service Medal (OSM)***

*The OSM has been introduced to*

## VALE

† AB Jim (Irish) O'Donnell, R52900, passed away after a long battle with dementia on 12 January 2013.

† CMDR John C Parton RAN (Rtd) passed away after a long battle with cancer on 5 January 2013. Aged 73.

† CPORP DJ (Darkie) Noble R52318. A memorial service will be held on the Murray River at Yanderup on 12 January 2013 at 1200.

† CMDR R.G. (Reg) Hefferan JP RAN (Rtd) passed away after a long battle with lung cancer on 8 Jan 2013.

† POEMWR John Sydney (Pop) Riley R64720, passed away peacefully on 5 Jan 2013.

† CDRE Brian Gibbs AM RAN Rtd., passed away 26 December 2012.

† LCDR Peter Krutsky RAN passed away 24 December 2012. Aged 66.

† CMDR Reg Matthews RAN Rtd., passed away 22 December 2012.

*Interests.* If you have a specific interest you think would be of appeal to the wider navy community, we would be pleased to hear about it. Obviously, we are focused on our listed objectives at this time.

NVN current membership: 

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*Periscope footage taken while snorting during a typhoon by HMAS Farncomb's Commanding Officer at the time, CAPT Mark Hammond, RAN. Click the image to view.*

*replace the Australian Active Service Medal (AASM) and Australian Service Medal for future ADF operations. The OSM will be awarded to ADF members for service on operations recommended and approved as warranting recognition. [More.....](#)*

### **Leaked Defence White Paper**

*Today's leaking of the 2013 Defence White Paper raises more questions than it answers, not least of all that it was leaked by the Government on the same day it scrapped its budget surplus promise. [More.....](#)*

### **News Weekly EDITORIAL:**

**by Peter Westmore – News Weekly, December 8, 2012**

*At a time when Australia's defence forces are being stretched to breaking point by savage budget cuts, the increased problems of border security, delays to vital defence acquisitions and the growth of military forces in other parts of our region, the Defence Minister Stephen Smith has again taken the axe to his own department. [More.....](#)*

**NCCV January Newsletter 'Rogue's Yarn'**

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

**Arunta Association - [Newsletter](#)**

**Submarines Association of Australia Victorian Branch - [Newsletter](#)**

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**Don't forget to visit the website, there's a lot more information that you may have missed.**