



Newsletter

Incorporating NCCV's newsletter Rogues' Yarn

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Editorial

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Hello and welcome to 2015! Although there will understandably be considerable media focus in this, the second year of the Centenary of Anzac commemorations, on the brave exploits and horrific losses of Australian & New Zealand soldiers in the ill-fated Gallipoli Campaign in WWI, it is important that we serving and ex-Navy personnel remind our colleagues from the other Services, plus our friends, relatives and anybody else who will listen, that the RAN also played an important role in this campaign.

In this regard, we are of course referring to the diversionary tactics of HMA Submarine *AE2* in the Dardanelles prior to the troop landings at Gallipoli on the morning of 25 April 1915 and the little-known but important logistical role played by the RAN Bridging Train (*RANBT*) on the beach-head throughout much of the Gallipoli campaign and their eventual withdrawal after the last Aussie troops quietly rowed out to the waiting transports ships on the morning of 20 December 1915. The story of these amazing exploits has been expertly and succinctly told in a truly enthralling book titled *"First in, last out, the Navy at Gallipoli"* co-authored by T.R. Frame and G.J. Swinden (Kangaroo Press, 1990).

If you haven't read this book, the NVN Team recommends that you try to get your hands on one at your local library as there would be no better or easier way to "boff-up" on this important piece of RAN history prior to 'onslaught' of a mainly Army-focussed narrative on Gallipoli in this centenary year. And for those readers who will be fortunate enough to be able to attend (or participate in) the Anzac Day march in Melbourne this year,

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)

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26 Jan – Australia Day

10 Feb – Anniversary of
Voyager/Melbourne collision.

23 Feb – NHS meeting.

28 Feb – Anniversary of battle of
Sunda Strait.

01 Mar – HMAS Perth National
Association Victorian Branch – Wreath
Laying on the Forecourt.

21 Mar – Operation Slipper Welcome
Home Parade 2015 – Wreath Laying
on the Forecourt.

ANZAC Centenary Events

*For details of all Centenary events in
Victoria go to:*

<http://anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au/new-s-events/events/>

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>

**Australia Day 2015 Honours List -
Royal Australian Navy**

*The names of the 19 Royal Australian
Navy members who have been
recognised in the Australia Day 2015
Honours List.*

you're in for a real treat as this *"First in, last out"* theme will be commemorated in WWI section of the Navy's marching contingent. This plan was mentioned briefly in the NVN's August 2014 Newsletter and more details will be announced in future Newsletters once the 'order of march' has been finalised.

On the subject of really interesting stories that you may like to read about submarine exploits in WWI, the NVN Team also recommends an article in the September 2014 edition of the "Naval Historical Review" by Ken Wright titled *"Up the Dardanelles & Back"*. This article covers the amazing story of 26 year old Lieutenant Norman Holbrook RN who, after successfully taking his old British submarine *B11* up the Dardanelles to attack Turkish shipping off Cannakale on 13 December 1914, was later awarded a VC. The relevance of this story to Australia is, of course, the subsequent re-naming of 'Germanton' in southern NSW as 'Holbrook' in August 1915. Fascinating!

Note: If you aren't already a member of the "Naval Historical Society of Australia" (NHSa), you can easily join up @ \$40 per year (via email to: secretary@navyhistory.org.au) and receive quarterly editions of the really interesting "Naval Historical Review" booklet. And this membership automatically grants you membership of Victoria's own "Chapter" of the NHSa. To find out more about the Chapter's meetings and their local publication "The Three Headed Dog", please contact it's President, Rex Williams, via email to: rex.f.williams@gmail.com

Happy reading about the RAN's proud heritage!

Yours Aye!

NVN Team

VALE

- † LWTR A. Hooley, PM4211, 22nd January 1915. Aged 91.
- † [SURG CMDR Dr. J.S. Guest](#), AM, OBE, VRD, 20 January 2015. Aged 98.
- † LCK J. Lyons, R55363, 14 January 2015. Aged 73.
- † LME A. Schultz, R54174, 14 January 2015. Aged 75.
- † LSETS D. Oliver, 12 January 2015. Aged 46.
- † LEUT SL J.W. Sticpewich RAN Rtd., 06 January 2015. Aged 80.
- † LCDR M. Coleman, 31 December 2014. Aged 52.
- † CDRE W.A. Kemp RAN, Rtd., 26 December 2014.
- † LSCK P. Byden, R62618, 26 December 2014. Aged 68.
- † LEMWE B. Godfrey, 20 December 2014. Aged 72.

Unprecedented attack on disabled veterans' pensions continues

The New Year brings a continuation of the government's unprecedented attack on the pensions and benefits of disabled veterans and war widows

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SUBJ: CHANGE OF TITLE - STEWARD CATEGORY

1. IN 2012 THE WORKGROUP TITLES FOR ALL MARITIME LOGISTICS PRIMARY QUALIFICATIONS AND CATEGORIES WERE REVIEWED UNDER PROJECT DEMETER. AT THE TIME, THE TITLE OF STEWARD WAS RETAINED.

Community Consultation about In-Person Service Delivery at the Tweed Heads and Geelong VAN Shopfronts

From 21 January to 20 February 2015, DVA is undertaking community consultation regarding the delivery of in-person services at the standalone Veterans' Access Network (VAN) shopfronts at Tweed Heads in NSW and Geelong in Victoria.

100 years at Jervis Bay - College seeking descendants

The Royal Australian Navy has trained its own officers since 1913 with 2015 marking one hundred years since training commenced at Jervis Bay. Navy is looking for the descendants of the first three entry classes will be invited to the events, but we need to find out who you are!

Russia's stealth 'black hole' submarine prepares for trials

A NEW Russian advanced stealth submarine, dubbed a "black hole" by NATO for its ability to be undetectable, has begun preparations for deep water tests. However, it must first make a 4,630km journey to the Barents Sea in Russia's north.

- † CPORS R.J. Pennell, R94289, 19 December 2014. Aged 67.
- † LEUT SDSU A.J. Booth, 8061993, 18 December 2014. Aged 57.
- † LS F. Pullen, S4636, 8th December 2014. Aged 95.
- † Coxswain R. Paton, PM5583, 3rd December 2014. Aged 90.

Lest We Forget

Members: When 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' page on the website. If possible list their Rank, Name, Number, Age and their date of passing. Thank you



Keep up to date with our own Smartphone / Tablet App. Go to our [website](#) to view the brochure which explains how to download and install the NVN App to your phone / tablet.

2016 Reunions

Waller Division [15 January 1966] 50th Anniversary Reunion

Expressions of interest are requested from all members who joined the RAN on 15 January 66 (WALLER Division) for a 50th Anniversary Reunion in January 2016. Please e-mail your interest to: ian.arnold2@optusnet.com.au

Moran Division [28 November 1964]

Looking for SAILORS who joined up on 28th November 1964. These illustrious souls were known as the "MORAN ROAD RUNNERS DIVISION". Max Binding is looking for starters for a 52nd year reunion in BERRI South Australia. Contact Max on: mbinding47@gmail.com

For full details of these and other reunions, go to our Reunions page <http://navyvic.net/reunions/reunions.html>

Should you wish to advertise your reunions, please don't hesitate to contact the webmaster at: webmaster@navyvic.net

NCCV's "Rogues' Yarn" attached below

Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP)

Eligibility

If you are a Gold or White Card holder (with assessed need due to an accepted disability), you can access aids or appliances to help you maintain independence in your home through the Rehabilitation Appliances Program (RAP). Aids or appliances prescribed through the programme can include:

ADF Gap Year is back

Today marks the return of the ADF Gap Year program, with hundreds of eager young Australians getting their first experience of life in the ADF.

Japanese sub offer 'welcomed'

Marine press clippings 8 Jan 2015

CHINA, Australia and possibly Thailand are planning to increase, replace or incorporate modern submarines to their fleets according to reports

Department shift opens door to hundreds of claims by veterans

(Article in The Australian 7/1/2015)

Hundreds of military veterans denied compensation for injury or illness could take legal action

Wreck of HMAS WARNAMBOOL

(article from ex-WORRS Terry Gleeson)

I would like to share with shipmates a memorable experience for me that was a focal point of a recent cruise I undertook to Cape York.

Navy League of Australia (Vic Div)

[January newsletter.....](#)

NAVY NEWS – [The latest edition.](#)

Don't forget to visit the [website](#), there is a lot more information and many more news articles that are not included in this newsletter.



Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

Rogues' Yarn



MUST DO!!

Services at the Shrine of Remembrance
[Everyone welcome]

HMAS VOYAGER
10FEB15@1000
Sanctuary

Recruit School
Taylor Division
15FEB15@1000
Sanctuary

HMAS PERTH
01MAR15@1400
Cenotaph

Next NCCV meeting
10FEB15@1030
'Peacekeeping Pod',
go to Galleries of
Remembrance, Shrine
of Remembrance.

All Ship/Unit/Branch
Associations are
encouraged to be
represented!



The First OIC Signal School

William David Hunter was born in Richmond, Melbourne, 1DEC1987. William joined the Royal Navy as a Member of the Australian Naval Forces, he was 16 years old. He enlisted on 30July1904 as 'Boy 2nd Class'. He signed on in April 1907 for another 5 years, as a 'qualified signalman'. On 19DEC 1911, whilst serving in HMS *Psyche* he re-engaged for another 7 years as a 'Yeoman of Signals'. Having served 7 years, his service was finally designated as being in the RAN. He was attached to the London Depot for the first part of 1913, then as Signals Boatswain joined HMAS *Australia*, Flagship of the newly formed RAN. In early 1914, William was attached to HMAS *Cerberus*, then at Williamstown for duty with the Naval Reserves. In AUG 1914, now confirmed as a 'Warrant Officer' he joined HMAS *Berrima*. *Berrima* was transporting the Australian Naval & Military Expedition Forces bound for German New Guinea where they were engaged in the Battle of Bitia Paka, the first action of WWI. Signal Boatswain Hunter commanded the rear guard on the Kabakaul-Bita-Paka Road. He carried a Union Jack and the flag was raised at Herbertshohe on that day, 11SEP 1914 by a party from the AN&MEF. This occurred two days before the Official flag raising ceremony at Rabual. A piece of William's flag is in the Australian War Memorial, Canberra. Hunter remained in New Guinea until February 1915. On return from New Guinea, William joined HMAS *Cerberus* and remained there until mid 1916, when he was posted to the UK. On arrival in the UK he joined HMS *Repulse*, later serving in

Roxburgh, King George V and Victory. William returned to Australia in April 1919, promoted to Lieutenant on posting back to *Cerberus*. Hunter became the first OIC - Signals School, at the new Flinders Naval Depot, which included the Wireless Station that linked, for the first time, the Australian Commonwealth Naval Board and Admiralty in London. Posted back to the UK in DEC 1921 until 1924 where he served in HMS *Pembroke, Victory, President, and Defiance*. He completed a staff course at Royal Naval College and a diving course whilst there. On return to Australia, William served in HMAS *Platypus, Marguerite, Mallow and Penguin* - designated for 'ships in reserve'. He was promoted LCDR in July 1927 and was temporarily appointed to Command Ships in Reserve. A short stint at HMAS *Brisbane* followed in mid 1929 then he was transferred to HMAS *Penguin*, where he finished his naval career. On JUL 1931 William Hunter was Retired on Half Pay and transferred to the Emergency List. At this time, he and his wife Elinor were living in Woolahara, but unfortunately ill health meant he did not enjoy a long retirement. He passed away on 5AUG 1934 and was buried in Rookwood Cemetery. Today, the grave of LCDR William Hunter is found in a neglected corner of the Cemetery. The Communicators Association has taken it upon themselves to look after the grave of a long serving Signals professional that set the high standard known by all Communicators today. Article provided by Rod Withers, written by Allan Moffatt OAM Pres-RANCBAN NSW.



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

Navy Victoria Network

The NavyVIC website is a service to the entire Navy Community. The purpose is to share information and where possible avoid a clash with other activities scheduled by others in the Navy Community.

Log on to

<http://navyvic.net>

Melbourne Naval Centre

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

President's Report

Hopefully you, your family and friends have commenced 2015 safely, coupled with enthusiasm. Don't forget that today is the start of the rest of your life! We also need to be fair dinkum about attending the Naval ANZAC Commemoration Ball scheduled for Saturday, 17th October. The organising committee is eager to receive your early advice regarding table numbers, see our reminder article within this edition about the Ball. This will prove to be a major event this year and warrants our support. As we steam into 2015 we need to take account of our various commitments. The Flagship Events organised by the NCCV should be high on your own list as they represent Navy wide legacies. We are persistent with our encouragement of these Flagship Events as they represent a global effort by many of our forebears. Whilst we are proud of our experience in the Navy, we must not forget or allow the service of those that went before us to be diminished through inaction. The NCCV is to look at the issue of membership again

early this year to see if the determination made a couple of years ago remain relevant to today's situation. It would be surprising if anything has changed, other than a continued decline. Notwithstanding this decline, there is evidence that descendants have the capacity to keep alive the legacy of yesteryear. The comment elsewhere in this edition relating to the AMC/LSI Association demonstrates the success of a few who have the energy and enthusiasm to have a go. Last year several key events were held to remind us of actions taken a century ago. It will be incumbent upon us to keep in mind these specific occasions as they will again be scheduled this year, keep watch on our front page, NVN and also the Shrine of Remembrance/ Remembrance/Ceremonies website. Time to work on the family to get one or two involved in some small way so they may become interested in making a more substantial contribution in future years.

Good luck with that, yours aye, Terry Makings

Creswell Oration

The 15th Annual Creswell Oration is scheduled for Monday, 2nd March 2015. The Creswell Oration will be delivered by Rear Admiral Stuart Mayer CSC RAN, Fleet Commander. Whilst the oration will remind us of the extensive work of RADM Creswell, it will also be an opportunity to hear what the current Fleet Commander deems to be crucial to the appropriate management of our ships at sea today, titled 'old wine in new wine bottles'. The Venue will be the William Angliss Restaurant, 550 Lt Lonsdale Street, usually plenty of 2 hour on-street parking. At \$40 per person, this will be a reasonably priced lunch where you can rub shoulders with old and not so old ship mates. Please contact one of the following:

Navy League; Ray: telephone 9844 6237 or email: raydotgill@optusnet.com.au or John: telephone 9842 4256 or email jmwilkins34@netspace.net.au

Naval Association; Harry: telephone 5977 5967 or email rkime@bigpond.com

Naval Officers Club; John: telephone 5983 2416 or email john@brianjohnbird.com

Naval Historical Society; Rex: telephone 9850 8497 or email rex.f.williams@gmail.com.

Information at Navy Victoria Network, see below.

Apprentices' Story

A book, HMAS Nirimba - The Apprentices' is being compiled by Dick Roebuck - Editor, Brian Carney - Photos & Graphics, Sandy Freeleagus - Artist and Caricaturist. They seek contributions:

1. that are interesting and relate to an event that occurred whilst you were at Nirimba,
2. format with single line spacing, Times New Roman or Palatino Linotype in 12 point,
3. limit to about 1000 words, include a picture or photograph if possible,
4. draft an intro, body and conclusion so your article is stand alone, easily inserted in the book.
5. please write in the 'past tense' if possible as this facilitates continuity and reduces editing.
6. spell check your work and double check the spelling of the names of individuals and places,
7. no offensive language should be included,
8. for legal reasons, no defamatory articles please,
9. ideally articles need to be with the Editor on or before Friday 7th August 2015, and
10. articles, with photos or illustrations should be sent to: The Editor, HMAS Nirimba - The Apprentices' Story, PO Box 321, ORBOST VIC 3888. For information email Dick Roebuck at: dickroebuck@gmail.com

WWII - The First RAN Prisoner Of War

The official publication of the Australian War Memorial, "Australia in the War of 1939 to 1945", Vol 4, chapter 7, under Prisoners of War, states: 'The first men of the RAN to be taken prisoners were Petty Officer H. Jones, Able Seamen W.J. Hurren and H.C. Sweeny from HMAS *Hobart*, on 9AUG 1940 etc'. In the same set of books at NAVY Vol 1, p83, it informs us about merchant vessels sunk by the *Graf Spee*. Some of these vessels were Defensively Equipped Merchant Ship (DEMS). Guns in the DEMS were manned by RANR sailors, those captured subsequent to being sunk by the *Admiral Graf Spee* were in fact the first Australian naval personnel to become WWII RAN Prisoners Of War.

**The German Pocket Battleship:
Admiral Graf Spee**



With this premise in mind, the Author wrote that AB Gunner Jack Andrew Daly S2572 was on the *MS Tairoa* when it was sunk by the *Graf Spee* on 3DEC 1939. He was taken aboard the *Graf Spee* as a POW and later transferred from the *Graf Spee* to the German supply ship *Altmark*, which was on route to Germany. *Graf Spee* then headed for Montevideo, where she was eventually scuttled. The *Altmark* was ultimately caught in neutral Norwegian waters and boarded by the crew of HMS *Cossack*. Over 300 prisoners were released, including Jack Daly. Armed with this information, the Author wrote to the P.O.W. Memorial Trustees in Ballarat, hoping for some information on Gunner Jack Andrew Daly S2572. According to the Trustees at Ballarat, Daly was not an RAN Prisoner of War, but a merchant seaman. The Author explained that DEMS gunners were always listed as supernumerary deck hands. This brought them under the authority of the Master of the ship, and averted problems with Service personnel entering neutral ports. The Author also obtained Jack Daly's RAN War Service records, available on line. The Ballarat Trustees duly passed this information to Australian War Memorial, Canberra and they concurred. The outcome being that some 75 years and 2 days after the event, AB Jack Andrew Daly was officially acknowledged as an RANR Prisoner of War. Thank you Lee H Molesworth, Convenor of the DEMS Association, Author of this article.

The Constitution

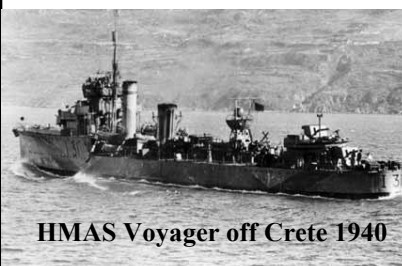
What does the constitution look like in your organisation. Reinvention is sometimes necessary to kick start a revival for any organisation. As we and our respective organisations mature there is a desperate need to reinvent so that old ideas and practices are assessed/tested. This assessment may provide an opportunity to bring a broader audience within your sphere of activity. To be more precise, you should review your constitution, those statutes underpinning the governance and wellbeing of your organisation. Many ex-service associations are structured to confine their membership to servicemen and women returned from active service (more commonly referred to as war like). If we want to take in the wider brethren, we must give consideration to others with a keen interest in Navy. Organisational objectives also need to be revisited. Your focus should be contemporary and be deliverable. Much is written around kinship, it is incumbent on office bearers to at the very least make sure they understand their respective constitutions and validate their relevance in today's environment. If you need advice in relation to our suggestion, then make contact with NCCV.

HMAS VOYAGER

A Service will be held in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance, at 1000 on Tuesday 10FEB to commemorate the loss of HMAS *Voyager* II (DO4) in 1964. *Voyager* II →



was lost on the evening of 10FEB64, when *Voyager* steamed across the bow of HMAS *Melbourne*. A collision occurred resulting in the loss of 82 crew members. The service will also reflect on the exploits of *Voyager* I in World War II as part of the Scrap Iron Flotilla (first deployment of Australian military resources to the war effort). *Voyager* I made a significant contribution in the Mediterranean and then



HMAS Voyager off Crete 1940

northern Australia. *Voyager* I was lost when it ran aground whilst disembarking troops at Betano Bay in SEP42. Thankfully no crew members were lost at that time.

ANZAC Centenary

Several key ANZAC Centenary activities are scheduled for 2015 that warrant your consideration. Firstly, ANZAC Day (25APR15) will be a major activity and all service, ex-service men and women should participate. The normal array of Ship Associations will be present. Surely there will be a Ship Banner to suit your aspirations, if not - the Naval Association of Australia Banner will be there and any one who can't find a banner and smiling face should march behind the NAA banner. The second imperative activity will be the loss of HMAS AE2 (30APR15) - this is being organised at the Shrine of Remembrance. The third activity is 101st anniversary of the Battle of Bita Paka, again at the Shrine of Remembrance. Forth activity underpinning the ANZAC Centenary will be the ANZAC Naval Commemorative Ball. This will be a major event for Navy during 2015 and warrants the support of the Navy Community. It will also be the opening event for Navy Week, Victoria with Open Day at HMAS Cerberus on the following weekend, Sunday 25th October. We may even have a Warship in town.



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Items of special interest

HMAS Goorangai. ANZAC Centenary has caused a great deal of interest in all things military and as a consequence there are incidental stories relating to Navy coming forward, from all different theatres of war. Recently a Ms Dianne de Munk visited the Queenscliffe Historical Museum and delivered a photograph of a *Goorangai* crew member, Frank Hack. Dianne's mother, Phyllis Rosemary Bracher as a young woman was very friendly with Frank and he gave Phyllis an RAN insignia ring. Dianne passed the photograph of Frank and the ring to the museum for safekeeping and for all to see.

HMAS BATAAN. The HMAS *Bataan* Veterans Association of Australia continues to be a force within the network of ship associations. This is demonstrated by their regular schedule of social events and determination surrounding annual reunions. They are again organising a get together at Coolangatta, Queensland. They consistently invite new members and any ex-Navy who has an interest in building on their own Navy experience. John Laughton is the contact, his postal address is: 90/2 Cameron Street, Cranbourne East Vic 3077, or email johnfl@aapt.net.au for advice.

Training Ship Barwon. TS Barwon is arranging the 'TS BARWON Biggest Reunion Ever'. Any past members of TS *Barwon* are encouraged to look at the facebook page relevant to the reunion and make a decision if you wish to participate.

Scrap Iron Flotilla Association Annual Lunch. The time is nearing when those who have served in destroyers, or wish they had, need to assemble at the William Angliss Restaurant for the purpose of joining forces with other destroyer men/women. Something for the diary now: 1200 for 1230 on Friday, 27MAR15 at William Angliss Restaurant, Lt Lonsdale Street. Again only \$35 per person with a delightful speaker to maintain the interest. Email: scrapironflotillaassociation@gmail.com

Naval Association of Australia. Have you considered the benefit of joining your most convenient NAA sub-branch? Maybe the popular e-branch suits you more. Have a look and consider. The NAA Dandenong Sub-Branch is very active and have a monthly and mid-monthly luncheon. Again this is underpinned by John Laughton and his team, see email address under HMAS *Bataan*. General website at: <http://www.navalassoc.org.au>