



NVN News

incorporating NCCV's newsletter Rogues' Yarn

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Editorial

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Although the timing of the discovery of the wreck of HMA Submarine *AE1* in the waters off the Duke of York Islands in PNG on 20 December 2017 precluded the NVN Team from saying much about it in December's Newsletter, we are keen to acknowledge this amazing feat of research, technology and persistence in this month's article.

As most of our readers would be aware, *AE1* accompanied the Australian expeditionary force dispatched at the start of WW1 to capture then German-occupied New Britain. At 0800 on 14 September 1914 (the day after the German surrender at Rabaul), HMAS *Parramatta* and *AE1* rendezvoused to conduct a patrol in St George's Channel to the south and east of the Duke of York Islands, between New Britain and New Ireland (PNG).

When *Parramatta* lost sight of *AE1* at 1520, it was presumed that *AE1* must have steamed towards Herbertshohe, their planned anchorage for the night. However, when *Parramatta* did not find *AE1* upon her arrival at this anchorage, she and her sister destroyer HMAS *Yarra*, were ordered at 2000 to search for the submarine. The light cruiser, HMAS *Sydney*, on her way to the west coast, also received instructions to keep a lookout and later, HMA Ships *Encounter* and *Warrego* also joined the search together with launches from Rabaul and Herbertshohe. No trace of *AE1* was found, not even the tell-tale shimmer of escaping oil floating on the surface of the water.

The loss of *AE1* with her entire complement of 3 officers and 32 sailors was the fledgling RAN's first major tragedy and it

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)*

18 Jan - 25 Feb – *Morning Star tapestry on display at the Shrine*

10 Feb – *HMAS Voyager commemoration service at 10:30 in the Shrine Sanctuary*

26 Feb – *NHS meeting – all welcome*

01 Mar – *On this day in 1901 - the Commonwealth Navy was created under section 51 of the Australian Constitution with the States transferring their Naval Forces and all employed in them to the Federal Government.*

01 Mar – *On this day in 1967 the RAN adopted the Australian White Ensign*

01 Mar – *76th anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Perth during the Battle of Sunda Strait*

02 Mar – *REAR ADMIRAL Jonathan D. Mead RAN Commander Australian Fleet presents 'Creswell Oration' 2018, "STATE of the FLEET"*

04 Mar – *76th anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Yarra*

marred an otherwise successful operation to seize the German colonies in New Guinea and the South Pacific. It is not known what caused *AE1* to disappear without trace and, until last month, many other private and government-funded searches were unable to find her.

Although the background to the latest search and the details of the find are yet to fully emerge, the announcement by the Minister for Defence on 21 December 2017, information on the RAN's website and various subsequent media reports indicate that this successful search was funded by the Australian Government and the Silentworld Foundation and it was assisted by the Submarine Institute of Australia, the Australian National Maritime Museum, the company Fugro Survey and the Find *AE1* group, which is led by retired RADM Peter Briggs.

The search vessel was the *Fugro Equator* and, after finding a potentially matching sonar image of the submarine at a depth of 300 metres on the seabed, a deep drop camera allowed the search party to confirm they had found the *AE1*. A commemorative service was held at the site in memory of the Australian and British crew who had perished on board and the Government is attempting to contact descendants of the crew.

The exact location of the wreck will be kept under wraps for the time being but the Australian and PNG governments are

already discussing plans to preserve this war grave and establish a lasting



commemoration. Whilst it is too early to confirm the cause of the submarine's loss, RADM Briggs was reported in the Australian as having felt that it was most likely "a diving accident".

Notwithstanding the excitement and relief of having now largely resolved our Navy's most enduring mystery, this

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>

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LATEST VIDEOS.....

- * Turkish patrol boat, Greek gunboat collide off disputed Imia islet
- * Royal Navy's fourth Astute-class submarine completes first dive
- * HMAS Warramunga continues operational success
- * HMAS Warramunga drug interdiction
- * Submarine HMAS AE1 Located After 103 Years

NEWS.....

Twenty serving Navy personnel have been recognised for awards in the Australia Day 2018 Honours List. They are among 895 award recipients approved by The Governor-General and Chancellor of the Order of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd).

A New Zealand Defence Force aircraft and an Australian Navy frigate joined forces in the Western Indian Ocean to interdict 915 kilos of heroin worth AUD\$274 million. A Royal New Zealand Air Force P-3K2 aircraft detected a suspicious vessel on January 23 prompting a boarding and investigation by the crew in Royal Australian Navy frigate HMAS Warramunga on January 24.

One of the key players in the search for the Royal Australian Navy's first submarine HMAS AE1 says finding its final resting place was 'the right thing

discovery reminds us of the sad fate of many of our seafaring predecessors, shipmates and future naval personnel in the line of duty. These sombre facts, and a reminder of the importance of everlasting remembrance, are no better described than in the following poem written aboard HMAS *Australia*, at the time the AE1 was lost (*published in Patsy Adam Smith's book "The Anzacs"*):

The fate of the AE1 ...

*She faced no battle flames, she heard no German gun,
The ship without a name: the luckless AE1.
Yet were her sailors lives no less for Empire lost
And mothers, sweethearts, wives will bear the bitter cost.
Australia's warships swept the broad Pacific Main
But she from out the deep will never rise again,
And we shall not forget all the years that run
The fate that she has met. Good-bye to AE1.*

*Pent in their iron cell they sank beneath the waves
Untouched by shot or shell they drifted to their graves
Until their painful breath at last began to fail
Upon their way to death; let pity draw the veil.
They could not strike one blow; but out of sound and sight
Of comrade or of foe they passed to endless night
Deep down on ocean's floor, far from the wind and sun
They rest forever more. Good-bye to AE1.*

*A harder fate was theirs than men who fight and die
But still, Australia cares and will not pass them by,
When Honors lists are read their names will surely be
Amongst the gallant dead who fought to keep us free.
Their winding sheet is steel, their sepulchre is wide
The sea birds scream and wheel where silently they died
Theirs is a monument to history just begun
When down to death they went. Good-bye to AE1.*



Yours Aye!
NVN Team

*to do' both for the men who died and
for their families.*

*Representatives of the Royal
Australian Navy and Northern
Territory community paused today to
commemorate the 75th anniversary
of the sinking of HMAS Patricia Cam
and the loss of nine lives. On 22
January 1943, almost a year after the
initial air raid on Darwin, a Japanese
seaplane bombed and sank Patricia
Cam while the ship sailed from
Milingimbi to Elcho Island on a supply
run.*

*In a heartfelt ceremony aboard
flagship HMAS Canberra, Rear
Admiral Stuart Mayer has handed
over the reins as Commander
Australian Fleet to his successor Rear
Admiral Jonathan Mead. More than a
thousand officers and sailors from
Eastern-based ships and shore
establishments lined the decks and
wharf precinct at Garden Island,
Sydney, many dressed in PT rig.*

*The 'Morning Star' tapestry created
to hang in the Sir John Monash Centre
in France goes on display at the
Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne
today and will be exhibited until
Sunday 25 February. Minister for
Veterans' Affairs Michael McCormack
said we must always remember the
service and sacrifice of the men and
women who serve in defence of our
nation. "The Morning Star tapestry
commemorates those brave
Australians who served on the
battlefields of the First World War,"
Mr McCormack said.*

*Former US Navy officers in charge of
two destroyers involved in fatal
collisions in the Pacific in 2017 are
facing charges of dereliction of duty,
hazarding a vessel, and negligent*

VALE

- † E.G. Poole, W/1375, 24 January 2016.
- † CPOMTP3 R. Kinkade, R47775, 22 January 2018. Aged 83.
- † CMDR R.M. Jessurun, O598, 22 January 2018. Aged 88.
- † SIG F.R. Hanrahan, R49990, 21 January 2018. Aged 81.
- † CPOMTH4 J. Schofield, 20 January 2018.
- † CERA H. Stevenson, 16 January 2018.
- † WOETW R. Anderson, 08 January 2018. Aged 62.
- † LCDR J. Simmons, O42462, 07 January 2018.
- † WOMECHAE L. Bolden, 05 January 2018.
- † RO K.F. Bebbington, R52368, 03 January 2018. Aged 81.
- † CEWR T. Prasolik, 03 January 2018. Aged 71.
- † CCY L.J. Bartlett, R29026, 27 December 2017. Aged 89.
- † TEL C.T. Voss, R49697, 27 December 2017. Aged 82
- † CEWE G. Salkeld, 24 December 2017. Aged 77
- † LEMAW B. Bradley, 23 December 2017.
- † SBA II E.B. Collett, 24 October 2017. Aged 91.
- † AB D. Gordon, 21 October 2017. Aged 95.
- † PO P. Figucio, 11 September 2017. Aged 99.
- † PO D. O'Connell, 05 September 2017. Aged 102.
- † AB H. Wilson, 15 August 2017. Aged 95.
- † AB C. Bridge, 13 August 2017. Aged 92.
- † AB S. Cunningham, 06 August 2017. Aged 92.
- † CK(B) M.W. Hutchings R55855, 12 Jul 2017. Aged 74.

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.**

Emergency Triple 0



The **Emergency+** app is a **free** app developed by Australia's emergency services and their Government and industry partners.

The app uses **GPS functionality** built into smart phones to help a Triple Zero (000) caller provide critical location details required to **mobilise emergency services**

The app that could save your life

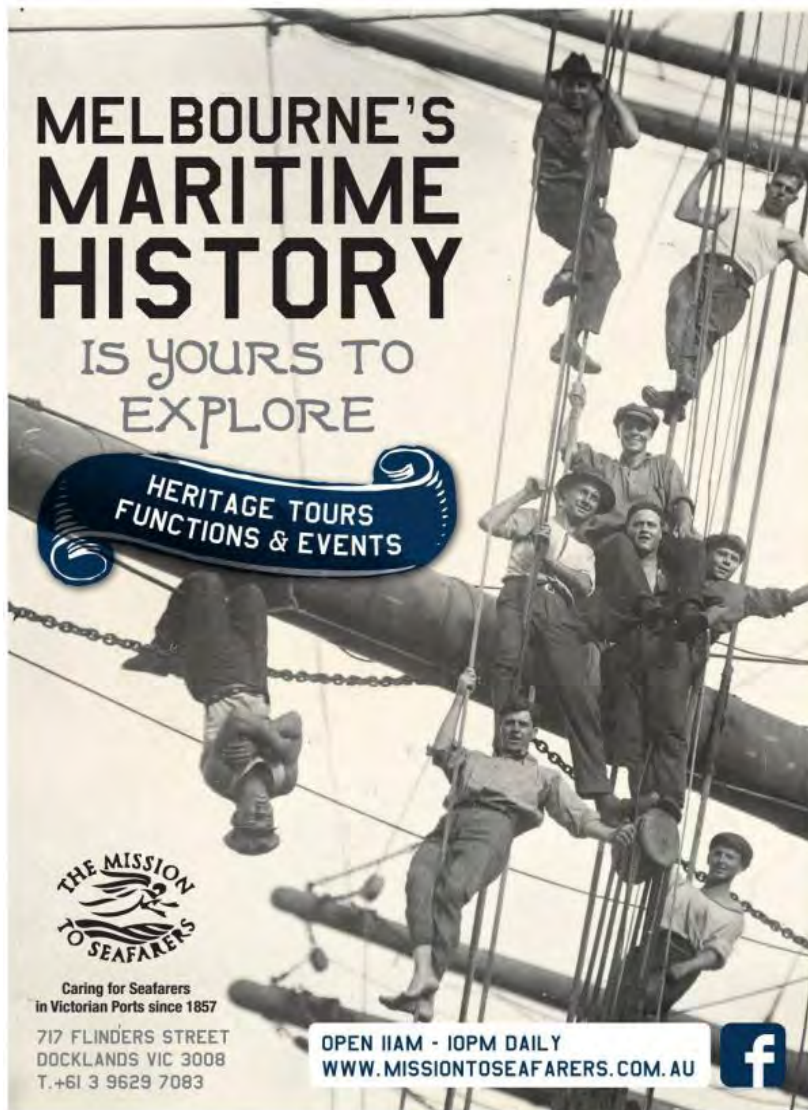


homicide, the US Navy said in a statement on January 16. US Navy Admiral Frank Caldwell, the man in charge of a review into the accountability actions taken to date in relation to USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62) and USS John S. McCain (DDG 56) collisions, announced that Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) charges are being preferred against individual service members in relation to the collisions.

The Royal Australian Navy has teamed with the Australian Army and industry to set up a new training system for a joint helicopter school. Rotary wing crews are now set to benefit from the newly-established Helicopter Aircrew Training System (HATS) at a dedicated facility at HMAS Albatross.

A 'clever' Australia needs a larger, more potent navy
In an interview in Australian Foreign Affairs, Paul Keating noted that China under Xi Jinping was looking to craft a new form of global governance, rejecting the notion of China as a strategic client of the US. Keating also talked about our need to be clever. He observed that 'before the Industrial Revolution, China was on the top of the system and had a tributary system of states which bowed and genuflected to them.

As the investigation begins into the final moments of the Royal Australian Navy's first submarine HMAS AE1, moves are also afoot to educate the public on the submarine's importance to Australia's wartime history. Before the search for AE1 was mounted, careful consideration was given to what would become of any discovery and the information collected during the search operation.

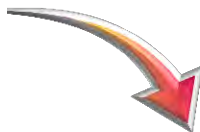


From: Sue Dight
Chief Manager
Mission to Seafarers Victoria Inc.

The Mission to Seafarers has launched monthly tours of the Mission open to individuals, not just groups. We would like to offer to all of your Association members a discounted opportunity to participate. We are offering \$5 off the regular ticket price of \$20 to your members, and this includes morning tea!. The code for them to use is **NavyAssoc**.

[Booking form.....](#)

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



Royal Australian Navy frigate HMAS Warramunga seized 111 kilograms of heroin valued at \$33 million during operations in the Arabian Sea on 7 January 2018. This is the third successful interdiction for Warramunga in the past fortnight, taking the ship's total seizures to more than 11.5 tonnes of hashish and 180 kilograms of heroin and a total approximate value of \$629 million.

Construction works on China's third aircraft carrier started at a Shanghai shipyard in 2017, the South China Morning Post reported citing sources. The construction start closely follows the launch of the country's first domestically built aircraft carrier, the Type 001A Shandong, which took place in Dalian in April 2017.

Royal Australian Navy frigate HMAS Warramunga, with support from a UK Royal Navy helicopter, seized more than 3.5 tonnes of illicit narcotics during a night-time operation in the Arabian Sea on 3 January 2018 at around 0830 AEDT.

Boeing recently offered a first glimpse of its newest military aircraft, a large, stingray-shaped drone it hopes will win an intense US Navy competition to build an uncrewed aircraft capable of landing on an aircraft carrier.

The crew of the Royal Australian Navy frigate HMAS Warramunga has spent the Christmas season hard at work, spending nearly three days seizing almost eight tonnes of hashish and 69 kilograms of heroin from drug smugglers while conducting maritime security operations in the Arabian Sea.

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

Commemoration services at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne

1. ***RAN Recruits, 1000 Sunday 4FEB18, Sanctuary***
2. ***HMAS Voyager Service, 1030 Saturday 10FEB18, Sanctuary***
3. ***HMAS Perth Service, 1200 Thursday 01MAR18, Sanctuary***
4. ***RAN Recruits, 1000 Sunday 4MAR18, Sanctuary***

The year ahead

We have many good reasons to be thankful, firstly we are still here and have a year ahead where we (you) can make a difference! How lucky are we to live in Australia, with so much angst in the world, maybe a tad here as well, but when put into perspective we are still ahead of the game. There are many things that will change, the consequence of young folk with much more information at their finger tips than past generations. New and not so new thinking is necessary if the Navy fraternity is to be regarded as having a distinct set of skills and experience. Some of our shipmates may view our fraternity not unlike a brotherhood, but this can only prevail if all men and women who served are able to find some common ground. NCCV believe the common ground is commemoration, reason being you can't disagree that the legacy of past service and sacrifice endures, but you don't have to participate either. Our aim is to convince you, your shipmates and family that supporting commemoration is important. Our surroundings today are the product of that service and we should be thankful. Listed above are several commemoration services to be held in Melbourne. Two services involve RAN Recruits. They will be at the end of week three, first time in public and wearing their uniform. Their introduction to commemoration will involve an actual service remembering the Navy's commitment over the past century. All services at the Shrine of Remembrance are open to the public, these are no exception. The other two

services listed are significant, loss of HMAS *Voyager* II ← on 10FEB18 and then on 01MAR18 the loss of HMAS *Perth*, → along with USS *Houston*. Services to remember *Voyager* and *Perth* will be held in all States, you should where a warship was lost, along with members of her Ship's Company. We have mentioned two so far, then there are Warships *Canberra*, *Sydney*, *Vampire*, *Perth*, *Armidale* and the submarine *AE1*. There are many other vessels lost during war, however, these few represent the most tragic of circumstances where many hundreds of sailors made the supreme sacrifice. Surely some recognition of these particular services must mean something to every ex-Navy man and women. To experience seetime, those times when anything could have happened, imagine being in the water with your only hope being a clear understanding that your shipmates will be searching for you and doing their best to get you back safely. For those that did not get to sea, you will appreciate the importance of those shore billets, each designed to support those at sea. These meanderings may strike a cord, then on the other hand they may not - but give some thought to why we lay a floral tribute as we remember those that are not with us anymore. A tribute comprised of flowers cut at the prime of their life, not unlike the loss of life at sea in battle, for just doing their duty. Every State should have their year sketched out with each commemoration service marked as significant events throughout the year. Some interested groups may have a local memorial at which they are able to conduct services, this should not detract from there being a principal service at a State level for all to attend. The NCCV is happy to provide draft programs and advice, if able in support of any commemoration service that may be considered, over and above those mentioned in this article. The most important feature is that those of us able to participate, do so as a reminder that our shipmates, known to us or not, did what was required of them in the most difficult of circumstances.

**Last Photograph of
HMAS Voyager as it left Sydney.**



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make enquiries to see if there is a service within reach. Most of these services take between 20 and 40 minutes. Amongst the many opportunities where a person can attend a service designed to commemorate a battle or milestone event during a conflict, there are a handful of occasions



HMAS Perth I



Handover of a Kernic class boat to TS KYBRA (Esperance) 16JUL16 by the NCAI. Thank you Bob Mummery and friends for this informative article.



Joining

Just a tiny article seeking advice from our learned shipmates, or others as to what the secret is to convince fellow shipmates that being part of a creditable organisation is worthwhile. Talk about an aging organisation seems to indicate the lack of a recruiting strategy. New groups are springing up all the time, the problem may be the profile or their reception/perception when making contact!



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.

Melbourne Naval Centre

MNC is an organization that provides much needed funds to Ship Associations. MNC has arranged with the Mission to Seafarers for meeting rooms at no cost to Navy interest. In need of financial or administrative support, contact the MNC.

Navy Victoria Network

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 Victoria Community. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

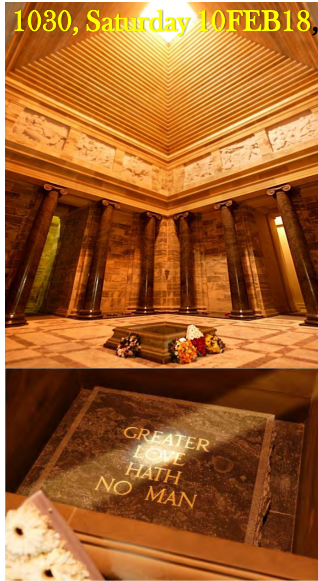
Ex - Cadets

A group of ex-TS *Creswell* (now TS *Perth*) Cadets worked tirelessly for over 30 years in support of young Australians in the Australian Navy Cadet (ANC) organisation. A unique group of mature age ex-Cadets, mostly ex-Permanent Navy were to become known as the Navy Cadet Association Incorporated (NCAI). They met on occasions to make vague pledges aimed at putting something back into the ANC. The NCAI came into being in 1983, the spark for this union came about at the 30th anniversary of the inaugural parade of TS *Creswell*. The anniversary served as the catalyst for those ex-Cadets to realise the need for financial and material support required by Cadet Units (Training Ships). The sentiment generated at the anniversary was such that they formed a working group aimed at supporting every ANC Unit in Western Australia. Between 1983 and the closure of the Association a year or so ago, they had presented well over \$100,000 in material and financial support. For example, in 2016 they handed over six rowing boats to Cadet Training ships, a remarkable effort. Lack of membership was again the factor that saw the demise of the NCAI. a great pity, but what a great effort by those ex-Cadets that gave of their time and skill.

HMAS Voyager Commemoration Service

1030, Saturday 10FEB18,

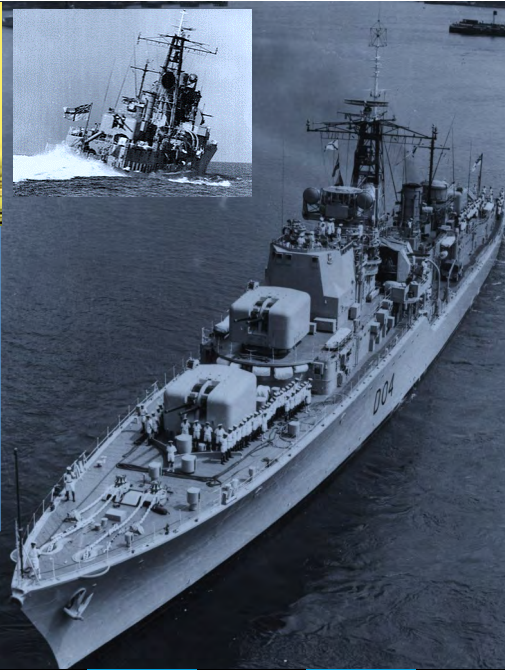
in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne



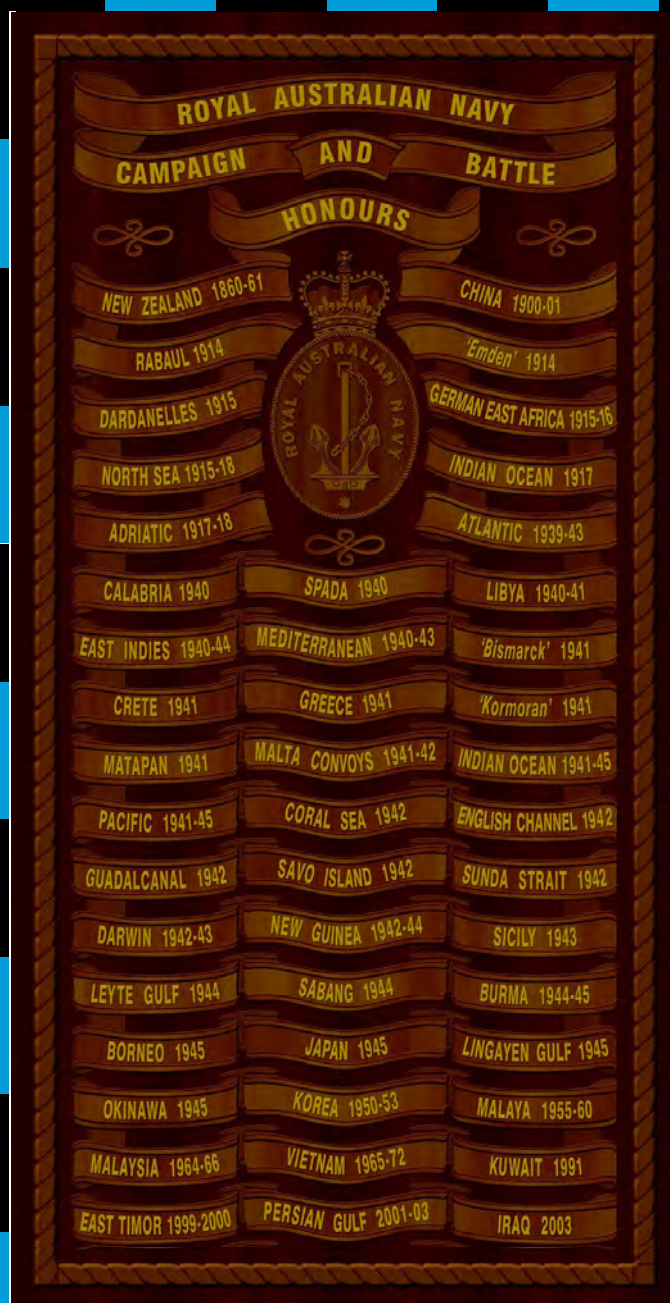
We give thanks for all who have served our country and suffered as a result of their service. We give thanks for all who have sacrificed their lives in the service of our country at sea. May their sacrifice strengthen our resolve to build communities of trust and inclusion. May they be freed from depression and bitterness, and find relief for all their distress and pain now they are in the care of the great Pilot.

Epitaph by Shipmaster Phineas James to his stricken comrades. 1633: *We that survive*

perchance may end our days, in some employment meriting no praise. They have outlived this fear and their brave ends, will ever be, and honour to their friends.



The Legacy



The origin of our maritime legacy stems from a range of encounters where the very survival of men and ship was at stake. Battle Honours are awarded in recognition of service and sacrifice, in Navy's case, service across all oceans of the world. Many have direct or indirect connections across our Navy community, most are unaware that a member of their family was involved in one or more of these encounters. Our challenge is to encourage those likely to have a connection to seek out their family's situation, particularly if they have some inkling of a link to Navy. Each name on the panel to the left represents a substantial threat encountered by a Warship, a ship manned primarily by Australians. We have several monuments of national significance, each created as a consequence of the agony and pride experienced by the Australian community. These monuments house the sentiment surrounding those that returned home after conflict and most importantly for the family and friends of those that made the supreme sacrifice. Should you discover that someone you know has a link to one or more of the conflicts listed on the Battle Honours board then further research would no doubt reveal a service scheduled in your State linked to that activity. Every service is open to the public, each is an important time to reflect on service and sacrifice experienced at a time of great peril. Remembrance, it's up to us to reinforce the legacy! A long term protocol pertaining to Battle Honours is the 'inherited honours' that flow to Warships named after earlier Warships. For instance, the Daring Class HMAShips *Voyager*, *Vampire*, *Vendetta* carried the names and wore the battle honours of the WWII Scrap Iron Flotilla. HMAS *Stuart* III, ANZAC Class Frigate currently carries the honours earned by HMAS *Stuart* I, Leader of the Scrap Iron Flotilla. Connection?

Working Together - Working as One!

The Navy fraternity comprises a myriad of organisations made up of ex-Navy men & women, plus descendants. Only on ANZAC Day do we come together and appear as a cohesive group. Should we be searching for an organisation capable of overseeing Navy interests in the wider community? Is it time for us to explore if there is an organisation with a charter and/or culture that seeks to accommodate the best interests of the Navy fraternity. Most ex-Service men and women know of DVA benefits, whether they be welfare or compensation related. Commemoration and camaraderie are vital parts of the Navy fraternity, each contributing to the overall wellbeing of individuals and family members. Should the needs of the wider Navy fraternity be important, a voice at government level is imperative. Our strength will be measured by strong membership, numbers

that embrace a good proportion of Navy is needed. The breadth of benefits flowing to Veterans, the legacy of past service and sacrifice and the day to day wellbeing of individuals are aspects that need serious consideration. Our legacy is foremost, the collective good will only be sustained if we look to a nation wide organisation to cater for our needs. The Returned Services League, whilst under pressure has been a strong supporter of ex-servicemen for more than a century. If we believe Navy have particular experience and application of skills in a unique environment, then it might serve us best if we seek out an organisation that indeed understands those criteria. Our biggest hurdle is to convince the many champions with strong allegiance to their particular Ship or Branch to accept that coming together with like minded folk will auger well for the Navy fraternity as a whole. We need a strong common thread between all of our Navy entities, let's get all these champions together and sort things out once and for all.

Special Notes

NCCV AGM. The annual general meeting was held in December, all Office Bearers volunteered to continue. Gratitude for the ongoing participation and support of Marty Grogan, Pete Johnston, Chris Banfield and Jan Gallagher was expressed by the President. Each Office Bearer has worked hard at ensuring commemoration is properly recognised.

SNO(V). Victoria has a new Senior Naval Officer with the appointment of CDRE Greg York CSC RANR. Welcome CDRE York and congratulations on your posting as SNO Victoria, a return to flag rank, located at Victoria Barracks, Melbourne.

HMAS Sydney - Gun Crew 1911. Would you be

disappointed missing out on the job of gun crew in *Sydney* I. Heavy lifting and handling shells and cordite on a moving deck, also in rig! OH&S didn't get in the way, no point doing a hearing test guys!



HMAS Perth. Battle of Sunda Strait, HMAS *Perth* / USS *Houston* service will occur on Thursday, 1st March in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance. Well over 1,000 sailors were lost on that day, an hour out of our day should not be too much to ask.

Creswell Oration. RADM Jonathon Mead RAN, the newly appointed Fleet Commander will present the Creswell Oration on Thursday, 22nd March at William Angliss Restaurant. Melburnians, email the State President of the Naval Association, LEUT Russell Pettis at kimbla@bigpond.com.au to attend.

Scrap Iron Flotilla. The annual lunch bringing together those that have a connection to the Scrap Iron Flotilla, or destroyers in general will be held at the William Angliss Restaurant, Melbourne at 1200 for 1230, on Friday 23MAR18.

Prisoners of War. The annual service at Ballarat to commemorate the service and sacrifice of the many Australian Prisoners of War, both Europe and Asia will be held on Sunday, 4FEB18. The Ballarat POW memorial is a remarkable structure, listing all known Australians who were POWs. Despite extensive research to identify all POWs, there has been a need to add to the list.

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President's dit

Hopefully we enter 2018 with a clear understanding of the value of our Navy fraternity; Serving, Ex-service and family. There is much to commemorate and be mindful of as we look to important occasions that mark the loss of a shipmate. Australia's Maritime history is littered with losses, some small some large, each worthy of attention. Remember, we own the legacy of our shipmates and/or family's service. Services relevant to Navy are listed on the Shrine of Remembrance website, under the tab 'services'. We urge participation at these services, they are also relevant to every State. The fact that we have such an amazing place to live is testament to their sacrifice and service. We must not forget the onus is on Ex-service men and women to keep the legacy alive. It is not Navy's day job - although Navy help out wherever possible. On a sad note, I have just received advice that the last surviving member of the Scrap Iron Flotilla, Ern Poole has been called in by the Great Pilot. Ern and Dot, natives of Portland have been stalwarts of the Navy fraternity for many decades. Ern will be sorely missed as Dot continues to support the legacy of the Scrap Iron Flotilla.

Yours aye, Terry Makings

REVISED DATE

CRESWELL ORATION 2018

Thurs. 22nd. March



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2018

2001-Navy League of Australia in Victoria established & administers **Australian Navy Foundation Day Organising Committee** (ANFDOC) **Creswell Oration** together with the Victorian Naval Officers' Club, Naval Association of Australia, Naval Historical Society.

18th Annual "CRESWELL ORATION"

REVISED DATE - Thursday 22nd. March



REAR ADMIRAL *Jonathan D. Mead* RAN
Commander Australian Fleet (from Friday 19 Jan. 2018) presents
"Creswell Oration" 2018

"STATE of the FLEET"

VENUE: William Angliss Institute Restaurant
550 Little Lonsdale Street, between King & Spencer Sts.

DATE: THURSDAY 22nd March 2018.

TIME: 1200 for 1230

COST & PAYMENT: \$50 per head - Cheque or : Direct Debit
Westpac Bank BSB:033 389 A/C No: 107631 for Direct Debit

please send email to NLA confirming payment & date.

DRESS: Uniform S7, Lounge suit / Day dress – Decorations & Medals optional.

TRANSPORT: Trams - Latrobe & Spencer streets. Buses - via Lonsdale St., to King St.

Rail - Southern Cross Railway Station - two city blocks from venue.

INQUIRIES: Navy League of Australia Vic-Tas : Tel: 9884 6237

or Tel: 9842 4256

Naval Association of Australia -Victoria: Tel:0419 898 427

Naval Officers Club in Victoria: Tel: 0409 372 489

Naval Historical Society, Victoria Chapter: Tel: 9850 8497

William Angliss Institute Restaurant: Tel: 9606 2108

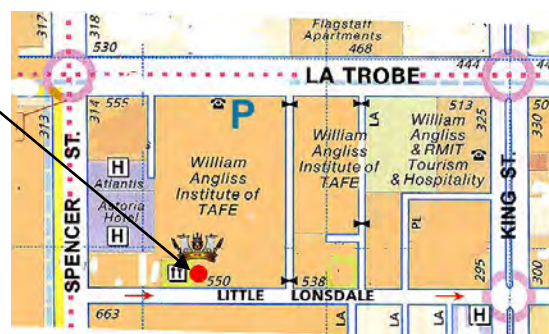
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