



Newsletter

Navy Victoria Network

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Editorial

Welcome to the [Navy Victoria Network](#) newsletter for July 2013. **Our newsletter now incorporates NCCV's newsletter "Rogues' Yarn"**

Another month has passed and apart from AFL there are many maritime items of interest in Victoria. The aim of the NVN is to be an information website and hopefully noting all the news items in the past few months these aims are being met. Being the middle of winter why not visit one of the many museums located throughout Victoria, with a number within just over a one hour drive from Melbourne.

Two significant museums are the HMAS Cerberus Museum which has excellent displays of naval heritage and history, and also the Queenscliff Maritime Museum that has excellent displays of artefacts focused mainly on the lifeboat service and history of Port Phillip. It also has displays of historical ship wrecks along the Victorian coastline. Don't forget the old WW2 veteran HMAS Castlemaine in Williamstown, you will be surprised at her superb internal restoration and displays.

The recently opened Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk at Seymour in Victoria that has the names of every person who served in Vietnam listed on the walls is noted in the July News section of the NVN. A video was taken by Laurie Pegler is attached and well worth looking at to see the magnificent effort by those who had it constructed.

For information on these and other Museums in Victoria visit either the Maritime Museums of Victoria website

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)

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4-16 Aug – Navy Nordic and Biathlon Championships – Mt Hotham..

04 Aug – Leongatha Legacy concert – RAN Big Band performing

04 Aug - RAN Recruits Visit – wreath laying at Shrine

08 Aug – Naval Gazing schools tour – HMAS Cerberus

11 Aug – Maltese Australian Association (Operation Pedestal) wreath laying

18 Aug – Vietnam Veterans Day

20 Aug – On this day in 1948 the FAA was established

21 Aug – Soundwaves concert

22 Aug - Naval Gazing schools tour at Cerberus

Latest News

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Defence suicide awareness program recognized

The Department of Defence was recognised for raising community awareness of suicide prevention with the LiFE (Living is For Everyone) Public Sector Award at a prestigious national awards event last night (24 July 2013). [More.....](#)

Chief of Navy appoints an Advisor on Islamic Cultural Affairs
Ensuring that Navy remains focused

www.mmv.com.au that has links to all the member museums, and also the Maritime Heritage Association of Victoria website <http://www.mhav.net/> which has numerous links to associations and a myriad of items of maritime interest.

If you are really interested in daily maritime activities in Port Phillip Bay log onto the Port of Melbourne website, <http://www.portofmelbourne.com>. The new live web cams cover the bay from Point Lonsdale, the Fawkner Beacon in the middle of the bay, and the main container and passenger terminals in Port Melbourne. All of these live cameras enable you to see the amazing amount of shipping traffic and activity within the bay.

Another website that may be of interest and advised of in a previous newsletter, is the "Historic Naval Ships Association" www.hnsa.org which lists worldwide locations and photographs of approximately 175 historic naval ships with some excellent links as well. The website was established to support the preservation of historic naval vessels and to honour those who served at sea in defence of the nation. The preserved naval vessels in Australia are all individually listed.

There continues to be a number of interesting activities and information sessions with well-known speakers at the Shrine, so please take time to look at the calendar. Of particular note for the RAN, it should be noted that Vietnam Veteran's Day Ceremony is being held at the Shrine on the 18th of August commencing with a gun fire breakfast at 1000 followed by the march at 1130.

The NUSHIP Canberra completion continues to steadily progress at Williamstown with testing of the Combat System, main generators and other machinery well underway. The RAN web site has a virtual tour on many of the internal areas of the ship including mess decks, galleys and accommodation areas. The NVN website Gallery Folder has a number of images of the loading and delivery voyage.

Do not forget that the week commencing the 1ST of September is **Legacy Week**. The support provided by this organisation is continuing to be extremely important as families continue to require their valued and necessary support. If you are able to assist please contact your local area Legacy Club. Contact details of capital city and regional contacts are listed on the Legacy

on all aspects of diversity is a key priority for the Chief of Navy, which is why he has recently appointed a Strategic Advisor on Islamic Cultural Affairs. [More.....](#)

Esther Williams trophy retired

The final chapter in a naval tradition was closed with a low key yet dignified ceremony at the Royal Australian Navy Heritage Centre, with the decommissioning of the legendary Esther Williams trophy. [More.....](#)

Getting Division, for the final time

The last Getting Division, GE313, will march into Royal Australian Navy history on the 26th July 2013. [More.....](#)

Navy commissions 808 Squadron and new MRH 90 helicopter

A new helicopter to be used by both the Royal Australian Navy and Army was today inducted into the Australian Defence Force Fleet during a commissioning ceremony at HMAS Albatross. [More.....](#)

RAN leading the world with MRH90 helicopter introduction at sea

The Royal Australian Navy is leading the world in bringing the new MRH90 'Taipan' Multi-Role Helicopter into service at sea. [More.....](#)

In-home child carers to reside in ADF subsidised housing

From 1 July 2013, further improvements to Defence housing policy will allow ADF members to have a non-dependent child carer live in their Defence subsidised housing. [More.....](#)

Inquiry into unresolved recognition for Service with the United States Army Small Ships Section

The independent Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal will inquire into unresolved recognition for service with the United States Army

website.

Yours aye,

NavyVIC Management Team

VALE

- † Cook Ian 'Budda' Partridge passed away on 13th July 2013 after a short battle with cancer.
- † WWII Convoy Signalman Eric Sydney Moore, PM 4345, passed away on 12 July 2013. Aged 90.
- † POSTD Barry 'Beachball' John HYLAND (Voyager survivor), R62372, after a long illness passed away on 10th July 2013. Aged 69.
- † POCD Graeme Johnson passed away on 03 July 2013.
- † CDRE Ian Broben RAN Rtd., passed away on 01 July 2013.

Lest We Forget



Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk from the webmaster

In June I visited the recently completed Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk in Seymour, Victoria. It commemorates the 60,000+ men and women who served in Vietnam. The name of

every person who served in Vietnam is listed on the walls. The Walk incorporates a meandering red earth path set in native trees and grasses that resemble rubber trees and rice paddies. If you are ever travelling along the Hume Hwy, take the exit to Seymour to visit. It is an amazing and emotional visit. With the photos I took, I created a slide show and have placed it on YouTube. [Click here to view the video.....](#)

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:

816

Small Ships Section. [More.....](#)

Navigation Act 2012 comes into effect

It's the beginning of a new era, with the new Navigation Act 2012, coming into effect yesterday. The Act replaces the the century old Navigation Act 1912 with a contemporary legislative framework for maritime regulation. [More.....](#)

Below are links to a covering letter from the DVA and two discussion papers on "The Future of Pensions Advocacy" and "Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004 Refining the Appeal Process to a Single Pathway". These papers will be on the DVA web site from 19th June 2013. [More.....](#)

Reunion

Past crew members of the River Class Frigates of 1st Frigate Flotilla (FOX 1) are invited to attend a Reunion at Coral Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour NSW, on 29, 30 and 31st October 2013, hosted by HMAS Shoalhaven Association. For more information contact Hon.Sec. George Franki Ph. 0299559444 or Pres. Les Gibson 02 86785191

International Fleet Review

For all the latest on the IFR go to <http://www.navy.gov.au/ifr>

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

NAVY NEWS

[Click here for the latest edition.](#)

A Fair Go Campaign – [Click here to view the latest updates](#)

Don't forget to visit the website, there's a lot more information and news that is not included in this newsletter.



Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

Rogues' Yarn



Fleet Review 2013 - Sydney

DIARY NOTES

**Next NCCV meeting is
at 1030, 13 August at
Melb Naval Centre,
All Associations are
encourage to be
represented!**

**Services at the Shrine
of Remembrance
[You may attend]**

**Korean Veterans
Association, Cease
Fire Commemoration
1AUG13@1300
Sanctuary**

**RAN Recruits
Taylor Division
4AUG13@1030
Sanctuary**

**Vietnam Veterans
18AUG13@1200
Cenotaph**

The first Royal Fleet Review is recorded as being held in 1415 when Henry V reviewed his ships prior to sailing to France. An expedition that ended in victory for England at Agincourt. Since then, the Royal Navy has held 46 fleet reviews, the most recent in 2005 to commemorate the bicentenary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

The first review of Royal Australian Navy warships was held in Port Phillip Bay on 26 May 1920. The fleet at that time was inspected by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Australian Fleet at that time consisted of 28 vessels, each anchored in four lines between Port Gellibrand and Point Ormond. More recently, on 4 October 1986, the RAN held a Naval Assembly and Review in honour of the 75th anniversary of the granting of its Royal title. The Duke of Edinburgh was the presiding officer and 27 ships from seven nations took part. In 1988, the RAN held a Bicentennial Naval Salute to commemorate the 200th anniversary of European settlement in Australia. Fifteen nations and 59 warships took part. Plans had been made to host a Naval Salute in 2001 during the Centenary of Federation celebrations, however, owing to the terrorist events of 11 September 2001 that year in Washington and New York, the review was cancelled. The RAN has sent its warships to many overseas reviews, not only to those held by the Royal Navy. In 1976 the United States Navy held a major review in New York to mark the 200th anniversary of US independence, and other navies have since held reviews as part of anniversary celebrations in

Malaya, Korea, India, China, Canada, New Zealand and Japan to name but a few. The reasons for holding a fleet review vary. Originally they were held when a fleet mobilised for war or when a nation wished to demonstrate the strength of its fleet to potential enemies. From the early part of the twentieth century, it became customary for the Royal Navy to host a review to mark the coronation and significant jubilees of the reigning monarch. The last commemorative review held by the Royal Navy was in 1977 to mark the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. Other fleet reviews have included those to mark the presentation of the Sovereign's Colours to the Royal Navy as well as those convened to celebrate victories, such as that held in 1919 at the end of WW I. Allied co-operation has also been commemorated in reviews, such as the NATO review held in 1969. The largest naval review held was never advertised for it was a review of the D-Day invasion fleet in May 1944; 800 vessels were present ranging from capital vessels to small minesweepers and landing craft. The next most important review is the RAN review in Sydney Harbour on 4/5th October this year. At least 20 RAN Warships and Warships from more than 20 countries, including USA, Russia, China and the UK will be in Sydney. A spectacular event!

***The first major display of Warships in
Australia was the visit of the USA
Great White Fleet in 1908***



**1930: A foreign warship
HMLNS JAVA berthed
at Circular Key, Harbour
Bridge being constructed
in the background**





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Melbourne Naval Centre

MNC is an organization that has provided much needed funds to Ship Associations over many decades. 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 Navy Associations to provide information on their activities to the wider Navy Community in Victoria. An opportunity not to be missed.

Excuse our mistake!

In the last edition we wrote that LS Noel Shipp made the supreme sacrifice in 1963, it was 1969.

President's Report

With eighteen months to go before the Centennial year of ANZAC the Navy Community need to give some serious thought to how we wish to emphasize our heritage. Much of the thinking will be Army, not unusual in Victoria, however, this represents an opportunity for us to make some headway. Firstly we need to be seen to act as being like minded. That is not to say we can't contribute our individual initiatives, but it does mean we need to schedule carefully and if possible do something different. NCCV has had discussions with representatives of the Naval Association, Navy League, Melbourne Naval Centre and Navy Victoria Network. There is considerable interest in making a concerted effort. Now we need all potential advocates within the Navy Community to also express an interest. Whilst we have yet to lock on to a proposal that we can all harness, we are close to this goal. A reasonable way of supporting the Centennial year is to join up with others, that could be your Ship Association joining another Association to support a single course of action. The NCCV is more than willing to work with any Association that wishes to explore the options open

to them. Keep an eye on the NVN website to see if others are expressing interest in joining in during 2015. In the meantime we still have our routine activities to manage during this year, such as the flagship events. The effort put into these events over recent years has witnessed a gradual and consistent increase in participation. Thanks to the regulars who are the stalwarts in Victoria. The biggest event this year will be the International Fleet Review in Sydney and as outlined on page one, this will be well worth witnessing. Some of our colleagues have had the distinction of attending Fleet Reviews here and in the UK. Although each Review carries with it some unique aspect, the primary and inspirational attribute is seeing so many warships from a number of countries proudly lined up for all to see. There is no better place than Sydney Harbour to witness such an event - does anyone think we will ever see another Review in Port Phillip Bay? Many of our WWII ex-Navy colleagues are not entirely seaworthy at the moment, we hope you are on course for full recovery.

Best wishes, Terry Makings

MRH 90 -Mean Machines- AWD

808 Squadron has been reformed with six new mean looking Multi Role helicopters [MRH90]. When embarked, the MRH90 enhances Navy's capacity, armed with anti-submarine and air to surface missiles with the ability to lift a 4 tonne load slung externally or carry 20 troops.

We also have the Air Warfare Destroyer program well underway with HOBART taking shape at ASC, Adelaide. We will see this magnificent ship in 2016 with her two sister ships, BRISBANE & SYDNEY. Relevant Ship associations will be pleased.



Stuart III

The fleet welcomed STUART III back into active service recently after the crew of ANZAC III managed a hull swap. The crew sailed ANZAC to Fleet Base West and executed the swap, then navigated STUART back to Fleet Base East. The STUART ship's company is particularly skilled, having earned the Gloucester Cup during their time in ANZAC.

↓ STUART underway towards FBW, Sydney.



Red Sea Rig

Back in the old days everyone was familiar with 'Red Sea Rig' for Officers as night rig, or Schooner Rig for Sailors. Whilst uniforms have changed these days, the photograph below shows four of our best (HoDs) in HMAS NEWSCASTLE in Red Sea Rig whilst the ship was in the Red Sea.

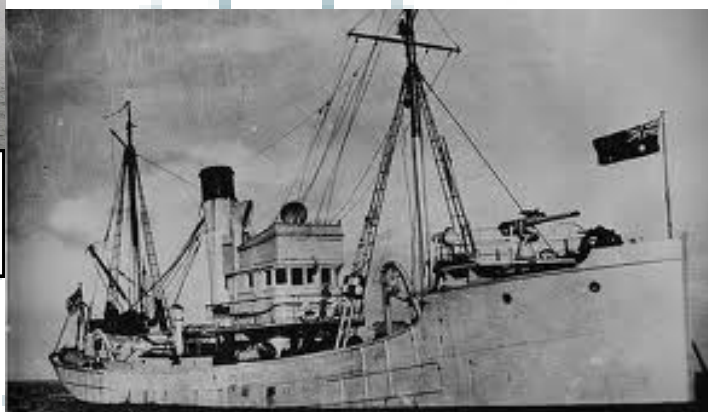


Navy Daily

Navy has launched a new online news website at <http://news.navy.gov.au> called Navy Daily. This stream complements Navy News, other internet sites and social media through online delivery of news stories about activities likely to be of interest to the ex-Navy community. Navy Daily is a contemporary method of communication that will enable all of us to appreciate Navy's capacity and professionalism.

Goorangai

RANR personnel who have a special interest to the wider Navy community should go to the website www.navy.gov.au/media-room/publications/goorangai for the purpose of writing an article. No edition of 'Goorangai' has been produced for some time, apparently due to the lack of input. No doubt there will be many interesting pieces of work that the rest of us would enjoy learning about. Your research may be a catalyst to a much broader piece of research if only we knew about it. The story of HMAS GOORANGAI itself is something that may prompt someone to shape their view of the facts surrounding the requisition, operational commitment and then its eventual loss.



Centennial 2015

There is an important opportunity for us to contribute to the year 2015, Centennial of ANZAC. All ex-Navy Associations should look at their capacity to contribute in some small way to the events over year 2015. With some effort we can prompt the wider Navy community such that they may consider joining in as we reflect on years gone by. Our purpose is not to glorify war, but to see how we might honour those that served at a time of great peril to Australia. We might recall our own service as pretty ordinary, however, a little thought as to how the crew of the submarine AE1 went about their duty should crystallise our thinking. Hopefully you will include Centennial 2015 on the agenda at your next Association meeting. NCCV is keen to identify a specific project that we can all support. This will follow discussions across many of our foundation organisations where we will seek agreement and collaboration. We are underway!





More than your average LCDR

LCDR Andrea Argrides, appointed to Headquarters Joint Task Force 633 Afghanistan, looks at antique books from a local store at Kabul

International Airport - (KAIA). Andrea conducts regular cultural awareness training for personnel at Australia's Headquarters 633-Afghanistan in Kabul. Andrea's role is to assist Australian and allied peace keeping forces to be more culturally aware of the Afghan people and the Afghan National Security Force they are working alongside. Andrea holds 6 degrees with 2 Masters, and has studied 7 languages at various levels, including Ancient Greek and Akkadian (Old Babylonian Script of Ancient Mesopotamia). Any questions??



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Items of special interest

Flag Ship Events. The next Flag Ship Event is the **Seafarers Commemorative Service** to be held at 1030, Sunday 20OCT13, at the Cenotaph—Shrine of Remembrance. This year the Seafarers Church Service and the Navy Wreath Laying Service will be combined into this one significant service.

HMAS GOORANGAI Commemorative Service will commence at 1130 on Sunday, 17NOV13 at the Ocean View Reserve, Queenscliff. This will be preceded by a short march, led by the Geelong Memorial Brass Band and will step off at 1115 from the RSL Hall, King Street. Keep watch for the invite to the lunch at the RSL Hall afterwards.

Shipp Division. The first RAN Recruit Division named after a sailor, comprising 100 young men and women participated in a wreath laying service at the Shrine of Remembrance on Sunday, 07JUL13. A very impressive group of young Australians who were appraised of their Navy heritage.

Pilgrimages to the Shrine of Remembrance. Pilgrimages (services) on behalf of Ship/Unit/Category Associations conducted at the Shrine of Remembrance are open to everyone, you do not need an invitation. All services are an opportunity for Veterans, their family to reflect on past service.

Taylor Division RAN Recruit School Inaugural Taylor Division comprises 100 men and women who stand to exhibit the key values sought from today's sailors. On their journey they will be expected to uphold the heritage derived from the distinguished service of Leading Seaman Ronald Taylor. He was in HMAS *Yarra* (II) during World War II when on 4 March 1942 the ship engaged five Japanese warships which had intercepted the convoy *Yarra* was escorting. Although providing a gallant defence, all allied vessels were destroyed, with *Yarra* the last to be sunk. Despite an order to abandon ship, Taylor stayed alone at his gun, firing slowly and defiantly at the enemy until he was killed shortly before the ship went down.

Navy Victoria Network Website Is your Association listed on the NVN Website yet? If not, it's time to share your contact details with others as we aim to increase the involvement of ex-Navy men and women and their descendants. If our colleagues are to engage, there is a need to ensure the means of making contact is readily available. Whilst NCCV will channel any enquiries we receive to the appropriate person/association, it would be best to make direct contact.