



# Newsletter

*Incorporating NCCV's newsletter Rogues' Yarn*

Navy Victoria Network

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## Editorial

*NVN current membership: 995*

Whilst the NVN 'reporters' do their best to ensure that all the events coming up in Victoria that have a 'Naval flavour' are advertised to our readers well in advance on the NVN Website via the Calendar and in the thumbnail notes in the margins of our monthly Newsletters, we are obviously reliant on our readers and the various affiliated ex-Navy Associations in Victoria to tell us if there are any other events that we've missed. Thanks to the networking skills of our Webmaster, these inputs from the wider Navy community are generally getting the exposure they deserve. But please keep these inputs coming!

For instance, most readers of the NVN are also on the mailing lists for newsletters, calendars and forecasts of events promulgated by a range of other organisations. And sometimes these contain snippets of information or details of events that probably would be of interest to other members of the ex-Navy community. If you come across any such 'gems', we encourage you to pass them on via a quick email to the NVN Webmaster ([webmaster@navyvic.net](mailto:webmaster@navyvic.net)) who will confirm whether we already know about the event or information and, if not, he'll do his best (within the NVN's editorial guidelines) to include the information in the appropriate place on the Website. Obviously, the earlier we hear about and promulgate details of events, the more useful it is to our readers.

One such excellent source of information that this 'reporter' receives is the Shrine of Remembrance's 6-monthly "What's On" brochure. Anybody can obtain copies or be placed on the mailing list by ringing the Shrine's Reception office on 9661 8100 or sending an email to Paola Wisniak ([pwisniak@shrine.org.au](mailto:pwisniak@shrine.org.au)).

## Calendar Events

*(see calendar for details of all events)*

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**06 Aug** – In 1900 South Australian ship *PROTECTOR* sailed for the Boxer Rebellion under the command of CAPT W.R. Creswell.

**09 Aug** – In 1942 HMAS Canberra lost.

**18 Aug** – Vietnam Veterans' Day  
10:00hrs: Gunfire Breakfast  
11:30hrs: March begins  
12:00hrs: Wreath Laying

**20 Aug** – FAA established in 1948

**24 Aug** – NHS Meeting - all welcome

**30 Aug** – RAN Recruits wreath laying

**30 Aug** – Legacy Sunday - wreath laying, begins Legacy Week.

**02 Sep** – Battle for Australia - wreath laying

**03 Sep** – Merchant Navy - wreath laying

## ANZAC Centenary Events

*ANZAC Naval Commemorative*

**Ball - Change of Venue**

*Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond control there has been a change of venue. The venue now is: The Atrium, Flemington Racecourse, 448 Epsom Rd, Flemington (10 Minutes from the CBD). Full details at: <http://www.anzacball2015.org/page2.html> and <http://www.anzacball2015.org/page6.html>*

Whilst a number of the events in the Shrine's calendar for the remainder of this year (particularly those which have a 'Naval flavour') are already advertised in the NVN, this being Year 2 of the centenary of "The Great War", there are many other events and exhibitions happening at the Shrine which will be of a broader historical appeal to everybody, particularly those of us who had grandparents who served in that War. Hopefully some of the following events will inspire a number of our NVN readers to make the 'pilgrimage' to the Shrine this year:

**Thursday 30 Jul @ 1730:** Tour with the Curator of "*The Anzac Battlefield: Landscape of War & Memory*" exhibitions

**Wednesday 12 Aug @ 1730:** Presentation by the author of "*This intimate War: Gallipoli/Canakkale 1915*"; poems reflecting the experiences of both the Australians & Turks during these campaigns

**Saturday 15 Aug @ 1100:** Service to mark the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the end of WWII

**Sunday 16 Aug @ 1430:** Music recital "*WW1 – A Jazz Reflection*" by the Air Force Band's Jazz Group

**Tuesday 18 Aug @ 1200:** "Vietnam Veterans Day" service

**Tuesday 25 Aug @ 1730:** Film Screening of "*Love letters from a War*" ABC TV production

**Wednesday 2 Sep @ 1100:** Service to mark "Battle for Australia Day"

**Thursday 3 Sep @ 1730:** Presentation by the author of "*Australia & the Vietnam War*"

**Thursday 1 Oct @1230:** Presentation on "*Lemnos – The other side of Gallipoli*"

**Sunday 18 Oct @ 1230:** Talk & tour with the Director of Exhibitions & Collections through the new Galleries of Remembrance

**Wednesday 11 Nov @1030:** Remembrance Day service

**Tuesday 24 Nov @ 1730:** Theatrical reading of "*Letters to Evie*" (VAD Nurse Evie Percy 1914 to 1918)

**Wednesday 9 Dec @ 1230:** Presentation by the author of "*Watson's*"

## 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>

### **Australian Government gifts landing craft to the Philippines**

CN Vice Admiral Tim Barrett, AO, CSC, RAN, was joined at HMAS Cairns today by his Philippine counterpart, Vice Admiral Jesus Millan, at a ceremony to gift two decommissioned Australian Balikpapan class landing craft to the Government of the Philippines.

### **Maritime power underpinned by lethality**

CN Vice Admiral Tim Barrett, recently returned from a successful visit to London, where he addressed the Royal College of Defence Studies on the topic of Maritime Power in the twenty-first century.

### **Two Lost Ships Project Update - July 2015**

### **Reserve pay changes bring alignment**

From 2 July Reserve members will have access to the same salary increment structure as their permanent Navy colleagues after the Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal approved the Australian Defence Force pay case on 30 June.

### **Release of Defence Firefighters' health study**

*Pier*"; book about the pier at Anzac Cove

For more information on any of these events or the numerous excellent Exhibitions, please contact the Shrine via Phone (9661 8100) or Email ([reception@shrine.org.au](mailto:reception@shrine.org.au))

Yours Aye!  
NVN Team

## VALE

- † CPOWTR R.L. Wymond, R32272, 20 July 2015. Aged 86.
- † CMDR R. Speight, 20 July 2015.
- † LME D. Glew, R59574, 09 July 2015. Aged 69.
- † LSQMG D. Collins, R36096, 04 July 2015.
- † NASE P.M. McDonald, 09 June 2015.
- † ERA1 R. Dunlop, 28 June 2015.

## 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



### Are you an Old Paradian?

As part of Centenary of Anzac, the Old Paradians' Association (former students of Parade College) is convening a dinner on Friday 23 October 2015 to honour former students of Parade College who have served, or who presently serve in their country's uniform. [Download the flyer.....](#)

### Every nation has its story. This is ours. We are proud of it.

The Hon Dr. Brendan Nelson - Director, Australian War Memorial - Address to 58th Federal Council, Liberal Party of Australia. A very interesting speech delivered without notes.

[View YouTube video.....\(21 minutes\)](#)

### Navy Week Victoria – 2015

Details of Navy week events in Victoria can be found at:

<http://navyvic.net/news/navyweek2015.html>

**NCCV's "Rogues' Yarn" attached below**

Monash University today published the results of the Defence Firefighters' Health Study, which examined the incidences of death and cancer in current and former ADF firefighters.

### Medal Replacement

Prior to 2003 lost, stolen or destroyed medals could only be replaced directly to the individual who earned them.

### Release of the 2015 Defence White Paper Community Consultation Report

Topics: 2015 Defence White Paper Community Consultation Report, shipbuilding, terrorism, DHA housing at Campbell Barracks

### Spirit of ANZAC Centenary Experience Registration Opens for Launceston, Hobart, Albury/Wodonga

Registrations for the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience travelling exhibition tickets will open for people in these regions today 01 Jul 2015.

### 2015 "Victory in the Pacific" Luncheon - RAN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS

You are invited to a luncheon at the Australia Club on Thursday 13th August, 2015 to hear Captain Paul Mandziy, CSC, the Commissioning C.O. of HMAS Adelaide take us through the RAN history of Amphibious Operations and the relevance to the operational role of HMAS Adelaide. [Download Flyer.....](#)

### DVA Corporate Plan 2015 - 2016 - download.....

### Navy League of Australia (Vic Div) July 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



### The Three Sisters - Fairmiles

#### KEY ENGAGEMENTS

**Services at the Shrine  
of Remembrance**  
*[Everyone welcome]*

**Monthly Memorial  
Service - Sanctuary**  
**6AUG@1130**

**Victory in the Pacific  
Service - Cenotaph**  
**15AUG@1200**

**Vietnam Veterans  
Service - Cenotaph**  
**18AUG@1200**

**Taylor Division  
Service - Sanctuary**  
**30AUG@1000**

**Next NCCV meeting**  
**11AUG15 @ 1030 at**  
**Melb Naval Centre.**

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

Recently we neglected to mention the 2 Junior Recruit intakes trained at HMAS Cerberus. 1st intake 1963-64, 2nd in 1964-65. Pointed out by Alex McGown, 2nd intake. Divisions within each intake were: Phillip, Hunter, Bligh, Brisbane, King, Burke & Macquarie (all Governors). Darling missed out for some reasons.

During WWII the RAN pressed into service a great number of company and privately owned ships and boats, the term for such vessels was Ships Taken Up From Trade (STUFT). They were large Armed Merchant Carriers to small motor launches. A number were small intrastate coastal fishing vessels. Some had obscure names like the THREE CHEERS. Many were fitted out for coastal minesweeping, others escorted convoys until the Corvettes were built. Among these STUFT ships were the three sisters, TERKA (FY90), TOLGA (FY00) and TOORIE (FY01). They commenced as minesweeper, TERKA & TOLGA ended the war as store carriers. The three sister ships were originally built for the specific task of carrying blocks of granite to Sydney from a quarry at Moruya Heads on the South Coast of NSW. The four pylons of Sydney Harbour Bridge are made of the stone carried by the three sisters. It is understood that stone for the Cenotaph in Martin Place, Sydney came from the same quarry. The three ships were sold to the Adelaide Steamship Company (Adsteam) who favoured indigenous names, three sisters became TERKA, TOLGA & TOORIE. They were; 420 gross tons, 148 by 27 feet with a 9 foot draught, had a single screw with a triple expansion coal fired reciprocating steam engine. Economical speed was 8 knots and a maximum of 9.5 knots. Adsteam used the three ships on the Queensland coast to lighter bulk and bagged sugar from the coastal jetties to larger ships out at anchor. The three sisters were requisitioned in 1940, commissioned in JAN41, they were armed with one 12 pounder, two Vickers, ma-

chine guns (later a 20 mm Oerlikon) & four depth charges. They became part of the 20th Mine Sweeping Flotilla. Their objective to sweep the mines laid by a German raider off the south east coast of Australia. As the Corvettes commissioned from 1941, TOORIE remained an auxiliary minesweeper, TERKA & TOLGA were assigned to carry water north of Darwin. They were in Darwin Harbour during the first air raid by the Japanese 19FEB42. A little time later they carried stores to New Guinea. Members of the Fairmile Association served in all three sisters. The fate of each of the Sisters was different, although two of them have Madang Harbour in common. TOORIE spent all of its naval life as an auxiliary minesweeper, was returned to its owners in January 1943, trading until 1956 then sold to shipbreakers in Hong Kong. TERKA was alongside RONA, a coal hulk in Madang Harbour on 26MAR45. The RONA was formerly the iron barque POLLY WOODSIDE. After coaling and without warning TERKA suddenly list to starboard and then sunk. 34 years later, in 1971 the RAN Clearance Diving Team One partly cleared the wreck, which was obstructing a channel needed to allow tankships to access fuel storage installations. TOLGA was in Madang also in early 1946 when a survey found her to be badly deteriorated, structurally unsafe and too dangerous to sail back to Australia. She was decommissioned 3MAR46, towed to sea by HMAS Condamine and scuttled off the coast of New Guinea on 30APR46. *Article by Dick Thompson OAM, Fairmile Association member and WWII Veteran.*





### Disclaimer

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

As we move towards October and Navy Week Victoria 2015 the need to share information relating to planned activities is crucial. Each event is duly placed on the NVN website and we relentlessly remind our readers of the opportunities. The hope is that everyone is abreast of developments and thinking about making decisions as to how and where to best engage. As with all plans there are times where changes are required. One such change has been the venue of the Ball. This became necessary when Etihad Stadium management advised that they had scheduled a soccer match on the same night as the Ball. 40,000 soccer fans bouncing around Etihad Stadium at the same time as the Ball was reasonable justification to seek an alternative venue. Whilst inconvenient, due to revised travel, it will not diminish the experience of the night. In our 'items of interest' section you will read that the Veterans Council, is keen to determine the needs of the Veteran community in Victoria. This is a great opportunity for each Ship/Unit/Branch Association to convey their thoughts regard-

ing the method of gaining support, financial or other. It may also be opportune to discuss the issues before your respective Associations, particularly regarding the need to encourage more recent members of the Navy who have yet to recognise the benefit of being seen to participate in the various activities arranged across the Navy fraternity. It will only be worthwhile if we get behind this initiative. You might think about the benefit of an independent facility close to the CBD, such as the old Repat building in St Kilda Road, adjacent to Victoria Barracks - around 308 St Kilda Road. Have a go at the survey, your comments may make the difference. Don't forget to keep the NVN webmaster up to date on your activities, that way we will all know about them. We have also received a request to find any WWII Veterans who served in Scrap Iron Flotilla. If you know of anyone that fits the bill, could you email NCCV and let us know how to make contact with that person please.

*Yours aye, Terry Makings*

## VP Luncheon

You are invited to attend a lunch at the Australia Club. The purpose being to mark Victory in the Pacific. The lunch will be 1215 for 1245, Thursday, 13AUG15. The special presenter will be Captain Paul Mandziy CSC RAN, Commanding Officer Designate HMAS *Adelaide*. Captain Mandziy has just completed an assignment as Defence Attache Southern Europe, based in Madrid. In his early years he was a pilot of both fixed wing and helicopters. He also achieved B.Sc and MBA degrees. The subject of the presentation will relate to the Navy's history of Amphibious Operations and the relevance to the operational role of HMAS *Adelaide*. As recently noted in the Royal United Services Institute Journal of NSW "Geopolitical circumstances dictate that Australia adopts a maritime strategy integral to which are amphibious operations. These involve the projection of a military force from the sea onto a hostile, or potentially hostile shore and includes assaults, withdrawals, raids and demonstrations." Captain Stephen Bowater OAM RAN, SNO Victoria and CO HMAS *Cerberus* will introduce CAPT Mandziy. If interested, you need to move quickly as the cut off date is **28JUL15**. Go to our NVN website and view the information on how to pay and other particulars relevant to the event.

## Navy Week Victoria

The NCCV initiative to re-invigorate Navy Week Victoria 2015 is well underway. The program: 17OCT15 - **ANZAC Navy Commemorative Ball** at Flemington Racecourse. Contacts Speed Dwyer [davidgdwyer@hotmail.com](mailto:davidgdwyer@hotmail.com) and Carmel Tom via [carmeltom@netspace.net.au](mailto:carmeltom@netspace.net.au)

18OCT15 **Seafarers Church Service** 1030 at St Pauls Cathedral.

18OCT15 **Navy Week Wreath Laying** 1230 in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance.

19OCT15 **Golf Tournament** Monday morning and lunch email [rohan.jennings@defence.gov.au](mailto:rohan.jennings@defence.gov.au)

20OCT15 **Naval Gazing HMAS Cerberus** TBA

21OCT15 **Seminar** 0945 to 1500 in the Theatre Shrine of Remembrance.

22OCT15 **Trafalgar Dinner** organised by the Naval Officers Club at the Melbourne Club.

23OCT15 **Bowls Tournament** email the coordinator [gregory.mcclelland@defence.gov.au](mailto:gregory.mcclelland@defence.gov.au)

The detail supporting each of the above events can be found at <http://navyvic.net/> for further info go to [naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com](mailto:naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com) particularly for events above with no contact listed.

# Navy Week Victoria - 2015

## Seminar



**Theme: WWI & NOW**

**Strategy** - *Professor Admiral Chris Barrie AC RAN Rtd*

**Navy** - *Captain Stephen Bowater OAM RAN*

**Army** - *Major General Paul McLachlan AM CSC*

**Air** - *Air Commodore Brian Edwards*

**Submarines** - *Rear Admiral Peter Briggs AO CSC RAN Rtd*

**Medical** - *Group Captain Dr Annette Holian*

**Wednesday** - 21 October 2015, arrive at 0945, leave at 1500

**Venue** - Theatre, Shrine of Remembrance

**Cost** - \$30 - this includes a light lunch

**Register your interest by email to:** [naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com](mailto:naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com)

## Reserve Forces Day

The Patron-in-Chief of Reserve Forces Day, His Excellency The Honourable General Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Rtd) Governor General and Commander in Chief said prior to the day, "Reservists are a vital part of Australia's long and distinguished military history, from the Boer War to our current commitments around the globe. Reservists continue to be recognised and honoured." This year on 5JUL RADM John Lord AM RAN Rtd was the reviewing officer of the Melbourne parade and wreath laying service at the Shrine of Remembrance. Approximately 500 Reservists marched with over 200 VIPs in attendance.



There were also 200+ observers present to witness the occasion. Whilst there was a distinct lack of ex-Navy participants, there was a contingent of Australian Navy Cadets. The AWE ↑ was marched in by a Colour Party along with the Australian Flag and the RAAF flag. Maybe next year we will see a few of the old school.

## Cerberus Museum

Visitations to the *Cerberus* Museum is not as easy as it once was, but don't let that deter you as it is still a great experience. Given the changes in security measures across all Defence Force Establishments these days, you need to see <http://www.navy.gov.au/history/museums/museum-of-hmas-cerberus> for details on how to gain entry. WO Marty Grogan has made some great changes to the museum over the years achieving a credible outcome for Navy. Below is a photograph by Chris Banfield, Marty stands next to the original crest for the Torpedo School. No doubt many will appreciate this was the precursor for the much heralded Weapons Electrical School.





## ANZAC Centenary

The Victoria Police Museum has just opened a new exhibition, titled *Above and Beyond*. This depicts the contribution made by Victoria Police Officers during World War 1. The museum is open weekdays - 1000 and 1600. The destination is the World Trade Centre, Siddeley Street. One very interesting feature of this commemoration of the ANZAC Centenary is reference to George Ingram VC MM. After WWI, George was one of the first Shrine of Remembrance Guards, part of Victoria's Police Protection Services Unit. Well worth a visit! The Victorian Opera also has a special presentation of '*Remembrance*' on Thursday, 13AUG15. *Remembrance* spans six chapters - enlistment, embarkation, training, landing, trench warfare and homecoming. One of Australia's best known operatic tenors, David Hobson joins eight of Victorian Opera's talented young artists as they create a series of moving musical portraits against the backdrop of archival footage, accompanied by a chamber orchestra and community choir. Go to <https://artscentremelbourne.com.au/whats-on/opera/remembrance> if interested.



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## Items of special interest

**Correction.** An observant CPO Rohan Jennings noticed an error in the June edition where FFH152 was listed as *Perth* when it was *Warramunga*. *Warramunga* was leaving the Henderson refit facility after being upgraded with ASMD. BZ Chief!

**WRANs Reunion.** All known reunions are listed in the NVN website, but it is helpful to remind some readers of those that are planned for Victoria. The WRANs have such an event, go to <http://wransvic.org.au/reunions/reunion-2016/>

**Chief Stokers.** Have you ever wondered what happens to Chief Stokers when they leave the Navy? Whilst we can not verify the advice received, there does seem to be some credibility behind the story. One clue, would surely be their ability to move from one crisis to another without any effort!



**General Sir John Monash Commemorative Service** will be held in the Legislative Assembly Chamber, Parliament House, Spring Street on Friday, 14AUG. If interested, email [Victoria@pams.com.au](mailto:Victoria@pams.com.au)



### Veterans Council.

The Council from L-R: COL Dr Ross Bastiaan AM RFD, Ms Mikaela Stafrace, BRIG Michael Annett CSC, RADM John Lord AM, COL Stuart

Dodds, Mr Peter Tanner, absent were LCOL Lauren Grimes, Mr Frank Kelloway and MGEN James Hughes AO DSO MC. The Council has a survey underway in an endeavour to find out what is the best way of supporting ex-Service interests. Go to: [www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/veterans/community-review](http://www.dpc.vic.gov.au/index.php/veterans/community-review) for details on sessions near you and also an online survey. Your input is important.

**Victory in the Pacific.** On Saturday 15AUG15 at 1200 there will be a service to commemorate Victory in the Pacific Day. The venue will be the Shrine of Remembrance. Our new Governor, Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AM will attend, along with many senior Service identities.

**Replacement Medals.** Replacements go to: [www.defence.gov.au/medals/content/applications.asp](http://www.defence.gov.au/medals/content/applications.asp)