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HMAS CERBERUS REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The NVN Team, along with any ex-Navy personnel who ever had the 'pleasure' to undertake training at HMAS *Cerberus* (affectionately known as "*The Cradle of the Navy*") were thrilled to read the news last March that the Defence White Paper had earmarked \$500M to be spent on major upgrades and new facilities in this, the Navy's largest training base.

The scope of work for the \$273M Phase 1 of "*The Cerberus Redevelopment Project*" is currently being refined for a 2017-18 start date. And according to the media release, more than \$200M has been allocated for subsequent stages. Investment of this magnitude certainly appears to secure the long-term future of *Cerberus*. This reassurance, of course, has also been warmly welcomed by the Mornington Peninsula Shire and residents in the Western Port area as the Base and its inhabitants provide a significant benefit to the local economy of the region.

The project will include the upgrade of underground engineering services including firefighting and potable water, storm water, sewer, gas, electrical and communications systems. These 'enabling services' will be progressively upgraded over a four year period to minimise the disruption to the training output of the Establishment.

The above ground works include a combination of new and refurbished logistic and personnel support buildings in addition to training buildings to support RAN and ADF training capability requirements.

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)

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27 Jul – Korean Veterans' Day

03 Aug – On this day in 1900 - South Australian ship *PROTECTOR* sails for the Boxer Rebellion under the command of CAPT W.R. Creswell.

18 Aug – Vietnam Veterans Day

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

22 Aug – NHS meeting – all welcome.

01 Sep – Legacy Day

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>

Interview on ABC AM with Stephanie March

The Defence Minister hasn't ruled out expanding or changing Australia's role fighting against the Islamic State group.

US Navy banned from using sonar that harms dolphins and walrus

A federal appeals court ruled on Friday that the US Navy was wrongly allowed to use sonar in the nation's oceans that could harm whales and other marine life.

Before the planned works can commence in early 2018 there are several Defence and Government approval stages that are yet to be successfully navigated. The current proposed scope of work includes the following items:

New ADF Physical Training School;

New Marine Technician training building;

New School of Survivability and Ship Safety buildings and practical training area;

New Clothing and Naval Store building;

New Junior Officer Living in Accommodation;

Extensions to the Junior Sailor's Galley; and

Refurbishment of Recruit and Category School Living-in Accommodation.

The proposed works will also include the demolition of a number of buildings that have well and truly done their job over the years. Landscaping of these sites will be undertaken throughout the project.

It is an exciting time for *Cerberus* as it approaches the 100th anniversary of delivering trained personnel to support the ADF. The planned investment is also a very welcome indication of the Federal Government's commitment for training to continue at the Base for many decades to come.

So if the ex-Navy readers of this edition of the NVN want to have one last look at *Cerberus* the way she has looked for many years, you had better 'get your skates on' and come down to the biennial "Open Day" planned for Sunday 23 October this year. Alternatively, you could try to convince the ex-Navy Associations to which you belong, to organise a bus trip and guided tour while you can.

More information regarding the Federal Government's plans to increase Defence spending by \$29.9 Billion over the next decade to deliver the strategies and plans set out in the 2016 White Paper is available at www.defence.gov.au/whitepaper

Yours Aye!

NVN Team

Rankin back from the long haul

HMAS Rankin has returned to HMAS Stirling following "the longest single deployment for a Collins Class Submarine".

HMAS Canberra achieves first

HMAS Canberra has successfully landed a United States Marine Corps (USMC) MV-22 Osprey tiltrotor aircraft on its flight deck for the very first time.

'What Will You Bring?'

Defence Force Recruiting (DFR) is launching a new national Navy recruitment campaign which will air for the first time on Sunday 17 July.

The ADF march in France on French National Day

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) will today join its Anzac counterparts the New Zealand Defence Force in Paris to march with the French Armed Forces and other military contingents in the French National Day Parade, proudly leading in the 'Position of Honour'.

Securing Australia's oceans: the case for unmanned maritime vehicles

The volume of traffic travelling through Australia's maritime approaches—along with a diversifying threat environment—is putting ever-increasing strain on border security assets.

New Military Superannuation Arrangements

From 1 July 2016, all incoming ADF members will be covered by the new ADF superannuation arrangement, incorporating a new default superannuation accumulation fund, ADF Super.

Mosaic and Hurricane survivors return to Monte Bello

Members of the Australian Ex-

VALE

- † CDRE J.D. Bryson CSM RANR, 17 July 2016. Aged 53.
- † LSUW W. Reich, R57900, 16 July 2016. Aged 75.
- † LCDR W.F. Lloyd CSM RAN, O111964, 04 July 2016. Aged 61.
- † EMP C. EGAN, 04 July 2016. Aged 67.
- † POSBA G.W. Andrews, R54054, 30 June 2016. Aged 75.
- † CAPT S.P. O'Brien CSC RAN, 26 June 2016. Aged 54.
- † POMTP G.J. Ford, S112881, 27 June 2016. Aged 63.
- † LRO B.J. Hayward, R54250, 25 June 2016. Aged 77.
- † WRANTEL S. Fenton Huie, WR1955, 23 June 2016. Aged 91.

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. 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.

2017 Anzac Day march in Melbourne - Changes that will affect the NAVY ARMY and AIR FORCE Associations.

At the ANZAC Day Commemorative Committee Meeting of Tuesday 19/7/16, it was passed that the following Order of March changes are to be integrated into the 2017 ANZAC Day March Melbourne.

1. **All WW2 Veterans** will be required to ride in vehicles.
2. a. **All Navy WW2 Banners** will be massed at the front (Flinders St West) and will March off in Mass ahead of the remaining Navy Banners.

b. **No Descendants** will be permitted to march behind any Banners, although they will be invited to carry relative WW2 banners.
3. **All Descendants** will march at the rear of the March, after all NAVY, ARMY and RAAF Veterans have marched off.
4. Those WW2 Ships Banners which are still relative to post 1945 operations and may possibly have Veterans from those operations marching, will remain in place.

For the first time the 2017 ANZAC Day March will see the **NAVY IN VIETNAM** and **RAN POST 1975** Banners paraded within the NAVY Associations Order of March.

The Chief Marshal is constantly monitoring the underground construction schedule to ensure we will not be surprised by sudden changes which may affect the 2017 ANZAC Day march and beyond.

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

Services Atomic Survivors Association have travelled to the Monte Bello Islands marking the 60th Anniversary of the completion of Operation MOSAIC.

Statement by the Vice Chief of the Defence Force to survivors of abuse
Thank you for the opportunity for me to acknowledge the courage and the strength of the survivors who have come forward and told their stories; not only those who have come forward to this Commission but those who have come forward to the Defence Abuse Response Taskforce and to Defence more generally. Your stories are changing the ADF and they have strengthened the resolve of the senior leadership of the ADF to stamp out abuse in all its forms and, in particular, child sexual abuse. People and systems have failed you and they have put others at risk. That is simply not good enough.

Naval Historical Society of Australia (Victorian Chapter) President's July Musings are now available to [download.....](#)

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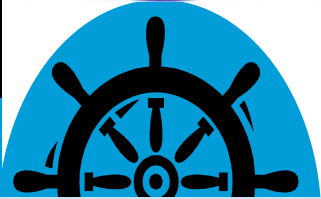
Don't forget to visit the [website](#) as there are many more news articles that may be of interest to you but are not included in this newsletter.



Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

ROGUES' YARN

Seafarers/Sailors



You should attend:

**NCCV will meet on
Tuesday, 9 AUG
at the MNCentre.
1030 start!**

**Associations, please
send along a REP.**

**Vietnam Veterans Day
Wreath Laying Service
March from Police
Memorial St Kilda Rd
to Northern Forecourt,
Shrine of Remembrance
THU 18AUG@1100**

**RAN Recruits
Emms Division
Wreath Laying Service
Sanctuary
SUN 21AUG@1000**

**Operation Pedestal
Maltese Australian
Association
Wreath Laying Service
Cenotaph
SUN 21AUG16@1200**

The Mission to Seamen Victoria (MtSV), as it was known until 2000, was founded in the UK in 1856 by John Ashley, a young clergyman. He had been so moved by the harsh conditions and isolated lives of seafarers that he devoted much of his life to their welfare. A not-for-profit organisation offering practical and spiritual support to seafarers by way of a safe place for rest and relaxation, aid in emergencies, comfort when in distress and assistance in cases of injustice.

The first building in Melbourne was at Sandridge (now Port Melbourne). By the 1890s most ships were berthing along the Yarra River, there was a need to establish a branch nearby in central Melbourne. A Siddeley Street site was leased from the then Melbourne Harbour Trust and in 1907 construction commenced on a MtSV building in central Melbourne. The site of the current buildings was allocated to the Mission in 1915. The current complex



(pictured above) was built in two stages between 1916 - 1919. The existing MtSV, designed by Walter Butler is regarded as architecturally significant. The complex consists of the St Peter the Mariner Chapel, Chaplain's house, a small cottage, an extensive clubroom and administration area and the Norla Dome. The chapel is notable for its fine collection of crafted joinery by

Robert Prenzel. The chapel's close connection with seafarers is illustrated by the pulpit in the form of a galleon ship's stern, image below from MtSV.



There are stained glass windows in the Chapel commemorating seafarers lost at sea. CDRE Dacre Smyth AO RAN Rtd created this window → to feature the early days of the RAN.



Today around 3200 ships visit the Port of Melbourne each year, and some 30,000 seafarers make use of the MtSV port facilities annually in Melbourne, Portland and Geelong. The service offers free phone and internet, for seafarers to contact their families and recreational facilities and transport between their ship and MtSV.

The MtSV Board has achieved a 50 year lease with the State Government, this has been the catalyst for greater involvement of Navy alongside our Merchant Navy Seafarer colleagues. *Much of the text above is from MtSV.*



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Navy Victoria Network

The NavyVIC website is there for all to see, in particular it is for anyone with an interest in Navy. Also, if you are involved in arranging a Navy specific function why not provide information on the activity to the wider Navy Victoria Community. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

President's Report

One hundred years have past since WWI, but the tragic losses experienced during WWI can not and have not been forgotten. The material at our disposal these days enables research and recollections from that tragic time to be condensed into bytes that make the body shudder. The name Pozieres for instance - a village in the Somme Valley, north west France has enormous impact on those that care to reflect on modern history and Australia's place in that history. Pozieres embodies all that makes a place conspicuous, today's serene terrain disguises the blood letting in that place. Many reference points highlight how the earth was carved out by lead and cordite, each shell hunting down our soldiers. Demonstrating courage beyond belief, they pressed on despite seeing the damaged remains of so many mates strewn across the paddocks around Pozieres. Whilst typing this report, one hundred years to the day from when the Battle of Pozieres started I can not help but think of the tragic situation they were embroiled in. My thinking also extends to the stupidity of the decision making that was to bring about so many unwarranted deaths. Today we recognize their supreme sacrifice, but can we imagine the sorrow felt at home.

Sometimes the impact on family, on the descendants is hard to measure. Today there is a large group of descendants that actively exhibit support of their forebears, and the relevant Association. They should be given an opportunity to participate in the activities designed to commemorate the courage and effort of the past, the legacy of our peace keepers and in particular our peace makers. This proposition maybe under scrutiny as plans for Melbourne's ANZAC Day 2017 are formulated. No doubt there will be considerable interest in whether descendants are able to show their support in the usual way. One consideration is how the Navy component of the march is managed. For some reason there is an increasing influence that seeks to separate ship Associations by theatres of action. For instance, if HMAS *Newship* was deployed in WWI, WWII and in subsequent theatres, then some think there should be three or more banners with each placed in chronological order, that is with the group representing WWI and so on. We need to remind ourselves what inherited battle honours means for a named Warship.

Yours aye, Terry Makings

Merchant Ships

The Department of Energy and Environment website advises: *'Wartime secrecy meant that the public knew little of the impact on merchant vessels by enemy submarines during WWII. But Japanese (and to a lesser extent German) submarines had significant successes operating along the east coast of Australia.'* At least 36 merchant ships were sunk in Australian waters during WWII, 18 sunk along the NSW coast. Even today, we tend to be silent regarding the loss of merchant ships, and Seafarers *who have no grave, but the cruel sea*. One exception is AHS *Centaur*, a major atrocity occurred when a Japanese Submarine deliberately sunk the ship when it was clearly lit as a hospital ship. 268 lives were lost. The RAN needed to respond to the aggressive posture of the Japanese Imperial Navy, with 30+ submarines operating in Australian waters. By the end of WWII, 5 Japanese submarines had been sunk. Nonetheless, there is cause to consider



the serious contribution made to the war effort by the Merchant Navy and most importantly the crews of those ships. Ex – Navy men and women are generally indifferent to our Seafarer counterparts. The fact that during two World Wars they put their life on the line, knowing the odds were not really in their favour. Even today, over 2,000 seafarers die at sea every year and it is said that 2 merchant ships are lost every week, but we are oblivious to this. It seems there is a good reason to see how this imbalance might be overcome. *Do you think their contribution merits our patronage?*

CAPT Waller

CAPT H. Waller was one of two members of the RAN awarded two Distinguished Service Orders. The other being CAPT Rosenthal. CAPT Waller joined as a 13 year old in 1913. He was the Chief Cadet Captain during his final year and awarded the King's Medal. He was appointed to the battleship HMS *Agincourt* on graduating, transferring to the cruiser HMAS *Melbourne* early 1919 returning to Australia. By MAR21 he was a LEUT, at sea as a watch-keeper then courses with the RN before joining the staff of the RANC in 1923. He also began training as a Signals Officer, eventually being appointed OIC - Signals and Wireless-Telegraphy School at Flinders Naval Depot in 1926. Two years later he was posted to HMS *Broke*, then HMAS *Australia* as Squadron Signals Officer. In 1934 he was promoted CMDR and posted to RANC, at Flinders as XO. Two years later he moved to Britain where he worked in Intelligence then to HMS *Resource* before taking command of HMS *Brazen*. Just prior to WWII, he returned to Navy Office before taking command of HMAS *Stuart*. His performance was such that he was given command of the 10th Destroyer Flotilla as CAPT. He was awarded the DSO for his leadership at the Battle of Calabria, JUL40. His second DSO occurred at the Battle of Matapan, MAR42. He made the supreme sacrifice in command of HMAS *Perth*.

CAPT Rosenthal

CAPT A. Rosenthal was one of two members of the RAN to be awarded two Distinguished Service Orders, the other being CAPT H. Waller. CAPT Rosenthal joined as a 13 year old in 1915. He was posted to HMS *Ramillies* on graduation in 1918, then *Anzac*, *Geranium*, *Success*, *Australia*, *Canberrrs*, *Waterhen*. He also served in HMS *Tempest* and HMS *Marlborough*. This all being on a career path to being promoted LCDR. When WWII broke out, he was posted in command of the Armed Merchant Cruiser HMAS *Westralia*. During this posting, *Westralia* worked in the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. His efforts where rewarded with a posting to NuShip *Norman* for a very short period, then to the destroyer HMAS *Nester*. *Nester* was deployed to join the search for the *Bismarck*, then to escort convoys in the Mediterranean. Now, as part of Force H Gibraltar, working in support of a depleted Malta. Whilst escorting the convoy it was attacked by submarines, E Boats and the Luftwaffe. SS *Sydney Star* was hit by a torpedo. 460 troops were rescued from the *Sydney Star* by *Nester*, temporary repairs enabled the *Sydney Star* to limp back to port. Rosenthal was awarded the DSO for his leadership. Later that year, he was awarded a second DSO for attacking and sinking a German submarine. In 1942 *Nester* was sunk after encountering heavy enemy action. Promoted CAPT in 1944.

WATERHEN

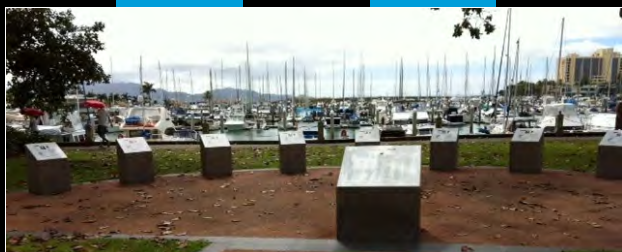


The first Warship lost from the Scrap Iron Flotilla was HMAS *Waterhen*. It seems unbelievable that a Warship could be so damaged that it sinks, but the entire Ship's Company of 127 Officers and Sailors managed to leave the ship unharmed. *Waterhen* sunk on 30JUN41. Thankfully HMS *Defender* was close and took the crew and embarked troops aboard. Pictured above in pristine condition, *Waterhen* was deployed with four other destroyers immediately war was declared in September 1939. They were tasked to escort duties, bombarding shore targets, anti-submarine warfare, carriage of troops, and other logistic related objectives. *Waterhen* was constructed during WWI, not seeing action during that war. *Waterhen* was transferred to the RAN in 1933 and readied for war in 1939.

In Company

Sailing in company can be one of the most exciting experiences when going to sea. The impressive positioning of our warships in close proximity demonstrates great seamanship and control. But we need to give some thought to how tedious this manoeuvre must be for those responsible for each crucial ship's system. One mistake could lead to significant damage to one or more ships. The shot below is an amazing photograph, particularly as there are no goofers on the uppers - or are there?





Above is one of thousands of memorial sites around Australia, this is in ANZAC Memorial Park, Townsville. Each memorial cairn lists local VC recipients. In close proximity is a large stone memorial cairn indicating the relevance of the gardens and the obligation to those who made the supreme sacrifice.



Above is a photograph of the panels that list local participants in the war. A plate bears an inscription by P F Rowland: *Sleep, my sons, your duty done. For freedom's light has come, sleep in the silent depths of the sea, or in your bed of hallowed sod, until you hear at dawn the low clear reveille of God.*



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Special Notes

Battle of Jutland. Members of Dandenong Sub-Section of the Naval Association of Australia and HMAS Bataan Veterans of Australia Association are holding a special event to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Naval Battle of Jutland in World War 1, 1916. You are invited to attend the service at 1030, on Sunday 30OCT16. Venue is the Noble Park RSL, 1128 Heatherton Rd Noble Park. Usual contact, email johnfl@aapt.net.au for info.

All Navy Reunion. There are many reunions, this all Navy reunion may prove to be the most significant this year. If you are interested, there is still time to get involved, contact: Bill Hayward bloggshayward@yahoo.com - Tel: 0411024985, Sue Meehan: suemeehan@me.com or Phil Ireland by emailing phildiane@gmail.com and if you need more info go to [http://navyvic.net/reunions/documents/All Navy Reunion Advice 2016.pdf](http://navyvic.net/reunions/documents/All%20Navy%20Reunion%20Advice%202016.pdf)

Taylor Division. RAN Recruits of Taylor Division visited the Shrine of Remembrance on Sunday, 24JUL16. At their wreath laying service in the Sanctuary they were joined by some of LS Ronald Taylor's descendants. The HMAS Yarra banner was proudly displayed in the theatrette as Gary Taylor presented a video outlining Yarra's deeds.

Cockatoo Island Docks. Images of CoDock recently displayed inform us of its use as a leisure destination subsequent to being disposed of by the Commonwealth. Some will have memories of when our submarines and some surface ships were refitted there. Some may even recall being part of a skeleton crew standing by a 'newship' under construction. Often with the administration office being located in the original prison located on the top of the hill. All this followed the procurement of CoDock on 1JUL21 by the Commonwealth.

RAN Clearance Diving Team 3. In JUL71, three members of CDT3 were recognised for gallantry whilst serving in Vietnam: Leut A.Donald DSC; POCD B.Bailey DSM; LSCD J.Aldenhoven DSM. Brave men going about their designated business!

HMAS Sydney. *Sydney IV* was the first warship to visit a German port since WWII. *Sydney IV* sailed into the port of Kiel during JUL91 and was received by survivors of the *Kormoran* who had history with *Sydney II* some fifty years earlier.

Naval Lore. Remember the days when you needed to know all that other stuff, such as how many 'flowers' there were in the ship, such as: guard rail tulips, shower rows, compass rose, other