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# **Editorial**

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Late June to early July 2018 has been a historically memorable period for the RAN. Before the Chief of Navy (VADM Tim Barrett AO, CSC, RAN) retired from the Navy on 6 July, he joined with the Prime Minister (Malcolm Turnbull), the Minister for Defence (Marise Payne) and the Defence Industry Minister (Christopher Pyne) on 29 June in Adelaide to formally announce that the Federal Government had chosen BAE Systems to build 9 highly-advanced 'Type 26' guided missile frigates (which the RAN will call the 'Hunter Class') to replace the 8 'Anzac Class' frigates in the late 2020s and beyond. Being built in Australia, using Australian steel, and with a phased delivery schedule, this decision will not only enhance the lethality of the RAN's surface combatant capabilities, but also transform Australia's sovereign shipbuilding capabilities.

### Hunter Class FFG

In a signal to all Navy personnel, VADM Barrett said that the class name was chosen to reflect the tradition of naming RAN ships that promote Navy's bond with the nation. In this case, the first three ships of the Hunter class will proudly carry the names of three major Australian regions, all with strong historical maritime and naval ties.

The first batch of three will be named HMA Ships *Flinders* (II) (SA region named after explorer Captain Matthew Flinders - first circumnavigation of Australia and identified it as a

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Calendar Events (see calendar for details of all events)

27 Jul – Korea Veterans Day

**27 Jul** – Christmas in July – Mission to Seafarers.

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

**09 Aug** – HMAS Canberra commemoration service

**18 Aug** – Vietnam Veterans Day

**20 Aug** – 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Fleet Air Arm

**27 Aug** – Naval Historical Society meeting (all welcome)

**29 Aug** – On this day in 1942 - HMAS ARUNTA sinks Japanese submarine RO-33

**01 Sep** – On this day in 1951 - ANZUS Treaty signed

**01 Sep** – On this day in 1920, Flinders Naval Deport was commissioned

01 Sep – Legacy Day

# Latest Videos and

### 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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continent); *Hunter* (NSW region named for Vice-Admiral John Hunter – first fleet Captain and 2nd Governor of NSW); and *Tasman* (state and sea named for explorer Abel Tasman – first known European explorer to reach Tasmania, New Zealand and Fiji).

The class name was specifically chosen for the alternate interpretation of a 'hunter' personifying the role of the frigates as a submarine hunter, with the term embodying the pursuit of prey.

"The replacement of our eight Anzac Class Frigates with nine frigates optimised for anti-submarine warfare...will significantly enhance the lethality of our surface combatant capabilities," CN said.

CN also said that these ships will incorporate the leadingedge Australian-developed CEA phased array radar and the US Navy's powerful Aegis combat management system. And with an Australian interface developed by Saab Australia, the 'Hunter Class' will be one of the most capable multi-role warships in the world. They will have the capability to conduct a variety of missions independently, or as part of a task group, with sufficient range and endurance to operate effectively throughout the region. They will also ensure that our interoperability as a joint force and with our allies will improve.

As a responsible regional actor, Australia's future frigates will also have the flexibility to support non-warfare roles such as humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

### Deepening Australia's shipbuilding capability

According to the Prime Minister, the AU\$35 billion purchase and construction program provides a unique opportunity to not just strengthen but guarantee Australia's naval shipbuilding sovereignty.

The 'Hunter Class' frigates will be built by ASC Shipbuilding at the Osborne Naval Shipyard in South Australia. ASC Shipbuilding, currently wholly owned by the Commonwealth, will become a subsidiary of BAE Systems. This subsidiary status will ensure that BAE Systems is fully responsible and accountable for the timely delivery of the

#### LATEST VIDEOS .....

- *ex-HMAS Curlew is to be transformed into a floating backpackers hostel*
- 725 Squadron Alive and Cooking
- 725 Squadron Video 2017
- US Amphibious Assault Vehicles embark HMAS Adelaide
- Navy Clearance Divers Invited to Dive Iconic Memorial
- HMAS Warramunga Returns to
   Australiat
- Chief of Navy Change of Command
- Hamel Commemorations Mitchell Law
- BAE Systems Global Combat Ship -Australia (GCS-A)
- Future Frigate announcement

#### NEWS.....

The Department of Defence Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group accepted delivery of the second Hobart Class destroyer NUSHIP Brisbane at an official ceremony in Adelaide on Friday.

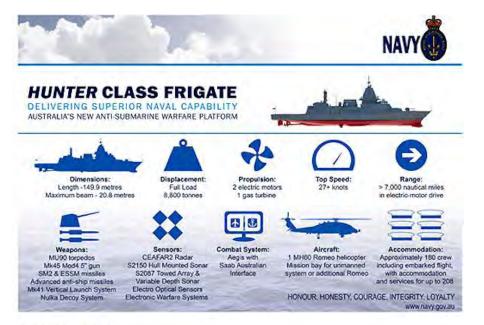
The RAN's future leaders have played host to Navy's new Chief, with a tribute to past traditions and some words of advice on their future.

Minister for Defence Personnel Darren Chester is urging young Australians looking for an adventure out of the ordinary to apply for a voyage in Sail Training Ship (STS) Young Endeavour.

Standing knee deep in cave water and mud, Chief Petty Officer Troy Eather reflected on past deployments which had brought him to this point.

The partial remains of Private Thomas Hurdis had been re-interred with his substantive remains at the Mont Huon Military Cemetery in Le Treport, France, Minister for Defence Personnel Darren Chester said.

The barometer for change has been



#### Hunter Class Frigates

frigates and guarantees the work will be carried out by Australian workers and create Australian jobs.

BAE Systems expects the Australian Industry Content (AIC) for the 'Hunter Class' build will be 65-70 per cent, which will create and secure thousands of jobs for decades. As part of its commitment to developing Australia's sovereign shipbuilding capability, BAE Systems has prequalified over 500 Australian businesses from every state and territory to be in the 'Hunter Class' supply chain.

The build will draw on partners, including Rolls-Royce for example, which will provide the 'Type 26' powerplant. The Commonwealth government will retain a sovereign share in ASC Shipbuilding while BAE manages the program.

At the end of the program the Commonwealth will resume complete ownership of ASC Shipbuilding, thereby ensuring the retention in Australia of intellectual property, a highly skilled workforce and the associated equipment.

This will ensure that, by the conclusion of the frigate build, ASC Shipbuilding will be a strategic national asset capable of independently designing, developing and leading the construction of large, complex naval warships.

This agreement will not affect the Offshore Patrol Vessels, Air Warfare Destroyers, or the sustainment of the Collins Class twitching in the Navy Canteens camp these past few months, and recently a big change swept through in the small, dark hours onboard HMAS Cerberus.

HMAS Parramatta recently became the first Australian Anzac-class frigate to receive new A bracket bearings while still afloat.

Adrian Cronauer, a legend of the Vietnam War, and the inspiration for the 1987 movie "Good Morning, Vietnam," died Wednesday. He was 79.

Nine Australian World War I soldiers identified by the 2018 Fromelles Project Identification Board have had their new, named headstones unveiled at the Battle of Fromelles Commemoration and Headstone Rededication Ceremony.

The wreck of a Russian warship that had sunk near South Korean island Ulleungdo 113 years ago has been discovered, Korean salvage company Shinil Group said. It is believed to carry some 200 tons of gold worth nearly USD 130 billion.

An old Navy boat that ferried World War II forces behind enemy lines has finally been pulled out of Darwin Harbour, after several failed attempts.

Thales Australia is looking to make Tasmania the home of a state-of-theart trials and test facility for submarine and surface ship sonar systems.

Sailing for the sea phase of RIMPAC 18 aboard HMAS Success there was meeting of minds when Navy's senior leadership team met with Fleet Commander Rear Admiral Jonathan Mead.

With 32 years of service behind her,

submarines, and will not preclude ASC Group from pursuing future shipbuilding opportunities.

### Change of Navy's Leadership

As already alluded to at the start of this article, 6 July also marked the end of VADM Tim Barrett's extremely successful 42 year career in the RAN which, as our readers know, culminated with his appointment to the Navy's 'top job', Chief of Navy, in 2014. Although space in this Newsletter precludes the inclusion of the Admiral's biography, it is definitely worth noting that, in his time as CN, VADM Barrett has guided the decisions to acquire the Offshore Patrol Vessels, Navy's next generation of Replenishment ships, future Submarines and the 'Hunter Class' Frigates along with the associated infrastructure investments.

VADM Barrett has also overseen the introduction into service of the LHDs (HMA Ships *Canberra* and *Adelaide*), the MH60R *Seahawk* helicopters, and the first of Navy's three new AWDs (HMAS *Hobart*). It is thus not surprising that incoming CN (VADM Mike Noonan AO, RAN) said at their handover ceremony in Blamey Square in Canberra on 6 July that "*history will consider VADM Barrett to be the father of Australia's 21st century Navy*". (A more detailed account of the handover ceremony and the speeches of both the outgoing and incoming CNs can be found on the "Navy Daily" website -<u>news.navy.gov.au</u>).

The NVN Team takes this opportunity to thank VADM Barrett for his extraordinary accomplishments as CN and for taking time out of his busy schedule to regularly attend official and ceremonial events in Victoria. The Team also welcomes VADM Noonan to the 'top job'. We know he will be a regular visitor to Victoria too.

Yours Aye! NVN Team HMAS Success is at sea for her 11th and final Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) in Hawaii.

After 22 years in the Navy, Chief Petty Officer Naval Police Coxswain Jane Butcher has had her fair share of ups and downs.

The Australian competitors for the Invictus Games Sydney 2018 (IG2018) are in the final stages of their preparation as we begin the countdown, with just 100 days to go until the opening ceremony on 20 October 2018.

A ruling Chinese Communist Party newspaper on Monday denounced the passage of a pair of U.S. Navy ships through the Taiwan Strait as a "psychological game," as the two sides square off over trade and relations with self-governing Taiwan.

The US Navy has sent two Arleigh Burke-class destroyers through the Taiwan Strait in what is the first such move since July 2017.

New Zealand is buying four Boeing P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft from the United States to replace its ageing Orions, the government announced July 9.

More than a thousand people have lined the wharf at Garden Island, Sydney to welcome HMAS Warramunga back to her homeport after a nine-month deployment.

Vice Admiral Tim Barrett has formally ended his term as Chief of Navy, following a handover ceremony at Blamey Square in Canberra.

### VALE

- † RO I.F. Hobbins, R52693, 19 July 2018.
- <sup>†</sup> LRO J.W. MacAskill, R58394, 18 July 2018. Aged 78.
- † TO G.J. Mole, R96073, 14 July 2018.
- <sup>†</sup> SIG H.T. Halsted OAM, S9881, 09 July 2018. Aged 91.
- <sup>†</sup> LROS R.J. Horton, R29679, 09 July 2018.
- <sup>†</sup> CPOETC K. Dower, S103546, 05 July 2018. Aged 66.
- <sup>†</sup> WOMTPSM N. Williams, 25 June 2018. Aged 71.
- <sup>†</sup> CSAWSM J. McCarthy, R42504, 23 June 2018.
- <sup>†</sup> WRROT M. Keenan, W85911, 20 June 2018.

## Lest We Forget

#### Note: VALE Notices

If you know of any of our Navy family that has crossed the bar, please don't hesitate to let us know (<u>webmaster@navyvic.net</u>). 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.** 



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

The Australian Defence Force has a new Chief after Air Chief Marshal Binskin handed over command to General Angus Campbell at a ceremony in Canberra today.

The Royal Australian Navy is one step closer to operating their new hyperbaric equipment after the system achieved acceptance and global certification from Lloyds Register.

The Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) begins a new era today as a statutory agency within the Defence portfolio.

The US State Department has approved a potential sale of Aegis combat system equipment for the Royal Australian Navy's new SEA5000 frigates.

Shot five times, this wounded warrior fought her way back to active duty and eight gold medals.

US Navy Secretary Richard Spencer has issued letters of censure to three officers for their roles in the "Fat Leonard" scandal, a web of bribery, kickbacks and classified info.

Naval Historical Society of Australia (Vic) President's July musings – <u>download.....</u>

**FlyBy** – A periodical of the Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia. July issue....

Navy League of Australia(Vic-Tas Div) July newsletter download.....

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# Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

HMAS Canberra Service, 1100 9AUG18 in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance Vietnam Veterans Service, 1100 18AUG18 at the Cenotaph, Shrine of Remembrance RAN Recruits Service, 1000 19AUG18 in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance 3 Merchant Navy Service, 1330 3SEP18 in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance

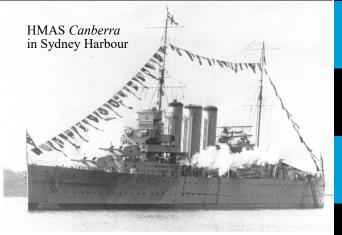
# **Battle of Savo Island**

A service to commemorate the service and sacrifice of the Sailors of HMAS Canberra will occur on Thursday, 9th August in the Santuary, Shrine of Remembrance. Whilst all Officers and Sailors who have sailed in a Canberra are to be remembered, most important is the sacrifice made on that day in 1942, of the crew of 819 there were 193 casualties, of whom 83 made the supreme sacrifice. Canberra I was stopped by the Imperial Japanese Navy after being struck by two torpedoes and numerous salvos. Within two minutes, the cruiser had been hit 24 times; she was immobilised, without power, and listing to starboard with multiple internal fires. Unable to make headway the order was given by the Senior Officer afloat, RADM Crutchley VC DSC RN to abandon ship. The Ship's Company were evacuated to USS Blue and USS Patterson. USS Selfridge was ordered to sink the *Canberra* and fired 263 5inch shells and four torpedoes into Canberra, but she did not sink. USS *Ellet* then fired a torpedo that proved to be decisive and Canberra finally sunk at 0800, 9AUG42. At the Battle of Savo Island, three US cruisers were also sunk, along with a destroyer. Canberra I was laid down in 1925, commissioned a



mere three years later in 1928, just 2 months after HMAS Australia was commissioned, both These Warships were regarded as the most modern of the day. Being

around 10,000 tonnes, speed in excess of 30 knots with a wide range of armament positioned Canberra well for any immediate offensive deployments. A decade later *Canberra* was truly tested, carrying out her duty as escort duties around the Indian Ocean.



German raiders were operating in the area and on several occasions Canberra was despatched to search for the Raider Atlantis and auxiliary cruiser In May 1942 Canberra *Pinguin*, to no avail. was the first Australian Warship to be fitted with radar, the Type 241 surface search and A290 airwarning sets. Canberra was also moored in Sydney Harbour when Japanese midget submarines entered the Harbour, fired at major Warships in the harbour, only to sink HMAS *Kuttabul*, with 31 casualties, 10 of whom made the supreme sacrifice. HMAS Canberra II carried on the legacy of Canberra I with deployment to the Gulf in the early 1990s. Canberra was one of four Adelaide class ships constructed in the United States of Kent Class Cruisers. America, two were constructed at Williamstown Dockyard. HMAS Canberra III, an Amphibious Assault Ship (LDH) Canberra Class is now in service and is formally designated as the Flag ship of the Royal Australian Navy. Inherited honours include: East Indies 1940-41; Pacific 1941-42; Guadalcanal 1942; Savo Island 1942 and Persian Gulf 2002. Please note that the service commemorating the service and sacrifice of those that served in Canberra will be at 1100, 9AUG18.

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# 310 St Kilda

An article published in the last edition was responded to by Mr Mark Johnston, Chairman Australian National Veterans Art Museum (ANVAM). Mark pointed out that intervention of Senator Hinch saved 310 SKRd from being sold on the open market and lost to the veteran community. The dedicated team at ANVAM worked tirelessly to find a way for Defence, Federal and State Governments to secure 310 SK Rd for the benefit of all veterans and families. A long list of politicians were approached, including all Federal Ministers for Veterans' Affairs since 2013. David Feeney, Former Shadow Minister for Veterans saw potential in the initiative and elevated the project onto the ALP National Policy Platform prior to JUL 2016 Federal Election. It's important to recognise that 310SKRd under the vision for ANVAM is for all veterans and is inclusive, not exclusive. Veteran organisations will be encouraged and welcomed to strengthen their own communities through participation in the ANVAM arts engagement and programs. Editor: NCCV congratulates ANVAM for their success thus far, but to attract active support of other ESOs may requird ANVAM to embrace other activities at 310 SKRd.



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Articles contributed are the Authors thoughts. appear in R's Yarn.

#### Melbourne Naval Committee

MNC provides much needed funds to support welfare. A venue is Seafarers for like-Email Daria at MtS daria.wray@missionto seafarers.com.au to make a booking.

#### 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 Community.

This is an opportunity for all ship/branch associations to broaden their horizons.

# Queenscliff

The Borough of Queenscliffe is pressing to upgrade an area that includes the Ocean View Reserve. 13 memorial cairns have Articles may be edited been established at the Reserve over many to meet the available decades. A flagship service to recognise space. Political articles service and sacrifice as signified by the will not intentionally memorial cairns is held annually. The primary memorial cairn is dedicated to HMAS Goorangai, first RAN surface Warship lost, this occurred 20 November 1940 when it collided with the Troopship *Duntroon*, just inside Port Phillip Bay. available at Mission to The land upon which the memorial cairns are established, is owned by Victoria State minded groups, no cost. Government. Apparently the Borough has more influence these days, this may lead to greater interest by ESOs in what treatment is planned at the Reserve.



# **RANCB** Association

The Royal Australian Navy Communications Branch Association, Southern Region - Catchup is scheduled for the 16th - 18th August 2018 at Phillip Island. A meet & greet at Phillip Island RSL, Thursday 16AUG. The RSL will support the RANCD over the visit. Friday: car pooling to depart the RSL at 1000 off to Vietnam Veterans Museum, admission \$5/person. Next to the chocolate factory, then to Churchill Island for lunch. You can see the homestead and grounds (small cost). See their website 'Churchhill Isle' for family friendly activities. After lunch, a tour of Phillip Island Grand Prix history of motor sports museum, gardens & view of the circuit. Sorry no drifting around the track by old salts! You decide what you want to attend. Then to The Nobbies, to see seals on the nearby rocks. The penguin parade at around 1700, be there early. Cost is \$26.20/adult, 1/2 for kids and a rate for old folks! Back to the RSL/town for dinner - your choice.

Saturday is the main day with a service at the Vietnam Museum. A car pool leaving the RSL rear carpark at or before 1000. Service at 1045. After the welcome, CDRE Greg York CSC RANR, Senior Naval Officer (Victoria), patron RANCB Association will deliver the address. Then to the Cultural Centre, corner Church St & Phillip Island Rd. March along Thompson Avenue (the main rd) fall in before 1230. Fall in behind the banner and the RAN band, arriving at the Cenotaph, Jetty Triangle at 1240 for a wreath laying ceremony hosted by Chris Thompson - RSL VP. Attend RSL for light lunch. Dress code - jacket with medals for ceremonial! Navy band will play in the RSL Anzac room during the afternoon after the march. Final event will be the dinner on Saturday, at 1830, RSL. The RSL will provide a shuttle service to pick up anybody requiring transport to dinner at the RSL. Pick up will be 1800 at Amaroo Park. A return shuttle service will operate from 2100 as required. If you have an interest, given it is getting quite late to let the organisers know, email nokkaj64@yahoo.com.au

# Berrima and Bita Paka

Following the outbreak of WWI on 5th August 1914, Berrima was requisitioned by the RAN and taken to CoDock on 12AUG14. Berrima was then converted to an Armed Merchant Cruiser. The ship was modified: four 4-inch guns installed; a hospital, accommodation for 1500 personnel turned this passenger ship into an armed troopship. Amazingly,



this only took six days to complete with the ship being commissioned as HMAS Berrima on 17AUG14. Berrima was only six months old, most of the original Merchant Navy crew joined the RAN. The gun crews being posted in from Permanent Navy Forces. The ship was soon to travel north, for most in Berrima it would not have been comfortable, limited ventilation in the accommodation areas and crowded deck space as those embarked searched for some relief. Berrima was the primary means of moving the Australian Navy and Military Expeditionary Force (ANMEF) to New Guinea, where the Battle of Bita Paka occurred - September

Technology

Last century saw a staggering level of technology introduced in the general community, much of it the result of the demands at war. For instance, World War I is often called the 'modern war'. The word modern in this context is difficult to appreciated a century later, researching the methods applied during WWI and the consequences. 35 million casualties with 15 million of whom made the supreme sacrifice was a tragic outcome. As mentioned in the article above, the application of electricity, such as through powerful radio-based communications revolutionised ers. The dogs could rush down the most difficult the art of war. The introduction of aeroplanes for military purposes, the development of tanks, advances in machine guns and the use of chemical weapons highlight how science elevated the capacity for war. Military leaders generally struggled to appreciate the benefit of new ideas. Entrenched thinking prevailed, the cost being in human lives. This hesitation, over many decades had consequences for the rank and file. Huge losses were to occur over a number of years, until one soldier realised something had to change - that was General Sir John Monash.



1914. The level of information available to Defence strategists early in the 20th century was very limited compared to today. These Days we can see virtually every blade of grass from outer space. Adapting resources to minimise risk has saved lives at sea and on the ground. WWI proved global communication

to be an integral part of intelligence gathering for the purpose of gaining an advantage over an adversary. The threat imposed by a German communication station, strategically located near Rabaul, New Guinea was to be diminished by the ANMEF. It was through this engagement that the first Australian Serviceman casualty occurred, that was AB Billy Williams. Commemoration of the Battle of Bita Paka will be held at the Shrine at 1100, Tuesday, 11SEP18, some 104 years since the actual event.

# Comms

Despite advances in electronics and communications, during WWI the wireless devices were frequently unreliable during conflict, so military units were forced to rely on more traditional methods of communication. For instance, notes indicate that over 100,000 pigeons were taken to Europe during WWI to be used by the Allies to communicate back to HQ. About 10,000 dogs were also rounded up in the UK, trained and send across to the western front. Dogs were faster than soldiers, presented a smaller target to snipmuddy roads and paths, many being impassable to vehicles. A military dog-training school was established in Scotland during WWI where they taught dogs to deliver crucial messages. The messenger dogs had one disadvantage: beleaguered soldiers often befriended the dogs and rather than send their beloved animal companions on dangerous missions, would carry the messages themselves, leaving the dogs safely behind. The advances in electronics has been extraordinary over the last 75 years making communications and navigation extremely reliable.

# Special Notes

**Bravo Zulu**. CAPT Ian Pfenningwerth RAN Rtd has led a team over the past decade that included Terry Feltham, Paul Threlfall, Roland Torrens and Suzie Jennings to write the background stories of all the Australian naval recipients of honours and awards from 1900 to 2014. *Bravo Zulu: Honours and Awards to Australian Naval People* comprises two substantial volumes well worth a read. Should you be interested, have a look at Ian's website at:http://www.nautilushistory.com.au

<u>Federation Star</u>. Well done to our Treasurer, LCDR Jan Gallagher RANR on receiving her Federation Star. Jan was a proud WRAN, now a LCDR with gold to show for it. Jan supports the HMAS Cerberus Museum, a dedicated Officer who provides effective support to many parts of the ex-Navy fraternity. Jan is a credit to the RAN and a role model for all women who join the Navy.

<u>The Orderly Room</u>. Veterans and their family need to be aware of and subscribe to the website

http://theorderlyroom.blogspot.com/ this is a gateway into 'advocacy' for those seeking to make a claim to DVA for any matter resulting from one day's service in the ADF. **Top End Reunion**. Plans are currently in motion to hold a reunion for all who have served at HMAS Melville and/or HMAS Coonawarra, that includes all Comms Establishments and DNB, along with all NT Patrol Boat Crews. Join the team around Anzac Day 2019, starting with a meet & greet at 1600, Tuesday, 23APR19. Register at facebook.com/events/451041072021229/?ti=cl or email Al Conway allanconway@internode.on.net

<u>Services</u>. Did you miss the commemoration events listed on page 1: HMAS Canberra, Battle of Savo Island on 9AUG18; Battle of Bita Paka - 11SEP18.

<u>Vietnam Veterans Day</u>. If you not able to go to Phillip Island with the RANCB and you may be within close proximity to Queenscliff, keep in mind that the Queenscliff/Port Lonsdale RSL Subbranch extends an invite to all Veterans and their families to participate in a short service. Step off at King Street RSL hall at 1030. All welcome.

**<u>86,400 Seconds</u>**. Every morning you wake up you have 86,400 seconds that day to do whatever you have in mind. None of these seconds are able to be transfer to the next day. You have to do



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### President's dit

A central feature of ANZAC Centennial activities has been encouragement to connect with our past, particularly those of our ancestors that prevailed through WWI and a short 21 years later, WWII. We have experienced other conflicts since those world wars, Korea, Malaya, Vietnam and now the Gulf conflict, each requiring Australian Service men and women to do their duty. Understanding something of what our ancestors felt, experienced at war and at home gives purpose to our activities today. Our ancestors personal experience should be sufficient to emphasise the relevance of past service and sacrifice. Those who have served with our ancestors also deserve our tribute for their enormous effort to preserve and ultimately enrich the quality of life in Australia. Each edition of Rogues Yarn lists several commemoration services scheduled at the Shrine of Remembrance, these are services of substance as they normally remember an individual or many who have made the supreme sacrifice. The purpose of giving this information is to prompt the Navy fraternity to participate if able to do so. Maybe one day, others will reflect on your service! Yours aye, Terry Makings



The Naval Association of Australia in conjunction with the Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria extend an invitation to all members of the Navy fraternity to attend a service commemorating the loss of HMAS *Canberra* at the. "Battle of Savo Island" 1100 on Thursday 9th August 2018 In the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne

