



Newsletter

Navy Victoria Network

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Editorial

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

The NavyVIC Executive comprises a handful of ex-Navy individuals. We established the Navy Victoria Network with one primary objective in mind, that is to share information for the purpose of encouraging our shipmates to engage in one or more activities over any given year. We believe we have had some success, however, there is a very long way to go.

It would not take much to appreciate that there must be thousands of ex-Navy colleagues out there, and then we have descendants of Navy veterans. A precious few are seen at the routine pilgrimages to the Shrine of Remembrance and other key occasions conducted across the State. There is an even smaller group who are the designated champions within our ex-service organisations that keep things ticking over. The health of several ship/unit/category associations is such that some are in very good hands and will no doubt be around for many years to come, however, most are flagging. Those associations that have not kept an eye on the future may soon disappear. We encourage all of our readers to front up to at least one occasion to show their colours and try to have a mate who fits the ex-Navy profile, or a descendant of a veteran to tag along.

If you have been following the Rogues Yarn you will know about the visit to HMAS CERBERUS recently by a group of representatives from some 14 ex-Navy organisations. This was

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)

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28 Jun - Recruit School graduation - last Rankin division passes out.

30 Jun - HMAS Waterhen wreath laying

07 Jul - RAN Recruits Visit – wreath laying at Shrine

07 Jul - Reserve Forces Day parade

07 Jul - FESR Navy Assoc. wreath laying

10 Jul - On this day in 1911 - Commonwealth Naval Forces granted the title Royal Australian Navy.

19 Jul - HMAS Cerberus Division - Ex-Navy personnel welcome to attend
(see Calendar for contact details)

25 Jul - Naval Gazing schools tour at Cerberus

06 - 14 Sep - Melbourne International Tall Ships Festival 2013

Latest News

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100 Days to go until World's Navies Arrive in Sydney for Fleet Review

24 June marks 100 days to go until the Royal Australian Navy commemorates the arrival of its first fleet 100 years ago with a spectacular International Fleet Review in Sydney from 3 -11 October 2013. Navy's historic event is being staged in partnership with the NSW State Government and City of Sydney Council. [More.....](#)

the Naval Gazing program, it proved to be an enjoyable day and was regarded as a very successful event. The purpose was to see if this type of program would suit our separate organisational interests, so that each might arrange their own day at CERBERUS. Ultimately, this is another catalyst for creating interest amongst those that have yet to join in. See the Rogues Yarn or contact NCCV for more information and advice regarding the contact at CERBERUS.

We appreciate that generally those who have signed up to receive this monthly reminder are in fact friends of the Navy. In our view, we hope this motivates all of us to assist in broadening the level of interest across the Navy community. Firstly, if you give it a go and muster at one of the annual events and also ask a Navy friend, then your involvement will directly assist to create and maintain the legacy of those that went before us, particularly those sailors who carried the flag through WWI and WWII. What we are asking will involve no more than an hour a year, save travel.

You may not know that each new Division of RAN General Entry Recruits also make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Remembrance at the end of their third training week. At this stage they don't even have their ceremonial rig, but they do have their Disruptive Pattern Camouflage Uniform (DPCU) and their Ceremonial Class II Cap. This visit during their recruit training program has proved to be a highlight. As it is the first time they have been in public in uniform it heightens their appreciation of their role in Australia's Defence Force. They are given an informative tour of the Shrine of Remembrance and each design aspect is explained to them as they view the different levels and features of the building. Most importantly they participate in a wreath laying service in the Sanctuary. Very few of the Recruits have ever been to the Shrine of Remembrance before and without exception none have actually participated in a commemorative service in this most sacred place. Members of the public can attend any service at the Shrine of Remembrance; you might consider attending one of those arranged for the Recruits. The next service will be for the newly formed 'Shipp Division', at 1030, Sunday, 7th July in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne.

Minor Warships. The NavyVIC has been advised that there are two or three people who have an interest in re-forming a minor

Sale of decommissioned Ships Manoora and Kanimbla

Minister for Defence Materiel Dr Mike Kelly AM MP today announced the disposal by sale of the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN) decommissioned ships HMAS Manoora and HMAS Kanimbla.
[More.....](#)

ADFA Cadets and Midshipmen suspended

The Vice Chief of the Defence Force, Air Marshal Mark Binskin, today announced the decision to suspend seven cadets from the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) pending the outcome of an investigation into allegations of serious misconduct involving cadets.
[More.....](#)

Paper presented by the Minister for Defence on The Defence Abuse Response Taskforce

The Government is committed to providing regular reports and updates on its response to allegations of sexual or other forms of abuse in Defence, including to the Parliament. [More.....](#)

Minister for Defence – Doorstop – HMAS STIRLING

TOPICS: Return of the HMAS Toowoomba; Collins Class Submarines; US Marine Rotation; allegations of inappropriate conduct by ADF members; Howard Sattler.
[More.....](#)

AWD Animation

This computer-generated animation highlights the multi-mission capability of the three naval destroyers being built as part of the Air Warfare Destroyer Project. The AWD project is the most complex naval ship construction program ever undertaken in Australia and is currently Australia's largest defence procurement project. It is building Australia's industry

warships association in Victoria. Should there be like minded folk out there interested in such a proposition, please advise the Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria at naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com of your interest. NCCV will respond, thus giving us some hope that the potential to create a workable association across this broad group of ships and patrol boats is certainly possible. There are already annual commitments that can easily form the basis of any future activities. Two immediately come to mind, the loss of Australia's first surface warship - HMAS GOORANGAI Commemorative Service at 1130, Sunday 17th November at Ocean View Reserve, Queenscliff and the Wreath Laying Service at the Shrine of Remembrance commemorating the 'Sinking of Corvette - HMAS ARMIDALE, 1st December'. Email NCCV if you wish to obtain more information or search our website!

If you have any comments relating to the capacity to navigate the NavyVIC website, by all means drop the webmaster a note and we can always consider your suggestion in light of our objectives, particularly the desire to make available relevant information in a simple and accurate form to the Navy community. The only other simple request is for associations to have their office bearers and contact details listed on the NavyVIC website under 'associations'. This makes it easy for prospective members to take action, whether they be shipmates or descendant.

Yours aye,

NavyVIC Management Team



Book a Berth on the Tall Ship LORD NELSON for the Sailing Adventure of a Lifetime

The Tall Ship Lord Nelson will visit Fremantle, Melbourne, Hobart and Sydney between the 20th July this year and the 8th October and will take part in the Royal Australian Navy Fleet Review on the 5th October in Sydney.

The Lord Nelson is a 55m, 368

capability and skills in the naval shipbuilding sector for future naval shipbuilding projects. [View on YouTube.....](#)

FUNDING SUPPORTS VETERAN PROJECTS ACROSS THE NATION

From Northern Tasmania to the wheatbelt region of Western Australia, local ex-service and community organisations from all corners of the country will benefit from the latest round of Veteran & Community Grant funding. This round of Australian Government funding will support 16 projects, each aiming to maintain and improve the independence and quality of life for members of the local veteran community. [More.....](#)

Collins Class Submarines Update

Minister for Defence Stephen Smith and Minister for Defence Materiel Mike Kelly today announced further significant initiatives to both maintain the capability of Australia's Collins Class submarine fleet and further improve Collins Class maintenance, sustainment and availability. The Collins Class submarine fleet of six submarines is an essential part of Australia's national security capability. [More.....](#)

The 2013 Seafarers Commemorative Service - Important Notice

Due to a number of reasons it has been decided to combine this year's Annual Seafarers Church Service [St Paul's Cathedral] and Navy Wreath Laying Service [Shrine of Remembrance] into one Seafarers Commemorative Service. This significant service will be conducted at the Cenotaph, Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne. This combined service will take place on SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER 2013 and will commence at 1030. [More.....](#)

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



Keepsake from Gallipoli

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**

**HMAS WATERHEN
Scrap Iron Flotilla
30JUN13@1400
Sanctuary**

**RAN Recruits
Shipp Division
7JUL13@1030
Sanctuary**

**Reserve Forces Day
7JUL13@1100
Eternal Flame**

**Far East Strategic
Reserve
7JUL13@1400
FESR Tree**

↓ **HMAS ARROW**
after it was sunk when
forced under Stokes
Wharf by Cyclone
Tracy 24DEC74. PO
Leslie Catton and AB
Ian Rennie lost their
lives in the storm .



↑ This timber lifeboat is from SS DEVANHA known as Troopship A3 at the time of the Gallipoli landing in 1915. The DEVANHA served as both a troop transport ship and later hospital ship. It was used by 12 Battalion AIF, 3 Field Ambulance and 3 Infantry Brigade Head Quarters during the landings at Gallipoli in 1915. SS DEVANHA was pressed into military service in 1915. On 25 April at 2pm the DEVANHA now also known as Troopship 3 sailed from Mudros Harbour and proceeded to the Island of Imbros, anchoring off Kephilos Harbour. DEVANHA was A5 in the convoy, Berth 4 of the Echelon landing force. At 11pm the order was given for the troops to move into destroyers, which had crept up on either side of their respective transports. As the DEVANHA carried only one company of the 12th, some medical officers, stretcher-bearers and others of the 3rd Field Ambulance and the 3rd Infantry Brigade Head Quarters only one destroyer, HMS RIDDLE, came alongside. The historian Charles Bean noted that: 'The night was so still that the DEVANHA 's captain ordered 'Lower the Gangway.' Down this the troops ('A' Coy, 3rd Fld Amb and H.Q) filed on to the destroyer's deck in half the time that had been required with the rope ladders on which they had practice for nearly two months. Five minutes before midnight, the Ribble, with her decks crowded, and towing behind her the DEVANHA 's empty lifeboats, left the transport. The HMS RIDDLE headed toward the landing beaches with the six other destroyers, all similarly loaded. The boats from HMS RIDDLE landed on the beach around the point from Anzac Cove. This landing was part of the initial wave and was timed to arrive at the beach at about 4.30

am. The landing position was almost at the extreme north (or left) of the Divisional front, at the foot of the well known landmark on Russell's Top known as 'The Sphinx'. This portion of the beach was under direct machine-gun fire, apparently coming from the lower slopes of Walker's Ridge or perhaps further north from the vicinity of Fisherman's Hut. After the first wave of troops landed the DEVANHA steamed up the coast as a feint to draw enemy fire. That evening the vessel evacuated her first load of casualties and began service as a hospital ship. As a hospital ship HMHS DEVANHA transported sick and wounded troops from the battle field to hospital bases. Originally hospital ships were ordered to take serious cases while transports were to take the lightly wounded, but the confusion which resulted after the initial landing 'and the large numbers of casualties ' meant this system soon fell into disarray. The HMHS DEVANHA and other hospital ships provided emergency treatment while evacuating the troops directly to Egypt, from where some would be sent to Malta and England. DEVANHA continued with these duties until the end of the campaign, history notes that the vessel was the last hospital ship to leave the Dardanelles. After the landing the AWM lifeboat was returned to the DEVANHA where it remained in use until 1919. A passenger alerted the AWM to the existence of the boat, and after negotiations with P & O the craft was donated to the Australian War Memorial in 1919. This wonderful piece of maritime memorability will be on display at the Shrine of Remembrance.





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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.

President's Report

Time marches on and at the end of this financial year we need to take stock of the situation with respect to any improvements in membership of our various Navy entities. In my estimate we are still slipping behind. We have yet to solve the problem of diminished membership, however, if we do our best to share information and press for greater participation by our shipmates and any descendants there is a chance we can shift the balance into positive territory.

Victorians can be enthusiastic towards the current Galleries of Remembrance project at the Shrine of Remembrance. This project will deliver enormous changes to the internal layout. As of now, access to the lift from the ground floor to the Sanctuary requires plenty of notice—2 or 3 weeks at the least. When the participation of WWII Veterans is such that there are too many people requiring the lift then the service will be shifted to the West end of the Visitor Centre. This area has been arranged to accommodate wet weather and to avoid Veterans or infirm individuals having to take to the external stairs.

At our recent General Meeting it was decid-

ed we would seek to support the HMAS CANBERRA initiative titled 'Answering the Call'. A photograph of the style of the statue considered appropriate is on the back page of this edition. If any member or non-member association is interested in providing support of any sort, we would welcome such advice.

If anyone has been to Williamstown lately you would have no doubt seen two great sights, that of Nuship CANBERRA and the Museum ship HMAS CASTLEMAINE. CASTLEMAINE is open to the public and continues to remind us of that famous contingent of Australian made Corvettes. The dedicated crew who maintain the ship are always on the look out for friends who can provide a few hours here and there to assist run the show. Drop in at Geni Pier, you will be most welcome and mentioned NCCV.

We also thank the Australian War Memorial for material we have used to publish the leading article, regarding the lifeboat destined for Melbourne. That is another marvelous destination when in Canberra. Best wishes, Terry Makings



Taylor Shipp Emms Rodgers

Four sailors best known for their last action at a time when the best values of the Navy were called for:

← In 1942 Buck Taylor stayed at his gun when YARRA was charging towards the enemy. Despite the dreaded anticipation of battle he valiantly did his duty. ↑ In 1963 Noel Shipp was in a helicopter whilst it was under intense enemy fire. At huge risk, he was half out of the aircraft firing at enemy. The pilot was hit, they crashed and all four crew per-

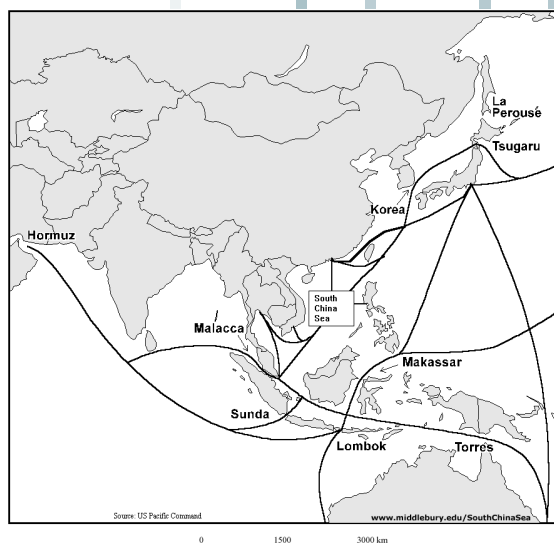
ished. ↑ Francis Emms died in action onboard HMAS Kara Kara (I) in 1942, defending his ship when the ship and the City of Darwin came under enemy air attack.

→ Jonathan Rogers GC DSM died after helping a number of his shipmates to escape and inspiring those around him in the forward section of HMAS Voyager (II) after its collision with the carrier HMAS Melbourne (II) on the 10th February 1964.

International Maritime Security

Last month Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Ray Griggs AO CSC RAN addressed the International Maritime Security Conference in Singapore. The conference was attended by Chiefs of Navy from within the Region and other distinguished persons. CN delivered his perspective on strategic maritime cooperative efforts, their value and how Australia might use such arrangements in the Asia Pacific region. CN said the first thing he would do, is modify the rules of engagement. He would change Asia Pacific to Indo-Pacific. CN went on to say:

The Indo-Pacific as a strategic construct is emerging in Government policy documents and in academia. This puts the focus squarely on the two oceans. The map below shows the shipping lanes.



The second concept raised was that of global maritime trading. It is a struggle to obtain a general understanding within the Region of the importance of maritime trade, even for Australia where 99% of trade by volume is by sea.

The best way to make the point is to consistently return to the linkage between navies, the global maritime trading system and the prosperity of all of our citizenry. In a globally connected, just-in-time world we must assure the free operation of that trading system. Our way of life depends on it.

No single Navy can provide that assurance which is why maritime cooperation efforts are so critical. Despite our different perspectives, priorities and challenges we share a remarkably common set of maritime interests. Energy security is one of the key strategic needs we all seek. Without the free passage of fuel tankers our collective prosperity is challenged. Security of liquid fuel supply is a stark example of shared maritime interest.

With the need established, the next step is understanding the key elements of cooperation. These

elements are critical and make the biggest strategic impact. Whilst they sound simple, it is important to re-state the fundamentals so that they are embedded.

The key elements are: transparency; a disposition to share; a mechanism to share; and not least a willingness to act together.

Transparency underpins any strategic cooperation regarding shared objectives. We of course come from a diverse range of cultural perspectives on transparency. I differentiate between transparency and the disposition to share. Transparency to me is more about strategic intent than exchanging information. From a clear view of that strategic intent can come trust and confidence building if behaviours match the stated intent. A disposition to share is also vital in making any meaningful cooperation viable. Much of this is again cultural; we are all shaped by our basic societal outlook and rightly by the experiences we have all had in our own national security domains.

The need to know principle remains dominant. The important thing is that we are honest with ourselves about what our own disposition to share is. We must understand each other, to do that we need to continue to build relationships because, without that understanding, we cannot move forward.

The next logical step is a mechanism to share, technology lies at the heart of this issue. We have a range of commercial systems that allow us to exchange data and information. The purely military information domain is shrinking in relation to the broader maritime security information domain, we still suffer from what I would call the 'eyes only' syndrome.

We are still locked in to rigidly defined security classification structures. These drive the architecture of our information exchange systems. We need to form sometimes fleeting coalitions and groupings to deal with particular situations.

That said we should not ignore the non technical mechanisms that support our ability to share. These are as important and in some ways more so than the technical solutions. Relationships is one, the need for collaboratively developed doctrinal approaches, mechanisms to avoid confusion and misinterpretation are others if we really want strong cooperation.

But ultimately we need a collective willingness to act, borne out of a shared understanding of the common challenges that we face. We of course see many such examples of that willingness to act off the Horn of Africa, in the Combined Maritime Force, in NATO, the EU, in ReCAAP, in the Malacca Straits Patrols and of course right here with the Information Fusion Centre (IFC). *This article is part of a presentation by CN, for the complete address, type into the browser: International Maritime Security Conference 2013*



↑ 'Answering the Call' initiated by the HMAS CANBERRA Association is supported by NCCV. We will work with the Association to advance the project.

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Items of special interest

Participation. NCCV are constantly encouraging you and your friends to attend at least one Navy activity each year. If more activities are of interest, that is even better. What we also ask is that you mention these activities to others that fit the profile of being members of the Navy Community. This includes any person you know who is a descendant. Point them towards the NavyVIC website or NCCV

Flag Ship Events. The next Flag Ship Event is the **Seafarers Commemorative Service** 1030, Sunday 20OCT13, Shrine of Remembrance. This year the Seafarers Church Service and the Navy Wreath Laying Service will be combined. This is a once off service and we seek your support.

HMAS GOORANGAI Commemorative Service will commence at 1130 on Sunday, 17NOV13 at Queenscliff. A short march will step off at 1115..

Pilgrimages to the Shrine of Remembrance.

Pilgrimages (services) on behalf of Ship/Unit/Category Associations conducted at the Shrine of Remembrance are open to the public, nobody needs an invitation, just turn up and support the service.

Shipp Division. The newly formed Shipp Division of RAN Recruits will visit the Shrine of Remembrance on Sunday, 07JUL13. Service at 1030.

Maritime Museums. The CERBERUS Museum is one of many maritime museums located within Victoria. What is disappointing is that there is no comprehensive list of these museums to facilitate visitations by maritime historians or others with a passing interest. Maybe this is another job for NCCV to take on as a project—any volunteers?

Commanding Officer. Captain Kath Richards will complete her very successful two years at CERBERUS later this year and we wait with interest to see what Kath's next appointment will be. The NCCV and all Navy interests in Victoria have been very fortunate to have received considerable support from Kath and CERBERUS during her time with us. We understand Kath has received around 40% more invitations to attend functions. Incoming CO is Captain Stephen Bowater RAN.

Air Warfare Destroyers. The Navy is preparing itself for the arrival of the AWDs. Whilst several years out, the introduction of these three warships along with the Landing Helicopter Dock (LHD) will update the Navy's profile considerably. See the following for an animation of the AWDs:

Cut and past this link into your PC,
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTY3H4PjtKs>