



NVN News

incorporating NCCV's newsletter Rogues' Yarn

Navy Victoria Network

June 2017

Volume 7 Edition 6

Editorial

NVN current membership: 1066

HMAS CERBERUS REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The Cerberus Redevelopment project continues to gain momentum and the scope of the works and proposed budget has now been set at \$463m.

The Project recently received 'second pass approval' after consideration by the National Security Committee of Cabinet and has been formally referred for consideration by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works (PWC).

It is anticipated that the PWC will now undertake a site inspection to determine the need for the proposed works and will conduct a Public Hearing in August. The PWC will then present a Report to Parliament in September, where Parliamentary approval of the Project scope and budget will hopefully be agreed!

Subject to obtaining Parliamentary approval tenders for construction can then be called. The first sod is planned to be turned in early 2018 and will see a range of works commence on the northern side of the Establishment and will include a world class Survival at Sea Training (SAST) building, new School of Survivability and Ship Safety and new ADF Physical Training School to mention just a few of the new buildings.

The SAST building will be particularly impressive and will consist of a 25m x 15m x 4m deep practical training pool which will be able to simulate a range of conditions including wind, rain, lightning and wave action all within a safe and controlled environment. The need for all Recruits to jump off the wharf

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)

...

30 Jun – 76th anniversary sinking
HMAS Waterhen

06 Jul – On this day in 1915 - HMAS
PIONEER bombards the German
Cruiser KONIGSBERG, Rufigi River, East
Africa.

09 Jul – 1940 - Battle of Calabria -
HMAS Sydney, Stuart, Vampire &
Voyager.

10 Jul – On this day in 1911 - King
George V granted the Permanent
Commonwealth Naval Force the title
of Royal Australian Navy.

17 Jul – On this day in 1945 - HMAS
QUIBERON & QUICKMATCH bombard
Japan.

19 Jul – On this day in 1940 - HMAS
SYDNEY sinks the Italian cruiser
BARTOLOMEO COLLEONI.

22 Jul 2017 - 29 Jul 2018 – Nerves and
Steel - The Royal Australian Navy in
the Pacific December 1941 –
September 1945 (Exhibition at the
Shrine)

24 Jul – NHS Meeting – all welcome

25 Jul – Bellbottoms Scrambled Eggs
and Lids (public lecture by John
Perryman at the Shrine)

from varying heights in marginal water temperatures will be a thing of the past. The demonstration pool will also be capable of delivering small boat capsizing training, which will be the first of



SAST - aerial from SE

its kind in the southern hemisphere!

Living in Accommodation and the messes will also receive a significant upgrade throughout the Establishment, including the conversion of one of the original hammock sleeping quarters (A Block) being fitted out to provide 54 cabins for Junior Officers.

Maritime Logistic and Technical Training facilities are also planned to be improved with state of the art simulators installed in various new and refurbished buildings.

The proposed works will also include the demolition of approximately forty buildings that have well and truly done their job and 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 an indication of the Government's commitment for training to continue at the Establishment for decades to come.

Note: The accompanying images give an indication of the extent of the proposed works to be undertaken, with new buildings indicated in blue and buildings planned to be refurbished shown in yellow.

Latest News Headlines

NOTE: The full articles of the news items listed below can be found on our website:

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

...

LATEST VIDEOS.....

- * Russian submarine, frigates hit ISIS from Mediterranean
- * HMAS Arunta narcotics interdiction
- * Boeing's giant Echo Voyager Unmanned Undersea Vessel starts sea trials
- * HMS Queen Elizabeth crew moves on board

NEWS.....

Update on HMAS Canberra and Adelaide

HMA Ships Adelaide and Canberra are due to complete their maintenance period this week after rectification of emergent issues with their propulsion systems.

Balance matters as Navy shapes future workforce

The Royal Australian Navy is confronting workforce innovation head on, encouraging people to balance their work and home lives, by negotiating their own work routines.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan Addressing Queensland RSL State Congress

"Today I am calling on the Queensland RSL, and the broader veteran community, to get this message out to all current and former members of the ADF: if you think you need help or someone you know needs help, please ask for it – just contact DVA."

A valuable forum for Engineers

Victorian base, HMAS Cerberus has been a hive of engineering activity recently, hosting Royal Australian and



3D from the NW



3D from the SE

Yours Aye!
CO – HMAS Cerberus
and the
NVN Team

Please Note: Larger photos shown in this editorial can be found on our website: <http://navyvic.net/gallery/gallery.html>

Royal New Zealand Navy engineers for the annual Engineering Week.

Announcement of the 2017 Australian Invictus Games team

It is an honour to announce the Australian team for the 2017 Invictus Games.

Funding for community commemorative projects

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan today announced 62 community projects honouring Australia's servicemen and women would receive more than \$140,000 in Australian Government funding.

Australian Navy completes MRH90 multi-role helicopter trials

Royal Australian Navy frigate HMAS Anzac has recently completed MRH90 trials off the east coast of Australia enhancing multi-role helicopter support to the navy fleet.

Should some of our Barracudas go nuclear?

Australia's decision to spend \$50 billion on 12 French diesel-electric Shortfin Barracuda submarines reflects a long-established government preference for non-nuclear submarine forces.

Seeking nominations from veterans of Milne Bay and Kokoda and the Beachheads

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan has encouraged veterans to nominate to receive support to attend the commemorations of the Battles of Milne Bay and Kokoda and the Beachheads to be held in Canberra later this year.

U.S. Navy confirms all 7 missing sailors from USS Fitzgerald found dead

The U.S. Navy confirmed on Monday that all seven missing sailors on the USS Fitzgerald were found dead in

VALE

- † LCDR H.A.L. Hall MBE OAM RAN Rtd., O1519, 25 June 2017. Aged 95.
- † CMDR T. Wynberg, 25 June 2017.
- † LEUT W.H. Sutton RAN Rtd, PM4532, 14 June 2017. Aged 93.
- † CDRE D. Orr RAM Rtd., 14 June 2017.
- † LEMWR R. Krall, R58392, 11 June 2017. Aged 72.
- † POEWR P. Cairns, R59665, 09 June 2017. Aged 72.
- † LCDR M.W. Varley RAN Rtd., 03 June 2017. Aged 83.
- † WOAVN J. Ward, R55406. 30 May 2017.
- † MOBI I.G. Carter, 30 May 2017. Aged 70.
- † WOSN/ATA P. Penny, 27 May 2017.

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(webmaster@navyvic.net). 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.

SHRINE EXHIBITION

Nerves and Steel

The Royal Australian Navy in the Pacific December 1941 – September 1945

The war in the Pacific was essentially a naval struggle. Allied war aims hinged on the destruction of Japan's powerful navy and the severing of sea communications between Japan and its far-flung Asian and Pacific conquests. *Nerves and Steel* explores the role played by the RAN in ultimate Allied victory and features items from the Shrine's own collection as well as loans from the Australian War Memorial, the RAN Heritage Collection, veterans and their families.

The exhibition will be on display in the Shrine of Remembrance Southern Gallery from 22 July 2017 until July 2018.

Public Lecture

6:00 pm Tuesday 25 July 2017

Bellbottoms, Scrambled Eggs and Lids

Naval uniforms through the ages

Presenter John Perryman

Shrine Auditorium

Journey through time from colonial naval days to contemporary operations in the Middle East as historian John Perryman discusses the evolution of naval uniforms, badges and accoutrements. Learn how operating environments, climate and even religion have all influenced changes to naval uniform at sea, ashore and in the air.

Bookings open 1 July via shrine.org.au/bookings or 03 9661 8100.

flooded berthing compartments after the destroyer's collision with a container ship off Japan over the weekend.

\$500 million for enhanced satellite capability

The Turnbull Government has announced a \$500 million investment to improve Australia's space-based intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities, to support ADF operations around the world and at home to secure our borders.

More than 1,000 jobs for veterans flagged

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan today said more than 1,000 jobs flagged as suitable for veterans had been advertised on the Government's jobactive website as part of the Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Program.

USS Shiloh sailor found alive on board after being declared dead

U.S. Navy sailor assigned to guided-missile cruiser USS Shiloh was found alive on board after being reported overboard and presumed dead three days before.

First Air Warfare Destroyer Hobart accepted by Defence

Osborne Naval Shipyard: Today, the Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) Alliance celebrated the Government's provisional acceptance of the first destroyer, Hobart, at the Osborne Naval Shipyard in South Australia.

Government passes Gold Cards for BCOF and BNT veterans' legislation

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan today called on surviving participants of the British Nuclear Test (BNT) program in Australia and veterans who served as part of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) to register for free

Panel Forum

12:00 pm Wednesday 9 August 2017

RAN Veterans Share Their Experiences of the War in the Pacific

Speakers

Ray Leonard, David Manning, Pamela Nicholls Jim Paizis, Hiram Ristrom and Norman Tame

Shrine Auditorium

Hear navy veterans recount tales of their service during the Second World War. From taking part in the Battle of The Coral Sea, surviving POW camps in South East Asia, and decoding and encoding war-winning intelligence these vets will reflect upon the their time at sea.

Bookings open 1 July via shrine.org.au/bookings or 03 9661 8100.

Curator's tour

1:00 pm Thursday 31 August 2017

Nerves and Steel

The Royal Australian Navy in the Pacific December 1941 – September 1945

Presenter

Neil Sharkey, Exhibition Curator

When Australians think of the war against Japan they usually reflect on the role of our soldiers in bloody actions at Malaya, New Guinea and Borneo. These land campaigns were, however, only aspects of a much wider conflict, fought across the vast Pacific Ocean. Shrine Curator Neil Sharkey will present an exclusive talk on our newest exhibition which lifts the veil on the pivotal role of the navy to our victory in the Pacific.

Bookings open 1 July via shrine.org.au/bookings or 03 9661 8100.

Public Lecture

6:00 pm Wednesday 4 October 2017

RAN in the Pacific War

Presenter

Ian Pfennigwerth

Shrine Auditorium

Entranced by the myths surrounding the Army's Kokoda campaign in Papua, few Australians appreciate or even know of the role played by the Royal Australian Navy between December 1941 and August 1945. Ian Pfennigwerth will demonstrate that our ships and men were in the forefront of the fighting, not in backwaters, and their professionalism and skills in many warfare areas were respected, applied and recognised with awards by US Commanders.

Bookings open 1 July via shrine.org.au/bookings or 03 9661 8100.

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



health care.

Four navies converge in South China Sea

Five ships from Australia, Japan, Canada and the U.S. met in the South China Sea on June 8 for two days of maneuvers and exercises.

Capability delivery through Naval Reserve

A comprehensive review of the Australian Naval Reserve has delivered 45 recommendations that aim to better integrate the part-time and full-time workforces of the fleet.

Drones provide a new way of detecting submerged mines

Drones are now capable of providing a new way to detect buried and submerged mines, U.S. Navy scientists unveiled during a recent demonstration.

US Navy begins dual carrier operations off Korean Peninsula

The U.S. Navy now has two aircraft carriers operating near the Korean Peninsula and they are joined by ships from the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF).

Talking to the chiefs: Ray Griggs (part 1)

In 2002 Ray Griggs, then captain of the frigate HMAS Arunta, took his ship to the Persian Gulf to help enforce UN sanctions against Iraq.

Naval Historical Society of Australia (Vic) President's June musings is now available to [download.....](#)

Navy League of Australia(Vic-Tas Div) June newsletter is now available to [download.....](#)

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

Commemoration services at the Shrine of Remembrance that warrant support of the Navy Fraternity

1. **HMAS Waterhen** Commemoration Service, at 1400, **Friday 30JUN** in the Sanctuary.
2. **Reserve Forces** Parade at 1000, Sunday **2JUL** at the Cenotaph.
3. **Far East Strategic Reserve** Commemoration Service at 1200, Thursday **6JUL**, Sanctuary.
4. **RAN Recruits Pilgrimage**, Wreath Laying Service at 1000, **Sunday 23JUL**, Sanctuary.
5. **Korean Veterans** Commemoration Service at 1300, Thursday **27JUL**, Sanctuary.

BRAVERY TRUST Supporting those who serve

If you are a current or former member of the ADF who has sustained physical or mental injuries as a result of your service and you are experiencing financial hardship you may be eligible to apply for assistance. Alternatively you may also be eligible to apply if you are the immediate family member of a current or former ADF member who has died as a result of their service, including those who have died as a result of their physical or mental injuries and you are experiencing financial hardship. Phone 1300 652 103, or email ask@braverytrust.org.au

Melbourne Naval Committee

MNC has an agreement with the Mission to Seafarers that allows Navy groups to meet at the MtS at no cost. To book email **Ajith Jayasuriya** at marketing@missiontoseafarers.com.au

Navy Victoria Network

Navyvic website is for anyone interested in Navy.

If arranging a function, check the calendar! Provide information to navyvic to avoid conflict with others.

Disclaimer

Articles published are the Authors thoughts, they may be edited to meet the space.

N Class Destroyers

The N Class destroyers became some of the best fighting machines of the War, owned by the Brits, steamed by Aussie Sailors. Remembered recently at services across Australia. In Sydney they were fortunate to have the last two crew members off HMAS *Nester* to witness the 75th anniversary service commemorating the loss of *Nester*, below (LtoR) is CAPT John Stephenson, CAPT Gavin Irwin & LCDR Ken Brown.



John was an A/SBLT & Ken a young sailor at the time *Nester* was damaged by a bombing raid. They

were saved by the crew of HMS Javelin. *Nester* never steamed in Australian waters. Few artefacts exist for *Nester*, but as they left the ship someone did manage to purloin the ship's bell. The bell, lost for decades, discovered in Mornington and gifted to Cerberus Museum. WO Marty Grogan OAM RANR, Mngr of the Museum to the rescue again. Marty not only drove to Sydney with the bell, he also collected→ Ken Brown and



Mavis his wife to make sure they arrived at the service safely. The Sydney service was held on Garden Island, HMAS Kuttabul provided the Catafalque Party. Ken is a life



member of the HMAS Sydney Association, Marty below with Ken



was the President for many years. A service was also held in Melbourne, at the Shrine of Remembrance.

That service was attended by 50 attendees. One WWII Veteran was present, along with post 1945 Veterans and descendants. Mark Davies gave the address, reading from his father's writings about his experience during WWII in the N Class Destroyers. The late CDRE Dacre Smyth AO, crafted three stained glass windows in honour of the N Class Destroyers. They are installed at the Anglican Church, HMAS Cerberus. Worth a visit!

Ship Mates



Navy Ball

Queensland's first standing sailor statue has been unveiled in Brisbane to honour past and present Navy personnel and their contribution to Australia. The Far East Strategic Reserve Navy Association and the Queensland branch of the Naval Association of Australia worked for more than four years to champion the project. The statue shows a sailor, complete with a sea bag and bell-bottoms, mounted on an substantial plinth at South Bank overlooking the Maritime Museum. Not dissimilar to the statue 'Answering the call' in Victoria, on viewing it there is a strong surge of gratitude. 205 individuals who served under the White Ensign generously donated to make the memorial possible. BZ QLD



Navy Week Victoria - 2017

Australian White Ensign

50th Anniversary

go to navyvic.net for more information

Navy Ball

Saturday 21OCT17

Dress: Black Tie
& miniatures

Cost \$155/pp

Start time 1900

Venue is the iconic

Melbourne Town Hall

Guest of honour will be
Chief of Navy

VADM Tim Barrett AO CSC RAN

All Service, ex-Service men & women, Mariners
plus families and friends are encouraged to attend.

Arrange a table, or go solo - book now!

Email Sandra: navy.week.victoria@gmail.com or
Post to 7 Clarence Place, Cranbourne East, 3977

Please include a telephone number.

VVCS



Motor Launch

Veterans & Veterans Families Counselling Service (VVCS) celebrates 35 years of service to veterans this year. Originally known as the Vietnam Veterans' Counselling Service, provides free mental health counselling and support to those who have served our nation. It has provided more than 1.6 million counselling sessions to over 300,000 veterans and family members since the first office opened in Adelaide on 29JAN82. Support for service-related issues such as anger, anxiety, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and sleep disturbance is provided by VVCS. VVCS clinicians work with couples and families on relationship issues that arise from the unique demands of military life, and run a range of group programs including free suicide prevention workshops for members of the veteran community. Mental health services for those who have served in the military may be needed at anytime. If you have an urge to chat about it, ring **1800 011 046** or vvcs.gov.au/

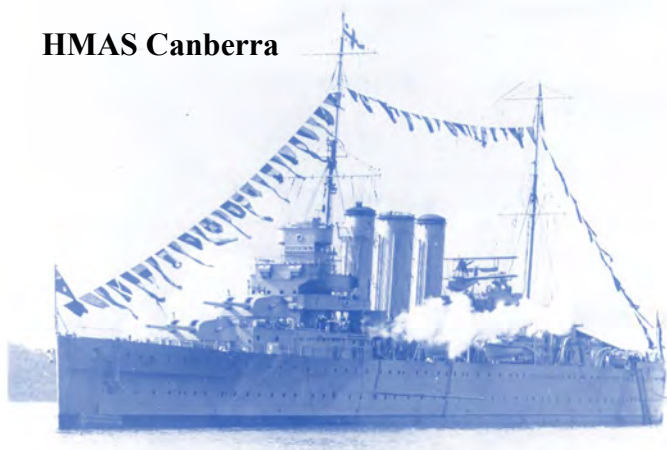
HDML 1321 was one of a class of thirty motor launches built for the RAN during WW II. Nine were constructed in Australia, three in the UK and eighteen in USA shipyards. Classified as Harbour Defence Motor Launches (HDMLs), after the war they were called Seaward Defence Motor Launches (SDMLs). They were again redesignated Seaward Defence Boats (SDBs) in the 1950s. HDML 1321 was the first HDML constructed in Australia, built in Tasmania and commissioned 11NOV43. A group of enthusiasts intend to refurbish the boat, want to help, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/Save1321/>



Battle of Savo Island

The Battle of Savo Island will be remembered at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne at 1100 on Wednesday, 9AUG17. Lost during the battle was Cruiser HMAS *Canberra* and the 75th anniversary, a crucial milestone will recount the loss of 193 sailors out of a Ship's Company of 819. The Battle of Savo Island was fought in the early hours of 9AUG42. The Japanese surprised Allied Warships, sinking four cruisers, one being HMAS *Canberra*. On 7 August 1942, the US Marine 1st Division landed on the Japanese held islands of Guadalcanal and Tulagi, in the Solomons. The Japanese had nearly completed construction of a major airfield, which would have threatened communications between the United States and Australia. The Allied Forces had eight cruisers, including RAN Warships *Australia*, *Canberra* and *Hobart*, with eight destroyers deployed to protect maritime transport and troops ashore. A Japanese force of seven cruisers and one destroyer sailed down New Georgia Sound, to attack the allied fleet. The Japanese task force was spotted by reconnaissance aircraft but poor communication protocols masked the significance of the information. Early 9AUG, Japanese cruisers entered the channel between Savo Island and Guadalcanal. They opened fire an hour or so after midnight and ceased fire about 30 minutes later. During this short period *Canberra* and three American cruisers the

HMAS *Canberra*



Vincennes, *Astoria* and *Quincy* had been sunk. The Japanese Task Force suffered little damage. The next day an American submarine sunk the heavy cruiser *Koko* off New Ireland. Savo Island was the first Japanese response after the Marine landing on Guadalcanal. For four months the Japanese air, land and naval forces fought to retake the island, but to no avail. The Japanese decided to evacuate its troops from Guadalcanal, being completely out by FEB43. A pity Navy didn't have journalists recording the life threatening experience at sea.

Recollection of seetime is shared between shipmates and a few interested enough to hear about it. This service will be a reminder of steely service and sacrifice.



Naval Association

Care. There are many aspect of care/welfare that many of our colleagues are unaware of. How best to share this information is a challenge, given the large amount of documents out there. You may be one of the individuals who has a good handle on the DVA welfare process and the avenues best suited to help those in need. If so, the NAA needs your help. The NAA doesn't have many facilities at their disposal, but they do have a national organisation that can be recalibrated to assist. Advocacy underpins much of the ex-service organisation's contribution.

Commemoration. It is important that everyone knows what commemoration activities are planned so they might participate. NCCV and NAA initiate and promote commemoration in Melbourne, but all services info should be shared, give some thought to using the Navy Victoria Network website. The NVN calendar to advise on all activities. This will be particularly important for Ship Associations.

Cadets. Support of the Australian Naval Cadets is also a worthy means of helping young Australians

to be better citizens. There are many ways of providing assistance, interested individuals should make contact with their closest Cadet Training Ship to see how they might help their local Unit out.

Camaraderie. The social aspects of the ex-service fraternity are well know. With the problems being encountered by so many younger veterans we need to be reminded of the old fashion divisional system. Too many of our colleagues view the social element as just that, a rousing time with little focus on the wellbeing of our mates. Whilst the focus upon our wellbeing is usually more formal, such as by way of care/welfare, the realistic extension of camaraderie is "are you okay!" If we recall the days we stepped ashore at home or abroad, we always had our mates and there was always someone in the crew that would take responsibility of our overall behaviour. The importance of this should not be lost. PTSD is something that may be lessened if we take the time to discuss and free ourselves of those matters that trouble us. If nothing else, remember Beyond Blue.

President's Dit

As the financial year comes to a close, many will be thinking about reinventing themselves for the next phase of their career. Others may well have the performance of the Superfund on their mind (as the new rules kick in) - all important, but what adds value to the Navy community. There are some that devote an extraordinary amount of energy towards the wellbeing of shipmates. Some don't care, they may read material, such as Rogues Yarn, but they don't respond in view of new learnings. They may even believe we are wasting our time, as we aim to improve the experience across the Navy fraternity. What is important is our understanding and support of the legacy of service and sacrifice. Commemoration, is a passive means of bringing the Navy fraternity together, if only for a few minutes. Each occasion offers an opportunity to demonstrate your respect for past and present service. Your participation gives meaning to your service and recall of shipmates past. Most join a group for personal gain, we advocate you look further, to the impact on the Navy fraternity.

Yours aye, Terry Makings

DIRECTORY for NCCV

PATRON: CDRE Jim Dickson AM MBE RAN Rtd
 PRESIDENT: Terry Makings
 Telephone: 03 9429 9489 [leave a message]
 M: 0411 135 163
 VICE PRESIDENT: Marty Grogan OAM
 Telephone: 0417 377 763
 Jnr V/PRESIDENT: Pete Johnston
 Telephone: 0419 104 473
 SECRETARY: Chris Banfield
 Telephone: 0412 832 148
 TREASURER: Jan Gallagher
 Telephone: 03 9786 5371
 PR Officer: Chris Banfield
 Editor: Terry Makings

All correspondence to the email address please,
naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com
 or if postal mail is essential, The Secretary at:
316 Nicholson Street, East Fitzroy VIC 3065
 Website: <http://navyvic.net>



Special Notes



Teddy. Hank Koopman has made a wonderful song about one of Australia's extraordinary WWII sailors, Teddy Sheehan. Hank said, "Many songs have been written about the loss of HMAS Armidale, but I'm proud of my contribution with this rendition. Words are from George A. Lee's poem of the same name, but rearranged by me to fit the music score I came up with." To listen go to the following site:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=exMXXW_XP3M

Nerves and Steel. This exhibition tells the story of the Royal Australian Navy in the Pacific DEC41 to SEP45. The war in the Pacific was essentially a naval struggle. Allied war aims hinged on the destruction of Japan's powerful navy and the severing of sea communications between Japan and its far-flung Asian and Pacific conquests. Nerves and Steel explores the role played by the RAN in ultimate Allied victory and features items from the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne collection as well as loans from the Australian War Memorial, the RAN Heritage Collection, veterans and their families. The exhibition will be on display in the Shrine of Remembrance Southern Gallery from 22 July 2017 until July 2018. Pencil in the diary!

Navy Clearance Divers Trust. NCDT Trustees are committed to ensuring that the Trust provides relevant assistance to CD who have been badly injured and/or made permanently medically unfit to dive, in the course of their work, also assist the family of those killed whilst on duty. The Trust would appreciate 10 minutes of your time to complete a survey to provide then with feedback and suggestions for improvement. You can also indicate your willingness to contribute your time to the Trust. The survey will close on 31 July 2017 and they will keep you informed of the findings in the coming months. The survey can be found at website: www.surveymonkey.com/r/7TW8QMS

HMAS Vendetta Reunion. Preliminary planning is well underway for the HMAS Vendetta Reunion in Mildura during May 2018. It will be held over the weekend of Friday 18 MAY - Sunday 20 MAY. Enjoy the *meet and greet* on Friday, *formal dinner* on Saturday and a *farewell BBQ* on Sunday. A small deposit on registration is called for, go to navyvic.net to locate the proforma and methods of paying the registration fee. Also see the matelots who have indicated they are attending at website.