



# NVN News

*incorporating NCCV's newsletter Rogues' Yarn*

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## Editorial

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Having just come back from a very successful WRANS reunion in Port Stephens and hearing lots of stories about what the girls have done with their lives before and after their service I thought I would let you hear about one lady in particular. CMDR Liz Coles did not attend the reunion – but I have a copy of a talk she gave some time ago titled “Three Careers in One Lifetime – and there’s more!” and with her kind permission I have reprinted it here for your reading pleasure –

### **Three Careers in One Lifetime – and there’s more!”**

**Liz Coles 1960 to 1997.**

As time rolls by we are all asking where “have all the years gone?” It is perhaps even more scary when one can remember in minute detail many of the events that happened during four years of General Nurse training at the Masonic hospital 50+ years ago but cannot remember where we left the car keys yesterday!

Well before my memory completely fails more recent events I would like to share with you a quick overview of the paths that I took after 1964.

Off to Melbourne to the Queen Victoria hospital to do Mid. and then in 1968 off overseas for four years. During this time, I worked in Canada in Alberta and Quebec and in between jobs managed to hitch hike throughout Canada, Alaska and the USA. Would never dream of doing this today but then it was such an adventure meeting wonderful people and seeing so many spectacular places “off the beaten track”.

## **Calendar Events**

*(see calendar for details of all events)*

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

**26 Mar** – *NHS meeting (all welcome)*

**09 Apr** – *On this day in 1942 - HMAS VAMPIRE sunk by Japanese aircraft off Ceylon.*

**24 Apr** – *On this day in 1860 - HMVS VICTORIA sailed for the Maori War in NZ. Australia's first commitment of forces overseas.*

**25 Apr** – *On this day in 1915 - HMA Submarine AE2 penetrates the Dardanelles.*

**25 Apr** – *ANZAC Day*

**30 Apr** – *On this day in 1915 - HMA Submarine AE2 scuttled in the Sea of Marmara.*

**30 Apr** – *NHS meeting (all welcome)*

**04-08 May** – *Battle of the Coral Sea*

**06 May** – *Battle of the Coral Sea commemoration service at the Shrine.*

## **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>

In 1969 I undertook an Operating Theatre Management Course at Hammersmith Hospital Post Graduate Medical School, London. I then headed off to Norway and worked in the theatres in a mountain town called Voss halfway between Bergen and Oslo. An amazing experience where no one spoke English but necessity ensured that I became fairly fluent and managed to survive both work and again hitch hiking throughout Scandinavia where my "Vossemaal" (dialect) held me in good stead.

In 1972 I thought it was time to come home so headed off to Melbourne and undertook a Diploma in Hospital Nursing and Ward Management at the College of Nursing, Australia. The following two years saw me back in theatre but then in 1975 I decided on a "sea change" and joined the Navy – my second career!

This chapter, originally to be for two years ended up being 25 years and what a roller coaster of challenges were to confront me! From 1977 to 1978 I served in Manus Island in the Bismarck Archipelago working with PNG Defence Force. This time would have to be the most rewarding nursing experience one could have where, frequently without any doctors; the decision was left to me as to the management of a plethora of medical, surgical and midwifery issues. I loved this time and the beautiful natives of Manus Island taught me so much and I am forever indebted to them – their humility, laughter and integrity are an example to us all.

Upon returning to Australia I was appointed the Deputy Matron at the RAN Hospital, HMAS Penguin which also included running the theatres. During this time, I was sent off to Cumberland College of Health Sciences to undertake a Diploma in Administration which was followed by the RAN Staff College – my first taste of other Naval activities outside the health services.

At this stage the Cold War was starting to become a little tepid and in 1982 the Falklands War was causing great concern in Australia with many different threat scenarios. As a result, I was sent off to HMAS Cerberus in Victoria to design a Tri-Service Medical Officers' Nuclear, Biological and Chemical (NBC) Course and conduct the pilot course. This was indeed a

#### LATEST VIDEOS.....

- *USS Juneau, final resting place of the Sullivan brothers, found off Solomon Islands*
- *Theory on the Loss of HMAS AE1*
- *Tenth successful interdiction for HMAS Warramunga*
- *Wreckage of USS Lexington Located in Coral Sea*
- *HMAS Warramunga seizes eight tonnes of illicit drugs*
- *Navy Engineering Challenge - Marine*
- *Navy Engineering Challenge - Electronics*
- *Navy Engineering Challenge - Aviation*
- *The Grey Funnel Line*

#### NEWS.....

*USS Mustin's voyage near Mischief Reef prompts angry response a day after America announced plan to impose US\$60 billion tariffs on Chinese imports. China accused America of "serious military provocation" after a US Navy destroyer sailed within 12 nautical miles of an artificial island in the South China Sea.*

*The US Navy destroyer USS Mustin (DDG 89) sailed close to an artificial island built by China in the South China Sea, Reuters reported citing US officials. On March 23, 2018, the destroyer reportedly approached Mischief Reef in the Spratly Islands, a disputed area.*

*With the sun setting over the tropical waters off Papua New Guinea, sailors on frigates HMS Sutherland and HMAS Toowoomba line up on their flight decks over the wreck of Australia's first submarine. For the first time since the remains of HMAS AE1 were discovered, Britons and Australians have held a joint service of*

daunting task and the ramifications of failure were significant; over the years this course is still an essential requirement for all Defence Force health personnel on overseas deployment and we dread the day that our personnel will have to put their training in to practice!

With this course up and running it was time to head off to Navy Office in Canberra where I spent three years writing policy manuals for the health services, a job that was continually hampered by the bureaucracy and at times very frustrating. Somehow, I survived and for my sins and in 1985 was sent back to HMAS Cerberus as Officer-in –Charge of the Medical training school; a great job and indeed very rewarding.

In 1987 I was appointed the Executive Officer (2<sup>nd</sup> in Command) of HMAS Lonsdale in Melbourne and in 1988 was promoted to Commander and appointed Commanding Officer. This was the first time a female had been placed in command in the Australian Defence Force and with it came a great deal of publicity; some negative but mostly positive with a small crack appearing in that “glass ceiling”. I still recall with a smile being interviewed by George Negus who asked –“How are you going to manage being in command – you are only a nurse!” My response – “I will do it because I AM a nurse!” Has anyone ever seen George Negus lost for words?

Two years in this position was followed by yet another posting to Canberra and this time as Director of Nursing and Health Services training at a time when major rationalizing of resources was being undertaken and the trend was to become “tri-service”. This was to be my last health service appointment and I was appointed to the staff of the ADF Headquarters to address the employment inequities within the ADF. My position was Deputy Director of Personnel Policy – Human Rights and it was a bit like being given a poisoned chalice! The next three years were volatile to say the least with the surfacing of sexual harassment cases across the three services and a subsequent Senate Inquiry. My task was to take this matter to the Senate for its critical analysis and then ensure the implementation of the recommendations. Somehow, I survived this daunting task and then had to review the remaining 21 areas of discrimination and associated non- conforming equal employment opportunity

*remembrance in honour of 35 men killed in the first days of World War 1.*

*The Royal Australian Navy has a new Deputy Chief, with RADM Mark Hammond taking over duties from RADM Mike Noonan in Canberra*

*The Royal Navy is preparing to support the monitoring and protection of UK fisheries after Britain leaves the EU, having taken delivery of the first of five next-generation Offshore Patrol ships for the fleet.*

*Senior sailors at HMAS Cerberus have raised more than \$5,000 for White Ribbon Australia during the annual Warrant Officer and Senior Sailors Mess charity golf day, supporting a nationwide campaign to prevent violence against women.*

*Veterans and their families will receive increased support services and income support payments after the Senate passed new legislation today. The legislation follows a \$31 million boost to mental health services which was announced late last year.*

*A team of Naval Police Coxswains have combined forces with officers of the Victoria Police to carry out a road safety operation at HMAS Cerberus.*

*Fast-attack submarines fired torpedoes beneath the ice during the Navy's five-week Ice Exercise that kicked off this month in the Arctic Ocean. In step two of the torpedo drill, divers from the Navy's Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit Two and Underwater Construction Team One and the Coast Guard plunged through ice holes to retrieve the torpedoes.*

*Veteran pension payments will increase in March in line with the biannual indexation process. Pension*



issues. For this work I was proud and humbled to be awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross in the 1995 Australia Day Honours list. It is pleasing to see that the majority of these issues are now resolved and women are now in the forefront of senior decision making and planning processes. Coupled with this women are now in command of warships, flying combat aircraft and driving combat vehicles – unheard of twenty years ago! Some scales are slowly falling off the dinosaurs!!

From here it was a posting to Sydney as the Command Personal Services Officer responsible for the provision of services to both deployed members and their families i.e. keeping the families happy while their loved ones were at sea and on active service.

Another challenge came to an end, when, with many happy memories, I left the Navy having reached retirement age.

Retirement is not a word in my vocabulary and thus began the third chapter of my life – breeding alpacas. Farming was always the plan upon leaving the Navy and having done my homework I fell in love with these wonderful creatures and purchased three pregnant females. Longueville Park, named after the family home in Sydney, is home to a herd of blue/black huacaya alpacas that have proudly won championship ribbons in all States and overseas and these genetics are also seen across Australia and in the United Kingdom and more recently one of the handsome stud males is off to Germany.

**Thank you.**

The History of the RANNS is a good read and there are many websites that have information.

<http://nla.gov.au/nla.party-758063>

<http://www.womenaustralia.info/biogs/AWE0584b.htm>

It might also be time for someone to start a project to record some of these stories.

Yours Aye!

NVN Team

*recipients including veterans, their partners, war widows and widowers across Australia will receive increased payments from 20 March 2018.*

*US Navy's World War II Atlanta-class light cruiser USS Juneau (CL-52) was located off the coast of the Solomon Islands in South Pacific by the crew research vessel (R/V) Petrel. The Juneau was sunk by a Japanese torpedo during the Battle of Guadalcanal, ultimately killing 687 men including all five of the Sullivan brothers.*

*Naval Group Australia has partnered with KBR to support the design of the Future Submarine Construction Yard, a vital piece of the Osborne Naval shipbuilding precinct. The Future Submarine Construction Yard would sit alongside the surface shipyard, which will deliver the Royal Australian Navy's Future Frigates.*

*The Japan Coast Guard has recommended negligent homicide charges for the USS Fitzgerald's officer of the deck and the ACX Crystal's second officer after a deadly collision last year.*

*Applications are now open for the Building Excellence in Support and Training (BEST) grants and Grants-in-Aid for ex-service organisations announced by Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester today.*

*Royal Australian Navy's Future Submarines could benefit from new carbon dioxide capturing technology which would allow the submarines to stay submerged for longer periods of time.*

*HMAS Warramunga's crew has seized record amounts of narcotics on Operation Manitou following their*

## VALE

- † WOERA A. Cameron OAM BEM, 15 March 2018. Aged 94.
- † NA P.W. Tuckett, 12 March 2018. Aged 84.
- † CPORS G.T. Bence, R53073, 07 March 2018. Aged 83.
- † NA W.J. Corkill, R37769, 04 March 2018. Aged 87.
- † PORP R. Carty, R56919, 02 March 2018. Aged 77.
- † CMDR B.R. Bambrick, 25 February 2018.
- † POSBA D. Nash, R56847, 22 February 2018. Aged 79.
- † POCK K. Bradley, 22 February 2018.
- † NA B. Matthews, R52786, 11 Feb 2018. Aged 79.
- † POCD G.J. Dollar, R65962, February 2018. Aged 70.

## 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](mailto: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.**

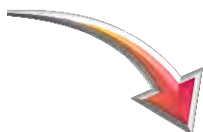


The Ramon Deed Veterans' Retreat is situated just off the Silver City Highway, in Scout Road, Darebin NSW. It is 17kms from Mildura, and 16km from Wentworth. The Retreat is situated on 22 acres and is managed by the newly formed Committee and Members of the Wentworth & Coomealla Districts VVF Sub Branch. All veterans, peacekeepers, peacemakers, serving and ex-service personnel, and their families are welcome to use the Retreat. More information at: <http://www.rdveteransretreat.com.au/>



the Collins Place Gallery (45 Collins Street, Melbourne) between 25 March and 25 April 2018 to view some of the extraordinary and thought-provoking artwork painted by current and former members of the Australian military forces, and their families.

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



*latest interdiction.*

*The Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) revealed it is in the midst of introducing unmanned surface vessels to patrol Singapore's waters and detect and neutralize mines. As informed, these vessels will be remotely controlled from shore or other naval platforms at sea.*

*Commodore Greg Yorke has assumed the role Senior Naval Officer Victoria (SNO-VIC), accepting responsibilities from Commanding Officer of HMAS Cerberus Captain Tim Standen.*

*The wreck of one of the first US Navy aircraft carriers has been located on the floor of the Coral Sea, 500 miles off the eastern coast of Australia.*

*One of the Royal Australian Navy's most heroic wartime confrontations has been remembered during a solemn ceremony in Indonesia's Sunda Strait.*

*A group of Royal Australian Navy submariners have developed an innovative solution to providing temporary accommodation on board submarines.*

*Navy Bridging Train remembered One of the Royal Australian Navy's most unusual units - the last to leave the Gallipoli Peninsula - has been recognised during a small service in Melbourne.*

*Naval Historical Society of Australia (Vic) President's February musings 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.*

## You Are Invited to the Launch of Australia's First Report into Family Violence and Brain Injury

**Tuesday, 1 May 2018 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm (AEST)**

**Swanston Room, Melbourne Town Hall**

**90-130 Swanston Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000**

THIS IS A FREE EVENT.

Please click on this link to register.

Register

Brain Injury Australia and its consortium partners - Domestic Violence Victoria, Monash University, No to Violence (incorporating the Men's Referral Service), and the Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare - invite you to the launch of a major report into family violence, funded by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services.

The consortium report is Australia's first attempt at estimating "the prevalence of acquired brain injury among family violence victims and perpetrators" - Recommendation 171 of the Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence.

Family violence is a significant cause of brain injury, in both adults and children. Brain injury is associated with subsequent, sometimes violent, offending. For both victims and perpetrators of family violence brain injury hampers their capacity for recovery, behaviour change and future wellbeing. For the community, the costs of hospitalisation and rehabilitation, the increased need for services and supports, and the impact of disability and lost productivity are all greater when brain injury is associated with family violence.

You will hear from Brain Injury Australia and its consortium partners about:

- the report's findings and recommendations;
- the local and international evidence for the rates and impact of brain injury and family violence; and
- what can be done to close the gaps in services and supports for both victims and perpetrators.

Light refreshments will be served.

Inquiries: [admin@braininjuryaustralia.org.au](mailto:admin@braininjuryaustralia.org.au), (02) 9808 9390 or 1-800 BRAIN1 (1-800 272 461).





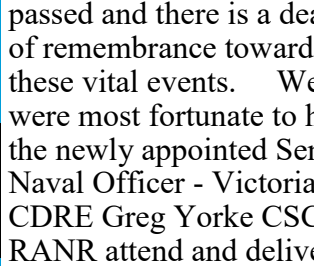
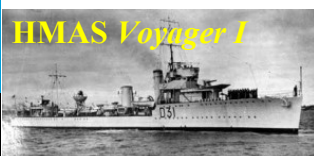
# Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

## ROGUES' YARN

1. *RAN Recruits School Wreath Laying, 1000 on Sunday 8APR18, Sanctuary.*
2. *HMAS Vampire Service, 1100 on Sunday, 8APR18, Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance.*
3. *RAN Recruits School Wreath Laying, 1000 on Sunday 29APR18, Sanctuary.*
4. *HMAS Castlemaine Service, 1000 on Friday 4MAY18, Sanctuary.*

## Commemoration

So far this year we have remembered the service of ←HMAS *Voyager*, and the loss of *Voyager II*, HMAS *Perth I* with USS *Houston* and then HMAS *Yarra II*. Each a significant occurrence that had a devastating impact on Navy and the people of Australia at the time. Over 75 years have passed and there is a dearth of remembrance towards these vital events. We were most fortunate to have the newly appointed Senior Naval Officer - Victoria, CDRE Greg Yorke CSC RANR attend and deliver the address at the two services conducted at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne. The service for HMAS *Yarra II* was held at



**HMAS YARRA II**

Yarra Memorial Park, Spotswood. Each service commemorates an event where the courageous effort of the Ship's Company and the bravery of a few have been singled out. In *Voyager II*

we have CPO Buck Rodgers, *Perth* is CAPT Hec Waller and *Yarra* is LCDR Rankin and LS Ronald Taylor. Witnesses to the events that brought these gutsy actions to mind are themselves of a past generation, except for some that new CPO Buck Rodgers.



**Buck Rodgers**

A few of those that were helped by Buck are still around to tell the tale of this remarkable effort on that fateful night in 1964. This was not the first time Buck Rodgers had displayed calmness in the face of adversity, awarded the Disguised Service Medal during wartime is



**HMAS Perth I**

testament to his ability to do the job at hand under extreme pressure - an awe-inspiring example to all.

The propensity of the ex-Navy fraternity to support past service once out of the Navy is fickle. A few dedicated souls put their heart and soul into sustaining the legacy of past service and sacrifice when the majority don't bother. Everyone who has worn a sailors' (upper deck or below) rig owes the system something. Most have heard of DVA and the welfare/compensation perspective, perhaps with a lack of appreciation of how that came about, but to ignore the connection with shipmates is disappointing. Tangible benefits are discernible, money, medical or other types of support. These have a direct impact on the day to day life of an individual. Commemoration may be different, but in the eyes of some, just as important. The legacy of past service and in particular the sacrifice made by our predecessors, or maybe your own shipmates if vital to understanding how we got to where we are today. We have said before, commemoration is not Navy's day job, they provide whatever support they are able (upon request). It is up to the ex-Navy fraternity to plan and manage occasions designed to reflect on events where sailors have made the supreme sacrifice. To overlook the *Perth / Houston* service on March 1<sup>st</sup> each year, when 1071 men made the supreme sacrifice and many of those that survived were Prisoners of War at the hands of the Japanese is unfathomable. Knowing about services throughout the year is one thing, joining one or two is what is needed to show that your service, or that of an ancestor added value to



**CPO Buck Rodgers Medals**

Australia's security. Vampire is next 8APR. May we be worthy of their service and sacrifice.

# Perth/Houston

1MAR18 was the 76th anniversary of the sinking of HMAS *Perth* & USS *Houston* during the Battle of Sunda Strait. A commemoration service in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance, attracted representatives of the HMAS *Perth* National Association, American Ex-Servicemen Association and Naval Association of Australia. Pete Johnston, acting for the President - HMAS *Perth* National Association welcomed all present. Pete, a major contributor to the Veteran community through his involvement in the *Perth* Association and the Australian Prisoners of War Association. In addition to work for Veterans, Pete is heavily involved with the Geelong Lions Club where he provides help to families in need. LTCOL Ed Bartosh USArmy Rtd, represented → USS *Houston*. Ed is the Secretary, American Ex-Servicemen Association, he delivered a reading of thanksgiving for the gains derived from the service of so many during WWII. Commodore Greg Yorke CSC RANR Senior Naval Officer - Victoria representing the Royal Australian Navy delivered a very meaningful address outlining the circumstances surrounding the Battle of Sunda Strait. CDRE Yorke particularly pointed out the connection between descendants present and the importance of the work of their ancestors who



served in *Perth* and *Houston* during a time of immense turmoil. Guarding the Remembrance Stone was a Catafalque Party from HMAS *Cerberus*. Two men & two women and a young Petty Officer as the Party Commander exhibited the diversity of the Navy. Their participation was notable as it provided a direct connection between service in 1942 and today's Navy. Their drill was faultless and a credit to the Navy. They looked immaculate! ABMUS Andrew Bryce was the bugler and his rendition of the Last Post was exceptional and as good as had ever been sounded in that most sacred place.

The last survivor of the *Perth* living in Victorian was David Manning, very

well known to the wider Defence community. He sadly 'crossed the bar' a few days before the service. He was appropriately represented by his daughter Dawn and son Greg. After the Sanctuary service, many ventured to the dedicated HMAS *Perth* and USS *Houston* trees. Floral tributes were placed at each plaque, descendants of the *Perth* crew at their plaque and members of America Ex-servicemen Association at *Houston's* plaque. *Houston's* plaque is the only symbol of a non Commonwealth nation within the Shrine of Remembrance Reserve. Frank McGovern is the last ex-POW from *Perth I* at 98 years young, living at his Randwick home. He is a little constrained due to a recurring back injury, said to be courtesy of the US Army Air Force who bombed the POW camp in Japan where he was finally imprisoned during 1945. He survived the Burma rail, to then be bombed in Japan.



**Dawn and Greg Manning laying the wreath for descendants at the Remembrance Stone.**



**CDRE Greg Yorke CSC RAN SNO-V laying the wreath on behalf of the Royal Australian Navy**



**LEUT Ryan Zeebe RAN, PRO HMAS Cerberus recited the Ode and ABMUS Andrew Bryce after Reveille at the Houston tree.**



## Contributions

Anyone willing to write an article for the Rogues Yarn is most welcome. Just be mindful that we are not political.

## Disclaimer

Articles contributed are the Authors thoughts. No political articles will intentionally appear and we may need to tinker to make it fit the space available.

## **Melbourne Naval Committee**

MNC provides much needed funds to support welfare. A venue is available at Mission to Seafarers for like-minded groups, no cost. Email Daria at MtS [daria.wray@missiontoseafarers.com.au](mailto:daria.wray@missiontoseafarers.com.au) to make a booking.

## **Navy Victoria Network**

The NavyVIC website is there for all to see. Ship Associations are asked to provide information on their activities to inform the wider Navy Community.



## Scrap Iron

The Scrap Iron Flotilla Association held their annual reunion on Friday, 23MAR18 in Melbourne. Many who served in Warships; *Stuart*, *Vendetta*, *Voyager* (*Duchess*), *Vampire* and *Waterhen* attended, along with descendants. This was the first reunion since WWII where no Scrap Iron Flotilla WWII Veterans were present. The last surviving WWII Veteran was Ernie Poole, who served in *Voyager I* & *Vampire I*. Ern's widow, Dot and son Ern Jnr travelled from Portland to attend the reunion, as they have done for many years. Many in attendance who served in name sake Warships, each post WWII Warship proudly displaying inherited Battle Honours. Rear Admiral Peter Briggs AO CSC RAN Rtd was the guest of honour and he shared a presentation on 'Finding the *AEI*', a rusting hulk he was instrumental in finding. His presentation was most illuminating, highlighting the importance of technology, coupled with an extraordinary Submariner's intuition. The Admiral didn't do it on his own, but his drive and enthusiasm made the difference. The last edition described the experience of attending the *Voyager* service on 10FEB, a reflection on the service and sacrifice of WWII Veterans and also the tragic loss of 82 crew members when *Voyager II* sunk in 1964. There will also be a service on 8APR to remember HMAS *Vampire I*, sunk by the Japanese on 9APR42 with 10 sailors making the supreme sacrifice.

## SNO-V

The Senior Naval Officer - Victoria (SNO-V) is an important role and with the appointment of a Flag Rank Officer then the profile of Navy in Victoria is bound to increase. Below is CAPT Tim Standen CSC RAN, Commanding Officer HMAS Cerberus handing the SNO-V buoy to CDRE Greg Yorke CSC RANR. CDRE Yorke has already participated in a range of engagements to promote Navy's profile in Victoria, this being particularly obvious at services commemorating service and sacrifice as discussed on page one. He will also be engaged in lifting Navy's profile with industry and Victorian Government. CO-Cerberus will have his hands full with projects that will result



in significant change to physical assets within the establishment & major changes to the training regime for Marine Technical folk.

## Badges

Dr Jozef Straczek has drafted an interesting article at <http://www.navy.gov.au/customs-and-traditions/navy-recognition-service-badges> that describes, alongside photographs a series of lapel badges given to a range of individuals who supported the war effort. These are specifically designed for wear with Civvies, could these be re-introduced to bring the Ex-Navy fraternity closer together! At the moment, few can be identified as part of Australia's valued participants in the Defence network. How do we gauge the level of interest in reproducing badges similar to those identified by Jozef. The blue badge to the right is self explanatory, as is the Active Service Badge.



The three badges lined up at the bottom of this article may in fact be more valued than the service badges. For instance, if the spouse/partner was recognised by this simple means, then there may well be more interested with collaboration more likely across the Serving and ex-Navy

men/women and their families. These badges include a specific family support badge, recognition that those working in 'reserve occupations' were doing their bit in support of the war effort.



## Cadets

There is a plan to encourage Australian Naval Cadets to participate more with commemoration services. Many opportunities occur where Cadets could learn about the legacy of past service and sacrifice. These are fundamental aspects of being in uniform. Having an understanding of the relevance of service life can make a huge difference to young individuals looking at their career options. Being part of a disciplined body can also assist when looking for meaningful employment. The Naval Association of Australia is tackling local Training Ships to strengthen their link with the ANC to assist uphold the legacy of past service. Below is CDRE Justin Jones, CSC, RAN with ex-Waratah Flotilla Cadets, graduates of Emms Division now Seaman: (L-R) Bethany East, Ashley Buurveld, Caroline Greene and Lachlan Meuron. Proud to be sailors!



# Special Notes

**Top End Reunion.** Plans are currently in motion to have a reunion for all who served at HMAS *Melville* and/or HMAS *Coonawarra*. This includes all Comms Establishments and DNB, along with NT Patrol Boat Crews. Register your interest on [facebook.com/events/451041072021229/?ti=c](https://facebook.com/events/451041072021229/?ti=c) or email - [allanconway@internode.on.net](mailto:allanconway@internode.on.net)

Join the team around Anzac Day 2019, starting with a meet & greet at 1600, **Tuesday, 23 APR 19** through to the finale on **Saturday 27 APR 19**.

**HMAS Warramunga.** The men and women in *Warramunga*'s have repeatedly demonstrated that Navy's contribution is having a significant impact within the national strategy to secure our borders. Go to <http://video.navy.gov.au/play/5570>

**HMAS Perth.** A summary of how two survivors of Perth's sinking thought about their experience is at (cut/past into browser): <http://mobile.abc.net.au/news/2017-10-07/hmas-perth-survivors-share-stories-75-anniversary/9023970?pfmredir=sm>

**HMAS Tobruk.** Be quick if interested, a reunion is scheduled for mid year, at Hervey Bay. If you served in HMAS Tobruk and wish to go call Bert Boyd on 0456 711 943 or email [hm.anzac.tobruk@gmail.com](mailto:hm.anzac.tobruk@gmail.com)

**No to Violence.** There is an open invitation to Melburnians who wish to be present when the first report in family violence and brain injury is presented. For more information go to <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/family-violence-and-brain-injury-launch-of-australias-first-report-registration-43539405534?aff=flyer1>

**HMAS Gladstone.** A Patrol Boat gathering will occur on Anzac Day 2018 in Gladstone. Invited are all Attack, Fremantle and Armidale crews. Gladstone Council has confirmed that Navy has programmed HMAS ARMIDALE to be in Gladstone for the occasion. Many thanks to CAPT Jason Hunter - Patrol Boat FEG for making this happen. Let's have a good turnout in support of the Patrol Boat Group. Email Lindsay Wassell for info to [hots02@bigpond.com](mailto:hots02@bigpond.com) or MOB 0419 722495.

Naval Association. Are you a member, if not why not! If unfinancial, remember subscription fees due 1st January each year. Membership of the NAA gives Navy a voice in the wider community. It also enables the ex-Navy fraternity to be at the DVA table to argue the case on behalf of sailors. No other ESO understands the work nor demonstrates interest in Navy.



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## President's dit

As we experience year four of the ANZAC Spirit, centennial of WWI, we are reminded of the tragic circumstances Australia found itself in as many of our young men were killed or wounded in action or through the dreadful environment they were thrust into. ANZAC Day, an occasion that will heighten our awareness of such things, including how our own family managed to get through each day of WWI and since. We should be thankful for our current quality of life and give some thought to how we arrived at such a wonderful existence. We should give some thought to how we pay homage to those that serve, have served and those that made the supreme sacrifice. It is up to us to keep the fire burning, to ensure we keep afloat the Navy legacies. The specific purpose is to remember, the vanguard of such occasions. Some make the effort to show their support of commemoration by attending at least one service related to their own experience. Many don't, so we need to urge those who overlook their family connection to rethink their conviction. Let's see as many as possible out there on ANZAC Day as well. Remember, Once Navy, Always Navy. *Yours aye, Terry Makings*