



# NVN News

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## Editorial

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This month's guest editor is  
Mr Rex Williams, President Naval  
Historical Society of Australia  
(Victorian Chapter).

The Naval Historical Society of Australia is based on Garden Island NSW in the historic 'Boat Shed'. The society has chapters based in Western Australia, the ACT and in Victoria. The Victoria Chapter holds its meetings on the fourth Monday of the month in The Sunset Room at Waverley RSL. The meetings are open to the Navy Family in general and mainly consist of a Speaker or Naval film. Waverley RSL is a venue with excellent facilities and a majority of our members meet from 1730 and enjoy a meal before the meeting which starts at 1900.

The NHS of A was founded in Sydney in 1970 and the Victoria Chapter came into being in 1971. Our Patron is Chief of Navy, and our Mission is: "To promote and uphold the history, prestige and traditions of Navy and to preserve Naval history".

At the Boatshed we have an extensive library, archives, research facilities and photographic collection. The NHS has a very close relationship with Navy and the Sea Power Centre. We conduct Garden Island guided tours and promote Navy at every opportunity.

## Calendar Events

*(see calendar for details of all events)*

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**27 May** – NHS meeting – all welcome.

**01 Jun** – 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Kuttubul by a Japanese midget submarine attack on Sydney harbour.

**03 Jun** – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the collision between HMAS Melbourne & USS Frank E. Evans – 74 lives lost.

**17 Jun** – 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Nestor. Commemorative service at the Shrine.

**24 Jun** – NHS Meeting – all welcome.

**30 Jun** – 78<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Waternen.

**10 Jul** – RAN's 108<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**27 Jul** – Korea Veterans 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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### LATEST VIDEOS.....

- The last leg of Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2019
- Clean Oceans
- HMAS Ballarat participates in the Gulf Ani-Submarine Exercise
- HMAS Newcastle navigation through Malacca Straights

Details of these tours are available on the Society's website

<https://www.navyhistory.org.au/garden-island-tours>.

We have numerous articles to purchase on our [website](#). There are four DVD's, three of them produced by NHSA including 'A History of the 250 ton Hammerhead Crane'. Also, the video 'A Very Rude Awakening', an account of the night the Japanese submarines came to Sydney. We have 54 Monographs including 'The Battle of Savo Island' and 'The Battle of the Coral Sea'. We have an excellent book 'From Church to Chapel' a history of the naval chapel on Garden Island. If you are interested in ships plans, we have 58 available for purchase.

The NHS currently publishes 5 periodicals.

- **The BUZZ** – an informal newsletter distributed to members. It details coming events and items of historical interest.
- **The Naval Historical Review** – The review is published quarterly to members and contains personal recollections, anecdotes, book reviews and stories of topical historical interest including articles on wide-ranging subjects such as operations, events and engagements. When you subscribe to the Society you receive the review either in digital form through the Member's own part of the website, or as a hard copy through the mail.
- **Call the Hands** – This monthly digital newsletter has been published since September 2016 and is supplied by email to members and subscribers.
- **Ahoy!** – a bulletin linking history with content with contemporary events.
- **The Three Headed Dog** – This is the Victoria Chapter's own Newsletter which is distributed to our membership either in hard copy posted or digitally to our members in colour. Most of our Members enjoy receiving the colour version.

As well as providing excellent publications, reference library of books and photographs etc. we make it easier to conduct your own research through our website, <https://www.navyhistory.org.au>.

Further assistance is available through our Research officer, CMDR

- *HMAS Ballarat continues illicit drug seizures in the Middle East*
- *Vietnam school visit to remember*
- *The ADF Visits Tonga and Tuvalu*
- *Mother's Day messages from Indo-Pacific Endeavour*
- *Mother's Day on Operationse*
- *Wings over Illawarra airshow*

#### NEWS.....

*Amid growing concern about potential threats to peace in the Indo-Pacific, a Royal Australian Navy task force has completed a three-month tour of seven key regional nations.*

*More than 60 Maritime Trade Operations (MTO) Officers from ten navies have wrapped up one of their largest annual Bell Buoy exercises.*

*Defence has signed a 3-year collaboration agreement with universities and industry to develop new acoustic materials that will make Australian submarines harder to detect.*

*Prime Minister Scott Morrison has announced that more Royal Australian Navy vessels will be built at the Henderson shipyard south of Perth, and the plan appears to have bipartisan support.*

*Ships from the navies of Australia, Japan, Republic of Korea and the United States arrived in Guam, May 22, to take part in the first ever cooperative maritime training exercise called Pacific Vanguard.*

*Thirty-three years ago, a junior Royal Australian Navy sailor joined a new ship, HMAS Success, and today he is on that ship's final voyage.*

*Royal Navy flagship HMS Albion deploys to the Baltic Sea today to lead a multinational task group in support of European security.*

*Captain Nick Cooke-Priest, the commanding officer of Royal Navy aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth has been relieved of his duties for "misuse of official car".*

*The German Navy's newest Type 212*

John Smith RAN Rtd. John and his team are available on [research@navyhistory.org.au](mailto:research@navyhistory.org.au).

Being a member of the NHS of A automatically qualifies you to be a Chapter Member at no extra cost. Navy Victoria Network readers will find the latest Three Headed Dog available on our association pages of the [NVN website](#) together with Recordings, Events, Photo gallery, President's Musings. The recordings are Podcasts of our guest speaker's talks and are highly recommended! Check out the Events and if something takes your fancy join us at Waverley RSL. We will make you very welcome. Maybe join us for a meal beforehand? Just give Rodney Phillips a call (*details on Events page*) and tell him you are coming.

Membership detail is on our [website](#).

Rex Williams  
President NHSA(Vic)

Yours Aye!  
NVN Team

## VALE

- † AB J. Waring, PM7403, 22 May 2019.
- † CAPT (Dr.) J. Knight RANR, 09 May 2019. Aged 89.
- † LEUT N.G. Moffitt RAN, 13 April 2019.
- † AB B. Candy, PM6374, 01 April 2019. Aged 93.
- † M.J. Lehmann, 14 March 2019. Aged 74.

## 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 ([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**.

## WARRANT OFFICER OF THE NAVY SELECTION

1. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I ANNOUNCE THE NEXT WARRANT OFFICER - NAVY WILL BE WARRANT OFFICER DEB BUTTERWORTH, OAM, CSM AND BAR

*submarine, the U36, reportedly came into contact with the sea bottom as it was departing the Royal Norwegian Navy base Haakonsværn.*

*The Royal New Zealand Navy's diving support and hydrographic survey vessel has arrived in New Zealand after a 46-day voyage from Norway.*

*Spanish Navy frigate ESPS Mendez Nunes broke off from the US aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln and its carrier strike group (CSG) as it headed for the Strait of Hormuz amid heightened tension between the US and Iran.*

*'Ninja bomb' is a bladed anvil that shreds terrorists with no risk of collateral damage, Pentagon says.*

*HMAS Ballarat has intercepted another 2.6 tonnes of illicit drugs while conducting a patrol in international waters in the Arabian Sea.*

*Commander Cadeyrn Okely RAN, has been awarded the United States Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his work in helping to develop defences against anti-ship missiles.*

*The RAN's Arafura-class Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) program reached a new milestone on Friday as the keel for the lead ship in the class was laid at the Osborne Naval Shipyard in Adelaide.*

*Australian and US forces have delivered potentially life-saving training during a visit to Patong Beach, Thailand.*

*Australian Defence Force personnel have contributed to a significant school project during a visit to Phuket, Thailand.*

*Could unmanned underwater vehicles undermine nuclear deterrence?*

*The RAN Aviation and Legal communities are mourning the loss of one of their legends, Commander Geoffrey Vickridge, RAN (Ret'd).*

*The RAN's people are being*



2. WO BUTTERWORTH WAS SELECTED THROUGH A ROBUST AND CHALLENGING SELECTION PROCESS. THE FIELD OF APPLICANTS WAS OUTSTANDING AND I THANK EACH OF THEM FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT AND CONTINUED EXEMPLARY SERVICE

3. THE SELECTION PROCESS DREW UPON THE COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE AND ADVICE OF THE INCUMBENT WO-

N AND A NUMBER OF HIS PREDECESSORS, WHO EACH BROUGHT A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHALLENGES AND IMPORTANCE OF THE POSITION.

4. WARRANT OFFICER-NAVY IS THE EQUIVALENT OF A COMMAND WARRANT OFFICER FOR NAVY'S SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM; THEY ACT AS THE VOICE OF EVERY SAILOR AND ARE MY TRUSTED CONFIDANT. I RELY ON WO-N'S EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE AND SAGE COUNCIL TO SHAPE MY DECISIONS AND THEIR HONESTY, PASSION AND JUDGEMENT IS ESSENTIAL AS WE COLLECTIVELY MOVE TO OUR 2022 HEADMARK.

5. WO-N GARY WIGHT WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE US WITH THIS GUIDANCE AND EXPERTISE UNTIL THE END OF HIS TENURE IN NOVEMBER 2019

6. ON BEHALF OF OUR ENTIRE NAVY, I CONGRATULATE WO BUTTERWORTH ON HER SELECTION

Vice Admiral Michael Noonan  
Chief of Navy

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



*challenged to sharpen their mental edge and fighting mindset using the Chief of Navy's 2019 Professional Resource List.*

*The Seamanship School at the Royal Australian Navy's Boatswains Faculty at HMAS Cerberus has two new simulators that will help ensure new boat coxswains go to sea much better prepared to hit the water at speed.*

*The Duke of Cambridge today led tributes as the nation marked the sacrifices demanded of submariners and their families by the UK's longest military operation.*

*For the first time ever, a warship will bear the name King George VI – as the fourth new Dreadnought-class submarine is named.*

*Australian War Memorial's \$498 million funding boost would be better spent on veterans.*

*Australian Defence Force's Rear Admiral Stuart Mayer has been appointed as the Deputy Commander United Nations Command Headquarters in the Republic of Korea.*

*The Australian government could accelerate the replacement of Royal Australian Navy's current Huon-class minehunters by bringing the project forward from the 2030s to the mid-2020s.*

*HMS Caroline, the last surviving British warship from the greatest naval battle fought in European waters is in line to become the museum of the year.*

**Naval Historical Society** [May newsletter](#)

**FlyBy**

*A periodical of the Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia. [May issue.....](#)*

**Visit our [website](#) or [Facebook](#) page for more news articles not included in this newsletter.**





# Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

## ROGUES' YARN

02JUN19 RAN Recruits Service, 1000 Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance  
 16JUN19 'N' Class Destroyers Service, 1100 Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance  
 23JUN19 RAN Recruits Service, 1000 Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance  
 30JUN19 HMAS Waterhen Service, 1400 Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance

## Battle of the Coral Sea

A commemoration service to reflect the Battle of the Coral Sea was conducted at the Cenotaph, Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne on Sunday 5MAY19.

The service was well attended with several politicians, including the Hon Robin Scott MP, Minister for Veterans, Victoria. The address was delivered by Commodore Greg Yorke CSC RAN, Senior Naval Officer Victoria. CDRE Yorke described the mag-



CDRE Greg Yorke CSC RAN

nitude of the event that occurred some 77 years ago. He spoke of the tremendous sacrifice made by so many pilots and sailors over a number of days. He pointed

out the enduring impact the conflict had on Australia's relationship with the United States of America. The number of casualties themselves did not signify the success or otherwise of the battle. Stopping the Imperial Japanese Navy for the first time since the Pearl Harbour tragedy demonstrated that the US and their allies had the courage and fortitude to push back the onslaught by Japan. The lasting relationship between Australia and the USA was emphasised by Mr Jim Findley, Vice Consul, United States of America Consulate, Melbourne as he read out the



Hon Robin Scott MP

proclamation from the President of the United States of America. Jim spoke warmly of his experience as a US Marine and of his experience overall in the Defence Force and his continued public service in the US Diplomatic Corp. The Hon Robin Scott MP

also spoke of the importance of the relationship with the USA and bearing of the Battle of the Coral Sea on Australia's future. The commemoration aspect of the service commenced with the placement of a wreath at the Eternal Flame by Mr Norm Tame. Norm is a WWII Veteran who served in HMAS Australia at the Battle of the Coral Sea. He also recited the Ode, a difficult time for Norm who



Norm Tame — Eternal Flame

has lost virtually all of the Shipmates he served with during WWII and in the following years he served in the Navy. The RAN Band, Melbourne Detachment under the baton

of LEUT David Coit RAN supported the service and their participation was much appreciated by all in attendance. Australian Navy Cadets from Training Ship Tingira also participated. Cadets assisted with the wreaths and escorted some Veterans to the Eternal Flame. The large number of uniformed members in attendance gave the service a rich Navy atmosphere. Support from the Australia America Association was instrumental in making the service a memorable occasion. Also in attendance were members of the American Ex-



Mr Jim Findley

Servicemen's Association. Ed Bartosh, LCOL US Army Rtd laid a wreath on their behalf. Reflecting on warlike conflict is pivotal to the memory of those that made the supreme sacrifice. The courage and commitment of our predecessors, repeatedly demonstrated whilst executing their job during action is remarkable.

# Tactical

	A	Alfa	I have a diver down; keep well clear at slow speed.
	B	Bravo	I am taking in, discharging, or carrying dangerous cargo.
	C	Charlie	"Yes" or "Affirmative".
	D	Delta	Keep clear of me; I am maneuvering with difficulty.
	E	Echo	I am altering my course to starboard.
	F	Foxtrot	I am disabled; communicate with me.
	G	Golf	I require a pilot.
	H	Hotel	I have a pilot on board.
	I	India	I am altering my course to port.
	J	Juliet	I am on fire and have dangerous cargo; keep clear.
	K	Kilo	I wish to communicate with you.
	L	Lima	You should stop your vessel immediately.
	M	Mike	My vessel is stopped and making no way.
	N	November	"No" or "Negative".
	O	Oscar	Man overboard.
	P	Papa	All personnel return to ship as we are about to proceed to sea.
	Q	Quebec	Ship meets health regulations; request clearance into port.
	R	Romeo	Preparing to replenish at sea.
	S	Sierra	Moving astern.
	T	Tango	Keep clear; engaged in trawling.
	U	Uniform	You are running into danger.
	V	Victor	I require assistance.
	W	Whiskey	I require medical assistance.
	X	Xray	Stop carrying out your intentions and watch for my signals.
	Y	Yankee	I am dragging my anchor.
	Z	Zulu	I require a tug.



## 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, go to [navyvic.net](http://navyvic.net)

### Disclaimer

Articles are the Authors thoughts, although may be edited due to space available. No political comments included.

## Melbourne Naval Committee

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

# Carter Turf

Annie and Greg Carter welcome serving and ex-serve defence men and women, plus their friends to their home and Retreat situated 5.75 kms from Bairnsdale in the Gippsland Lakes area, Victoria. The site has great views, very relaxed atmosphere, a 9 hole golf course and within close proximity to: snow fields, beaches, fishing and wonderful touring. Cockatoo Rise is a great place to spend some time with like minded people. Due to the unique nature of Cockatoo Rise, bookings are essential. Please note, they are unable to cater for children and pets. See their website at: [www.cockatooriseretreat.com.au](http://www.cockatooriseretreat.com.au)



# Calling all JRs



LEEUEWIN BARACKS, WA  
9 - 13 JULY 2020

[TINGIRA.ORG.AU](http://TINGIRA.ORG.AU)



The Tingira Australia Association seeks to keep the 'Spirit' of the HMAS *Cerberus* and HMAS *Leeuwin* Junior Recruits alive by re-uniting of shipmates. Membership is open to all who have served aboard *Cerberus* and *Leeuwin* wearing the Tingira Flash. After eight years, membership stands at over 600. Members ages range from over 75 years young, to those stalwart members still serving in the RAN. The majority are dispersed throughout the length and breadth of Australia, some overseas. Membership is kept informed by means of the website and the twice yearly magazine Voice Pipe. They also support the RAN Recruit School, HMAS *Cerberus*. At each Graduation Parade the 'Tingira Topshot' award is presented. The recipient is invited to become an Honorary Tingira member, and his class mates have the opportunity to join the ranks of general membership as well. The Association doesn't have lists of boys names who served in *Sobraon*, *Tingira*, *Cerberus* or *Leeuwin*. The Association relies upon existing members soliciting those eligible to join to consider being members. The association is open to sponsorship, and encourage their members to provide fresh ideas through the Secretary to the committee.



# Melbourne I, II, III

HMAS Melbourne has been the proud name for 3 of Australia's finest Warships. The first was a Town Class Light Cruiser, 5,487 tonnes displacement. Commissioned on 18JAN13 at Birkenhead, England. She arrived in Australia a couple of months later. At the outbreak of WWI. Melbourne I found itself as part of the Australian Naval and Military Force despatched to New Guinea to capture the German communications station at Bitia Paka. Melbourne I was then despatched to escort the first Australian Convey of troops to the Middle East. She was taken off task and redirected to Gibraltar, then to the Azores. Melbourne I then did 2 years maintaining a safe zone in the Atlantic, between North America and the West Indies. Late 1916, Melbourne I was sent to join the Grand Fleet operating in the North Sea, she stayed there until the end of the war. After a decade in Australian waters, she sailed back to England in 1928 to be decommissioned and sold off. 1947 was to be a monumental year for the RAN with creation of the Fleet Air Arm. Two Aircraft Carriers and two Carrier Air Groups were approved by the Australian Government. Melbourne II, a Majestic Light Fleet Aircraft Carrier was purchased, along with



Sydney III. In 1955 Melbourne II was commissioned with substantial upgrading to enable larger fixed wing aircraft to be carried, the first to land on the flight deck being a Hawker De Havilland Sea Venom. Melbourne II was decommissioned in 1982, signalling the end of the Navy's fixed wing aircraft at Sea. HMAS Melbourne III has kept the flag flying, an FFG, Frigate, Guided Missile, in Service since 1992. At nearly 4,300 tonnes she has been a formidable asset to the RAN fleet. Melbourne III added Timor, Persian Gulf and Middle East to the battle honours. On 13SEP19, a plaque will be dedicated to the service & sacrifice of all who served in Warships named Melbourne at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne. Principle guest will be VADM M Noonan AO CSC, CN.



## Who am I



## connected to?

Over time, authors recorded in the Rogues Yarn have expressed a desire for Ship/Branch Associations to look to the future and contemplate their outcome. Very few take this seriously, mainly because their circle of Shipmates and friends is comfortable with the knowledge that they are like minded and have no need for others. Not a bad reason for maintaining the status quo, however, what is missing is the underpinning purpose for being together in the first place. All of us are able to join a 'club' and socialise, all of us can attend whatever event that takes our fancy, but when we seek out an organisation that replicates the 'ship's company' mentality, then now we are connecting to something special. Each ship and branch association has distinguished membership against a specific background, whether that be a particular ship, stream of training or type of maritime vessel they sailed in. Each a most worthy reason for being together. Whilst branch associations have the best chance of survival, each organisation requires a champion to keep things on track, to do the job necessary to maintain steady ship. Observation will

show us that many of our ship/branch associations, functioning at say tier three level (RSL at tier one, Naval Association of Australia at tier two, then all of our minor albeit emotive associations). Each ship and branch association need to assess their viability, look over the horizon and determine what the situation will be in five or more years time. Terrific, if after all of the crew have had a say and the view is 'all is well!'. Where the outcome is somewhat perplexing, not so good, then consider discussing with other entities to identify where and how like minded folk may connect, amalgamation for instance. A simple method of overcoming the demise, loss of a trackable history is to chat to your local NAA Sub-section. Test their will to embrace your cohort of Shipmates, at the very least it will bring you closer to a national network. Another method could be to hail other ex-Navy associations, see where they stand on this issue. No matter how you approach the future, if the legacy of past service and sacrifice is relevant, then leaders of each organisation need to know if they are sustainable or not. Now is the time to act, who am I connected too?

# Special Notes

**HMAS Castlemaine.** A service held on Monday, 6MAY19 commemorated the service of men who served in *Castlemaine* in WWII. Tecoma Primary School, Tecoma adopted *Castlemaine* as a means of mentoring their grade six students on the topic of Defending Australia and understanding who contributed to the environment they now live in.

**Darings.** HMAS *Vendetta* Association raised the issue of amalgamation! A situation many old salts struggle with. As we have seen the downturn in WWII Ship Associations, so the 50/60 year old Ship Associations are now suffering the same fate. The President of *Vendetta* Association has been brave enough to float the idea and it is timely for everyone who has links to destroyers to give serious thought to joining forces. We in Victoria have a good number of Matelots who have served in what may well be called Warships of the 'Scrap Iron Flotilla'. After all, the Scrap Iron Flotilla created the touch stone for *Vendetta*, *Voyager*, *Vampire*, *Waterhen* and *Stuart* along with *Duchess*. Victorians may wish to touch base with NCCV if they have a notion to join forces, whilst preserving their own banner!



**Reservists.** The removal of the letter 'R' from the uniform of Reservists was a major step in the past, now the change that deems all of one Service with the removal of 'R' from RANR. Members who were previously PNF, now employed on a part time basis would probably be very pleased with regaining equivalent status. So it was a surprise to hear that for some, the removal of the 'Reserve' title diminished what was perceived to demonstrate that the incumbent had achieved something rather extraordinary, as a part time member of the ADF. This is particularly so for those Mariners who served us well at sea in the Merchant Navy and also provided expert service in the Navy as RANR.

**Stanthorpe Sub-section.** Norm Gale, President of the Stanthorpe SS will be pleased to have his major Battle of the Coral Sea event done and dusted on Saturday, 25MAY19. VADM Noonan, who owns property in the region is listed to attend, a boost for Stanthorpe where a few Navy champions support Navy and in particular the local Australian Navy Cadet Unit, TS Kookaburra. A credit to the Naval Association of Australia for their support for young Australians to be better citizens.

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## President's dit

Rogues Yarn has been cranked out for nearly a decade and this may be the penultimate edition. Navy Victoria Network website, established some years ago was envisaged as the communication tool for the Navy fraternity in Victoria. The origin of that website stemmed from the absence of information being conveyed to interested parties with regard to all manner of ADF, Navy in particular topics. Rogues Yarn has been focused on commemoration, the aim being to encourage Veterans, family and descendants to support services. We might like to think that Rogues Yarn has helped achieve a better attendance level, however, the need for more constructive communication in a manner that suits today's community is required. Some say folks no longer join organisations, I disagree as there are thousands of organisations that attract members, or maybe that's best described as subscribers. The point being that specific membership for Navy Veterans should ideally be with the Naval Association of Australia and incidental communication relating to activities and matter of interest to Victorians to be gained from navyvic.net

*Yours aye, Terry Makings*