



NVN News

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Editorial

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All members of the RAN – past and present – will be acquainted with HMAS CERBERUS. Most have served there at some stage and reflect on their time at the large establishment with varying degrees of affection. Since its official opening in September 1920 it has been the Navy's premier training base, the principal site for the entry and introduction of recruits into the Service, the home of many specialist schools, the 'temporary' home of the RAN College (from 1930 to 1956), and the Australian Navy's premier Wardroom Mess.

When strategic plans for the development of the Defence facilities were drawn up before World War 1 it was intended that Westernport would become the Navy's major strategic base on the east coast and 1500 hectares were set aside as Commonwealth land on which the necessary maintenance, support and training activities would be built. WW1 and economic realities of the post-war years led to these plans being comprehensively modified and resulted in Flinders Naval Depot being commissioned as a training base only in 1920. It was formally commissioned as HMAS CERBERUS on 1 April 1921 (but for the next generation was affectionately better known as 'FND').

Over the past 100 years there have, naturally, been many additions, modifications and replacement buildings and facilities but much of the basic infrastructure – roads, plumbing and underground piping – has remained in place.

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)

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01 Dec – Anniversary of sinking of HMAS Armidale, wreath laying in Sanctuary

10 Dec – 106 years ago Parramatta and Yarra, first warships built for the RAN, arrived in Port Phillip.

10 Dec – AMC/LSI wreath laying.

10 Dec – AMC/LSI Christmas luncheon Bentleigh RSL

Latest News Headlines

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

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

Videos to view on the 'News' page:

- * Exercise Dugong 2016
- * HMAS Darwin NZ Earthquake Relief
- * Officer of the Watch manoeuvres on HMAS Darwin
- * Russia starts Syria offensive
- * HMAS Arunta departs for Operation MANITOU
- * HMAS Perth arrives back to Fleet Base West
- * NATO Maritime Power – Securing the Seas - 20 minute video
- * Enhanced Sea Sparrow Missile Launch from HMAS Melbourne

At various stages during the 20th century there have been suggestions that Navy training facilities should be moved elsewhere and consideration given to closing CERBERUS altogether. The possibility of this happening appears to have finally been put to rest however and in the light of recent decisions the establishments' future as an essential element of the nations' defence structure seems assured. Already it has become a base for tri-service / ADF training in various disciplines rather than exclusively Naval ones.

The 2016 Defence White Paper makes provision for comprehensive, sweeping redevelopment of CERBERUS over the next decade. New buildings are planned for Survival at Sea Training, Electric Training and Marine Technician Training, for a Logistics Precinct, a Junior Sailors galley and ADF Physical Training; major refurbishment is planned for Living In Accommodation, existing Training and Support Blocks (B, C and D), Galleys and Canteens; Roads, Footpaths, Lighting and landscaping will be upgraded; Fire, Water, Sewerage, Electrical and Gas systems will be brought up to contemporary standards. The total cost will run into several hundred million dollars and it is anticipated that the project will be completed within the next ten years.

This HMAS CERBERUS REDEVELOPMENT PLAN is of huge significance to Navy, the Defence Force and the Nation. Parochially it is stimulating, exciting and extremely beneficial for Victoria and in particular the Mornington Peninsula. The outcome will be the establishment of state-of-the art training facilities to provide for the needs of the modern, high tech Fleet of vessels already approved for construction in Australian shipyards over approaching decades. And it will ensure that CERBERUS continues to be a vital cog in the mosaic of Australian defence through the 21st century.

Given the circumstances described above, it was fitting that our Commander-in-Chief, His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC, visited the

Chief of Navy Speech:

*An expanded submarine fleet:
Meeting the challenges*

Cooperation on veterans' issues

Federal, state and territory governments have agreed to improve coordination on veterans' issues and work more cooperatively on data improvement.

Personal data of over 130,000 sailors breached

The U.S. Navy has informed that over hundred thousand of its current and former sailors had their sensitive information compromised in a massive hack.

Retired US Navy captain pleads guilty in 'historic' bribery case

A retired U.S. Navy Captain has pleaded guilty in a massive bribery case which allowed a foreign defense contractor to take over \$20 million out of the navy's pocket.

\$4.9M to develop technology for Royal Australian Navy in hostile environments.

USS Zumwalt breaks down in Panama Canal

The U.S. Navy's next-generation destroyer USS Zumwalt experienced engineering problems while transiting the Panama Canal en route to its new homeport, Defense News reported.

Australia and France: time to plan a closer partnership

France is on the move. Since the release of its 2013 White Paper on Asia-Pacific Security, the country's been pursuing its interests in the region with an ebullient energy.

Bomb disposal experts destroy WWII bomb found in Portsmouth harbour

Royal Navy bomb disposal experts have destroyed a German World War II bomb found in Portsmouth Harbour during dredging work

establishment,
reviewed Divisions
and spoke to a large
crowd on Friday 25th
November about the
importance of Navy
to the future of our
nation. Later, His
Excellency formally



opened the recently up-dated and refurbished HMAS
SYDNEY room in the CERBERUS MUSEUM.

For those who get an opportunity to visit 'The Cradle of the
Navy' sometime in the future there will be much to see and
be proud of: but remember to take warm clothing and
insect repellent; the climate hasn't changed and the
mosquitoes are big enough to vote!

Yours aye

NVN Team

VALE

- † POEWR R. Pullen, 23 November 2016. Aged 76.
- † CMDR P.J. Foster CSM RAN, 19 November 2016.
- † AB G.G. Cooper, H1703, 12 November 2016. Aged 95.
- † ABRO G.W. Tomlinson, R95477, 06 November 2016. Aged 66.
- † ABSV F. McLeod-Dryden, R95147, 06 November 2016. Aged 67.
- † CDRE D.R.O.S Fox AM RAN, 04 November 2016. Aged 85.
- † LRO(S) K.P. Mongan, R52629, 30 October 2016. Aged 82.
- † AB F. Gallagher, 27 October 2016. Aged 91.
- † CPOETS L. Hoekzema, 26 October 2016. Aged 63.
- † POTEL K.H. Conway OAM, P29549, 16 October 2016. Aged 90.
- † AB M.G. Wardle, B4070, 16 October 2016. Aged 91.
- † TEL T.J. Sheehy, PM6601, 20 September 2016. Aged 91.
- † STO H.J. Rich, F4397, 16 September 2016. Aged 93.
- † AB D.J.W. Michael, B5238, 07 August 2016. Aged 89.

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.

Nuclear propulsion for Australia's submarines?

by RADM Peter Briggs Rtd.

There have been a number of well-argued suggestions that Australia should introduce nuclear powered submarines (SSN) and, more recently, an emotive argument that a conventional submarine is not up to the task

Dutch 'Battle of the Java Sea' warships disappear from seafloor

Three Dutch warships sunk off the coast of Indonesia in 1942 have disappeared from the seabed of the Java Sea, Dutch defense ministry has noted.

Royal Navy opens new base in Bahrain

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales visited Bahrain where he opened the naval support facility at the Mina Salman port, the UK's first new overseas establishment in 45 years.

HMAS Glenelg saves sea turtles

A quiet watch was the expectation for LSBM James Cole in HMAS Glenelg, but what he got was a lesson in ocean rescue for some entangled wildlife.

Sydney to host 2018 Invictus Games

The Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Marise Payne today welcomed the announcement that Sydney, Australia will host the Invictus Games in 2018.

Royal Navy fires at go-fast to stop six-hour drug chase

A Royal Marines sniper fired shots at a drug-smuggling go-fast vessel to bring a six-hour, high speed chase to a halt.

New mobile resource for wound care

The Government has released updated treatment information for wounds in innovative new formats to



His Excellency the Governor-General, Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC, presenting WO Martin Grogan OAM with a Governor General Medallion for his outstanding work in setting up the new HMAS Sydney Room in the Cerberus Museum.

2017 Reunions

58th Intake Leeuwin JR's 40th Reunion	Hobart, Tas 05-08 January 2017
Hydro Reunion HMAS Moresby, Flinders and all the other ships of the Survey Navy	Greenmount Beach Resort Coolangatta / Greenmount Qld 3-5 March 2017
MV (later HMAS) Jeparit (expressions of interest)	Sydney, NSW 10 Mar 2017 or Anzac Day
75th Anniversary of Commissioning of 'Q' Class Destroyers	Penrith RSL, NSW 16 & 17 Mar 2017
HMAS Yarra III & IV reunion 2017	Sydney, NSW 22-25 April 2017
End Of Steam Era Reunion (expressions of interest)	Canberra, ACT 5, 6 & 7 May 2017
HMAS Hobart	Sydney, NSW 21-23 July 2017
HMAS Duchess Reunion (expressions of interest)	Tweed Heads, NSW 3-5 November 2017

Full details of these reunions can be found on our website at:

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

Should you wish to advertise your reunion please do not hesitate to contact our [webmaster](#)

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



*improve the healthcare of
Australians.*

'Straight ahead' for Admiral's Own Big Band

The Royal Australian Navy's Admiral's Own Big Band launched their latest album Straight Ahead on 4 November with a concert at Coogee Diggers Club in Sydney.

New Council is key to Navy's capability edge

Navy's drive to develop a modern and diverse workforce has accelerated with the launch of the Navy Diversity and Inclusion Council.

Canadian frigate reaches Australia on Western Pacific deployment

Royal Canadian Navy frigate HMCS Vancouver arrived in Brisbane, Australia on November 2 as part of her Westploy 16 deployment.

Australia considering joint South China Sea patrols with Indonesia

Australia's Foreign Minister Julie Bishop said the option was discussed during last week's meeting between her, Australian Defence Minister Marise Payne and Indonesian officials including Defence Minister Ryamizard Ryacudu in Jakarta.

Naval Historical Society of Australia (Victorian Chapter) President's

November Musings – [download.....](#)

Navy League of Australia(Vic & Tas)

November newsletter – [download.....](#)

AMC LSI Association of Victoria

(Armed Merchant Cruisers / Landing Ship Infantry) November newsletter – [download.....](#)

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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



You should attend:

***NCCV will meet on
Tuesday, 13DEC16 at
Mission to Seafarers.
1030 start!***

***Associations, please
send along a REP.***

***HMAS ARMIDALE
Wreath Laying Service
Saturday 1DEC16
1000 at Shrine of
Remembrance***

***HMAS WESTRALIA
Wreath laying
Saturday 10DEC16
1100 at Shrine of
Remembrance***

Sharing Information

The major purpose of Rogues Yarn is to provide information to the Navy fraternity, plus others with an interest in Defence matters. Also, we hope to avoid conflicts in dates where organisations end up competing for the same folk to attend multiple activities. Navy Week Victoria for instance, the week-end 21/22 October needs clear air. Please don't schedule anything that minimises the impact of Navy Week. Office Bearers - pencil in the week-end 21/22 OCT 2017!!

On Sunday, 20th November a service to commemorate the loss of HMAS Goorangai was held at Queenscliff. The HMAS Goorangai memorial → is the most significant display at the Ocean View Reserve, Queenscliff. The view from this place traces the last journey of Goorangai on that fateful day 76 years ago from Queenscliff through the Rip to where the vessel was sunk after a collision with HMAS Duntroon. There are 13 memorial cairns representing many entities that encountered significant hardship during WWII and the post WWII period. A wreath was placed at the foot of each memorial cairn in an act of remembrance. Some 150 individuals witnessed the service, many were ex-Navy with a direct connection to one or more



of the cairns. ↑ Hiram Ristrom, ex-president HMAS Kanimbla Association, proudly stands beside the cairn, an important reminder of the service and sacrifice made by so many as they experienced WWII in Kanimbla. Hiram after training at HMAS Assault was coxswain of a landing craft during the war, the task was to ship troops ashore. We were fortunate to be welcomed to the service by Cr Tony Francis, newly



elected Mayor ↑ of the Borough of Queenscliffe. CAPT Steve Bowater delivered a very interesting address, informing attendees of the origin of both vessels and a brief history of the Duntroon after the incident with Goorangai. Readings were delivered by CAPT David Garnock CSC, Pres Melbourne Naval Committee, LCDR Jan Gallagher RANR, Treasurer NCCV, Ian Fitzsimmons for the Pres Queenscliff RSL Sub-Branch and CAPT Ken Greig OAM, Secretary AE2-The Silent ANZAC. Whilst it was a brilliant day at Queenscliff this year, obviously the circumstances 76 years ago where much different, causing the crew to shift the ship into Port Phillip Bay. The HMAS Goorangai memorial cairn ↓ a modest reminder!



May we be worthy of their sacrifice.



Melbourne Naval Committee

MNC has an agreement with the Mission to Seafarers (MtS) that allows all Navy groups to meet at the MtS at no cost. Go direct to the MtS.

Navy Victoria Network

Navyvic website is for anyone interested in Navy. If arranging a Navy style function, provide information to navyvic to avoid conflict with others.

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President's Report

This edition of Rogues' Yarn highlights the range of commemoration services held during November, activities that focus on preserving the legacy of service and sacrifice, largely in time of war. One example is the tragic loss of HMAS Goorangai, lost as it navigated the entrance into Port Phillip Bay 76 years ago. It can be difficult to encourage the community to consider the requirement for young men and women to join the Defence Force when they have so little knowledge of our history. It is particularly difficult in Victoria as all of the Services are generally unseen. Thankfully HMAS Cerberus provides invaluable support for commemoration services and other activities, but as things are mean and lean there are limits. To compensate, those with initiative and get up and go in the ex-Navy fraternity may be able to devise an that extra event or special occasion to demonstrate our ongoing support today's Navy. Ideally, you can give thought to an activity that can be gathered into a solid stream, such as for Navy Week Victoria - 2017. To assist bring our many interests together, there have been discussions held with several of the key ex-Service organisations, such as the Royal United Services Institute, Navy League of Australia and the

Naval Association of Australia. We all have a common aim, to generate as much interest as possible where there is an obvious benefit to the Service fraternity. The capacity to work together will give the Service fraternity a stronger voice when there are issues that require our support. We, along with other interest groups may need to think about our respective constitutions or charters to see if they remain relevant. The necessity to encourage new members is a constant, with declining numbers and no obvious way of attracting others we must think about our position. There are some who feel that their group will close down when they have had enough. Some individuals in positions of influence don't want men or women without service experience to join their ranks. From a commemoration perspective, descendants are a vital part of maintaining the legacy of service and sacrifice over the past century. In my view, organising activities that reinforce the community connection is vital and all of us need to given some thought to our influence and impact on the wider ex-Service community. Our effort today must influence the future.

Yours aye, Terry Makings

Passing Out - 2016 Style

On Friday 25NOV 150 ex-Navy men and women witnessed the final passing-out-parade at HMAS Cerberus with CAPT Steve Bowater at the helm. His Excellency General the Hon Sir Peter Cos-



grove, Governor General of Australia was the Reviewing Officer. ← VADM Tim Barrett AO, Chief of Navy attended and presented the Arctic Star to LCDR Ken Brown RAN Rtd, some 75 years after his service in 'N' Class Destroy-

ers. A very impressive parade, indicative of the training of today's Sailors. CAPT Bowater also received his Federation Star for 40 years dedicated service. After the parade, the GG and visitors assembled in the Museum where the GG opened the new HMAS Sydney room. The Museum continues to be a focus for ex-Service men and women visiting Cerberus. WO Marty Grogan OAM has proved to be a remarkable stalwart of the Museum as he and his volunteer supporters continue to improve displays and access to memorabilia that come to light. Mrs Julianne Bowater attended the parade as well. Julianne has accompanied CAPT Bowater to many services and events, her involvement always greatly appreciated. We hope to see CAPT & Mrs Bowater at some future occasion that highlights the importance of Victoria to the benefit of Navy. Generally, this was the final chance to thank CAPT and Mrs Bowater, for their generous support of the ex-Navy fraternity. Well done to all concerned, in particular XO CMDR Melanie Verho & 1st Leut LCDR Cassandra Mohap.



GG inspecting the Royal Guard, with the RAN Queens Colours

Armidale



HMAS Armidale's crew is renowned for the fateful way it was lost executing their duty work off Timor.

← The story about Teddy Sheean embodies the courage of those that went to war, particularly in Armidale. Responding to an attack by enemy bombers early 1DEC42 witnessed an extraordinary feat of bravery when Teddy stayed at his post to defend his shipmates in the water. 100 of those aboard on that day made

the supreme sacrifice, 49 miraculously survived the attack and the eight days they spent in shark infested waters with the constant threat of air attacks.



This and other events throughout WWII saw these gallant ships with brave men established themselves as an awesome part of the Navy's arsenal of hardworking warships

AMC/LSI

On Saturday, 10DEC16 the Armed Merchant Carrier / Landing Ship Infantry (AMC/LSI) Association will conduct their annual service at the Shrine of Remembrance. This service is an extension of the previous HMAS Westralia service, now embracing Kanimbla, Manoora and Assault Associations.

These three warships and the WWII training establishment Assault, both first generation and subsequent ships established and have upheld a legacy of logistic support and assistance across much of Asia. The work of these ships and their impact on the war effort is largely unknown. The newly formed AMC/LSI Association has attracted several hundred Service, ex-Service folk and descendants. Remembrance is the focus, where the deeds of so many who served in these ships is acknowledged. Battle honours for the warships: Indian Ocean 1941-42, Pacific 1941-45, New Guinea 1943-44, Leyte Gulf 1944, Lingayen Gulf 1945, Borneo 1945, Pacific 1945, Kuwait 1991 and Persian Gulf 2002.

↓ RAN Beach Commando training at Assault.



RANCA

The RAN Communicators Association has arranged another serious excursion, a cruise has been nominated as the mid year fixture for 2017. The departure date is 21st August 2017 from Sydney and returning to Sydney on 2nd September. This will give everyone enough time to settle down before Navy Week. The trip is comprehensive and will no doubt deliver on expectations, as have previous sea bound journeys. It takes in Suva, Fiji along with Nouvea, New Caledonia and several other interesting ports. There are a bunch of benefits that also go with the Communicators group, so this might be the opportunity you have been waiting for. Communicators are very tolerant, demonstrated by allowing folks from other branches to join in their fun. Even the 'odd civvy' can connect with them, provided they know something about comms! If you have any interest in clocking up a bit of sea time, then have a chat to Kath Williams at Hel-loworld Travel Rowville, telephone 03 9764 8487 or you might prefer to talk to the President of the RANCA, John (Nokka) White on 0418 524 067.

Navy Week 2017

Arrangements have commenced in preparation for Navy Week Victoria 2017. The first activity to be locked in is the Ball on Saturday, 21 October 2017. A current proposal is to schedule a significant seminar prior to the Ball, on the Saturday between 1000 and 1500. This will give time to get to the CBD and a four hour gap before the Ball - time for a dog watch kip! On the Sunday, 22 October will be the Seafarers Church Service. This will provide a busy weekend to commence Navy Week and hopefully entice many of our shipmates and their friends to join in the fun. As you can see, there will be time for thinking and a time for (responsible) drinking! The cost of the Ball will be \$155 per person, with a small charge of say \$30 for the seminar. The church service will be at whatever cost you make it. More advice regarding other activities will be promulgated as they come to hand. In the meantime, may we suggest you lock in the weekend of 21/22 October and set aside a few dollars so that you can experience these activities, along with many of the Navy family in Victoria and wider afield. Get involved!



Navy Week Victoria. The golf tournament is a must and this year it was held in partnership with the Mornington Penisular Legacy Club. Held at the Mornington Golf Club with a very good turn out. ←Anne-Maree Woodsell, V/President of Legacy presented the trophy to the ultimate winner of the tournament; John Dady, a worthy winner with 38 points. The top Navy score of 35 points was achieved by CPO Paul Taylor, again presented by Anne-Maree Woodsell. If you have the opportunity of arranging a sporting, or other event during Navy Week, please let NCCV know so we might progress it.

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Special Notes

Reunions. Go to our website if you wish to be up to date on reunions across Australia. If your reunion is not listed, by all means email the webmaster.

FNSA Luncheon. The Sydney fraternity is holding their annual luncheon on Thursday, 8DEC16. Held at Grace Hotel, York Street at \$75 per person. If interested email to secretaryfnsa@bigpond.com

Mike Carlton's 'Flagship'. Review of Flagship by Des Woods noted that 'the repeated and often fatal kamikaze attacks which HMAS AUSTRALIA's crew endured in late 1944 and early 1945, while continuing to do their duty, should be the stuff of national inspiration.' Must be worth a read!

Murphy's Law on Combat Operations. 1-If the enemy is in range, so are you. 2-Try to look important, they might be low on ammo. 3-Team work is important, gives them someone else to shoot at. 4-Your weapon was made by the lowest bidder.

RN Association. The Association invite all to their Christmas lunch, 1200 start on Sunday 11DEC16. To be held at the Frankston Naval Memorial Club, 36 Barretts Road, Langwarrin Sth. Cost is \$25 for members or \$30 visitors. Leave a message at 03 5943 1953 or email Bennett.mike@hotmail.com

Creswell Oration. The 2017 Oration will be at 1200, Wednesday 1MAR17 at William Angliss Restaurant. RADM Michael Noonan AM RAN, Deputy Chief of Navy will deliver the Oration. for info email jmwilkins34@netspace.net.au

Dominion Yachtsmen Scheme. A plaque recognizing RANVR members of the Dominion Yachtsmen Scheme and RAN and RANR members who served in the Royal Navy during WWII will be established at the Australian War Memorial in mid 2017. Much of the history of these fine men was researched and collated by our well known Victoria identity, Mrs Janet Roberts-Billet. Enquires to (CDRE) geoff.geraghty@defence.gov.au
Navy Week Victoria - 2107. Whilst mentioned elsewhere in this RY, it is vital that those responsible for their organization's diary take account of the major events on Saturday, 21OCT17 & Sunday 22OCT17. A Ball will be held on the evening of 21OCT17 at the Melbourne Town Hall. The cost will be \$155 per person, start saving now, but don't miss out on what will be a great night. The RAN Band, Melbourne Detachment will be there along with a large number of friends. This will definitely go ahead, book your accommodation.