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Editorial

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The Birth of the Victorian Navy

Guest Editor: Rex Williams – President, Naval Historical Society of Australia (Victorian Chapter) is the first of our guest editors. Hopefully over time we will have Presidents of other associations provide us with editorials.

In 1852, gold valued at nineteen and a half million pounds was shipped out of Melbourne, bound for London. Gold was discovered in 1851/2, and the subsequent gold rush changed the situation dramatically in Victoria and prompted Lieutenant Governor Charles La Trobe to plead the case to London for Naval protection of the port in 1851 and again in 1852. Victoria eventually took matters into her own hands, and to supplement any assistance from the RN, undertook the building of her first warship, HMCSS Victoria. Victoria was a barque rigged, screw, steam driven sloop of war, with an armament of 7 guns. She arrived in Port Philip in May 1856.

In 1858, a Royal Commission into the Defences of the Colony was appointed and their first progress report was submitted in mid-1859. In it they recommended that the colony acquire 'either one of the recently constructed steam floating battery, protected with iron plates, and mounting at least 16 guns, or a steam block ship carrying 60 guns' either of which would operate with shore batteries.

Debate as to the best method of defending the port of Melbourne continued. In their report of June 1862, yet another select Committee on Naval and military Forces suggested the colony acquire: a similar battery which the Government found attractive, and promoted the concept through the good offices of Hugh Childers, a Colonial politician who had recently returned

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)

09 Nov – 103rd Anniversary of HMAS Sydney I and SMS Emden battle

11 Nov – Remembrance Day

19 Nov – HMAS Sydney II Commemoration Service at 1200 at the Shrine

19 Nov – HMAS Goorangai Commemoration Service at 1130 at the Ocean View Reserve, Queenscliff.

01 Dec – HMAS ARMIDALE Commemoration Service, at 1000, in the Sanctuary 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>

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LATEST VIDEOS.....

* HMAS Choules delivers Combined Force

* ADF strengthens operability with Singapore Armed Forces

* ADF and Philippine Marine Corp training exercise

to London.

The adequacy of the colony's defences was brought into sharp focus by the surprise visit off Melbourne of a Russian Frigate in January 1862 and in 1863, and also by the Confederate commerce raider Shenandoah's visit in January 1865. The vessel sought permission to effect urgent repairs, permissible despite the imposition of an attitude of strict neutrality by the British Government. The authorities in Melbourne were powerless to do anything but agree to their request. They were in no position to take military action against the Confederates, even if they had wanted to. Clearly they needed to improve their afloat defences!

The passage in London of the Colonial Naval Defence Act in April 1865, cleared the way for Victoria to build, man and maintain their own Navy, under the British flag.

Sir George Verdon, Victorian Treasurer and Minister in Charge of Defence was sent to England the next year as a delegate to HM Government together with Captain Naval Forces, Charles B Payne. By November 1866, Verdon received a letter which contained the following information to the effect that subject to Parliamentary approval and subject to conditions:

The Controller of the Navy will arrange with you the details of an armour-plated monitor or turret ship, to be constructed in a private yard, but under Admiralty superintendence, and be capable of carrying 22 ton guns.

The cost of the ship is not to exceed 125,000 pounds of which the colony will furnish 25,000 pounds. The cost or armament is to be borne by the colony. The maintenance, manning and command of the ship is to be undertaken by the Colonial Government, receiving such occasional aid theretofore in the selection of such officers and men from home as may be asked for.

It is clearly understood that this ship is maintained for the protection of the important British as well as Colonial interests that require naval defence in the waters of the colony. She will therefore, in time of war, be under the command of the Senior Naval Officer on the station, who, in the event of any serious emergency, will not be precluded from withdrawing her for a time from the immediate waters of the Colony, in the case the general safety should, in his judgement, make such a temporary withdrawal absolutely necessary. It is, of course

** HMAS Adelaide hosts President Duterte in the Philippines*

** Watch Virginia submarine 'Washington' pull into Norfolk for commissioning*

** HMAS Adelaide Delivers Portable Hospital to Dili*

NEWS.....

HMAS Newcastle recently conducted a three-day port visit to Antsiranana, also known as Diego-Suarez, in Madagascar, deployed as part of Operation MANITOU. Newcastle is the first Australian Navy ship to visit Madagascar since HMAS Stuart I in the Second World War.

Russian president Vladimir Putin took part in a nuclear forces drill, personally launching four ballistic missiles, the Russian defense ministry said October 27. The drill itself took place on Thursday and involved all three legs of the Russian nuclear triad.

The US Navy is funding new research aimed at tackling the threat lethal levels of oxygen present for special operations divers like Navy SEALs while they dive at depth and pressure.

With the arrival of USS Nimitz (CVN 68) in the US 7th Fleet area of operations on October 25, the US Navy now has three aircraft carriers operating in the Pacific. The lead ship of the "supercarriers" is joining sister ships USS Ronald Reagan and USS Theodore Roosevelt.

Recognizing sailors' desire to use smartphones at sea, French-based defense technology company Thales has developed a new shipboard information distribution system dubbed COMTICS. COMTICS is a multimedia communication device resembling a smartphone that allows naval personnel permanent shipboard

understood that such an emergency should be a serious one, and that due regard should be had to the wishes of the colony.

Further, a wooden line of battleship, with steam power, will be selected and given to the colony, with such masts, yards and necessary stores as have been specially appropriated to her; and such additional stores, work, and c. provided as may be needed, to be paid for by the Colony.

(The letter continues by stating that the Colony will man, maintain this ship etc., (the Nelson) and the graving dock at Williamstown will be completed and available to RN ships as required.)

Vernon accepted the proposals smartly, but apparently in principle only the design for the ship 'for the defence of Melbourne harbour' by the navy's Chief Constructor, EJ Reed, was approved by Their Lordships in July 1867, and Major Charles Pasley RE on behalf of the Victorian government, soon after. Tenders were called, a builder selected, and finally a start was made on the ship in September 1867.

HMVS CERBERUS

A Ship is born: *'The Cerberus, which is intended for Melbourne Service, will be launched this afternoon, at half past four, when doubtless a great number of people will be present to witness the interesting ceremony'. Daily Chronicle, Newcastle UK December 1st 1868.*

'This afternoon will be launched from the iron ship building yard of Messrs C.M. Palmer and Co (Limited) Jarrow, the first armour-plated vessel on the turret principle, built on the Tyne. It will be remembered that about 15 months ago, it was announced in the columns of the Chronicle that Messrs Palmer and Co had succeeded in obtaining a contract from the Admiralty'. Navy News Melbourne No. 71/19.

It was an era of experiment in Naval Construction, the day of the traditional iron clad, strongly influenced by the success of the turret ship in the American Civil War, notably in the Battle of Hampton Roads. Following this pattern, E J Reed designed a medium size turret ship to carry four 18-ton muzzle loading guns. Dubbed the 'Monster Class' they included Cerberus (the first of the type) Cyclops, Gorgon, Hecate, and Hydra. All in they were strange craft with their wide hulls and negligible freeboard (3 feet) which by flooding certain compartments

mobility and connectivity with all types of military radios, all without compromising security.

The Government will provide an additional \$31 million to support veterans' mental health as part of its response to the Senate Inquiry into veterans' suicide. As the Prime Minister has said, we best honour the diggers of 1917 by ensuring our veterans in 2017 receive the support they need and deserve.

Ministerial statement in response to Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Committee's Report on the Inquiry into suicide by veterans and ex-service personnel

US Navy destroyer USS John S. McCain has developed a crack in her hull while being transported to Japan aboard the heavy lift transport vessel MV Treasure..

The Australian Defence Force will expand its assistance to the Armed Forces of the Philippines to strengthen its long-term ability to combat terrorist threats and prevent the spread of Daesh to our region.

The world's oldest commissioned warship afloat got underway for the first time in three years as the USS Constitution got underway from the ship's berth in Charlestown, Massachusetts, on Oct 20, in commemoration of the ship's launching 220 years ago and the U.S. Navy's 242nd birthday.

HMAS Newcastle has conducted the Royal Australian Navy's first simultaneous operations of manned and unmanned aircraft during its current deployment to the Middle East on Operation MANITOU.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan today encouraged current and

could be reduced so that the vessel almost disappeared beneath the waves with only a shallow breastwork 112 feet long projecting above the water. The breastwork was of Lowmoor iron, 8 inches thick. The two gun turrets mounted on it had armour 10 inches thick in front and 9 inches at the back. They were 5 feet 6 inches high and all their internal machinery was protected behind the rifled muzzle-loading guns firing a 400lb shell with a charge of 60lbs of powder. One of these turret guns is currently displayed at HMAS Cerberus.

Cerberus was powered by Maudsley and Field horizontal double piston-rod engines rated 250hp driving twin screws. Steam was provided by four marine type boilers working at 30lb pressure per square inch.

ARRIVAL OF THE CERBERUS

The Geelong Advertiser, Saturday, April 22nd, 1871.

The arrival of our ironclad, the Cerberus, on 9th April, created a considerable amount of excitement, it having being the opinion of many that she would never reach Victoria. This opinion was grounded on the letter received from her commander Captain Panter, about a month previously, and which led many to suppose that she would never be able to carry sufficient coal to cross certain portions of the ocean, her sailing qualities being anything but first-class. We have got her, however, safe and sound, and there is a general opinion that Captain Panter has shown excellent seamanship. There can be no doubt his task was both a very difficult and somewhat perilous one. She steamed up the bay at the rate of nine miles an hour, and when she arrived in Hobson's bay, the boys of the Nelson manned the yards, and the Russian gunboat, the Haydamack, was a cloud of gaily coloured bunting. Captain Panter has since been appointed Captain and Senior Naval Officer of Victoria.

The Melbourne Age recorded: *The circumstances of her voyage of five months and nine days have been watched with the deepest interest on both sides of the world. Captain Panter expected that it would be the end of April before the ardently hoped-for moment would come when he would drop his 'mud hook' off Williamstown, but his skill, together with comparatively favourable weather has thus shortened the voyage.*

She was first sighted off Cape Northumberland on Good Friday, but the telegraph offices were closed and it was not till Saturday that the public heard of a 'turreted ship' being seen off our coast. Later in that

former members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and their family members to take part in events across Australia as part of the annual Veterans' Health Week (VHW). Mr Tehan said this year's theme was 'Physical Activity' to promote the fitness, social and mental health benefits of staying active.

The first of Royal Australian Navy's new Aegis-equipped destroyers HMAS Hobart got underway on October 18, setting sail for the first time as a commissioned warship. Her departure from Fleet Base East, Garden Island, Sydney on Wednesday heralded the much anticipated return to sea for the Guided Missile Destroyer (DDG) of the Royal Australian Navy.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan today accepted the gift of a Sir John Monash bust from the Honorary Consul to Monaco, Mr Andrew Cannon AM, at Monaco House in Melbourne. The bust was commissioned by Mr Cannon to honour his Grandfather Robert Henry Cannon, who served in France during the First World War. It will be permanently displayed in the Sir John Monash Centre, which opens in France in April 2018.

As military cooperation between France and Australia increases, the French Navy is stepping up its presence in the Asia-Pacific region to protect its trade routes and demonstrate the importance it places on international maritime law.

Talking to the chiefs: David Johnston (part 2)

For the ADF, the goal of carrying out truly 'joint' operations must embrace not just the army, navy and air force, but also key non-military agencies and allied forces. The head of the

afternoon came the welcome news that the Cerberus had signalled the Cape Otway lighthouse, and yesterday morning she entered the Heads and steamed to her anchorage, which was the berth lately vacated by HM Corvette Blanche. As she came up she excited the greatest possible interest. As might be expected, she was not regarded as a handsome ship by any means. She appeared, as in great measure she is, a huge, long, square box, cut down straight on both ends, and surmounted by stunted masts, the tops of her turrets and her funnel. This is not the shape she will be when she is stripped of her surroundings. Then she will be a monitor, whose deck line will be 3 feet above the water, save in the centre, where the outline is broken by a breastwork of immense strength, above which are two cupolas and a pilot house, covered with the strongest armour plate. But now, this has been built over with iron bulwarks and a temporary upper deck to enable her to stand the voyage, and her outline is consequently the ugliest.

Yours Aye!
NVN Team

VALE

- † ABRO T. Mallaghan, R96066, 23 October 2017. Aged 66.
- † CDRE H.H.G. Dalrymple RAN, 22 October 2017.
- † R. Cruickshank, 28776, 20 October 2017. Aged 89.
- † WORP O. Hanson, R63852, 07 October 2017. Aged 70.
- † LCDR G.H. Taylor RANR, 07 October 2017. Aged 93.
- † LSTOSM W. Hems, 03 October 2017. Aged 99.
- † AB G.D. White MID 21725, 02 October 2017. Aged 95.
- † LCDR A.M. Downes RD RANR, 24 September 2017. Aged 96.
- † R. Hewitt, R94448, 17 September 2017. Aged 69.

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.

ADF's Joint Operations Command, Vice Admiral David Johnston, tells *The Strategist* that in the past the Australian forces were at times more accomplished at working with allied military forces than with their own government agencies.

Minister for Defence Personnel Dan Tehan said improved transition services for Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel had been rolled out across the country after successful pilot programs.

Royal Australian Navy warships HMAS Melbourne and HMAS Parramatta concluded their first Japan port call in Sasebo and headed for Yokosuka where they are to take part in exercises with the Japan Maritime Self Defense Force.

Royal Navy's bomb disposal experts carried out an unusual operation recently after a tanker carrying some 1,000 tonnes of fuel caught a test torpedo with its anchor. The tanker's anchor had speared the torpedo in Portland, UK, and had dragged it up from the seabed, 15 meters below.

An exhibition has been opened in Sydney that focuses on the story of Second World War Navy crews, and their ships that were lost off Indonesia. The Australian National Maritime Museum's exhibition 'Guardians of Sunda Strait – the WWII loss of HMAS Perth and USS Houston', is the result of considerable collaboration between governments.

Crew morale aboard the US Navy's guided missile cruiser USS Shiloh is dangerously low, the Navy Times reported based on information it obtained through a Freedom of Information request.

There is new legislation that will provide rehabilitation and compensation for current and former



AB Hiram Ristrom PM 4883 served HMAS Kanimbla, coxswain LCVP-K12, WW2 Veteran age 93, who lead the Anzac March in Melbourne 2017, dancing with Anita Hogan RAN ABDEN Retired. Anita served 9 years, trained HMAS Cerberus, RAAF Wagga & Kapooka and is now a member of "Young Veterans" and a Nurse for "Caring for You". She also has a 19-year-old son in the Army.

You can't get better than that.

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



members of the ADF.

Researchers believe they have found the wreck of the first ship to be sunk in World War 2 – the SS Athenia.

Australia is deploying additional humanitarian supplies to provide relief to communities displaced from Vanuatu's Ambae Island due to volcanic activity.

Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Marise Payne, and Minister for Defence Industry, the Hon Christopher Pyne MP, announced today two projects to sustain the capability superiority of the Collins submarine fleet until its replacement by the future submarine.

Navy Chief Tim Barrett has warned that Australia's new surface warship and submarine force must be powerful enough to strike blows to deter a distant enemy from attacking Australia. In his address to ASPI's annual White Ensign Dinner, Vice Admiral Barrett said that by 2025, it is expected that almost half of the world's economic output will come from the Asia-Pacific region.

A report released today shows that Australia's future submarine (FSM) project is extravagantly expensive, highly risky and, in an era of heightened tensions in the Asia Pacific, compromises the future defence of Australia.

Naval Historical Society of Australia (Vic) President's October 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.



Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

ROGUES' YARN

Commemorating service & sacrifice is the responsibility of the ex-Navy Fraternity, so let's give it our best shot!

1. **HMAS GOORANGAI** Commemoration Service, at 1130, Sunday 19th November at the Ocean View Reserve, Queenscliff.
2. **HMAS SYDNEY** Commemoration Service, at 1200, Sunday 19th November in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance.
3. **HMAS ARMIDALE** Commemoration Service, at 1000, Friday 1st December in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance.

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.

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Navy Week Victoria

Navy Week is a special period set aside to demonstrate our support for Defence and Navy in particular. This is a week when events are scheduled to highlight aspects of Navy life: past, current and future. Seafarers Church Service was a key feature during the week, Chief of Navy VADM Tim Barrett AO CSC RAN & Mrs Barrett were the Guests of Honour. The → Colour Party was an impressive sight, having slow marched to music of the RAN Band Melbourne Detachment to the Alter to pass the Colour to Dean of Melbourne, Very Revd Dr Andreas Loewe. 100+ Cadets attended, many of them carried National, House and Organization flags in the processional. A service involving Merchant Marine as well as the RAN. Members of the Mission to Seafarers, Master Mariners and the RAN contributed by reading prayers, AB Trish McTaggart, CHAP Kate Lord, along with CAPT Standen. Chief of Navy ↓ placed a wreath at the

Post by AB Andrew Bryce, a Silence followed by Reveille. At this point the Colour Party retrieved the AWE. The National Anthem was played by the band and shortly afterwards the Colour Party, Cadets carrying flags and the Clergy departed the Cathedral.



The Colour Party ↓ took post at the door way as Chief of Navy, the Dean and Mrs Barrett greeted parishioners as they left the Cathedral. Several



hundred attended the service including State Government representatives, Consuls Generals, Melbourne Ports Harbour Master along with NCCV members, Navy League of Australia. Very few members of the Victoria Section of the Naval Association of Australia attended, maybe next year!



Alter on behalf of all *Mariners who have lost their lives at sea*. This was followed by CAPT Standen reciting the Ode, a superb rendition of the Last



Seminar



A unique opportunity for those that attended the Navy Week seminar, it was a good opportunity to hear several presentations about crucial aspects of our Navy. The presentations covered historic aspects, current issues and what might be expected in the future. Professor Damien Kingsbury ↓ lead presenter, described the changing military environment in South East Asia. He was decisive about the politics of the Region and how Australia needs to appreciate these changes and take our place within the dynamic environment that surround us. Damien was followed by Peter Horobin, a seasoned Submariner, three drives as Captain. Peter in the auditorium, Shrine of Remembrance guided the audience through over a century of using submarines through war and peace. ↓He spoke of Australia's first submarines: AE1 & AE2, the loss of AE1 and the relative suc-



cess of AE2 in the Dardanelles in 1915. He told of how events through WWII elevated submarines as a strike force with a remarkable stealth quality, unseen from other maritime assets. Peter finished his portrayal of submarines with today's Collins Class.



←Next presenter was Doug Stevens who has vast experience, knowledge of asset management and the energy to make a difference. Doug likened past upkeep and future upkeep criteria to ensure Warships are ready when and as required. All three presenters covered information relevant to the strategic

importance of the military, the surreptitious nature of submarines, along with the intelligent management of resources to ensure assets are available as required. This set the scene for VADM Tim Barrett's talk about Enterprise Navy. CN spoke of the necessity of building and maintaining an effective ship building and maintenance capability for our future success. The term Enterprise Navy was coined, an outcome that

would see the Fleet ready for all roles designated by the Australian Government.

←CN presenting in a very engaging manner. Banter continued after the seminar with many wishing to chat to CN. Great Presenters!



HMAS Hobart

Anyone who has experienced a NuShip will appreciate how the Ship's Company of HMAS Hobart feel at this very moment. Whilst there is considerable hard work ahead, the privilege of being in a new Warship is uplifting. With extreme capability of Air Warfare Destroyers at hand, the demand for an equally capable Ship's Company is paramount. Australia's Defence strategy is being accomplished

incrementally with the inclusion of smart Warships. Every aspect of Hobart is new age, coordinated systems that bring together surveillance and weapons systems in a way only dreamt of before. The engine room kit is also of a new generation, gas turbines that move the hull with immediate power and with extraordinary economy, given the size of the ship. Whilst comfort is improved, dedication and diligence remain absolute.



Australia

On Friday, 20OCT17 the HMAS Australia Association held their annual commemoration service at St Paul's Cathedral. The service is conducted in the south west corner of the Cathedral where a HMAS Australian Plaque is displayed. Timing of the service is based on the Battle of Leyte Gulf, 1944. Reputed to be the largest naval battle ever. Seventeen people attended, including four WWII Veterans: Bruce Crowl, Des Shinkfield, Pat Cahir, from Tasmania George Wilrath. A great effort by all concerned. Others travelled from Bendigo, Foster, Geelong and Greater Melbourne. George spoke of his experience of volunteering to literally 'pick up the pieces' after the Kamikaze attack, Australia was to experience more threat by Kamikaze than any other Australian Warship. We can easily overlook the threat encountered by our sailors during WWII.

HMAS Australia: damaged by Kamakaze attacks



Fremantle

A wonderful opportunity for the Navy fraternity to experience a taste of today's maritime industry. Fremantle Ports' Victoria Quay is the place to be on 4NOV17 to take in the many displays. HMAS Waller, RAN Clearance Diving Team, or learn to tie knots. Maritime Day celebrates the maritime industry in the working Port of Fremantle. They will provide information about maritime jobs and education. Learn about careers in an energetic industry and enjoy a great day at the port with family and friends. Maritime day could be a concept that would work in all States to broaden our horizons.

Maritime Day

Victoria Quay | Saturday 4 November | 10am - 4pm



Cadets-Lonsdale

Victoria's Lonsdale Flotilla naming ceremony and ceremonial divisions will be at 1330, on Sunday 12NOV17. Director General Australian Naval Cadets & Reserves, Commodore Mark Hill RANR, will return to be the Reviewing Officer. This will be a very large parade for the Cadets with over 200 in attendance. CDRE Hill will most likely be assisted by CAPT Tim Standen CSC RAN, CO *Cerberus* and CMDR Luke Ryan RAN, CO RAN Recruit School. The name of the new Victoria Flotilla Lonsdale was chosen by Cadets and Staff. This name continues the legacy surrounding the name Lonsdale. LCDR Jeff Paull ANC has issued a general invitation to the Navy fraternity to attend these Divisions to show support for young Australians in the ANC on this important occasion. If you wish to attend, email jeffrey.paull@navycadets.gov.au as security measures at *Cerberus* require prior notice. The Lonsdale Room, *Cerberus* Museum will also be officially opened, in conjunction with Divisions. A master piece put together by WO Marty Grogan, a must see that will be opened for public viewing.

Naval Displays

Sydney is fortunate to have most, if not all of the major activities relating to Navy. Two such events in recent weeks have been the Goldrick Seminar – Maritime Operations in the Littoral and the Pacific 2017 International Maritime Conference. Each of these programs delivered a erudite array of presentations to an audience of serving and support agencies from Australia, our Region and further afield. The Maritime Conference presented information relating to current and future technology for those at sea in commercial, warships and submarines. Safety, offshore resources and protecting the environment were also discussed, virtually a 360° approach to maritime awareness. The Goldrick Seminar was a partnership between the Australian Naval Institute and the Australian Centre for the Study of Armed Conflict and Society. Government Ministers and Senior Officers formed the speaker panel, these events were of a highest order and delivered a great learning opportunity for everyone attending. With sufficient interest from Victorians we might be able to summon part or all of one of these seminars!

President's Dit

October has been a fairly hectic month, with Navy Week Victoria taking centre stage. It has been rather difficult to bring a large part of the Navy community together. Whilst numbers are slowly building, the method of communicating remains a challenge. Regular publication of information relating to events and experiences has proved beneficial. This will continue for the foreseeable future, but positive results must be demonstrated through attendance numbers. Navy related activities will only be regarded as successful if supported by the Navy community is obvious and forthcoming. Today, there is a list of ex-Service men and women who make up a hard core of patriots. They support virtually everything, champions in their own right and protectors of past legacy: of service and sacrifice. Whether the issue is language, timing, or the nature of events. Many folks have an opinion, many opinions conclude with 'why bother!' Our position is that commemoration is important, something to treasure and to reflect on the duty of our predecessors. Join the team!

Yours aye, Terry Ma-

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Special Notes



Duchess Reunion. Advice is that the *Duchess* crew had a great reunion. There is an intention to chat to other crews from Darings to see if a combined effort can be made in the future. In 2018, reunions by two Darings are already underway: *Vendetta & Vampire*.

Malaya Emergency & Indonesian Confrontation

There is a proposal emerging to design and construct a memorial in recognition of the Malaya Emergency and Indonesian Confrontation in ANZAC Parade, Canberra. Les Bailey is the proposer and if you are interested, email Les at: lephils110@gmail.com

HMAS Newcastle. *Newcastle* recently visited Madagascar and held a service for a sailor that died there at the early part of WWII, in 1940. Sentiment such as this strengthens the resolve of all who serve in a Warship, connecting service across generations.

War at Sea. The War at Sea – the Navy in WWI opens in Queensland on 30OCT17 at the Queensland Maritime Museum. The experiences of Australian sailors in World War I has largely been overshadowed by the stories of soldiers on the Western Front or at Gallipoli. The exhibition draws on the personal accounts of sailors: through their mementoes, ship's logs, diaries, and letters sent home. Each informing us of their incredible stories of bravery and sacrifice

amidst the drudgery of life at sea, patrolling, blockading and escorting troopships.

Legislative Workshop. DVA are having a look at all of the Acts that support Veterans and searching for any opportunities that may exist to refine them.

Ceremonial Sunset. The Lieutenant's Guard ↓ at HMAS Cerberus ready for ceremonial sunset.



This followed the CO's reception. An impressive demonstration of a traditional sunset, following a marching display by the RAN Band Melbourne Detachment. Then hearing a salvo and witnessing the careful folding of the Australian White Ensign.