



# NVN News

*incorporating NCCV's newsletter Rogues' Yarn*

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## Editorial

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This month I have chosen to “share” a talk that was presented at the Shrine of Remembrance recently by Pamela Nicholls. Pamela is one of the most senior members of the WRANS Association (Vic). Her talk reminds us all of how different the conditions are now in the Navy – particularly for the women.

.....The Australian Government at last informed the people that the Japanese had bombed Darwin “once”. It was December 1942, and sitting for my European History exam in Arts / Journalism at Melbourne University, my thoughts were more of Japanese troops trampling through Asia than Hannibal’s rape of Europa. I walked out of the Great Hall and into the Naval Recruiting Bureau.

With reluctance, my mother gave her consent because I was under twenty-one, knowing me she knew objections would be met with counter argument. The Navy gave me Christmas at home, my last for four years, and January saw me on a train bound for Harman Naval Depot, five miles out of Canberra. I was nineteen.

The compartment on that train held five other young women, all new recruits, and amongst them was Lorena Emms, who was to become my closest and dearest friend until her death some ten years ago. Arrived at Harman we were housed in cottage number five. In peace time Harman had been a permanent Naval Base for personnel and their families. Our cottage comprised three bedrooms, a kitchen with a wood fired stove, use forbidden, and a bathroom with a chip bath heater. No fuel

## 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)*

**01 Oct** – Daylight saving begins.

**01 Oct** – On this day in 1942 Wrens were officially sworn into the Navy.

**04 Oct** – RAN in the Pacific War, see details following Editorial.

**06-27 Oct** – Mission to Seafarers Art Exhibition.

**21 Oct** – Navy Week Seminar at Shrine

**22 Oct** – Seafarers’ Service at St. Pauls

**22 Oct** – Navy Week Service at Shrine

**27 Oct** – Navy Week/Legacy Golf Day

**09 Nov** – 103<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of HMAS Sydney I and SMS Emden battle

**11 Nov** – Remembrance Day

**19 Nov** – 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HMAS Sydney II and SMS Kormoran battle

## 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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was provided, so it was a cold wash. I was used to a morning hot shower. On the first opportunity, I hiked into Canberra and bought an electric jug. For bathing Lorena and I would collect sticks and small branches from the surrounding paddocks and get into the bath together, as the water was cold by the time one had bathed. One girl disdained the cold water and only bathed on her monthly leave at home. Luckily Lorena and I shared the small back bedroom.

Our six-week training period was interrupted by two weekend visits to Sydney to have our uniforms made – the first for measurements and the second for a fitting. I think we were the last group to be afforded this luxury. The authorities realized the WRANS had come to stay. We were then fitted with great coats, a hat, a pair of shoes, tie, two white shirts, two pair of lisle stockings, and two pairs of bloomers. Needless to say, we supplemented all articles at our expense.



After six weeks training we were considered qualified to go on watch. We were a special group called Y connected to Bletchey Park, which intercepted Japanese radio messages to

and from their ships. The most sensitive of these was the frequency, changed frequently, used by their submarines. I hated the responsibility attached to this duty, sitting for six hours scanning the air waves, terrified you might miss a signal, thereby putting our ships and men in danger. Fortunately, your term came only about once a week.

Leave to go to Melbourne came once a month. The train would leave at night from Queanbeyan to Albury and then we would take the slow train home. Lorena and I would commandeer the luggage racks. The others would hoist us up, appreciating the space vacated by us. The rigid iron racks would leave a pattern on our coats, but at least we could stretch out and somehow sleep. Connecting at Albury our train would be preceded by the nonstop Spirit of Progress. This arrived at eleven thirty and we discovered that if we could get on it we could race to Myers

#### **LATEST VIDEOS.....**

- \* *HMAS Hobart commissioning*
- \* *Watch Russian nuclear-powered cruiser Pyotr Velikiy launch a Granit anti-ship missile*
- \* *The Construction of the model of HMAS Sydney III (c. Korean War)*
- \* *Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2017*
- \* *Royal Navy Unveils Futuristic Submarine Concepts*

#### **NEWS.....**

*Occupying an area of about 16 hectares on the Mornington Peninsula, in Victoria, West Head Gunnery Range is one of the world's few remaining shore-to-sea live firing training sites*

*The Australian government is about to deliberate on the combat management system (CMS) for the navy's future frigates. In the mix are Saab Australia's 9LV, which is already working well on the RAN's Anzac class frigates, and the US Navy's Aegis system, a version of which is in the Hobart class air warfare destroyers (AWDs) that are now starting to enter service.*

*The safety and security of Australia and our interests around the globe has been significantly strengthened with the commissioning of the first Australian-built Air Warfare Destroyer, HMAS Hobart, today.*

#### **US Navy issues guidance to provide more sleep for sailors at sea**

*Vice Adm. Tom Rowden has ordered ship captains to establish routines no later than Dec. 20 that will give sailors predictable watch schedules and sleep periods, according to a copy of the directive obtained by Stars and Stripes.*

*One of the contenders competing for the Royal Australian Navy's \$35 billion Future Frigate project has*

before closing time on the Saturday morning. When the Spirit arrived in Albury, Lorena and I would board and hide in the toilet, door unlocked, until it had left the platform. We would then emerge, pay the conductor our seventeen shillings and sixpence, which I am sure went straight into his pocket, and find a seat. If none, it was the floor in the corridor. On the return journey the next day, the Spirit left after our train and we dared not wait for it and possibly be AWOL.

At Harman, there was only one driver and he had to drive the Catholics to mass in Queanbeyan on Sundays. A call went out for anyone with a driver's license and it was interesting that of all those girls only Phyllis Lane-Poole and I responded. Today every eighteen-year-old has a license.

There was one telephone for use by both the girls and men. Of course, there was a queue. One day having reached the head of it, I couldn't help hearing this Wran – "Mum, Mum, guess what? I'm getting married tomorrow. Mum, Mum are you there?" I pictured Mum prostrate on the kitchen floor.

On overnight leave, prior to bringing our bikes to Harman, we would hitch a ride to Canberra. We'd stay at the Servicewomen's hostel to luxuriate in hot showers and Restaurant (Greek or Chinese) food, at five shillings. On our way one day a truck pulled up, Lorena hopping in first leaving me to sit on the passenger's lap. He was a burly tradie with a droopy moustache. Having just received our pay, the grand sum of thirty shillings, I was carefully pressing my wallet under my arm. My guy was starting to become fresh when I looked down to see my wallet on my lap. I had been pressing his hand against my bosom.

Eighteen months after my arrival at Harman I was selected to do an officers course at Flinders Naval Depot. It was winter and cold but we had the luxury of hot showers and a heater. Just before my twenty-first birthday Third Officer Corben added a blue stripe to her uniform.

I went home for a week's leave, my first, and was then posted to HMAS Magnetic in Townsville. This was the most interesting time of my service. MacArthur had started the push back of the Japanese and all information for Head Quarters at the Barracks in Melbourne was channeled through Magnetic. These signals were

*promised to transform Adelaide into a digital shipyard should it be awarded the lucrative contract. BAE Systems Australia said it would transform Australia's shipbuilding industry through the development of a digital ship yard in Adelaide.*

*Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan today told the RSL National Conference in Canberra that improvements to the Department of Veterans' Affairs would make it, "a 21st century Department with a 21st century service culture".*

*Veteran pension payments have increased in line with the biannual indexation. The increase will cover pension recipients including veterans, their partners, war widows and widowers.*

*Royal New Zealand Navy tanker HMNZS Endeavour will join a wider defense force effort to help bring fuel around the country by sea and road after the sole supply pipeline of jet fuel in Auckland was punctured by a digger last week, triggering a jet fuel shortage.*

*A German World War I submarine has been discovered by researchers in the North Sea, off the coast of West Flanders, Belgium. The U-boat, believed to be a UB-II submarine, is almost intact 30 meters below the surface.*

***Talking to the chiefs:*** Vice Admiral David Johnston (part 1)  
*In the ADF's Joint Operations Command, it's referred to as the 'battle rhythm'—a constant series of analyses and judgements about short- and long-term threats to the nation and the region.*

***Monument fit for sailors everywhere***  
*A young Australian sailor looks back over his shoulder at the start of the*

all Top Secret and we cypher officers knew the progress of the war before the Big Brass at the Barracks.

In 1944/1945 Townsville was buzzing socially as well as militarily. The Hotel Seaview, opposite the beach, was taken over as an Officers Club with a nightly band. I loved dancing, and was good at it, and there I met a radio personality who was in the Air Force.



I met him every night for a week and we danced nonstop until midnight. Like Cinderella I would leave to get three hours sleep before

going on watch from four till eight in the morning. If we returned to the Wrannery after 8pm we had to sign in with the time. This was checked weekly by the Captain. My socializing had repercussions in the form of a please explain visit to the Captain.

I was on watch eleven days and then had the twelfth off, and would frequently take the ferry across to Magnetic Island. One night at the club I met a young Naval Officer who was the Captain of a Patrol Boat. He'd never been to Magnetic, so on my day off, he took the boat across to the island, anchoring off shore and we swam off the boat. Strictly NOT Naval procedure.

As we moved towards the middle of 1945, the great sea battles were over, the pressure in Townsville was reduced and I was sent to Victoria Barracks to do a short course in censorship, as it applied to the Press and Radio. I was then sent to Sydney, working out of Kuttatubul at Potts Point. Two weeks there and the Japanese surrendered. I was out of a job.

With the end of the war, demobilisation of our girls was the next priority, and the Executive Officer at Kuttatubul concentrated on that task. I took over her job, the running of the Wrannery. One day one of our girls came to me saying she was pregnant and wanted to marry the boyfriend, a British seaman, who at that time was in the clink, having gone AWOL to see her. I arranged with the Padre and a wedding ceremony was held in a room adjacent to the cells, with me and her parents the only one's present. I had

*gangway, raises his thumb and offers a brave smile. He cannot know where the war will take him or how long he will be away from home but he knows his family will miss him.*

*The US 7th Fleet commander relieved the commander of Task Force 70 (CTF 70) and the commander of Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15 as part of ongoing investigations into a series of incidents which caused the deaths of 17 US Navy sailors.*

*A US aircraft carrier is scheduled to join Republic of Korea Navy ships for a set of naval exercises in October this year. According to a South Korean defense ministry report, cited by Xinhuanet, US Navy's forward-deployed carrier USS Ronald Reagan is set to sail to the Korean peninsula for the joint naval exercise*

*The Australian Defence Force is trialling hair and saliva testing as part of the Prohibited Substance Testing Program, from 1 October to 31 July next year, the new regime will be in addition to the existing urine tests.*

*Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Marise Payne, today congratulated the Australian Defence Force (ADF) and the United States Navy on the 50th anniversary of the official commissioning of Naval Communication Station Harold E Holt in Exmouth, Western Australia.*

*Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan said a new Government-funded research centre into Post Traumatic Stress Disorder would improve the lives of veterans and their families. Mr Tehan today launched the \$6 million Centenary of Anzac Centre at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne to be operated by Phoenix Australia – Centre for Posttraumatic Mental Health.*



asked the cook to make a cake and sandwiches, and we held a small reception toasting the happy couple in lemon cordial. Afterwards I often thought of that naïve young girl travelling on a bride ship with her baby to a foreign country, with no family support.

Sydney became the home destination for many of our ships, British as well as our own. Blair Bowden was our most senior Wran in Sydney, and she was a close friend of mine. She was often invited to social gatherings on board Naval vessels, and would take me along as her companion. I recall the night she met her future husband, Englishman Geoffrey Cook, aboard the battleship King George Fifth at a cocktail party given for the Mountbatten's.

With our girls returning to civvy street, it came my turn. After three and a half years I lovingly hung up my uniform and started looking for employment. Unfortunately, my varied responsibilities counted for little and I found temporary work difficult until I resumed my interrupted studies in the following year. I was demobilised at the end of May 1946.

Much has occurred in the intervening seventy years since those navy days, and much has been forgotten yet many memories remain lasting and vivid. – *Pamela Nicholls*



Yours Aye!  
NVN Team

## VALE

- † LRO G.E. Aldridge, R93958, 15 September 2017. Aged 70.
- † LRO K.Coomber, R52533, 14 September 2017. Aged 79.
- † CPOATA R. Tattam, 13 September 2017.
- † CPOETP P. Pascoe, 11 September 2017. Aged 62.
- † CPOMTH J. Craig, 02 September 2017.
- † CERA T.G. Flanagan, R58381, 28 August 2017. Aged 78.

## 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.

*Chinese and Russian Navy ships are scheduled to start the second round of bilateral drills as part of the "Naval Interaction 2017" set of engagements between the two countries.*

*Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan announced today the Australian Government would provide \$7.5 million in grant funding for community activities commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War in 2018.*

*The ADF's SEA 5000 'Future Frigate' program faces two important but distinct challenges. The first concerns capability: the plan is to build a new class of warships to replace the Anzac class from the mid-2020s, with an emphasis on anti-submarine warfare (ASW) capabilities. The second challenge is industrial: construction of the first of the new frigates is due to commence at the government-owned shipyard in South Australia in 2020. That's a tight schedule, given that the basic ship design won't be selected until 2018.*

*Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan has announced the Government is working on a trial to evaluate the mental health benefits of assistance dogs for veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).*

### **Review of DVA's Strategic Research Model**

*Call for Submissions (by 16 Oct 2017)  
Submission background and instructions*

*The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) is reviewing the Department's Strategic Research Model. Under the Strategic Research Model, there are four priority domains relating to veteran and ex-service community research:*



## RAN in the Pacific War

Wednesday 4 October 2017, 6pm

Few Australians are aware of the role played by the Royal Australian Navy between December 1941 and August 1945. Join us as Ian Pfennigwerth demonstrates how our ships and men were at the forefront of the

fighting and the integral part they played in the conflicts at the time. This event is a continuation of the program of events that supports our current Nerves and Steel exhibition.

**Location:** Shrine Auditorium.

**Cost:** Friends of the Shrine can attend public programs for free.

General admission is \$5 per person.

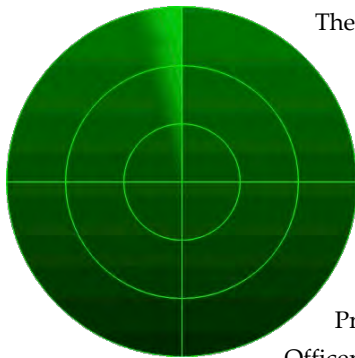
**Places are limited and bookings are essential.**

## Construction of the model HMAS Sydney III (c. Korean War)

It's well worth clicking on the link to watch this video slideshow. Through a lot of pain and sickness over a 14 month period, Max Montague has produced this magnificent model which he is kindly donating to the Fleet Air Arm Museum. [View.....](#)



## New website for ex-RP's – <http://www.opsroomassociation.org.au/>



The Association is a formation or gathering of former and serving personnel of the Royal Australian Navy or other Navies, who have completed Radio Direction Find (RDF), Radar Plotters (RP) & Combat System Operators (CSO) Basic Course or equivalent Course. Former Special Duty Plot Radar (SDPR) Operations Room Officers (ORO) / Principal Warfare Officers (PWO[D]) Direction Officers (D) and Air Intercept Controllers (AIC)

having served in naval ops room billets or in training and support roles of naval ops rooms; and other individuals who have an interest in naval operation rooms and the Fleet.

**Navy Week Golf (Victoria)** [download flyer.....](#)

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



*Defence Minister Harriett Baldwin on September 7th launched plans for the procurement of the Royal Navy's new Type 31e frigates.*

*Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan said veterans would benefit after Parliament yesterday passed measures to simplify veterans' legislation.*

*The Royal Australian Navy is forging ahead with new technologies to counter the threat of sea mines to military and commercial vessels.*

*The Australian Government continues to honour its promise to ensure that all Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel are ready for the opportunities of post-service life.*

*The Victorian branch of the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia Inc. invite you to a non-denominational service of thanksgiving and commemoration at St Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne on Wednesday 4th October 2017 at 13:30.*

*The Royal Navy's silent service has challenged a team of young scientists to re-envision what the future of underwater warfare would look like and the results of their work have now been revealed.*

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

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

**Don't forget to visit the [website](#) as there are many more news articles that may be of interest to you but are not included in this newsletter.**



# Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

## ROGUES' YARN

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

1. **RAN Recruits Pilgrimage**, wreath laying service at 1000, **Sunday 15th October** in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance.
2. **Totally & Permanently Incapacity Ex-Servicemen & Women's Association**, wreath laying service at 1030, Wednesday 11th October in the Visitor Centre.
3. **HMAS LISMORE** Commemoration Service, at 1100, **Friday 20th October** at the HMAS Lismore dedicated tree, 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](mailto: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](mailto:marketing@missiontoseafarers.com.au)

### Navy Victoria Network

Navyvic website is for anyone interested in Navy.

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

### Disclaimer

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

## Battle of Bitia Paka

CMDR Matthew Hoffman RAN, XO HMAS Cerberus delivered the address at the Bitia Paka Service on 11SEP17, Shrine of Remembrance. He said: 103 years ago today shore parties landed unopposed at Rabaul and nearby Kabakaul Bay. A patrol of Australian Naval reserves pushed inland to the wireless station at Bitia Paka. They faced a composite force of German reservists and Melanesians. Although the landing was unopposed, German troops knew they were coming and had dug in on the road waiting to ambush the approaching Australians. The initial contact and exchange of fire resulted in a number of German casualties, although at this stage the Australian force was unscathed.

Among the first group pushing inland, towards Bitia Paka were two personnel who would forever be linked to the battle, and whose loss reverberates among their families to this day. Able Seaman William Williams and Captain Brian Pockley were among the first casualties of the Battle of Bitia Paka, together with AB John Courtney, AB Robert Moffat, AB Harry Street and LCDR Charles Elwell became the first Australian casualties of World War One. Assisting CMDR Hoffman was SMN Georgia Otto, a young Gap Year student. Georgia continued by saying that: **on the first day of the battle, 11SEP14, AB Williams was**



**CMDR Matthew Hoffman RAN**

one of 25 men sent ashore at Rabaul where they would travel roughly 7km inland to Bitia Paka. Along this trek they were ambushed resulting in AB Williams being mortally wounded. Williams was only 28 years old. The courageous efforts made by a fellow soldier; CAPT Brian Pockley to save Williams' life resulted in his own



**SMN Georgia Otto**

death after removing his own Medical Corps armband and giving it to a stretcher bearer in an attempt to protect him. This act of selflessness resulted in Pockley then being shot and killed. The exploits at Bitia Paka were over-shadowed by the carnage at the Western Front, but that will not detract from the service and sacrifice of the men involved at Bitia Paka.





# Submariners



The 14th September each year marks the tragic loss of HMAS *AE1* with the entire Ship's Company of 35 Officers and Sailors. This occurred in 1914 Cape Gazelle, New Guinea. *AE1* had set off at around 0700 with HMAS *Parramatta* to patrol the area off Rabaul. This was after the surrender of Rabaul, having been attacked by the Australian Navy and Military Expeditionary Force. The *AE1* was to have reported to *Parramatta* later on the day of 14SEP14, however, the submarine and its crew were never to be seen again. This was the first major loss of the Royal Australian Navy since its inception. The irony is that the action at Rabaul, even with the loss of *AE1* was viewed as negligible until 2010. A major review of the battle honours system for the RAN was concluded and Rabaul was included for the first time. Dardenelles 1915 was already included on the list of battle honours, with *AE2* being recognised for its effective work in and around the Dardenelles in support during those critical early days of the Gallipoli Campaign. The service and sacrifice by so many Submariners was remembered on 14th September at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne with the Submariners Association making a special effort to mark the occasion. Whilst it may be the 'silent service' their exploits need to be heralded, particularly in the wake of lost shipmates - *where their tombstone is a rusting hulk*. The Submariners of today are no less committed to their role in defending Australia. We

HMAS *AE1*—underway at Portsmouth 1914



know very little of their exploits, never have although we know they are out there doing what is required to keep watch and do whatever is necessary. The difference between a type AE submarine and today's Collins Class may be technically incomparable, but the steadfastness of their crew is remarkably similar. Whilst it is highly unlikely that any RAN vessel will ever be named *AE#*, there is an inherent appreciation of what Submariners do that stems from the earlier experience. Commemoration is the means of ensuring that we recall the origin of the RAN's 'silent service'. This single day in September is an important day and whilst a select few carry the banner, the impact of those that serve as Submariners is substantial. Even those of us that served in surface warships (I believe the term is targets) pay our respects to our shipmates in submarines. A tough job, undertaken by tough sailors with a propensity to be professionally adept and focused as the rest of Australia depends on you.

## Merchant Navy

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Dan Tehan stated Australians should pause and remember the often unsung heroes of WWII, the service personnel and civilian seamen who served on merchant vessels. The Merchant Navy carried vital equipment and goods around the world during the war. The vessels were often defenceless and their work perilous with the constant threat of attack from surface raiders, enemy submarines, aircraft and mines. Mr Tehan said "More than 400 Australian merchant mariners have lost their lives in the line of duty. Since 2008, 3rd September has been commemorated as Merchant Navy Day marking the sinking of the first Allied merchant vessel, the British liner *Athenia*, on the first day of the WWII, on 3SEP39. Australians should remember those who served our country as part of the Merchant Navy, their service and sacrifice will not be forgotten. Merchant mariners who lost their lives serving on Australian vessels are honoured at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra *along with their RAN counterparts*."

## Acquisition

Were you aware that Navy actively acquires qualified folk from other Commonwealth Navies. Retreads have always been apart of the Navy, however, to think there is a permanent stream of sailors from overseas seems out of kilter. Much is said about retention, but I guess the buy-in of professional skills is far cheaper than training from scratch. Retention is very important and bonuses to select categories is an effective method of keeping highly skilled individuals within the system - for the short term at least. A related matter, transition from service to civilian life might seem to be at odds with retention. One important feature of any effective transition system, provided it commences early enough is to be able to correlate the acquisition of skills and learnings against a wider threshold, such as that in civvy street. The old adage that concluded non-alignment of skills would keep folk in the service has proved to be misplaced. As it is best to highlight newly acquired skills and on-job experience and their alignment with civvy street as this allows the incumbent to appreciate just how well off they are whilst in the Service.



# Extraordinary Opportunities

## NAVY DEFENCE BALL



1900 21st October 2017  
MELBOURNE TOWN HALL with the Navy Band  
Guest of honour: VADM Tim Barrett AO CSC RAN  
Master of Ceremony: Mr Nick McCallum  
Reservations: Email Sandra: navy.week.victoria@gmail.com  
7 Clarence Place, Cranbourne East, 3977  
(please include a phone number)  
**\$155 per person**



### Entry Form

Charity Golf Day  
Friday 27OCT17



Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club  
In conjunction with Navy Week

### Charity Golf Day

Entry \$50.00 per player

Includes: Breakfast on arrival and BBQ Lunch on completion  
5 Spins in the raffle

#### Prizes include:

Mercedes Benz (for the weekend) or \$200 Tyrepower Voucher or  
\$100 Drummond Golf Voucher or Michael Farone Golf Lesson or  
1 Dozen Pro V1 Golf Balls and other winning hole prizes

To book please complete details below and return with your payment to:  
Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club, 1283 Nepean Highway, Mount Eliza, 3930.

For further information, contact

Legatee Ed Kennedy Tel: 0412 950 331 or CPO Rohan Jennings Tel 0414 871 957; or

Email: [legacy@mplegacy.com.au](mailto:legacy@mplegacy.com.au)

Please register the following players:

Name	Contact No:	Golf Link Number	HCP	Cart Hire/Own

If you need of a Golf Cart please contact the Pro Shop on 5975 2784 to make your booking.  
The cost is \$44.00 per cart. - Limited number of carts available

Private Carts are permitted.

An Insurance indemnity form must be provided to the Pro Shop on the day for approval to use your private golf cart on the Mornington Golf Course

- ☐ Payment by Direct Debit Commonwealth Bank  
BSB 063133 Account Number: 10534646  
Use the word GOLF with your name as reference
- ☐ Cheque or Money Order made payable to Mornington Peninsula Legacy Club



## ANNUAL SEAFARERS' MEMORIAL SERVICE

An open invitation to all  
Serving and ex-Service  
men & women to attend  
St Paul's Cathedral at 1030,  
on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017.  
Guest of honour will be  
Chief of Navy  
Vice Admiral Tim Barrett  
AO CSC RAN



"We that survive, perchance, may end our days in some employment  
meriting no praise. Our departed shipmates have outlived this fear,  
and their brave ends will ever be remembered by their friends."

Epitaph by Shipmaster Phineas James to his stricken comrades. 1633



## DEFENCE SEMINAR

Presenters:

Prof Damien Kingsbury

Cmdr Peter Horobin MBE RAN Rtd

Cmdr Doug Stevens RAN RAN Rtd

Vadm Tim Barrett AO CSC RAN

In partnership with:

Naval Commemoration Committee  
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Naval Association of Australia  
Navy League of Australia

21OCT17, at 1100-1430 cost \$10

in the Auditorium, Shrine of Remembrance

Email: [secretary@rusvic.org.au](mailto:secretary@rusvic.org.au) or

[naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com](mailto:naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com) or

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(please include a phone number)

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now

## President's Dit

My usual approach is to dwell on attendance at commemoration services where the service and sacrifice of our Navy men and women has helped deliver the Australia we know today. On this occasion I would like to put it to you that there is a need to give thought to what level of support should be given to ex-Navy organisations. Some have the view that they have done their time, any ongoing support is futile. Should a shipmate express such a view, remind them that many of our predecessors have made an enormous effort to help out their mates. The evidence is shown by the benefits derived from DVA, some might think these came about automatically. DVA benefits are the outcome of hard work by many ex-Navy and others. To continue this work, support needs to be directed towards providing Navy a voice within the wider community. This will require membership of the group that has the greatest opportunity when dealing with DVA and other government entities. Unless you know of some other group speaking on behalf of Navy, look at the Naval Association of Australia as best placed to use our support.

*Yours aye, Terry Makings*

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## Special Notes



**Nerves and Steel.** This is a photographic exhibition at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne. The Royal Australian Navy in the Pacific December 1941 – September 1945. The war in the Pacific was essentially a naval struggle. Allied war aims hinged on the destruction of Japan's powerful navy and the severing of sea communications between Japan and its far-flung Asian and Pacific conquests. Nerves and Steel explores the role played by the RAN in ultimate Allied victory and features items from the Shrine's own collection as well as loans from the Australian War Memorial, the RAN Heritage Collection, veterans and their families. The exhibition will be on display in the Shrine of Remembrance Southern Gallery from 22 July 2017 until July 2018.

**Commissioning HMAS Hobart.** Another Warship to perpetuate the great name of *Hobart* was hauled into the fleet by way of the commissioning service on Saturday, 23SEP17. A proud Ship's Company!

**Korean Memorial.** A Korean Memorial is planned in Maribyrnong's Quarry Park in honour of those that served in the Korean theatre. It will be the first significant public memorial in Victoria to specifically honour the Australians who served in the Korean War, and the Koreans who fought alongside them.

**HMAS Quiberon.** It happens to be 55 years since *Quiberon* rescued 25 survivors from the SS *Kawi*, which sank during a storm in the South China Sea in 1962. The *Kawi* survivors were transferred from *Quiberon* to SS *Benvorlick*. Later that year *Quiberon* rescued crew members of another merchant ship *Tuscany*, in trouble after it run aground. **HMAS Vendetta.** Those that have experienced service in *Vendetta* have the opportunity of sharing time together in Mildura at a reunion scheduled for 18-20 May 2018. If interested, email Ian for more details at [ian.kellett@bigpond.com](mailto:ian.kellett@bigpond.com) or search our website for details and a list of those attending: <http://navyvic.net/reunions/reunions.html>

**Leading Seamen.** All of those who achieved the exalted rank of LS, the first line of supervisors in the chain of command will recall the importance of the role in the maintenance of good order and discipline among their subordinates. The expectation being to demonstrate how to act responsibly and in the best interests of the Navy was a challenge. Can all who served as LS hold their head high!

**Where are they.** Location of Veterans has been listed as: QLD 29.1%, NSW 27.1%, VIC 17.2%, WA 10.5%, SA 7.5%, TAS 2.9% and NT 1.4%.