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Magnificent picture from Rex Williams of HMAS Success off Jervis Bay

Farewell HMAS SIRIUS



HMAS Sirius heading off to its home port, Rockingham, WA, on Monday 29 July 2019

(Pictures courtesy Alf Batchelder)

Ship's Visit to Melbourne - HMAS SIRIUS



Seven people from the NLA VIC-TAS DIV and NHSA VIC inspected HMAS Sirius on Saturday 27 July 2019. We were warmly greeted by a supply Officer and a Medic. The ship had been on a goodwill mission to the Solomons and Noumea and would return to her home port in Rockingham, Western Australia on Monday 29th July 2019.

HMAS SIRIUS was originally a commercial vessel purchased by the Government in 2004. It was fitted out as a fleet replenishment ship with a flight deck for helicopters, refueling and support systems for military purposes. There are 70 personnel and nearly half are female, including Commander Melanie Verho.

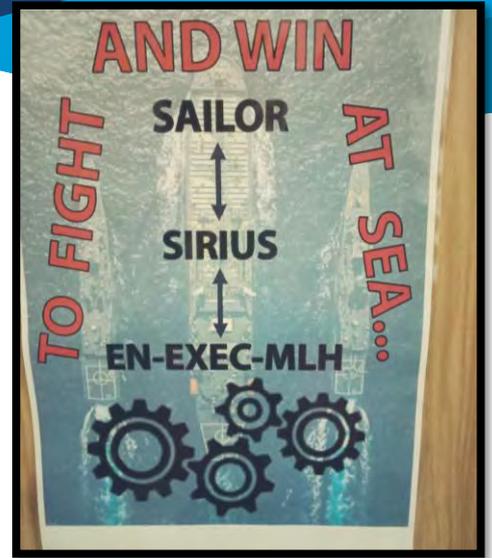
The visit lasted for 1 ½ hours and was very interesting. We had a very comprehensive tour, including the galley, wardroom, laundry, sleeping quarters, engine room, flight deck and the bridge. There are 2 RIBS, life rafts and a myriad of fuel pipes. She has transfer points for fuel, water and stores. Containers on deck carried anything from gym equipment to frozen meat. Her motto is "To serve and provide".

The ship is due to be decommissioned in 2 years' time when the replacement Auxiliary Oiler Replenishment (AORs) being built in Spain by shipbuilder Navantia, are due in Australia. HMAS Supply will replace HMAS Success in 2020 followed by HMAS Stalwart.

Another ship's visit is expected in September including a Freedom of Entry march through the city. We will bring you details closer to the time.



Containers on deck



Mission Statement



Fuel pipes



Foremast and bridge from container deck



Forward - view of the city



Farewell HMAS Sirius – picture courtesy Alf Batchelder

RAN Concert Calendar



Wed 7 August 2019

Soundwaves Concert – Big Band HMAS Cerberus 2 concerts at 1400 and 1900

Sat 10 August

Brass Quintet with Vocalist – Lemnos Memorial Service
Foote St Albert Park 1100-1300

Sun 11 August

Parade Band – Maltese Australian Association, 76th Anniversary of Operation Pedestal
Shrine of Remembrance 1100-1300

Thu 15 August

Parade Band – VP Day Service
Shrine of Remembrance 1100-1300

Sun 18 August

Parade Band – Vietnam Vets Service
Shrine of Remembrance 1100-1300

Fri 30 August

Parade Band – Red Hill Consolidated School Concert
1012 Mornington-Flinders Rd 0900-1000

Flotilla welcomes Chilean Navy to Sydney



A flotilla of tall ships and a Royal Australian Navy guided missile frigate welcomed Chilean Navy tall ship Buque Escuela *Esmeralda* to Sydney on 1 August 2019.

[HMAS Melbourne](#) led the parade of tall ships into Sydney Heads. Royal Australian Navy operated [STS Young Endeavour](#) was the first of the tall ships in formation, followed by the spectacular four-masted burquentine TS *Esmeralda*. Sydney based tall ships *James Craig*, *Soren Larsen* and MV *Martindale* brought up the rear.

Meeting them at the entrance to the harbour was a Port Authority NSW Fire Tug, adding to the spectacle.

As it approached Garden Island, *Esmeralda* fired a 21-gun salute. The Royal Australian Navy responded with a 3-pound saluting gun firing blank rounds, a traditional mark of respect between a warship and shore battery to indicate both have peaceful intentions.

Esmeralda is visiting Sydney as part of her 64th Instructional Cruise. Embarked is a crew of 278, including an Australian Midshipman who is taking part in a personnel exchange.

The Chilean tall ship will remain in Sydney until 5 August, when she will set sail for her next port, Bali.

Ref <http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Aug2019/Fleet/5372#.XUKoiegzbIV>

Maritime Geospatial Warfare Unit field-ready



Three new specialist Maritime Geospatial Warfare Unit teams have been declared mission-ready following an intense assessment exercise in Queensland.

Deployable Geospatial Survey Teams 3 and 4 and Mobile Meteorological Team 3 from Navy's Hydrographic, Meteorological & Oceanographic Group (HMGRP) were tested during a simulated humanitarian aid and disaster relief operation at HMAS Cairns, proving their readiness to deploy at short notice and work together to complete a complex survey in the field.

The teams measured atmospheric and hydrographic conditions using field survey kits on the waters and shores of Trinity Inlet and Chinaman Creek, in the real-world conditions of far north Queensland.

They were then able to deliver a detailed rapid environmental assessment to exercise evaluators from the Sea Training Group as well as the senior officers from HMGRP before they were certified as ready to deploy.

Ref <http://news.navy.gov.au/en/Jul2019/Fleet/5350/Maritime-Geospatial-Warfare-Unit-field-ready.htm#.XUKp2OgzblU>

RAN Facebook Page



A LHD Landing Craft (LLC) transports an [Australian Army M1A1](#) main battle tank as the Australian Defence Force draws closer to achieving Final Operational Capability for Australia's Amphibious Task Group. *Picture Australian Navy*



Photo of the week!

When Officers and Sailors of Royal Australian Navy Survey Ship HMAS Benalla (II) visited the ship's namesake city in Victoria this week, Leading Seaman Imagery Specialist James McDougall and members of the Ships Medical Emergency Team took the opportunity to visit the iconic Devenish Silos, a short drive out of town.

The silos were painted by artist Cam Scale, and depict a WWI Nurse and a current day Defence Force Medic – representing all Military caregivers during times of war, natural disasters, peace keeping and humanitarian operations. #AusNavy #YourADF#ProudtoServe

L-R: Members of HMAS Benalla's Ships Medical Emergency Team, Able Seaman Kimberley Gilbert, Able Seaman Brian McDonnell, Leading Seaman Nicole Wyatt, and Executive Officer HMAS Benalla Lieutenant Bryce Hamill.

*Image by LSIS James McDougall
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Shrine of Remembrance Report



[Bookings](#) required for talks and events. Cost \$5.

[Shrine podcasts](http://www.shrine.org.au/Whats-On/Video-and-Podcasts) are available at <http://www.shrine.org.au/Whats-On/Video-and-Podcasts>

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Victorian school students and the Shrine

In continuing to honour service and sacrifice, it is important that people now, and in the future, understand the value of commemoration. For generations, Victorian school students have visited the Shrine to learn and reflect upon the events that have shaped our world. But as some of these historic conflicts slip further into the past, the Shrine is challenged by the question, *how do we engage a visiting student in 2019?* Today, the Shrine both supports students in understanding the stories of past service and sacrifice, alongside broader humanitarian themes as they relate to contemporary stories of service in the Recent Conflicts gallery.

By engaging new generations, the Shrine continues to develop ongoing relevance for commemoration. All programs are free, so if you are an educator, or have kids at school, take a closer look at what the Shrine offers to ensure that we, as a collective, continue to remember them.

- [Remembrance Day Poster Competition](#)
- [Young Ambassadors](#) leadership program
- [Shrine Kids](#)
- [Guided Programs](#) for school visits
- [Holiday Program](#)

Do you remember visiting the Shrine as a child or with your school?
If you have a photo of the day [Email](#) us with your story.

SERVICES



Battle of Savo Island (HMAS Canberra) 2019

9 August 2019, 11:00am
Wreath Laying on the Forecourt

Shrine Representatives:
Shrine Governor Commander Terry Makings AM
Shrine Governor Lieutenant Commander Jan Gallagher

On 8 August 1942 the RAN Heavy Cruiser HMAS Canberra was severely damaged while serving in a joint US Navy and RAN force while protecting American troop transports during the landing operations on Guadalcanal. She was hit 24 times by attacking Imperial Japanese Naval forces in under two minutes, suffering 84 crew killed. HMAS Canberra was scuttled by torpedo the next day by US Destroyers. We honour those who served in the Battle of Savo Island.



Victory in the Pacific (VP Day)

Thursday 15 August, 11am
Wreath Laying on the Forecourt

Japan accepted the Allied demand for unconditional surrender on 14 August 1945. For Australians, it meant that the Second World War was finally over. The following day, 15 August, is usually referred to as VP Day.



Shrine Monthly Memorial Service

Thursday 22 August, 11.30am
Wreath Laying in the Sanctuary

This month we commemorate the following important dates:
19 August 1914 – Departure of the Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force
6–17 August 1915 – the August Offensive
8 August 1916 – Mouquet Farm
13 August 1941 – Formation of the Australian Women's Army Service
9 August 1942 – Loss of HMAS *Canberra*

RAN RECRUITS

17 August 2019, 10:00am

Wreath Laying in the Sanctuary

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TALKS

Discovering SS Iron Crown



Tuesday 3 September, midday
Auditorium

Join Emily Jateff, who was Chief Scientist on board the RV Investigator when it uncovered the final resting place of SS *Iron Crown*. The vessel, sunk by a Japanese submarine off the Victorian coastline in June 1942, was discovered in 2019 in a collaboration between CSIRO and Heritage Victoria. The Merchant Navy commemorative service will follow at 2pm.

PODCASTS



The Shrine's fortnightly podcast offers a trove of fascinating talks that explore Australia's rich history of service and sacrifice alongside thought-provoking themes around peace and maintaining it in the current context. Added during the recent NAIDOC Week celebrations, 'The Missing Man' is the story of Australia's first Indigenous fighter pilot. Upon the recent anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War, our Curator Talk episode shines the light on our latest exhibition of the same name.

FROM THE SHRINE SHOP



Constable T - Shrine Guard Bear

\$99.99

Limited edition bear 'Constable T' is smartly dressed in Shrine Guard uniform. He is dedicated to the past and present members of the Shrine Guard who play an important role in protecting Victoria's iconic monument and the memories of those who have served and continue to serve.

[Visit the Shop](#)



Digger Pen

\$49.99

This pen makes a unique gift, constructed from two brass .308 rifle shells, handmade by a team of ex-servicemen. Beautiful to write with, this pen can be engraved to personalise. Proceeds from sales will help to support Legacy and Soldier On.



Air Force Cap

\$23.99

The Shop has a range of peak caps available to shield you from the strong winter sun, and as we inch closer to the warmer months. Available in Air Force, Army, Navy and Shrine of Remembrance designs.



Armistice Centenary Mug

\$19.99

A range of centenary of the Armistice items are still available from the Shop and make for great keepsakes around the home. Commemorate this important date in time with the 11.11.11 mug.