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Did you know?



HMAS CHOULES was named on 13 August 2011 when Prime Minister Julia Gillard and the then Minister of Defence Stephen Smith announced that the Royal Fleet Auxiliary *Largs Bay* would be renamed HMAS Choules after Chief Petty Officer Claude Stanley Choules. Born in Pershore, England on 3 March 1901, Claude joined the Royal Navy as a Boy on 10 October 1916. A former Royal Navy World War I and Royal Australian Navy World War II veteran, Claude's life spanned the existence of the Australian Navy, which came into being on 1 March 1901, only two days before his birth.
<https://www.navy.gov.au/biography/chief-petty-officer-claude-stanley-choules>



Photo provided by Jane Teasdale

**Vale Vice
Admiral David
Leach AC CBE
LVO RAN,
Former Chief
of Naval Staff.
17 July 1928-
19 January
2020**

HMAS HOBART VISITS MELBOURNE

29TH FEBRUARY 2020

Photos provided by Alf Bachelder.



19 people attended the Navy League visit to HMAS Hobart at berth 33, Port Melbourne. We were lucky enough to have a helicopter pilot who was very informative and gave us an hour of his time to tour the ship.

HMAS Hobart (III) is the first of three ships of the Hobart Class guided missile destroyers. Her sister ships are HMAS Brisbane (III) and NUSHIP Sydney (V). The keel of Hobart was laid down on 6 September 2012 and the ship was launched on 23 May 2015. HMAS Hobart (III) commissioned on 23 September 2017.

Hobart is based on the Navantia designed F100 frigate and is coupled it with the Aegis Combat System. Hobart was constructed in Australia by the Air Warfare Destroyer Alliance. Hobart provides air defence for accompanying ships in addition to land forces and infrastructure in coastal areas, and for self-protection against missiles and aircraft. The Aegis Combat System incorporating the state-of-the-art phased array radar, AN/SPY 1D(V), in combination with the SM-2 missile, provides Navy with an advanced air defence system capable of engaging enemy aircraft and missiles at ranges in excess of 150km.



Hobart carries a \$40 million MH-60R Seahawk helicopter for surveillance and response to support key warfare areas. The surface warfare function will include long range anti-ship missiles and a naval gun capable of firing extended range munitions in support of land forces.



The Flight Deck



On the Bridge



Hobart conducts undersea warfare and be equipped with modern sonar systems, decoys, surface-launched torpedoes and an array of effective close-in defensive weapons. HMAS *Hobart* was commissioned in a ceremony at Fleet Base East on 23 September 2017. <https://www.navy.gov.au/hmas-hobart-iii>

NAVAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

The Victorian Branch meets monthly at Glen Waverley RSL to hear excellent guest speakers on a range of topics. Their next meeting is on Friday 27th March 2020 at 7pm. Get together for a drinks and meal prior to the meeting at 5.30pm. It's a great night. More information at <https://www.navyhistory.org.au/>




LONSDALE CUP SUNDAY 1 MARCH 2020



The Yacht Club (RVMYC) held its annual Navy League for the Lonsdale Cup on Sunday 1 March 2020. The Lonsdale Cup is named after the RAN's Base HMAS LONSDALE at Port Melbourne, HQ of the WW2 Volunteer Naval Auxiliary Patrol (NAP). The Base in turn was named after Navy's torpedo boat, HMVS-HMAS Lonsdale, and Captain William Lonsdale, appointed Chief Government Agent for the new Port Philip district in 1836.

Our members were given the opportunity to be passengers on motor boats attending the navigation rally and attend the wonderful luncheon provided after the rally was completed. The weather was fantastic, with light winds and a top temperature of 31 degrees. The view from the RVMYC was amazing across the bay. Our new flag was flown for the first time.

This year, 6 boats entered the navigation rally for the Lonsdale Cup as follows.



Rally Schedule for: Lonsdale Cup

1 Mar 2020

Marks with an *** have a rule defined

Start	GPS Name	Boat Name	Skipper	Speed (Knots)	Length (m)	T
09:30	RVMYC01	Bold Venture	Cameron Simpson	6.00	8.0	09:32:30
09:54	RVMYC02	Pookanah	Owen Smart	7.50	14.0	09:56:00
09:56	RVMYC03	Casa Verde	Chris Ackerman	7.50	12.0	09:57:00
10:18	RVMYC04	Rob Roy	Mark Rindfleisch	10.00	13.0	10:20:30
10:20	RVMYC05	Narrabeen	Simon Mills	10.00	12.0	10:21:30
09:56	RVMYC06	Sea Sparo	Jason Patton	7.50	9.0	09:58:00

The winning boat was **Bold Venture**. Owners Cameron and Bridget Simpson were presented with the Lonsdale Cup by **Senior Naval Officer Victoria**, Commodore Greg Yorke CSC as well as port and starboard glasses from the League.



Above is a map of the course which took approximately 2 hours to navigate.

The **RVMYC's** Commodore Paul Doherty warmly welcomed attendees.

Honoured guests at this year's luncheon were: **Capt Lonsdale's** descendent, Cecelia Newman & husband Chris, **Senior Naval Officer Victoria**, Commodore Greg Yorke CSC & Mrs Pam Yorke; **HMAS Canberra** - Lieut Colonel Will Viggers represented the Commanding Officer & Lieut Commander Scott Benstead, the Navigating Officer; **HMAS Hobart** - Commander Ryan Gaskin; **HMAS Sirius** - Commander Brendan O'Hara; **HMAS Farncomb** - Commander Mike Power; **STS Young Endeavour** - Commander Gavin Dawe.

Representatives of the Navy League of Australia Vic Tas Division were: President, LCDR Roger Blythman RFD RAN & Mrs Alison Blythman, Senior Vice President CMDR Graeme Furlonger RAN & Mrs Lili Furlonger, Hon Vice President Frank McCarthy & Mrs Margaret McCarthy, Mr Allan Paull OAM, Mr Mick Powell, Mr John Harker, Mr Ron Lyon, Ms Lynda Gilbert & Mr Ken Crook.



Cecelia Newman, Chris Newman and new member John Harker.



LCDR Roger Blythman, CMDR Graeme Furlonger & Senior Naval Officer, CDRE Greg Yorke.



Winners Cameron & Bridget Simpson with Senior Naval Officer, CDRE Greg Yorke.



Attendees L-R CMDR Graeme Furlonger, Frank McCarthy, Lieut Colonel Will Viggers, Lili Furlonger, Lieut Commander Scott Benstead, Commander Brendan O'Hara, Commander Mike Power Ron Lyon, Allan Paull OAM, Commander Ryan Gaskin, Commander Gavin Dawe, Allison Blythman.



CDRE Paul Doherty RVMYC being presented with the HMAS Canberra crest by Lieut Colonel Will Viggers.

The RVMYC is the oldest continually operating motor yacht club in the world and we have a great relationship with them. The Club is open to membership to boat owners and non-owners. Full, clubhouse, family and partner memberships are available.

It provides for boating and social interests with particular emphasis on family and community involvement. The Members' bar and dining area on the first floor is open to members and guests. Their function room downstairs caters for up to 300 people. The Club has an extensive program of events throughout the year, including concerts on the lawn, marine education courses, navigation rallies, social cruising and a junior training program. For further information, go to <http://www.rvmc.net.au/>



View from the Members Bar

HMAS YARRA II MEMORIAL SERVICE



Date

Sunday 8 March 2020

Time

11:00am-12:30pm

Where

HMAS Yarra (II) National Memorial, The Strand, Newport, Vic

Cost

Free

RAN Band Melbourne Bugler will perform at this event.

David Leviston is now the Coordinator of the HMAS Yarra National Memorial. Thanks and gratitude go to Christine Hirschfield who has coordinated this very important event for 14 years. The founder of the memorial was Angus Walsh (dec) who showed vision and dedication in coordinating the Memorial in conjunction with a number of organizations including: Hobsons Bay Council, Rotary Club of Williamstown, the Hyde Street Youth Band and TS Voyager Cadets.

Ref: Letter from David Leviston & <https://www.navy.gov.au/hmas-yarra-ii>

HOLDEN WORKERS TO GO TO ADELAIDE

2 March 2020

Interview with David Bevan ABC Adelaide & Melissa Price, Minister for Defence Industry

“DAVID BEVAN: You're spruiking subs jobs in Adelaide for ex Holden engineers, is that right?

MELISSA PRICE: That's right. That's right, and it's something that we identified as a government in our 2017 Naval Shipbuilding Plan. We identified that existing automotive workers, especially those engineering professionals and trade workers, we identified that they were potential sources of recruitment to the defence industry work. And I think if we have a look at it, those people that are going to be without a job at Holden, there's approximately 240 engineering staff and around 130 design professionals. And, you know, we know that the majority of the engineering workforce, they're split between mechanical and electrical, whereas the design workforce will include industrial designers and people that are proficient in computer-aided 3D, etcetera, etcetera.

So, you know, I think that there are certainly opportunities for those Holden workers. And maybe some of them will need, potentially, a bridging or a conversion course. But, you know, when you've got an ambitious shipbuilding program like our government has and we've only got at the moment around 4000 - 4000 people working in shipbuilding, we need that to increase to 15,000, I'm going to look everywhere I can to find those... [interrupted]

DAVID BEVAN: Has the Naval Group who are going to build these subs, have they told you that the engineers at Holden who have been based in Melbourne, that - they still kept their jobs long after the factory was closed here in Adelaide - those jobs in Melbourne, that they're qualified to work on a sub?

MELISSA PRICE: The work that we're doing, together with the Naval Shipbuilding College, the Land Engineering Agency and together with General Motors - we need to obviously do a piece of work where we map the skills and experience of the Holden workforce. But, you know, we have to keep talking about where is the skill set. As I said, we've only got 4000, we need 15,000. So, as Defence Industries Minister, I'm very focused on where are we going to get that skilled workforce from. And as I said at the outset, I'm not suggesting every single one of those Holden workers is going to be suitable but I guarantee you there'll be some there that, you know, perhaps with just a small bridging course would actually be capable of working on our very ambitious subs program. But also don't forget we're also building nine frigates in South Australia as well.”

Interview continues, go to <https://www.medianet.com.au/releases/184844/>

RAN BAND PERFORMING AT GEELONG



Date: 7 March 2020

Where Royal Geelong Yacht Club, 25 Eastern Beach Road, Geelong, Vic

Website www.woodenboatfestivalgeelong.com.au

[RAN Band Melbourne](#) Jazz Group will perform at this event, 1:00-2:00pm and 2:30-3:15pm.

HMAS Cerberus Centenary Open Day 2020



Date *Sunday 31 October 2020*

Time *10:00am to 4:00pm*

Where *HMAS Cerberus, access via South Beach Road, Crib Point, Vic*

On 31 October (please note date change), HMAS *Cerberus* will open its gates to the public to celebrate its centenary. Activities and displays planned for the open day include:

- Australian Federation Guard display
- Navy aviation flight simulators
- Clearance diving team displays
- Naval rescue challenge
- Recruit School and Defence Force Recruiting activities
- RAN Band recitals
- Beat to Quarters and Ceremonial Sunset
- Interactive displays from Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force
- Precision drill displays
- Seamanship displays
- Australian Navy Cadets
- Vintage war planes fly overs
- Military aircraft displays
- Army drone racing team
- Steam engine fair
- Petting farm
- Touch a truck
- Vintage and classic car clubs
- Local produce and wine stalls
- Westernport Model Aircraft Club

Shrine of Remembrance Report



BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

Veteran art, sculpture and street art

An array of veteran art features in this new exhibition due to open at the Shrine later this month. Marking the first time the Shrine has ever exhibited street art, the exhibition is a response to some very real issues related to service. As part of the exhibition the veteran artists, Sean Burton, Rory Cushnahan and Ben Pullin explore themes of social dislocation, trauma, high rates of veteran suicide, and the effects of war on civilians and children.

Muted tones juxtaposed with bold use of colour bring this exhibition to life, making it a striking addition to the Galleries. You're invited to step into their worlds and consider both the cathartic nature of the work, and its value in connecting audiences more closely with the veteran experience.

Between Two Worlds will open to visitors on Saturday 28 March.

Services

All are welcome to attend the following commemorative services.



Shrine Monthly Memorial Service

Thursday 19 March, 11.30am
Wreath Laying in the Sanctuary

This month we commemorate the following important dates:

- 31 March 1921 – Formation of the Australian Air Force
- 29 March 1941 – Battle of Matapan
- 1 March 1942 – HMAS Perth and HMAS Yarra sunk
- 16 March 1942 – Darwin bombed
- 2 March 1943 – Battle of Bismarck Sea
- 20 March 2003 – Iraq War

TALKS AND EVENTS



Women at the Front

Thursday 4 March, 6pm
Auditorium

Today, women represent almost a fifth of all serving members of the Australian Defence Force. Ahead of International Women's Day, hear a tri-service panel of women candidly discuss their experiences of the modern military. General admission is \$5 per person. Bookings essential.



Tracing the VC

Friday 20 March, midday
Auditorium

Michael Madden will provide a snapshot of his remarkable journey travelling across Australia and around the world to photograph all 100 Australian Victoria Cross medals. Invited to Windsor Castle, he was the first Australian to see and hold the metal from which the Victoria Cross medals are created. General admission is \$5 per person. Bookings essential.



Workshop: Wreath Making

Saturday 4 April, 10am and 1pm
Visitor Centre

Hundreds of floral wreaths are laid every year during commemorative services in honour of those who have served our nation. In this hand-on workshop, florist Victoria English will teach you how to make your own sustainable wreath. Presenter: Victoria English
Cost: \$60 per person, \$40 for Shrine Friends.

SHRINE TOURS



Shrine Tour

Join a Shrine Tour and discover more about this beautiful monument. Delve deeper into history as your tour guide illuminates the symbolism and meaning throughout the Shrine. Walk this historic site as you learn more about the building's beautiful stories, architecture and purpose. Popular with locals and travellers alike, find out for yourself what makes the Shrine a unique destination in Melbourne, and why it consistently ranks in the top 10 things to do in Victoria. Tour start times: 11am & 12.45pm. Duration: 75 minutes
Adult \$34.00 | Concession \$29.00 | Child \$15.00
Children six years old and under FOC: but not recommended due to themes and content.

Tour and a Tiffin

Your journey begins by delving into history with a Shrine Tour. Once you have completed the tour, recharge with a tasty tiffin from Jardin Tan. Produced exclusively for Shrine Tour participants, your transportable tiffin contains gourmet treats encased in a stainless-steel tiffin, which can be enjoyed at the renowned Jardin Tan restaurant located close to the Shrine, or picnic style within the beautiful Royal Botanic Gardens. Tiffins can be collected from and returned to Jardin Tan, providing you with maximum flexibility. Tour & a Tiffin options are available daily, with 24 hours notice. Tour start times: 11am & 12.45pm
Duration: 2 hours approximately
Adult \$64.00 | Concession \$59.00 | Child \$45.00

Precinct Pass

A unique experience that takes in some of the best highlights of the Domain Precinct. Included is a Shrine Tour, a Garden Explorer Bus Ride and tour through the expansive Royal Botanic Gardens followed by a scrumptious Devonshire Tea at the Terrace Cafe located deep within the beautiful gardens.
Adult \$55.00 | Concession \$48.00 | Child \$34.00

From the Shop

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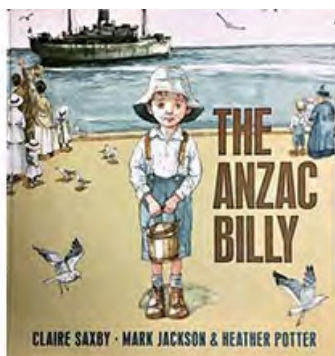
Monet poppies umbrella



\$54.99

Protect yourself from the unpredictable Melbourne weather with this folding umbrella, featuring one of Monet's most recognisable works—it is sure to brighten up a rainy day.

The Anzac Billy



Claire Saxby, Mark Jackson, Heather Potter
Walker Books Australia
\$30.00

A tender, moving story of a child waiting at home for the return of his father from serving in the First World War. *The Anzac Billy* is the heartwarming story of a little boy packing a billy with all his father's favourite things—added to by mum and grandma—even though he realises there is no way that the billy can actually go to a particular soldier.

Sailor Bear



\$40.00

This ever-cute 40cm uniformed Navy bear shares our pride in the Royal Australian Navy and the brave men and women who serve our nation at sea and on shore. A bear that will delight young and old. Super cuddly and ready to comfort.

\$5 Front Line Angels Coin



\$150.00

This colour printed triangular proof coin inspired by the stunning architecture of the Australian War Memorial's Hall of Memory showcases the spectacular stained-glass artwork created by Napier Waller. Service Nurses played a critical role in Australian military history, tending to the needs of sick and wounded soldiers as well as civilians whose lives have been affected by war and natural disaster. The tireless devotion of service nurses is a universally touching theme featured on this coloured triangle shape 99.9% silver \$5 proof.