



Tartan Terror

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From the Commanding Officer

There have been a few changes since the last ship's newsletter that you may have received, the name for one. We have completed 'Hull Swap' and from 10 May became 'Tartan Terrors' in HMAS *Stuart*. This has been a challenging period for the team and I have been extremely proud of the way that the officers and sailors have applied themselves to the sizeable task of moving into and then setting to work a ship that had been alongside for nearly two years. We have since been busy fighting to get to sea in order to meet our schedule that will deliver a mission ready unit.

Our new ship has a proud history that can be traced back to World War Two. HMAS *Stuart I*, led by Commander Hector Waller, was famed for its leadership of the Scrap Iron Flotilla, a collection of ageing Australian destroyers that served in the Mediterranean Theatre. The name Scrap Iron Flotilla was given to the Australian destroyers by German propaganda ministers as a slur and was adopted by RAN sailors as an affectionate name that gave them the 'underdog' status. The Scrap Iron Flotilla's deeds are synonymous with being tasked with the seemingly impossible and overcoming the odds.

The Scrap Iron Flotilla achieved much beyond expectation and defied their underdog status. Admiral Cunningham, RN, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Fleet, said of the Scrap Iron Flotilla: "Nobody will appreciate the 'scrap' better than the officers and men of the Australian destroyers". Today this quote still holds true and we will overcome the many technical and operational difficulties before us, as did the crews and ships of the Flotilla. *Stuart II* carried on this fine tradition and was the first RAN vessel to fly the Australian White Ensign, a symbol that Australia had matured as a naval power. We are now working hard to bring *Stuart III* back to an operational status, so that we can continue proud tradition of excellence in service to the RAN.

Our new motto is 'Always Prepared' and I am also happy to see daily that we have not left behind in HMAS *Anzac* our previous one of 'United We Stand'. It is our aim to continue to develop and maintain the fighting spirit and be unit ready to defend our ship by the end of September. The program for us to achieve this is very busy and I continue to recognise the importance of the support from our friends, loved ones and families and am thankful for their understanding of the commitment required to keep this ship at sea. When we achieve unit readiness we can be tasked to put the ship to work for the purpose that she was built and I look forward to keeping you updated on our progress. The positive attitude and enthusiasm that I see daily gives me confidence that the team can overcome the many challenges ahead of us.

Yours Aye,

Jason Hunter, CMDR, RAN



Crew Move to the Tartan Terror - Ceremony to mark handover from HMAS ANZAC to *Stuart*.

10 May 13 - The Ship's Company of HMAS ANZAC formally marked the assumption of command of HMAS *Stuart* with a simple ceremony whilst alongside Fleet Base West.

The crew mustered on the Flight Deck and were addressed by the Commanding Officer as to the significance of the day. Then followed the official removal of the HMAS ANZAC ball cap and patches and replacing them with those of HMAS *Stuart* - the mighty Tartan Terror.

The day proved a sad one for many as the crew had achieved much on HMAS ANZAC, including the successful completion of Operation Slipper rotation 29 to the Middle East Area of Operations and the winning of the Gloucester Cup for the most efficient ship in the fleet. However, all are now excited by the challenges that await the crew on the Tartan Terror.





Left - ABML-S Brad Collins, SMNML-P Kelly Timbs and SMNML-SC Carly Bates compare their HMAS ANZAC and Stuart patches.

Below - ABBM Shaun Stinson listens intently to the Commanding Officers address.



Below - SBLT Jack Davis, SBLT Jarrod Chesher and SBLT Mitchell Tavener at the handover ceremony.



Stuart sailor addresses United Nations Women's Forum

19 May 13 - Petty Officer Medic Evelyn Villalon describes the experience of addressing the United Nations Women's forum...

"On Sunday 19 May I was invited to speak at an afternoon tea hosted by the Young UN Women of Australia in Perth. The aim of the event was to raise awareness of the role of women on the frontline of peace building and security efforts and fundraise for projects which empower women in Afghanistan. I was asked to discuss my experiences throughout my career so far and educate the audience as to the importance of empowering women to be involved in peacekeeping and conflict resolution in their communities. They were especially interested in the role I undertook whilst deployed in the Middle Eastern Area of Operations from July 2012 until January 2013.

It was a great honour to speak on behalf of all women in the ADF that have deployed on Operations within Defence. There were two other guest speakers on the day. One speaker was a woman from the AFP who has deployed to East Timor and now works with victims of physical and sexual abuse. The other guest speaker was a refugee from Sierra Leone who is a journalist. She was imprisoned for speaking her mind and had to flee her country to survive and be here. It was amazing to hear both these women speak about the work that they have done and are still doing to try and make a difference in the world.



Above - Pictured with PO Evelyn Villalon is on her left a member of the Australian Federal Police and on her right a journalist from Sierra Leone.

I hoped telling them about my experiences and the challenges that I have come across and overcome as a woman in the Navy was in some way inspiring for them. It was a true privilege to be able to promote the Navy in such a light and I hope more women feel confident that our organisation has changed for the better. It is evident that all people regardless of gender, religion and race are accepted as part of a team and community whilst in the ADF serving our country."

ANZAC handed over to FFHST

13 May 13 - Seen here are the Commanding Officer HMAS *Stuart*, CMDR Jason Hunter and the Officer in Charge of the FFH Support Team, LCDR Hugh Jones conducting a ceremonial handover.

The FFHST will continue to care for ANZAC as she goes through her upgrade program.



Fleet Commander Visit



Above - On the 15th of May the Fleet Commander, Rear Admiral Tim Barrett, AM, CSC visited HMAS ANZAC to check on the progress of Hull Swap and to address the crew.

Stuart's first Sailor of the Quarter

The Tartan Terror – (aka The HMAS Stuart 'Sailor of the Quarter') is an award bestowed upon the sailor judged to have demonstrated superior:

- Work performance;
- Wholeship involvement;
- Adherence to the Navy's core values and Signature Behaviours;
- Representation duties within Defence; and
- Involvement and interaction with the Community.

Leading Seaman Maritime Logistics Chef Daniel Douglas is the first recipient for 2013. Pictured right is 'Dougie' with his award. Daniel received the award based on having displayed outstanding dedication and exemplary performance as the Leading Seaman Galley Manager in HMAS ANZAC for the first quarter of 2013. He displayed outstanding levels of professionalism, pride and passion in his work, both within the Catering Department and with whole ship activities.

Further demonstrating his outstanding abilities Daniel has been promoted to Petty Officer and posted to HMAS Waterhen. This is a worthy recognition of his efforts.

BZ Daniel.



CO Commendation



Right – proudly holding his Commanding Officers Commendation is ABMT Lawrence Kemp.

'Kempy' is our 'Tanky' and he received his award for his professionalism, enthusiasm, outstanding journal progression and the way in which he has excelled in his new duties.

Promotions...



Receiving his promotion from Sub-Lieutenant to Lieutenant, Mitchell Tavener has his rank slides changed by the Commanding Officer, CDR Jason Hunter and the Executive Officer, LCDR Eric Young.

Below – Promoted to Able Seaman are ABCIS Bree Garner and ABMT Alex Titley



Around the ship....



Officers and Seniors Formal Mess Dinner



Meet the crew of HMAS Stuart

Full name: Shanee Marie Szczepek. **Birthplace:** GyMEA NSW
Married/Kids/Siblings: Single
Favourite sporting team: Rabbitohs, Blues and Swans.
Hobbies: Gym, cycling and shopping
Favourite overseas destination: US of A
Favourite movie: Pitch Perfect
Who would you invite to dinner? Mum and Dad

Best advice or saying: Its never to late to be who you want to be.

Seaman Szczepek works as a Steward in the Wardroom looking after the officers onboard. That said, she also has a range of secondary duties including Ships Medical Emergency Team, Fo'c'sle part of ship and line handler.



Full name: Andrew Mikic
Birthplace: Canberra, ACT
Married/Kids/Siblings: Single
Favourite sporting teams: Parramatta Eels, Manchester United, LA Lakers
Hobbies: Video gaming, gym
Favourite singer or group: Metallica, 2Pac, Slipknot, Snoopdog and Skrillex
Favourite overseas destination: Las Vegas
Favourite movie: Terminator 2
Who would you invite to dinner? Megan Fox

Stage Name (First pet/ First street name): Winston Garling
First ever employment: Shell Service Station in Darwin
Best advice or saying: Live life to the fullest and have no regrets

Able Seaman Mikic is an Electronics Technician sailor who is responsible for the maintenance of above water sensors such as the Navigation Radar and ESM. He can also be found in the 3EA2 mess deck.

Name: Jayson McCarthy
Birth place: Wodonga, Vic
Marital status: Married, 3 children (Joel 10, Cameron 7, Ethan 2)
Favourite Sporting team: North Melbourne
Hobbies: Chasing children around
Favourite singer/band: Reel Big Fish
Favourite overseas destination: Spain
Favourite movie: Snatch
Invite for dinner: Dwight D. Eisenhower

First employment: Butchers hand/aid
Best advice: Doesn't give advice, just keeps quiet (for the time being)

LEUT McCarthy is an Assistant Marine Engineering Officer. He can regularly be found in the MCR and drafting Urgent Defects. In his spare time he is a Divisional Officer, Boarding Officer, Waste Management Officer and Laundry Officer.



Some facts about HMAS STUART III

HMAS *Stuart* (FFH153) is the third ship to bear the same name in the Royal Australian Navy and is the sixth Anzac Class Frigate Helicopter (FFH) of MEKO 200 design to be built by Tenix Defence Systems at Williamstown.

Stuart is a long-range escort capable of air defence, surface and undersea warfare, surveillance, reconnaissance and interdiction. The ship can counter simultaneous threats from aircraft, surface vessels and submarines.

Stuart is fitted with an advanced package of air surveillance radars, omni-directional hull mounted sonar and electronic support systems which interface with a state-of-the-art combat data system. A "combined diesel or gas" (CODOG) propulsion plant enables the ship to sustain speeds of 27 knots and allows an operational range in excess of 6,000 nautical miles.

The ships' main armament comprises one five inch (127 mm) gun capable of firing 20 rounds per minute, ship launched torpedoes and a MK 41 vertical launch system for the Evolved Sea Sparrow missile. The ship can embark a multi-role Sikorsky S-70B-2 Seahawk helicopter to enhance anti-submarine, anti-surface warfare and Search and Rescue capabilities. Embarkation of a helicopter also provides the ship with the capability to deliver air-launched torpedoes.

Since commissioning *Stuart* has participated in boarder protection operations, the apprehension of the North Korean flag bulk carrier the Pong Su and was deployed to the Arabian Gulf as part of the International Coalition against Terrorism in 2004, 2008, 2010 and 2011.

Class	Anzac
Type	Frigate Helicopter (FFH)
Pennant	FFH 153
Motto	Always Prepared
Builder	Tenix Defence Systems
Laid Down	25 July 1998
Launched	17 April 1999
Commissioned	17 August 2002
Displacement	3600 tonnes
Length	118 metres
Beam	14.8 metres
Draught	4.35 metres
Speed	27 knots
Range	6000 nautical miles
Crew	192
Machinery	1 x GE LM2500 gas turbine engine 2 x MTU Diesels driving two controllable pitch propellers
Missiles	Sea Sparrow anti air
Guns	1 x 5 inch auto rapid fire 4 x 50 cal machine guns
Torpedos	2 x triple mounted tubes
Helicopter	1 x S-70B-2 Seahawk - 50 cal machine gun - 2 x Mk 46 torpedos

