



# BROADSIDE

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## Editorial



In last month's newsletter we provided details about the 2023 HMAS *Cerberus* Open Day being held on Sunday 19th March. Since then, the arrangements for the first such event since 2016 have been finalised and Open Day Coordinator Lieutenant Commander Chuck Connors has provided the following update:

The *Cerberus* many of you remember has had a major facelift. The recently completed \$600 million redevelopment has transformed the base and will ensure that *Cerberus* will remain the Navy's premier training establishment and 'Cradle of the Navy' for the next 100 years. The project has brought innovative technology combined with advanced environmental features to ensure the 1500-hectare site and the surrounding waters remain in their pristine state.

6,000 personnel are now trained annually across 300 courses, averaging 1,100 trainees on-board at any one time. Approximately 2,000 uniformed, Defence civilian and contracted personnel work at the base.

*Cerberus* Open Day 2023 promises to be a sensational free event, so book now.



*Aerial View of HMAS CERBERUS - December 2022 – much has changed as a result of the \$600m redevelopment*

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## Events Calendar

(see [Calendar](#) for full details)



- 01 Mar – 0900 - Father of the Navy Service - Brighton Cemetery*
- 01 Mar – 1100 - HMAS Perth & USS Houston Service – Shrine, Sanctuary*
- 01 Mar – 1200 – Creswell Oration - Waverley RSL*
- 05 Mar – 1100 – HMAS Yarra (II) Commemorative Service – HMAS Yarra (II) National Memorial*
- 27 Mar – 1900 – NHSA(Vic) Meeting – Waverley RSL*
- 09 Apr – 1030 – HMAS Vampire Service – Shrine Sanctuary*
- 16 Apr – 1200 – George Cross Award Day – Maltese Association*
- 24 April – 1900 – NHSA(Vic) Meeting – Waverley RSL*
- 25 Apr – 0600 – Anzac Day Dawn Service – Shrine Forecourt*

## Open Day Information:

To assist you to identify what you want to see on Open Day, two links are provided below - one is a Schedule of Events with the bus stops and the other is a *Cerberus* Open Day Map.

[Schedule of Events](#)

[Open Day Map](#)

## Car Parking

Car parking onboard will open at 08.30 am. Entry is via the South Beach Road roundabout on to Sheean Avenue. There will be a coffee cart and toilet facilities available.

## Handicap Parking

On your arrival, advise the car-parking attendants of your requirements. They will direct you to a handicap car park, which is located just inside the base on your right-hand side. Attendants will direct you to a parking bay. The car park is sealed and has a concrete pathway to a bus stop. Please note some displays will have limited mobility access.

## Base Entry

Entry commences at 10.00 am with visitors leaving at 4.00 pm. The entry session times are a guide for *Cerberus* staff to manage people entering safely on the day. Should you arrive before your allotted time, you will not be turned away, but entry may take longer due to the number of people expected. As a condition of entry, random bag searches may be conducted, same as to going to the cricket or the AFL.

You are very welcome to stay all day, bring a picnic lunch and a fold-up chair to watch performances of the RAN Band Melbourne, or the Australian Federation Guard drill team displays on the main parade ground. There will also be a ceremonial sunset ceremony at 3.30 pm.

## Food & Merchandise

A range of food, drinks, and merchandise will be available for purchase throughout the day; the preferred method of sale is EFTPOS. There will be very limited cash sales available.

*25 Apr – 0830 – Anzac Day March - Swanston St*

*05 May – 1230 – HMAS Castlemaine Service – Shrine Sanctuary*

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<https://navyvic.net>

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## VIDEOS.....

- *Navy Week 2023*
- *Navy Week 23 Launch*
- *Previewing IDEX 2023*
- *Engineering students tour with the Navy for Careers Day*
- *Discover the French Navy's New OPV for the Indo-Pacific*
- *Navy divers clear unexploded ordnance in Jervis Bay*
- *Community praise for Defence flood response*

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## NEWS.....

*The federal government has for the first time publicly apologised to the Jervis Bay community about the impact PFAS contamination of their land has had on their lives.*

*The Chief of the Australian Defence Force, General Angus Campbell, officially welcomed the Australian Defence Force Academy's (ADFA) newest trainee officers at the annual CDF Parade. The parade is a traditional marking of the trainee officers' successful transition from civilians to members of ADFA and the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Campbell congratulated the more than 340 trainee officers on completing their familiarisation training and wished them all the best for the next three years of military training and academic study.*





*Come of and meet some of the Navy's finest*

*After five months in Western Australia preparing for service, the close-knit crew of Australian Defence Vessel Cape Naturaliste has set sail for its home port of Darwin. The Evolved Cape-class patrol boat (ECCPB) crew members will work with other government agencies as part of Operation Resolute to contribute to the nation's fisheries protection, immigration, customs and drug law enforcement operations. Commanding Officer Cape Naturaliste Lieutenant Commander Jeremy Evain said his crew felt proud to serve on the mission.*

*A new note rang out over the time-honoured traditional Navy ceremonial sunset at Tasmania's Royal Hobart Regatta, marking the debut performance of a new composition from the Navy Band.*

*Defence Connect sat down with HMAS Canberra Commanding Officer Captain Jace Hutchison for the start of Navy Week, as the Royal Australian Navy opens naval bases to the public.*

*It was a moment neither those on board HMS Spey or on luxury cruise liner Queen Mary 2 expected – to sail side-by-side in the Pacific Ocean. But that is what happened when offshore patrol ship Spey found herself sailing near the Cunard liner in the Gulf of Thailand over the weekend.*

*The underwater threat in 2023 is both real and local. The number of submarines, Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs) and Diver Delivery Vehicles (DDVs) is increasing along with their*

## **Open Day App – Team Stack**

The Open Day APP is working very well; if you have not downloaded the APP, I encourage you to do so. A check on the APP, as of 23 Feb 23, shows 5,535 people attending. Once registered you will receive weekly updates as more activities and displays are confirmed. During the Open Day you will receive a message when a special activity is about to take place.



*One of the new facilities to be viewed during Open Day – the Engineering Simulator Building*

## Veteran Groups

As indicated in the Broadside January edition, several Naval Associations and Ex Service organisations are attending in groups on buses. This is being coordinated by the MNC President ([david.garnock@icloud.com](mailto:david.garnock@icloud.com)). Could those groups please ensure your details are passed to David, so we can confirm a point of contact on the bus (mobile number), an approximate arrival time, final numbers on the bus and any special mobility requirements. On arrival, your bus will be met by two officers or sailors. They will be your escorts for the duration of your visit.

## Group Bookings

In recognition of your service, *Cerberus* has organised two popular displays for Veteran Groups to attend:

- a. 12:45 The Survival at Sea Training Centre (SASTC), is a ticketed display with limited numbers for safety and we have arranged 160 tickets for veterans. To give an indication of what you'll see, attached is a Facebook link of the SASTC in operation <https://fb.watch/iPS7VksDjI/>.
- b. 13:30 The School of Survivability and Ship's Safety, this is limited to 160 people.

Navy Associations and veteran groups who would like to attend the above displays are to forward a nominal list or their details and a point of contact to David Garnock ([david.garnock@icloud.com](mailto:david.garnock@icloud.com)).

## Messes – Open to Veterans

The Wardroom and Warrant Officers & Senior Sailors Messes are both open for you to visit, rest and relax over a glass of water, pause and reflect over your careers and remember messmates who may have crossed the bar. Members of the respective mess committees will be on hand to welcome you and brief you of the history of their mess.

If you have never been in the wardroom at *Cerberus*, Open Day is the perfect opportunity. The *Cerberus* wardroom is the oldest wardroom in our Navy, it has a rich history, a magnificent dining room and the views across the sporting precinct speak for themselves.

*capabilities and ability to operate in shallow, congested waters which can threaten national infrastructure, vital shipping routes, gather intelligence, deliver narcotics, or simply present a strategic threat.*

*Uncrewed vessels with the ability to jam electronics, spy on faraway activities and even help coordinate the flow of fighting will play an increasingly important role in the service's mission, according to Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Michael Gilday.*

*ADF personnel commemorated the 81st anniversary of the first bombing of Darwin at a service hosted by the city on February 19.*

*Chinese defence company Poly Technologies showcases a brand new unmanned surface vessel (USV) A45 at NAVDEX 2023 exhibition in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. The A45 USV is docked at the pier in the NAVDEX 2023 marina.*

*USNS Apalachicola, the largest autonomous capability surface ship in the United States Navy, has been delivered by Austal Limited this week. The expeditionary fast transport (EPF) ship presents a major advance in independent systems for the fleet, with the ability to conduct up to 30 days of operation without human intervention.*

*BAE Systems has officially delivered the fifth Astute Class nuclear-powered attack submarine, HMS Anson, to the Royal Navy with the vessel departing the company's shipyard in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, and headed out to open sea for the first time.*



## Additional Info

In addition to the activities advertised on the Open Day flyer, there is community area for children aged 10 and under, including a petting zoo, face painting and mini merry go round.

Defence Force Recruiting will have a 10 x 15 metre marquee display on the day and will be launching their new Navy Recruiting Campaign. A specialist submariner recruitment team will be there on the day.

Virtual reality simulators will also be available they include life on a Collins Class submarine, RAAF and Navy aviation simulators and a Rigid Hull Inflatable Boat (RHIB) simulator for you to refresh your skills.

Shuttle buses are running throughout the day, so you can hop on and off at various bus stops. At each bus stop there will an information guide.



On the commemoration front, there are a number of upcoming events well worth attending in Melbourne. Details are on our website <https://navyvic.net/>, or that of the Shrine of Remembrance <https://www.shrine.org.au/remembrance-services>.

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Yours Aye!  
NVN Team

*Cirrus Managing Director Peter Freed announced that the company has secured an additional Defence contract award for the support of the Generic COMCEN System (GCS) simulation training system.*

*The wreckage of a Navy submarine, USS Albacore II, which sank at least 10 enemy ships during World War II, has been discovered off the coast of Japan.*

*The process of moving civilian maritime into military naval capability has been streamlined under a new partnership between the Royal Australian Navy and Australian Maritime Safety Authority.*

*BAE Systems Australia has proposed building new air warfare destroyers to boost the Royal Australian Navy's firepower at a time of growing strategic tensions in the Indo-Pacific. If it wins government approval, the company would construct an up-gunned variant of its Hunter-class frigate in 2035 with between 100 and 150 missile cells and says that would make it the most lethal warship in Australia's history.*

*Rearming the Royal Australian Navy  
Much has been written on the importance of guided weapons and ensuring conflicts aren't lost through a shortage of ammunition.*

*Reports are emerging from the United Kingdom that the Sunak government has "agreed in principle" to sell the Royal Australian Navy a fleet of British-designed and potentially, partially-*

## OUR FEBRUARY HERO



### CAPT Theodore Eric NAVE (Eric) OBE RAN (RN)

Eric Nave was an Australian Cryptographer and Intelligence Officer in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and Royal Navy (RN) noted for his work with joint Allied Intelligence units

during World War II. Yet few Australians have ever heard of the exploits and achievements of this exceptionally talented man who did so much for the safety and security of our country. He served in the Navy from 1916 to 1949, then served as an Officer in the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation until 1959.

Keen to serve in World War I, he obtained an appointment in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) on 1 March 1917 as a Paymaster's Clerk, with the rank of Midshipman, and served at sea in the Pacific. From 6 October 1918 to 4 July 1919, he was stationed aboard the training ship HMAS *Tingira* at Rose Bay, Sydney. Whilst serving on her, Nave began thoughts of studying Japanese. At the time, officers had to demonstrate competence in a foreign language in order for promotion to Sub-Lieutenant. Which language was Nave to choose?

*Looking through Kings' Regulations [the regulations governing the Navy] I noticed that extra pay of 6 pence per day was paid to those qualified in French or German, but those proficient in Japanese received 5 shillings [ten times as much]. This discovery set me thinking. T.E. Nave*

And so doing, on 28 November 1918, Nave applied to his Commanding Officer to study Japanese.

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If you know of any of our Navy family who has crossed the bar and don't appear on our list or Memorial Wall, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#). If possible, list their Rank, Name, Number, the date of their passing and their age.

- † CPOETSSM R. Hill, 18 February 2023.
- † CPO L. Ottway, S150624, 18 February 2023. Aged 64.
- † LCDR J.C. Buchanan DFC, 17 February 2023. Aged 79.
- † AB D.A. Goodluck, PM7315, February 2023. Aged 97.
- † CMDR W.B. Loftus, O.694, 14 February 2023. Aged 84.
- † POCY G.W. Evans, R93196, 14 February 2023. Aged 78.
- † LEUT(SM) P.D. Walsh, S113213, 10 February 2023. Aged 66.
- † CPOEWSM B.J. Smith, 10 February 2023.
- † LWRMED(O) M-T. Bruce (Leong), 10 February 2023.
- † LWRROM N.J. Dix (Featch) K86155, 07 February 2023. Aged 77.

*built fleet of nuclear powered submarines as part of the trilateral AUKUS agreement.*

*While it heavily relies on satellites, Navy has the smallest representation within Defence Space Command. Of about 200 personnel in the command, only three are Navy.*

*The Navy is using 360-degree virtual reality (VR) technology to bring its people, ships and submarines to communities around Australia.*

*The Royal Navy will have all new 'eye in the sky' uncrewed aerial technology to find and track threats as part of a c£20m contract.*

*After a busy year of achievements in 2022, HMAS Hobart personnel are ready to welcome the challenges of 2023 under new command.*

*February 6th marks 56 years since the arrival of the Australian Naval Clearance Diving Team Three in South Vietnam, an elite group who put their lives at risk clearing underwater mines and obstacles during the Vietnam War.*

*The design of Australia's first fleet of nuclear-powered submarines is expected to be a three-way effort, with the defence minister indicating the AUKUS agreement would result in all countries increasing their military capabilities.*

*French Navy amphibious warship FS Dixmude (L9015) and frigate FS La Fayette (F710) will depart on Feb. 8 for the Mission Jeanne d'Arc 2023 deployment, which will see the*



- † CDR J. Smith, 03 February 2023.
- † LCDR B.R. Sloper, R42716, 03 February 2023. Aged 76.
- † PORP G.J. Barnes, R57019, February 2023. Aged 80.
- † CPOSTD R.J. May, R94067, 02 February 2023. Aged 75.
- † POME A.J. McGrory, R51355, 30 January 2023. Aged 87.
- † CDR J.G. O'Neill, O.42082, 30 January 2023. Aged 82.
- † PORP J.R. Green, R95264, 29 January 2023. Aged 72.
- † LEUT R.L. McLean, O.43126, 29 January 2023. Aged 74.
- † LCDR M.P.C. Furlong, 29 January 2023. Aged 84.
- † CNS R. J. Evans, R52438, 27 January 2023. Aged 87.
- † CDR N.D. Uhlmann, R/84345, 22 January 2023. Aged 93.
- † P. Tong, 18 January 2023.
- † LSRP C.P White, 17 January 2023.
- † LME B.C. Tancock, R95360, 28 December 2022. Aged 70.

All of the above names now appear in perpetuity on our special [Memorial Wall](#) on our website.

## Lest We Forget



### Naval Warfare Officers' Association Melbourne Lunch 2023 <https://warfareofficers.org.au/events>

**Guest speaker**  
**Commodore Peter Scott, CSC RAN Rtd.**



The enduring characteristics and value of Australian Submarines - a personal perspective.

	Members and guests of all RAN veterans organisations in Victoria are invited
<b>When</b>	Wednesday 14th June 2023; 12 midday
<b>Where</b>	Angliss Restaurant William Angliss Institute 550 Little Lonsdale Street Melbourne
<b>Price</b>	\$40 per person for a 2 course lunch
<b>Drinks</b>	cash bar
<b>Booking</b>	pre-booking and pre-payment by 7th June essential; non NWOA members contact Doug Stevens via email < <a href="mailto:promanus@gmail.com">promanus@gmail.com</a> >

*two ships circumnavigating the globe.*

*Navy clearance divers have protected a marine park in the Jervis Bay area after removing and disposing of unexploded ordnance (UXO). Clearance Diving Team One located and disposed of a 500-pound Mark 82 general purpose bomb that had laid dormant for more than 40 years.*

*A task force led by the Royal Navy has made a huge drugs seizure in the Gulf of Oman. US Coast Guard cutter the Emlen Tunnell was patrolling regional waters in support of Combined Task Force 150 when it seized 4,000 kg of hashish and 512 kg of methamphetamine from a fishing vessel.*

*The US Government Accountability Office (GAO) has concluded that the country's already overstretched industrial base faces increasing difficulties constructing Columbia nuclear missile firing SSBNs and this is already causing delays on the Virginia program.*

*BAE Systems Maritime Australia, who will deliver nine state-of-the-art Hunter-class frigates for Navy, have further enhanced the shipbuilding process by developing a revolutionary tool.*

*FlyBy – A periodical of the Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia.  
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# HMAS YARRA COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY – 1100 - SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2023



On the first Sunday of March at 1100 each year, a commemoration service is held at the HMAS *Yarra* National Memorial on The Strand at Newport in honour of HMAS *Yarra* II, which was lost during enemy action on 4 March 1942 with only 13 survivors. This year's event will take place at 1100 on Sunday 5 March.

**Background.** When war broke out in the Pacific in early 1942, *Yarra* was involved in various convey escort tasks. On 3 March, she was escorting a small convoy through the Sunda Strait in Indonesia, in an attempt to evade the Japanese and reach Fremantle. The convoy comprised the SS *Anking* (Depot Ship), SS *Francol* (Tanker) and MMS 51, (Motor Minesweeper), while *Yarra* was also carrying surviving crew of the Dutch Merchant Ship *Parigi*.

Around sunrise on 4 March, *Yarra* first sighted an approaching and powerful Japanese naval force. After making an enemy report, *Yarra*'s Commanding Officer (Lieutenant Commander Robert Rankin RAN) ordered his convoy to scatter. He turned towards the enemy ships, laying a smoke screen and preparing his much smaller 4-inch guns for action against what was clearly an overwhelming enemy force.

After an action lasting only a few hours, *Yarra* and all the convoy had been sunk. The total number of servicemen lost from all ships is unknown. After some five days adrift in the Indian Ocean, the 13 survivors from HMAS *Yarra* were rescued by the Dutch Submarine KXI. Of *Yarra*'s total complement of 151, 138 men (including the Commanding Officer and all other officers) were killed in the action or died subsequently on the rafts.

HMAS *Yarra* received a Unit Citation in 2013 for her incredible earlier rescue efforts in Singapore Harbour and for her final battle against overwhelming odds.

This event is admirably assisted by HMAS *Cerberus*, Cadets from TS *Voyager*, Hobson's Bay City Council and the Williamstown Rotary Club. Music is supplied by the Hyde Street Youth Band.

**It continues to ensure that the memory of HMAS *Yarra* and her crew will always be remembered.**



**Public attendance at this ceremony is most welcome.**