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Editorial



This January Broadside Article expands upon the philosophical theme set in the December edition about the need (in the post-COVID era) for the leaders of Ex-Service Organisations (ESOs) that represent various groups of serving and retired naval personnel in Victoria to reconnect, rebuild and reinvigorate their members. Some of the priorities included encouraging member participation in activities of common interest (including reunions and excursions); improving communication and connectedness between members (including better utilisation of the NVN); and collaboratively defining and advertising incentives (including the organisation's values and objectives) to actively recruit new members.

But why and how can individual readers of this NVN Article assist in this reinvigoration strategy?

Firstly why? If your personal experiences in the RAN or an Allied Navy (particularly at sea) have left an indelible message in your memory that it takes teamwork, discipline, mateship, a "can-do" attitude, ingenuity, flexibility and strong leadership for a Ship's Company to perform like a "well-oiled machine", then you probably subscribe (but possibly unknowingly) to the ideals of "Collectivism"... *"the value that emphasises cohesiveness among individuals and the prioritisation of the group over self"* (ref: Wikipedia). If so, there are a number of ways that you can continue to harness this collective energy to personally contribute to the reinvigoration of the wider Navy "community" in Victoria... if you wish!

So let's now look at how you can make a valuable contribution:

1. Join an Association – If you have particularly fond memories of a warship or a branch of the Navy that you served in (and it has a "Namesake Association" represented here in Victoria), **OR** if you simply wish to celebrate, commemorate or uphold the rich history,

Join NOW
Membership is FREE



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or

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the Registration page](#)

Events Calendar

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



NOTE: Due to COVID-19, it is advisable to check with the coordinators to confirm whether the event you were planning to attend is still going ahead. We will endeavour to keep the Diary updated as news comes to hand.

At present the Shrine of Remembrance is closed, but ceremonies are still being conducted and they are live streamed on the Shrine's [Facebook page](#).

10 Feb - HMAS Voyager Service

14 Feb - POW Memorial Ballarat

15 Feb - Prisoners of War Service

19 Feb - Darwin Defenders Service

March - TBC - HMAS Yarra visits

March - TBC - STS Young Endeavour visits

01 Mar - HMAS Perth & USS Houston Service

01 Mar - Father of the Navy Service

traditions and culture of the RAN that you enjoyed during your Service, consider joining one or more of the following Victorian-based Naval ESOs (some of which are described in more detail via the “Associations” link on the NVN website) that may resonate with you:

a. HMA Ship Associations:

- 1) HMAS STUART and the Scrap Iron Flotilla Association (also includes HMA Ships WATERHEN, VAMPIRE, VOYAGER & VENDETTA)
- 2) HMAS PERTH Association
- 3) Armed Merchant Cruisers / Landing Ship Infantry (AMC/LSI) Association (includes HMA Ships KANIMBLA, WESTRALIA, MANOORA & ASSAULT)
- 4) HMAS CASTLEMAINE Association
- 5) HMAS YARRA Association
- 6) HMAS AUSTRALIA Association
- 7) HMAS SYDNEY Association
- 8) HMAS HOBART Association
- 9) HMAS ANZAC/TOBRUK Association
- 10) HMAS WARRAMUNGA Association
- 11) N Class Destroyers Association (includes HMA Ships NAPIER, NESTOR, NIZAM, NORMAN & NEPAL)

b. RAN Branch Associations:

- 12) Fleet Air Arm Association
- 13) WRANS Association
- 14) Submariners Association
- 15) Naval Officers Club
- 16) Clearance Divers Association
- 17) Communications Branch Association

c. Naval Cultural Heritage Associations:

- 18) Naval Association of Australia (NAA) – Help to perpetuate the “Once Navy, always Navy” spirit at a Sub-Section near you. Locations include: Box Hill, Dandenong, East Gippsland (based at Bairnsdale), Footscray, Frankston, Geelong, Melbourne, South Eastern (based at Beaumaris), South Western (includes Portland, Port Fairy, Hamilton & Mortlake), Sunrasia (based at Mildura) and ‘Navy Vietnam’ (based at Langwarrin South)... check the website “navalassoc.org.au” for Sub-

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VIDEOS.....

- *Warrant Officer of the Navy - Australia Day Message 2022*
- *The ADF is supporting Australia’s response to Tonga*
- *Two U.S. Carrier Groups, two Amphibious Ready Groups Drill with F-35s, Japanese Ships in the Philippine Sea*
- *Navy One’s preparation for the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race 2021*



NEWS.....

BAE Systems Australia’s in-service support arrangements for the Royal Australian Navy’s hydrographic platforms in Cairns have been extended.

Fires were burning on the hills above Mallacoota when Petty Officer marine technician Paul De Keizer arrived aboard HMAS Choules on the morning of January 2, 2020. It was the beginning of several busy weeks for then Leading Seaman De Keizer, who worked to ensure the ship’s propulsion systems were always mission-ready. His efforts resulted in him receiving a Conspicuous Service Medal in this year’s Australia Day honours.

Royal Navy offshore patrol vessel HMS Tamar has joined the international effort to enforce the United Nations (UN) sanctions on North Korea.

A Royal Navy patrol ship will support international disaster relief efforts after a tsunami devastated Tonga. HMS Spey has been diverted to the islands from Tahiti and will be part of an international response to help people

Section contact details

- 19) Melbourne Naval Committee (MNC) – philanthropic financial support for “wellbeing”
- 20) Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria (NCCV) – coordination of commemorative events
- 21) Navy Victoria Network (NVN) – communications and information
- 22) Naval Historical Society (Victorian Chapter) – RAN history
- 23) Navy League (Victorian Division) – advocacy on RAN policy and Navy Cadets

NOTES:

A. For further information or contact details regarding any of these Associations, please send your request via email the NCCV:

naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com

B. If you are already a member of an Association, actively encourage other colleagues to join too.

2. Advertise the following “Benefits” of joining the Navy Victoria Network (NVN) to any colleagues who currently aren’t subscribers to this “free communication and information service”:

- a. knowing what’s going on in Victoria (eg. publicly accessible Naval commemorative & social events, ship visits, Band recitals and other community engagement activities undertaken by the Navy throughout Victoria);
- b. being appraised of newsworthy articles concerning the RAN and other Navies in our region and throughout the world;
- c. seeing how you can re-engage with like-minded souls via joining an Association that might resonate with you (if you wish);
- d. finding advice on welfare support options (including seeking financial assistance from the MNC);
- e. enjoying reminiscences of your prior service to the nation through the fascinating and diverse monthly Broadside and Navy Heroes articles that draw attention to the RAN’s rich and commendable history; and
- f. being aware of the benefits and opportunities that are available

effected. The patrol ship is permanently stationed in the Pacific Ocean alongside her sister HMS Tamar and carries aboard vital supplies for Tonga, including 30,000 litres of drinking water and 400 first aid kits.

The Russian Navy has revealed plans to conduct a series of cross-country naval exercises which will involve more than 140 warships, 1,000 pieces of military equipment, 10,000 troops and 60 aircraft. According to the Russian Navy, the main focus of the exercises, planned for January and February this year, is interoperability of Navy and Aerospace Forces, as well as countering “military threats to the Russian Federation from sea and ocean directions.”

HMAS Adelaide has finalised the loading of humanitarian and disaster relief stores, equipment and personnel in readiness to aid recovery efforts in Tonga. Commander Joint Task Force 637 Major General Scott Winter said Australia’s contribution was part of a wider relief effort that included regional partners.

The political and strategic ramifications of the AUKUS pact involving the US, UK and Australia continue to reverberate, but the details of how Australia will acquire nuclear-powered submarines (SSNs) have often been overlooked. There are daunting technical, industrial and financial challenges on the long road to joining that club. Even the acquisition of conventional submarines isn’t easy and projects completed on time and budget are rare.

The Royal Australian Navy’s fleet is expanding and will be able to further sustain its edge at sea thanks to the opening of the first of four Regional Maintenance Centres in Cairns this week. NORSTA Maritime was announced as the regional maintenance provider to deliver the Regional Maintenance Centre North East in

to all retired Navy personnel in VIC (eg. Availability of a free central meeting place at the Mission to Seafarers for business and social gatherings; attendance at Soundwaves Concerts at *Cerberus*; guidance on access to discounted events and tourist icons in VIC via Defence Ticketing; guidance on access to discounted services and purchases via membership of APOD etc.)

3. Attend Events of Naval Historical, Cultural or Social Significance - Check-out the "Diary of Navy Events in Victoria" via the "Calendar" link on the NVN website to see if there's something here that interests you.

4. Contribute to the Debate - Email any suggestions you have for reinvigorating the wider Naval community in Victoria to one of the coordinators of a planned "Reinvigoration Strategy Workshop" (david.garnock@icloud.com) and indicate whether you would be interested in participating in that workshop (date TBC).

In summary, although it is expected that the leaders of the 23 Navy Associations listed earlier in this article will do the "heavy lifting" necessary to enhance the appeal and relevance of their organisation to the wider Navy community in Victoria, each reader of the NVN can contribute to the broader reinvigoration strategy by taking one or more of the four "Actions" recommended above.

The NVN Team thanks you in advance for assisting how, when and where you can.

Yours Aye!
NVN Team



If you know of any of our Navy family that has crossed the bar, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#). We will list their names in perpetuity on our special [Memorial Wall](#) on the website. If possible list their Rank, Name, Number, the date of their passing and their age.

- † LDO J.V. Woodward, R93952, 22 January 2022. Aged 74.
- † SBLT S.B. Myer, PM7631, 22 January 2021. Aged 96.
- † CPO(Butcher) D.A. Symes, R34931, 20 January 2022. Aged 95.
- † SA M.R. Alcock, S/8660, 16 January 2022. Aged 96.
- † LCDR C.D. Gallagher OAM, R94633, 12 January 2022. Aged 73.
- † LSMED P. Bridgman, 11 January 2022.
- † CPORS D.J. Bell, R64172, 09 January 2022. Aged 74.
- † AB R.H. Howard, R45810, 08 January 2022. Aged 87.

Cairns.

Since the signing of the Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation in 2007, Australia and Japan have grown closer through joint training exercises between the Japan Self-Defense Force (JSDF) and the Australian Defence Force (ADF). And the Australia-Japan relationship has entered a new chapter in recent years.

USS Kitty Hawk, the US Navy's last conventional-powered aircraft carrier, has embarked on its final voyage from Naval Base Kitsap, Bremerton to a ship-breaking facility in Texas. On 15 January, the navy's tugboats escorted the vessel to its final journey. The US Navy's aircraft carrier, the first of the three Kitty Hawk-class aircraft carriers, departed for a 16,000-mile journey around South America. The vessel was sold in October last year together with aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) to a shipbreaking company for one cent each.

Taiwan on Friday commissioned new naval minelayers to add to its defenses against rival China. President Tsai Ing-wen presided over a commissioning ceremony for the Navy's First and Second Mining Operations squadrons, which will operate ships able to automatically sow large numbers of small but powerful mines at high speed without the need for divers.

The United States Navy has recognised the Royal Australian Navy's Lieutenant Justin Mellross for his work in support of the counter-narcotics' operation Unified Takedown in the Middle East. Commanding Officer USS Firebolt Lieutenant Commander Raymond Miller IV on December 21 presented Lieutenant Mellross the United States Navy and Marine Corps' Achievement Medal.

The third and final Zumwalt-class destroyer pulled away from the pier at General Dynamic Bath Iron Work, Maine, on Wednesday. Lyndon B. Johnson (DDG-1002) departed the

- † C. Bambrook, 06 January 2022.
- † CPOCSM J. Brown, 05 January 2022.
- † AB K.K. Gormley, 31011, 04 January 2022. Aged 93.
- † AB D.H. Mattiske, PM6570, 03 January 2022. Aged 96.
- † WOMED(X) A. Furnell, R105286, 02 January 2022. Aged 72.
- † AB R.M. Northrop QC PhD LLM, PM5637, 31 December 2021. Aged 96.
- † CAPT P. Rodriguez AM RAN, 27 December 2021. Aged 91.
- † LSCK G.J. Griffin, R59302, 26 December 2021. Aged 76.
- † LS K.S. Rae, W/1114, 23 December 2021. Aged 104.
- † CCY J.M. Keenan, R57678, 19 December 2021. Aged 77.
- † WOMED(UM) J. Manley OAM, R48637, 03 December 2021. Aged 89.
- † O.J. McFarland, December 2021.

SBLT Sidney Baillieu Myer, PM7631, 22 January 2022. Aged 96.



Sidney Baillieu "Bails" Myer, businessman, social investor, agriculturalist and viticulturist, has died aged 96. He was born in San Francisco on January 11, 1926 to Sidney Myer, retail entrepreneur and founder of the Myer Emporium, and his wife Merlyn Baillieu. Returning to Australia permanently in 1932, the Myer family settled at Cranlana in Toorak, where Bails and his three siblings grew up.

During WWII, Bails enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy and rose to the rank of Sub-Lieutenant. He was aboard HMAS Pirie in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945, when Japanese officials signed the official surrender document on board the US battleship Missouri, marking the end of the war. He was a substantial financial benefactor of the preservation of HMAS Castlemaine here in Melbourne.

Inspired by his Russian born father's desire to serve the community that had allowed him to prosper, Bails, in conjunction with his family, continued this work. Using their philanthropic vehicle, the Sidney Myer Fund, they brought the Sidney Myer Music Bowl into existence in 1959. A landmark architectural work and music venue, it was a gift to the people of Victoria. (source: Herald Sun 25 January 2022) .

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Lest We Forget

OUR JANUARY HERO:

Rear Admiral Frederick Tickell CMG MID RAN



Although VADM William Creswell is revered for his leadership of the Victorian Naval Forces, his advocacy for the formation of Australia's own Navy and then his leadership of the inaugural Commonwealth Naval Forces (CNF) and the subsequent fledgling Royal Australian Navy (RAN), Frederick Tickell's significant contribution and supporting roles during this important period of Australian naval history are not so

well known. Read more about the fascinating career, distinguished service and key leadership roles undertaken by Frederick Tickell in this month's "Navy Hero" article. <https://navyvic.net/heroes/tickell.html>

shipyard and is in the Atlantic after traveling down the Kennebec River after completing the first of a two-part delivery scheme for the Zumwalt-class.

ONE hundred years to the day that the world's most famous warship entered her current home, work begins on preserving HMS Victory for the next half century. Exactly a century after Nelson's flagship was moved from the harbour into Dry Dock No.2 in Portsmouth Naval Base to protect her for future generations, today's conservationists start work on the next step in looking after the veteran of Trafalgar.

Planning is underway for a range of significant events around the country to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War in 2023.

A huge database cataloguing every Royal Navy vessel lost – going back to the days of Henry VIII – is now available to the public. The Royal Navy Loss List is a free online database which lists 5,100 warships and auxiliaries lost in naval service since 1512.

The UK Royal Navy's surface warship HMS Prince of Wales has taken the role of the flagship for the NATO Response Force Task Group. On 11 January, the ceremony was held on board the HMS Prince of Wales to mark the Royal Navy taking command of the NATO Response Force Task Group.

Continuing a family tradition, nursing officer Lieutenant Emma Barker late last year graduated from the Royal Australian Naval College, with her father Commander Nick Barker and sister Lieutenant Kate Barker proudly watching on. And with it came the handing over of a piece of family history to Lieutenant Emma Barker: a sword.

A former Navy marine technician has swapped diesel engines for data, changing careers after 15 years to commission as an intelligence officer.



**Email from Department of Veterans' Affairs re Defence Force
Income Support Allowance**

Dear Veterans,

There have been concerns reported last week by veterans and their families via social media relating to payment changes with the recent cessation of the Defence Force Income Support Allowance (DFISA).

I am writing to provide further information that will assist you in answering any questions you may receive from concerned veterans.

Information in relation to the changes was provided via an email from the DVA Secretary in early December 2021 regarding the passage of the [Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment \(Exempting Disability Payments from Income Testing and Other Measures\) Act 2021](#).

From 1 January 2022, the Disability Compensation Payment (formerly known as Disability Pension) became exempt from the income test under the Social Security Act 1991. Centrelink payments such as the Age Pension will increase as a result, removing the need for DFISA. In addition, Rent Assistance became available or increased for some veterans.

Those who had previously received DFISA found that on the first payday of 2022, 13 January, part of the DFISA payment was reduced. On payday 27 January, there will be no DFISA paid. However, social security payments from Centrelink will increase accordingly.

The part payment on 13 January is because the effective date of 1 January falls in the middle of a pay period. As Centrelink paydays differ for each person, they do not align with DVA veteran paydays. Veterans can check pay day amounts in their Centrelink online account and their DVA MyService account.

Veterans and their partners do not need to do anything, as the payments will be made automatically.

Unfortunately, some of the letters advising of the changes to veterans were delayed, meaning some veterans did not receive a personal explanation as to why their DFISA payment had been reduced prior to 13 January.

We are sorry for any distress this has caused veterans and their families.

Further information can be found on the DFISA page of the DVA website under "[What's New](#)".

Warm regards
Vicki Rundle PSM
Acting Secretary
Department of Veterans' Affairs
[DFISA Talking Points.....](#)

Acting Sub Lieutenant Simon Middleton, who recently graduated from the Royal Australian Naval College, decided to switch jobs almost five years ago when a remark from his father-in-law stuck in his mind.

2021 has been a fruitful year for the People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN or Chinese Navy). At least eight Guided Missile Destroyers (DDG), two amphibious assault ships (LHD) and one nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) joined the PLAN fleet.

USS Constitution's first female commanding officer will take command of Old Ironsides during a change-of-command ceremony, scheduled for Friday, Jan. 21, at noon. As the 77th commanding officer of USS Constitution, Farrell will become the first woman to serve as captain in the ship's 224-year history, dating back to 1797.

After supervising naval gunfire at the West Head gunnery range, officer-in-charge Lieutenant Commander Peter Arnold goes home and continues shooting on the naval warfare game World of Warships. But unlike the video game, there is no reset button or extra lives when it comes to real weapons fire.

At 5:16am on 30 December 2021, Navy One completed the 2019 Rolex Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race, crossing the finish line in 99th place (line honours). The Navy yacht covered the 628 nautical mile race distance in a time of 3 days, 16 hours, 16 minutes and 44 seconds.

[FlyBy](#) – A periodical of the Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia. [January issue.....](#) (Note: right mouse click link and download document)

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