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Editorial



The Royal Australian Navy Recruit School had its beginnings in 1912 when the Clipper Ship *Sobraon* was Commissioned in Sydney as the 'Boy's Training Ship' HMAS *Tingira*.



The clipper ship Sobraon under full sail in her heyday.



HMAS Tingira, her topmasts gone and in her new white livery as a training ship.

Recruits for the Royal Australian Navy were trained exclusively on board *Tingira* until 1925, when the Recruit School was established at HMAS *Cerberus*.



Graduating members of General Entry 389 Shippl Division throw their hats in the air at the end of their graduation parade at the Navy Recruit School at HMAS Cerberus, Victoria.

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Events Calendar

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- 30 Sep – Recruit School Graduation
- 02 Oct – Daylight saving commences
- 06 Oct – Defence Force School of Music – Concert
- 07-09 Oct – Navy Cooks, Chefs, & Stewards Reunion
- 08-16 Oct – Navy week in Victoria
- 19 Oct – Soundwaves Concert matinee & evening
- 21 Oct – HMAS Lismore Commemorative Service
- 23 Oct – Seafarers Service, St Paul's Cathedral
- 28 Oct – Recruit School graduation (night)
- 11 Nov – Remembrance Day Service
- 18 Nov – Recruit School graduation (night)

Since then, a lot has changed, but many things haven't. The Recruit School currently has four Divisions - Shipp, Taylor, Emms & Rogers.

SHIPP Division is named after:



Noel Ervin Shipp was born in Brisbane, Queensland on 24 December 1944 and joined the RAN on 10 January 1963. Following his recruit training he was posted to HMAS *Watson* where he was to qualify as an underwater control rating. Several shore postings followed that saw him serve variously at HMAS *Harman* and HMAS *Penguin*.

Sea postings soon followed in HMA Ships *Yarra*, *Gascoyne* and *Anzac* during which time he was promoted Able Seaman. In 1967 Noel volunteered to become an aircrewman and was promoted Provisional Acting Leading Aircrewman on 12 July that year. He was confirmed in the rank of Leading Aircrewman on 12 July 1968.

As a member of the Aircrew Category Noel served chiefly at HMAS *Albatross*, Naval Air Station Nowra, the home of the RAN Fleet Air Arm.

In 1968 Noel Shipp was posted as a member of the 2nd Contingent to the RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam (RANHfV). The RANHfV was integrated with the US Army 135th Assault Helicopter Company, flying Iroquois helicopters in utility and gunship configurations.

Shipp soon found himself flying as a helicopter door-gunner with the "Taipans", the 135th's gunship platoon. In this role he flew numerous missions providing suppression fire for troop-lift helicopters and he also participated in frequent ground assaults on enemy positions and troop concentrations.

On 31 May 1969, aircraft of the 135th were extracting elements of the 7th Infantry Division (Army Republic of Vietnam) from a pick-up zone in Dinh Tuong Province when they came under intense fire from automatic weapons. Three aircraft were damaged and one pilot was injured, necessitating his immediate medical evacuation.

The aircraft in which Shipp was flying immediately proceeded to the pick-up zone and began making rocket attack runs on the enemy position. With complete disregard for his own safety, Shipp hung outside his aircraft, exposing himself to rocket back blast and intense enemy fire to bring more effective fire to bear on the target.

*19 Nov – HMAS Sydney
Commemorative Service*

*20 Nov – HMAS Goorangai
Commemorative Service (Queenscliff)*

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The Australian Government has delivered on a \$9 million commitment to enable Invictus Australia to deliver a key sports

At this point of the action Shipp's pilot was hit by enemy fire and the gunship rapidly lost altitude before crashing and exploding in the jungle below ----- All four crew members perished.

During the entire run, up until the moment of impact, Shipp was seen delivering devastating fire into the enemy positions.

Noel Shipp displayed the virtues that are corner-stones of the Navy today - Honour, Honesty, Integrity, Loyalty and most of all Courage.

On 18 September 2012 an RAN Recruit School Division was named in Noel Shipp's honour.

TAYLOR Division is named after:



Ronald Taylor was born on 29 April 1918 at Carlton, Melbourne, fourth of ten children of Collingwood-born parents George Taylor, ironworker, and his wife Elsie, née Davey. Raised at Carlton and Port Melbourne, Ron was a typical boy of the time: he played cricket and Australian Rules football, went fishing and rode billycarts. He developed an interest in the Royal Australian Navy through watching warships entering port and from talking to sailors about life in the service. At the age of seven he became the mascot of the sloop HMAS *Marguerite* and was given his own uniform to wear on special occasions.

In 1930, during the Depression, George Taylor abandoned his family. The two eldest boys went to Queensland to work on a sugar cane plantation and the eldest girl found a job on a farm; Ron and his brother Ray stayed at home; the five youngest children were placed in institutions. Ron left school at the end of Grade 8 to work as a labourer. On 12 June 1935 he joined the RAN as an Ordinary Seaman. He was then 5 ft 6¼ ins (168cm) tall, with dark brown hair, brown eyes and a fresh complexion. Within twelve months he had gained almost 2 ins (5cm) in height and had an anchor tattooed in red and blue on his right forearm

After his initial training at HMAS *Cerberus*, he joined the cruiser HMAS *Australia* in April 1936, then on exchange service with the Royal Navy in the Mediterranean. Taylor became an Able Seaman in March 1937 and later returned to *Cerberus* in April 1938 to train as a gunnery rating. After qualifying as a Seaman Gunner, he joined the destroyer HMAS *Vampire*. Later Taylor served in HMA Ships

program and various international military games.

Shipbuilder Luerssen Australia has held a keel-laying ceremony for the Royal Australian Navy's fifth Arafura-class offshore patrol vessel (OPV). In keeping with tradition, two shipbuilders from Luerssen Australia placed the coin under the keel, alongside RADM Quinn. The vessel will be known as HMAS Illawarra when it is commissioned.

A small team of Royal Australian Navy divers have rendered safe a popular commercial and recreational waterway in Darwin Harbour.

The veterans' affairs minister has apologised in federal parliament to serving and former military personnel who have been let down by his department and Defence over numerous decades.

China is using civilian ships to enhance navy capability and reach.

The Royal Navy's flagship is tonight at anchor in the shadow of Liberty and the Manhattan skyline on a high-profile visit to New York.

The Albanese Government has today responded to the 13 recommendations of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide's Interim Report. The Royal Commission's Interim Report is the culmination of the inquiry's work to date, encompassing over 2,000 submissions, 178 private sessions and testimony from 208 witnesses.

Penguin, Adelaide and *Australia* before joining the sloop HMAS *Yarra* in August 1939.

Spending the first 12 months of the war in Australian waters, HMAS *Yarra* was posted in August 1940 to join Red Sea Force at the port of Aden. Over the next year the ship took part in patrols in the Indian Ocean and in the Iraq and Iran campaigns in the Persian Gulf.

In August 1941 *Yarra* took part in the Allied takeover of Iran. Taylor, by now a Leading Seaman, was Captain of Number 2 Gun which fired *Yarra's* first shots in the battle of Khorramshahr on 25 August. *Yarra* sank the Iranian sloop *Babr* and captured an Iranian gunboat all without loss to the Australians. In November *Yarra* proceeded to the Mediterranean where she briefly served on the Tobruk ferry run. During her third convoy to Tobruk *Yarra* was attacked by German Stuka dive bombers. Taylor's gun was active in beating off the attack and was seen to hit one of the German aircraft.

On 7 December 1941 Japan entered the war following her attack on Pearl Harbour. *Yarra* was ordered to Java in December 1941 to help defend the Far East against the invading Japanese. From January to March 1942, she carried out convoy escort work whilst the Japanese pushed relentlessly southward. In one convoy to Singapore, *Yarra* came under attack from Japanese aircraft. Ron Taylor's No 2 gun was again instrumental in defending the convoy. On 27 February *Yarra* left Java on what was to be her last voyage. She had been ordered to sail to Fremantle as escort for a small convoy and her crew who had been absent from Australia for sixteen months were all looking forward to some home leave. At 0630 on 4 March Fremantle was only four days steaming away when the convoy encountered a Japanese force of three cruisers and two destroyers. There was to be no escape. *Yarra's* Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander Rankin, turned his ship towards the enemy, ordered the convoy to scatter, began to lay a smoke screen and opened fire on the Japanese in a vain attempt to protect the convoy.

An hour later only *Yarra* remained from the convoy. The sloop was drifting after shells had wrecked her engine room and two of her three guns had been knocked out. Lieutenant Commander Rankin, ordered abandon ship shortly before a salvo hit the bridge killing all on duty there.

As *Yarra's* men abandoned ship they saw that 'Buck' Taylor was still at his gun, although most of his gun crew lay dead at his feet. Calling on him to leave he replied "This gun is still firing while I've

A national reunion for WRANS, celebrating 80 years of Navy Women will be hosted in Brisbane with a ceremony at Jack Tar Memorial, Southbank on 29 September at 11am.

Current and former servicemembers find community, support and understanding through Military Brotherhood Motorcycle Club

Australia's signature joint training exercise with the Singapore Armed Forces, Exercise Trident, is underway in Queensland.

Anzac-class frigate HMAS Perth displayed its capabilities and ability to integrate with partners while participating in Exercise Pacific Vanguard 2022.

The fleet went 'all guns blazing' into the Exercise Kakadu sea phase, with six warships from six nations combining for a gun firing training activity.

It was Navy's night at the 2022 Women in Defence Awards, with five RAN members recognised for their outstanding achievements.

More than a half dozen former crew members of the USS Bonhomme Richard gave testimony on the first day of the arson trial of a young sailor Monday, describing a harrowing, chaotic scene as they confronted an inferno on the Navy warship with shoddy equipment.

Australia has decided to boost its sub hunter helicopter fleet to 36, buying an additional 12 Sikorsky

got breath in my body.” 34 men of *Yarra*’s ships company of 151 made it to the rafts (when they were rescued five days later only 13 were left alive). From here they saw the end of *Yarra* shortly after 0800. The Japanese destroyers circled the sinking sloop firing, while from the *Yarra* came slow but accurate return fire.

It was ‘Buck’ Taylor, whose gun had fired *Yarra*’s first shots at Khorramshahr in 1941. Having ignored the order to abandon ship he remained at Number 2 gun firing slowly but defiantly at the enemy. From ‘s battered hulk, from an inferno of smoke and flame Taylor continued firing until death silenced him shortly before the ship went down.

Recognition for service: For his naval service, Leading Seaman Taylor was entitled to the following awards:

- 1939–1945 Star
- Africa Star
- Burma Star with Pacific Clasp
- War Medal 1939–1945
- Australia Service Medal 1939–1945

(see <https://navyvic.net/heroes/taylor.html>)

EMMS Division is named after:



Francis Bassett ‘Dick’ Emms was born at Launceston, Tasmania on 28 November 1909 and following his schooling was employed in his father’s tailoring shop. He joined the Royal Australian Navy on 14 March 1928 and undertook his initial training as an Ordinary Seaman at HMAS *Cerberus*. On completion of his training, he joined the heavy cruiser HMAS *Canberra* in March 1929 and served in her until July 1930. Emms was promoted to Able Seaman in January 1930 and later qualified as a gunnery rating.

Able Seaman Emms then spent much of the next seven years as a member of the Seaman Branch which included postings to *Cerberus* (1930-31) and the heavy cruiser HMAS *Australia* (1931-33). In January 1932 he married Sylvia Rosetta Tame in Hobart and they later had a daughter Rae. In 1933 Francis Emms was posted to the depot ship HMAS *Penguin* and later served in the destroyers HMAS *Waterhen* (1934) and HMAS *Vendetta* (1934-35). In April 1935 he joined the old coal burning cruiser HMAS *Brisbane* which was sent to England for scrapping and her crew then became the

MH-60R Seahawk helicopters for the Royal Australian Navy. The finalization of the Foreign Military Sales contract, likely to be worth around \$985 million USD, was announced today by Lockheed Martin.

The Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group will arrive in South Korea on Friday in preparation for large-scale joint naval exercises with Seoul amid concerns mount over North Korea’s likely resumption of nuclear weapons testing, according to local reports.

The young sailor accused of one of the military’s worst noncombat ship disasters on Monday agreed to put his fate in the hands of a lone Navy judge who will decide whether he ignited the USS *Bonhomme Richard* in 2020 — or as the defense suggests, there may not have been arson at all.

The expected time frame for the first of the Australian Navy’s Hunter-class frigates is 2031, acting Prime Minister and defence minister Richard Marles revealed. Defence minister Marles unveiled the information during the visit to BAE Systems’ shipyard in Govan, Glasgow, where British Type 26 frigates are being built.

While people across the globe have come together to mourn Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the nearly 3000 people gathered in Darwin for Exercise Kakadu 2022 have also honoured the Queen’s example by strengthening international bonds of friendship.

In an emotional farewell to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, 39

commissioning crew for HMAS *Sydney* (II). Francis Emms then served in *Sydney* from September 1935 until April 1937.

It was while serving in *Sydney*, in the Mediterranean, that his eyesight began to deteriorate and rather than leave the Navy he decided to transfer to the Supply Branch as a Cook. In January 1937 he undertook a short cookery course at *Cerberus* to assess his suitability and on 9 February 1937 he was rerated as a Cook (Officers). He was then posted to the destroyer HMAS *Stuart* in April 1937 and served in her until June 1938. Francis Emms was promoted to Acting Leading Cook (Officers) in April 1938.

Following his service in *Stuart* he was posted to the sloop HMAS *Swan* (1938-39) and the depot ship *Penguin* (1939-40), where he was confirmed in the rank of Leading Cook. He served again briefly in the heavy cruiser *Canberra* during mid-1940. In September 1940 Francis Emms was posted to the Darwin shore depot HMAS *Melville* where he was employed as a cook at the base and also in the boom defence vessels which operated the anti-submarine boom net in Darwin Harbour.

On 19 February 1942, Leading Cook Francis Emms was serving onboard the boom defence vessel HMAS *Kara Kara* when the Japanese conducted their first air raid on Darwin. During this raid dozens of Japanese aircraft attacked ships in the harbour, the RAAF airfield and indiscriminately bombed the city. Eight ships were sunk, dozens of aircraft destroyed and nearly 300 people were killed. During the attack *Kara Kara* was singled out by several Japanese aircraft that commenced strafing the vessel. Emms manned one of the vessels machine guns and returned fire and continued to do so even after he had been seriously wounded. His constant and accurate fire forced the Japanese aircraft to break off their attack and probably saved the lives of several of his shipmates.

Francis Emms was badly wounded as a result of the attack and despite being transferred to the hospital ship *Manunda* he died later that day and was buried at sea. He was subsequently awarded a posthumous mention in dispatches "For courage and devotion to duty in HMAS *Kara Kara* during an enemy air raid on Darwin on 19 February 1942". Many of his shipmates believed he should have been awarded the Victoria Cross.

Medals and awards include:

- Mention in dispatches
- 1939-45 Star

members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF), along with troops from Canada and New Zealand, led the Queen's funeral procession through the streets of London.

The remains of a sailor from Massachusetts who died when the USS Oklahoma was struck by multiple torpedoes during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 are being buried at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday.

Five years ago, any sailor, veteran or Navy watcher would have been understandably skeptical of the guided-missile destroyer Fitzgerald ever returning to operations.

China's naval expansion may have a key program which was not previously reported. Secretly deployed to the South China Sea, two unknown underwater vehicles have been seen at Sanya naval base.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have expressed their gratitude to ADF members training for Monday's funeral service for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

The prospect of the Royal Australian Navy's promised nuclear-powered submarines (SSNs) being built in Australia is firming up, along with a determination that they will be of a design shared with the United States or the United Kingdom and not a uniquely Australian 'orphan'.

Slow-marching through the streets of London in a dress rehearsal for next week's royal funeral

- Pacific Star
- Defence Medal
- 1939-45 War Medal
- Australian Service Medal 1939-45
(see <https://navyvic.net/heroes/emms.html>)

ROGERS Division is named after:



Jonathan Rogers was born on 16 September 1920 at Froncysyllte, near Llangollen, Denbighshire, Wales, fifth of seven children of Jonathan Rogers, labourer, and his wife Sarah Ellen, née Probyn. Leaving Acrefair Central School at the age of 14, he worked at the Ruabon brickyard, boxed and played soccer.

On 22 November 1938 Rogers enlisted in the Royal Navy. Five foot 8 inches (173cm) tall and heavily built, he had brown hair, blue eyes and a fresh complexion. He spent most of World War II at sea in three coastal vessels: Motor Anti-Submarine Boat No. 62 (1940-41), Motor Launch No. 204 (1942-43) and Motor Torpedo Boat No. 698 (1943-45). Promoted Petty Officer in 1943, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his 'coolness and leadership' under enemy fire during an action off Dunkirk, France, on the night of 23/24 May 1944. He was discharged from the RN on 23 January 1946.

At the parish church, Pen-y-cae, Denbighshire, on 4 April 1942 Rogers had married Lorraine Williams; they lived in the village and were to have four children. After the war he worked above ground at a local colliery and built pre-fabricated houses. In 1950 he applied to join the Royal Australian Navy. He was accepted on 6 July and posted to the aircraft-carrier HMAS *Sydney*; his next ship was the frigate *Burdekin*. Service (1952-54) in the destroyer *Tobruk* took him to Korean waters. He was promoted Chief Petty Officer in 1956. His subsequent postings included the ships *Junee* (1956-57), *Anzac* (1957-58), *Warramunga* (1959) and *Barcoo* (1959-61), and the shore establishments *Cerberus* (1958-59), *Westernport, Victoria*, and *Rushcutter* (1961-62), Sydney. The family finally settled at Ettalong Beach, New South Wales.

In January 1963 'Buck' Rogers joined the destroyer *Voyager* which was commanded by Captain DH Stevens. As her coxswain, Rogers was the senior sailor on board and responsible for the 'good order and discipline' of the ship's company. On 10 February 1964 *Voyager* took part in exercises with the aircraft-carrier Melbourne off the south coast of New South Wales. That evening Rogers presided

procession is an experience one Australian sailor won't forget.

When the Government announced Australia would acquire a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines, it could not have felt closer to home for two Navy submariners.

Community organisations across the nation will receive funding from the Australian Government to deliver projects honouring our nation's veterans and safeguard Australia's military history.

Schools around the nation have been praised for their creative projects honouring Australian peacekeepers as part of the annual Anzac Day Schools' Awards.

The littoral combat ship Coronado was decommissioned in San Diego Wednesday, less than nine years after the pricey ship entered active service.

The Pacific support vessel, Australian defence vessel (ADV) Reliant commenced its inaugural deployment from Cairns on 13 September, to further enhance Australia's support to the Pacific security.

Today is R U OK Day. We know the importance of looking out for your shipmates & continuing the conversations that connect people in need of support.

The United States, the United Kingdom and Australia have spent the last year discussing in detail the capabilities that each partner of the so-called AUKUS agreement will bring to the table for a future

over a game of tombola being played by about sixty men in the ship's forward cafeteria. At 20:56, 20 nautical miles (37km) south-east of Jervis Bay, *Voyager* collided with *Melbourne* and was cut in two. *Voyager's* severed forward section immediately heeled sharply to starboard and about five minutes later turned upside down. Water began pouring into the cafeteria. Within another five minutes the forward section sank. Rogers was one of the 82 men who died. His wife, son and three daughters survived him.

Sailors who escaped from the cafeteria later told how Rogers had taken charge of the situation. He had calmed terrified shipmates, attempted to control the flooding, tried to free a jammed escape hatch with a length of pipe and a spanner, and organised men to move into other compartments with functioning emergency exits. Meanwhile, he knew that he was probably too large to fit through an escape hatch himself. When it was obvious that some of his comrades would not get out in time, he led them in prayer and a hymn, 'encouraging them to meet death' beside him 'with dignity and honour'. His wife remarked: 'It was typical of him - he never thought of himself'. He was posthumously awarded the George Cross. (see <https://navyvic.net/heroes/rogers.html>)

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.

- † LCDR E.D. Sandberg, A38395, 22 September 2022. Aged 92.
- † CMDR E. Walsh, 19 September 2022.
- † ERA1 R.W. Hopton, R42545, 18 September 2022. Aged 76.
- † CAPT P.I.M. Ferguson, O.367, 15 September 2022. Aged 85.
- † LCK(O) E.T. Rigg, R52806, 10 September 2022. Aged 86.
- † Stoker T.P. Luttrell, W3039, 01 September 2022. Aged 96.
- † WOMTH P.B. Holt, R42686, 31 August 2022. Aged 76.
- † SIG E.J. Fressard, R45582, 29 August 2022. Aged 88.
- † AB T.K. Lingford, PM5870, 28 August 2022. Aged 98.
- † WOETW B. Shrimpton, R43245, 27 August 2022. Aged 73.
- † AB F.J. Barrile, PM4747, 20 August 2022. Aged 98.

Lest We Forget

Australian nuclear-powered attack submarine.

In the seas off the tropical island of Guam, five nations have again combined to test their maritime warfare skills during Exercise Pacific Vanguard 2022, with the Royal Australian Navy achieving successful missile firings.

80 years after the Battle for Australia, we recognise all those who defended our country during the Second World War, at home and in land, air and sea battles to our north.

Russian and Chinese warships have been conducting drills around Japan since Friday as part of the Russian military's Vostok 2022 strategic drills that ends on Wednesday.

A vessel that will support Australia's Pacific family through an almost constant presence has joined the Royal Australian Navy fleet ahead of the 2022 high-risk weather season.

A 14-year-old boy has cracked four levels of code imprinted on a commemorative 50-cent coin released by the nation's foreign intelligence cybersecurity agency.

The Royal Australian Navy will employ innovative new training systems as part of a plan to grow its workforce to more than 20,000 people by 2040.

The U.S. Navy intercepted an Iranian warship that seized and detained two U.S. unmanned surface vessels operated by U.S. 5th Fleet in the Red Sea, Sept. 1,

OUR SEPTEMBER HERO

Chief Petty Officer Cook Robert Havelock BLAND BEM



Robert 'Bob' Bland was born in Balmain, Sydney on 5 May 1903, the sixth child of Thomas George Bland, a locally born watchmaker and jeweller, and his wife Mary Hamilton, née Stewart, who came from Scotland. Bob was apprenticed to a blacksmith, but on 14 April 1921 he enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy as an assistant cook (having lied about his age claiming he was born in 1902). He was 5ft 7ins (170cm) tall with auburn hair, blue eyes and a fresh complexion.

His initial service was at HMAS Cerberus where he was rated as a Cook on 14 February 1922. In April 1922 he was posted to the Sydney depot ship HMAS Penguin where he served during 1922-24 before joining the destroyer tender HMAS Platypus in September 1924. He was then posted to: RAN College (Jervis Bay) during 1926-27, Cerberus 1927-28, where he was promoted to Petty Officer Cook on 1 July 1927, the sloop HMAS Marguerite 1928-29, Penguin 1929-30, before joining the heavy cruiser HMAS Canberra in June 1930.

He was to serve in her for the next five years during which time the ship operated mainly in Australian and New Zealand waters with occasional visits to New Guinea, New Caledonia and the Netherlands East Indies. On 30 October 1935 he was promoted to Chief Petty Officer Cook and posted to the destroyer HMAS Vendetta. His story is continued in our [Heroes Section.....](#)

two days after Iran was unsuccessful in seizing a similar vessel in the Arabian Gulf.

In a bid to do away the "colonial past", the Saint George's Cross has been removed from the Indian Navy's new flag. Instead, it now features the national emblem with the Tricolour on the upper canton.


India commissioned the first indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, with a ceremony held in Cochin Shipyard on 02 September 2022.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, the Hon. Richard Marles was hosted by Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Secretary of State for Defence Ben Wallace at the commissioning of HMS Anson at BAE Systems, Barrow. As part of our AUKUS partnership, Prime Minister Johnson and Secretary Wallace announced the training of Royal Australian Navy submariners aboard the newly commissioned HMS Anson, an Astute-Class submarine.

Navy League of Australia (Vic-Tas) Division, [September-October Newsletter.....](#)

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


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HMAS CASTLEMAINE 80TH ANNIVERSARY
SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2022

OPEN DAY CELEBRATION NAVY WEEK 2022
WILLIAMSTOWN COMMONWEALTH RESERVE

SHIP OPEN TO VISITORS 10:30am – 3:30pm
RAN Band and static displays in Commonwealth Reserve, 1pm to 5pm
RAAF Aircraft and RAN helicopter flying displays at 2:30pm and 3pm
RAN CEREMONIAL SUNSET - GUARD AND BAND 7:15pm – 7:45pm
(View ceremonial sunset from Gem Pier/Commonwealth Reserve)



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