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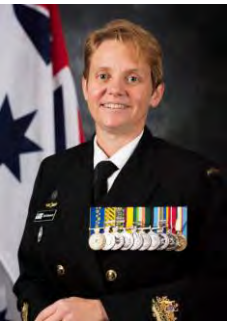
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An outstanding career leads to the appointment as Warrant Officer of the Navy



Warrant Officer Deb Butterworth
Warrant Officer of the Navy (2019 -)

In a small but significant ceremony, the Chief of Navy (CN) Vice Admiral Mike Noonan AM RAN, applauded her career milestones to date, whilst welcoming WO-N Butterworth to the role.

“It is an exciting time to welcome Deb into the role of Warrant Officer of the Navy, as we continue to grow in a dynamic and evolving environment.

“Deb’s significant experience will provide me, my senior leadership team and our workforce with innovative ideas, a fresh perspective and the passion to support our people as we work to achieve our 2022 Headmark,” Vice Admiral Noonan said.



Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan, AO, RAN, presents Warrant Officer Deb Butterworth, OAM, CSM and Bar, with her promotion certificate as the newly appointed Warrant Officer of the Navy.

The Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC, said in her press release, "I congratulate Warrant Officer Deb Butterworth OAM, CSM and Bar on her appointment to the role of Warrant Officer of the Royal Australian Navy.

Events Calendar

(see website calendar for full details)

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27 Nov – Soundwaves concert

27 Nov – HMAS Parramatta sunk in 1941

01 Dec – HMAS Armidale sunk in 1942, commemorative service in Sanctuary

05 Dec – Recruit school graduation

06 Dec – HMAS Cerberus ceremonial divisions

07 Dec – AMC/LSI service in Sanctuary

07 Dec – Pearl Harbor Remembrance service in Sanctuary

10 Dec – On this day in 1910, Commonwealth ships Parramatta and Yarra, torpedo boat destroyers, first warships built for the RAN, arrived in Port Phillip.

25 Dec – Merry Christmas

Latest Videos and News Headlines

NOTE: The full articles of the news items listed below can be found on our website:

<http://www.navyvic.net/news/news.html>

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VIDEOS.....

- CN's last push challenge to Navy personnel to donate blood
- ADF takes on the Royal Navy at the premiere 2019 Football Championships
- Exercise PACIFIC REACH 2019
- The Hall of Memory
- AB Aviation Support Bradley Peters
- Navy aviation providing bushfire support
- Operation RENDER SAFE 19 wraps up

"Warrant Officer Butterworth is the first female appointed to this significant role and only the ninth person to hold this office since its inception in 1993.

"The Warrant Officer of the Navy is the Navy's most senior sailor and the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mike Noonan AO, and his Senior Leadership Group.

"This appointment is reflective of Warrant Officer Butterworth's outstanding career achievements to date, and exemplifies the depth and diversity of leadership across the Australian Defence Force."

Warrant Officer Deb Butterworth, OAM, CSM and Bar, was born in Lilydale, Victoria, and for the first ten years of her life she travelled extensively. She then settled into school life in Perth, Western Australia. Warrant Officer (WO) Butterworth enlisted into the Royal Australian Navy as a Stores Naval Sailor in 1989. WO Butterworth has enjoyed serving in various platforms as a Stores Sailor. These include HMA Ships Jervis Bay (I), Success, Sydney, Manoora, Newcastle, and a short time in Parramatta (IV).

In 2003 and 2005, then Chief Petty Officer (CPO) Butterworth deployed in HMAS Newcastle on Operation CATALYST, the Australian assistance to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of Iraq. CPO Butterworth was awarded a Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) in 2006 in recognition of her service in Newcastle. When a delayed maintenance period compressed the frigate's operational work-up schedule, the Stores team of six was reduced to two through severe personnel shortages, and the stores information system failed. Deb recalled: 'The difficulties encountered in the preparation period at the time seemed overwhelming. My role required me to support a warship logistically on the other side of the world from its base and ensure my stores procurement remained within the defined budget. I believe the success of this deployment was created in the first month, when I had to call upon every piece of emotional intelligence I possessed to pull a new and disparate team into a cohesive unit. I developed a supply chain plan to ensure all items required from Australia were identified at least six weeks in advance, minimising freight costs and optimising customer satisfaction. I consider the time spent training and developing this system one of my memorable achievements'. Her citation noted that 'Despite a compressed operational workup schedule, severe personnel shortages and

- *USS Grayback Discovered*
- *"Hallelujah" – Veterans Version*
- *Ambulance donated to Solomon Islands*
- *AB Max Sauppe - Electronics Technicians*
- *AB Chris Wearne - Marine Technician*
- *LS Jason Wilson - Communications & Information Systems*

NEWS.....

More veterans seeking to manage their post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) will benefit with the expansion of the Government's psychiatric assistance dog program. Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel Darren Chester said following the successful launch of the program in September there had been increased interest from the ex-service community and organisations passionate about supporting veterans' mental health.

An 80-member-strong delegation of HMAS Canberra's ship's company were among the guests at the Australian War Memorial's Last Post ceremony on Friday 22 November.

The pre-deployment preparations and training for the Australian lead Combined Task Force (CTF) 150 mission wrapped up at HMAS Watson recently, with the task group getting a stamp of approval from the Commodore Flotillas Force Generation Directorate.

The U.S. Navy lacks the necessary intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance assets to support a force plans to operate more spread out and fight at longer ranges, according to a new report by the conservative Hudson Institute think tank.

War veteran joins Canberra ship's company on Freedom of Entry march.

The tug-of-war between South Australia and Western Australia for the rights of responsibility to the full-cycle docking sustainment of the Collins Class submarine is continuing to heat up.

The RAN's brightest engineers have put their technical mastery to the test at the

information system difficulties, she was pivotal in ensuring that Newcastle was fully materially prepared to deploy on operations to the Persian Gulf as part of operation CATALYST, and her efforts were vital in maintaining the ship's operational capability'.

Following her deployment in Newcastle, Deb Butterworth CSM joined Albatross. While the air base's logistics requirements are huge and demanding, much of its aircraft strength is deployed in ships' flights, creating a complex network of supply support. Deb applied her extensive Defence Logistics Information system knowledge to the management of aviation stores embarked in ships, which substantially improved the availability of their aircraft.

Promoted Warrant Officer in 2007, she joined Joint Logistics Unit-West as Logistics Services manager, where her organisation ensured that Fleet units deploying were exceptionally well prepared for operations and received enhanced support while alongside. Deb's trial posting of Naval Stores sailors to submarines to raise accountability and support to major fleet unit levels is now standard practice. Her next posting in 2009 was one she had always wanted – Fleet Warrant Officer Naval Stores in the Fleet Training Group, responsible for training and mentoring ships' Supply departments to improve professional standards and practices. To reduce the workload on logistics staff at sea, she introduced direct supply to ships by vendors, replacing receipt via a supply depot, with full compliance with defence audit requirements, and in 2012 her endeavours were recognised with an OAM for meritorious service to RAN logistics management. The citation noted that Deb had *'relentlessly pursued enhanced logistics support to the RAN. Her exceptional knowledge of ADF logistics systems and her commitment to excellence are testament to her professionalism and dedication. Warrant Officer Butterworth's service epitomises the Navy's core values and signature behaviours, and is in the finest traditions of the RAN and the ADF'.*

WO Butterworth assumed the role as the Ship's Warrant Officer in HMAS Success in December 2011, Success was integral Operation SOUTHERN INDIAN OCEAN, an activity to support the Australian Maritime and Safety Authority to search for Malaysian Airlines flight MH370 in April 2014. In 2014 WO Butterworth deployed to the Middle East and upon return to Australia WO Butterworth was recognised with a bar to her CSM in recognition of her service in Success.

finals of the national 2019 Royal Australian Navy Engineering Challenge at HMAS Cerberus.

LOCAL RSLs and schools are among the latest recipients of Saluting Their Service grants as more than \$360,000 in funding is delivered to commemorative projects and activities across Australia.

China's first domestically built aircraft carrier has sailed through the Taiwan Strait and into the South China Sea as the country continues to test the vessel's systems prior to its commissioning into the People's Liberation Army Navy

Exercise PACIFIC REACH 2019 has been deemed an outstanding success as the sea-phase of the exercise came to a close off the coast of Western Australia.

Cutting edge 3D printing technology developed in Darwin will be deployed by the Royal Australian Navy in a world-first trial that will streamline the maintenance of patrol vessels.

HMAS Moreton hosted a memorial service for the 75th anniversary of the passing of WRAN Assistant Writer Margaret Hall, the only member of the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service to die on active service during the Second World War

Aspiring Royal Australian Navy Submariners have the chance to win the experience of a lifetime as part of the 2020 National Submarine Tour Competition. Open to Australian civilians aged 18 to 35 years old, the competition invites entrants to play an online game, taking command of a submarine, and explain in 50 words or less which submariner role they are most suited to and why.

The six-nation submarine search and rescue exercise Pacific Reach 2019 has concluded off the coast of Western Australia. Held at Fleet Base West and in the Western Australian Exercise Area, the drill involved assets from Australia, Japan, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and the United States.

Official plans for the nine-year

In July 2017 WO Butterworth was appointed to the role of Command Warrant Officer Training Force until July 2019 where she guided a team to create the Mariner Development Program to continue to develop mariners and warfighters while undertaking specialist employment training.

WO Butterworth holds a Master of Military and Defence Studies.

In November 2019 WO Butterworth was appointed as the Royal Australian Navy's ninth Warrant Officer of the Navy.

- Source: 1. [Sea Power Centre - Australia](#)
2. [Bravo Zulu Vol. II by Ian Pfennigwerth](#)
3. [Navy Daily](#)

Yours Aye!
NVN Team.



- † LCDR B.J. Bird RNR, 22 November 2019. Aged 94.
- † CPO L.D. Grimmond, 03 November 2019. Aged 42.
- † POEP G. Bermingham, R56909, 02 November 2019. Aged 78.
- † LCDR C.W. Edmonds OAM RAN, 01 November 2019. Aged 83.
- † LSPTI S. Barnes, R93466, 01 November 2019. Aged 74.
- † B.T. Cross, R93347, 30 October 2019.
- † LCDR E.G. Francis RAN, 26 October 2019. Aged 93.
- † SIG S.C. Webster OAM, PM4627, 26 October 2019. Aged 95.
- † POMED(X) N. Wright, 24 October 2019. Aged 91.
- † POCD R.S. Jackson, R64307, 23 October 2019. Aged 71.
- † ERA4 J.D. Wighton, B5128, 22 October 2019. Aged 95.
- † ABCD J.M. Manning, 07 October 2019. Aged 36.
- † LEUT R.A. Coyle RAN, PM/V105, 10 January 2014. Aged 96.

Lest We Forget

Note: VALE Notices

If you know of any of our Navy family that has crossed the bar, please don't hesitate to let us know (webmaster@navyvic.net). We would like to list their names in perpetuity on our special 'Vale' wall on the website. If possible list their Rank, Name, Number, the date of their passing and their age.

Australian War Memorial Development Project have been unveiled, outlining how the contemporary story of service and sacrifice will be told to future generations.

A Chinese aircraft carrier fleet passed near Taiwan on Sunday, prompting the self-governing island to scramble ships and jets to monitor the situation. Taiwan's defense ministry said the southbound Chinese fleet passed into the Taiwan Strait but stayed on China's side of the waterway that separates the island from China.

HMS Prince of Wales has sailed into her homeport of Portsmouth for the first time today – marking a significant milestone in the Royal Navy's aircraft carrier history.

The Royal Australian Navy is getting back in the fight for first place in the Sydney to Hobart yacht race for the first time since 2001.

The Independence-variant littoral combat ship USS Montgomery (LCS 8), Royal Australian Navy Anzac-class frigate HMAS Stuart (FFH 153) and fleet replenishment vessel HMAS Sirius (O 266) conducted operations together in the South China Sea, Nov. 6-12.

Australian Defence Force (ADF) members leaving full-time service will be better supported during transition and into new employment under a new contract Defence has signed with Right Management Consultants Pty Ltd.

The Royal Australian Navy's laser airborne depth sounder flight (LADS) has completed its final sortie after 26 years of outstanding service.

The Royal Australian Navy (RAN) replenishment ship HMAS Sirius has arrived in Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, as part of Navy's second East Asia Deployment for 2019.

Defence Science and Technology scientists believe that the key to securing Australia's maritime supremacy is understanding the ocean, which is at the core of DST's support to the Royal



Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan, launched “*The ABC of Royal Australian Navy Corvettes*” by Able Seaman Communications Information Systems (ABCIS) Libby Pearce in front of an audience that included her mum, Lisa, and stepdad, Neil.

Vice Admiral Noonan also presented Able Seaman Pearce with an official Chief of Navy commendation in recognition of her research and hard work to bring the book to publication.

“Built between 1940 and 1944, these corvettes carried the names of great Australian towns and cities, they were built largely by Australians who had never built ships before and largely crewed by Reservists of our Navy,” Vice Admiral Noonan said.

“Libby through her research and eye for detail has put together this magnificent book and it is my absolute pleasure to launch it today.”

Price: \$15.00

The book is only available at Naval Museums.

Victorian enquiries should be directed to the Cerberus Museum at: cerberus.museum@defence.gov.au or to the

Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria at: naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com

Australian Navy’s environmental forecasting.

The case for developing joint US, UK and Australian nuclear refuelling facilities. With plans of a growing US and Royal Navy presence in the Indo-Pacific, increased numbers of nuclear-powered vessels will be standard for Australian port visits and forward deployed force rotations – recognising this and the limitation and vulnerability of existing suitable infrastructure in the region presents an interesting opportunity for allied collaboration.

Former head of the Defence and Foreign Affairs and Trade departments, Dennis Richardson, has set the cat among the pigeons, calling on Australia and the Royal Australian Navy in particular to take the fight to China in the South China Sea in defiance of Beijing and in support of the global ‘rules based order’.

NUSHIP Sydney, is on track to be delivered to the Navy in February 2020 after completing sea trials.

The Royal Australian Navy’s ambitious growth and retention program has proven a success, with the Navy growing by more than 1,000 members in under two years.



Capt. Todd Marzano, commanding officer, Pre-Commissioning Unit (PCU) John F. Kennedy (CVN 79), and crew on

Nov. 6 unveiled the seal of the U.S. Navy’s second Ford-class aircraft carrier, under construction at Newport News Shipbuilding-Huntington Ingalls Industries. Elements of the seal honor President John F. Kennedy, his service to the Navy and his vision for space exploration.

HMAS Sydney II 80th Anniversary 2021 Update from Adrian Burns Lead Contact and Liaison We finally have an update to the HMAS SYDNEY II 80th Anniversary in Geraldton Nov 2021. I’ve been working closely with quite a number of outstanding people who are assisting with the plans and program for the 80th.

Plaque Commemoration Ceremony for HMAS Sydney I, II and III held under tree F24 in the grounds of the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne.



Photos courtesy Lynda Carroll

We've known for a while that SEA 1000, the Defence Department's future submarine program, is going to cost a lot of money—we just haven't known exactly how much.

A Royal Australian Navy Minehunter Task Group, consisting of HMA Ships Diamantina and Gascoyne, has departed the Republic of Korea bound for a second Mine Warfare Exercise and professional engagement with Japan, as part of a North East Asian Deployment.

The Russian defense ministry has shared video footage of the navy's newest ballistic missile submarine launching its first Bulava submarine-launched ballistic missile.

The wreck of wartime submarine HMS Urge – conclusively located and identified by marine archaeologists off Malta, has solved a 77-year-long mystery. Sitting defiantly upright on the seabed of the Mediterranean more than 400 feet down, her bow buried in the ocean floor, her deck gun facing forward, her hull encrusted with marine life, this is the last resting place of 44 souls.

Growing up in Silvan, Victoria, Able Seaman Maritime Logistics - Chef Elise Tabone never envisaged a career at sea, but after a positive experience with the Royal Australian Navy Gap Year Scheme the way ahead was clear.

Naval Historical Society [November newsletter](#)

Navy League (Vic/Tas) [November Newsletter](#)

FlyBy – A periodical of the Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia. [November issue.....](#)

Peninsula Ship Society - November edition of [Sea Chest](#)

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