



Newsletter

Navy Victoria Network

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Editorial

Welcome to the Navy Victoria Network newsletter for August 2012.

Another month has passed and numerous activities (apart from AFL) have occurred in Victoria. Being the middle of winter why not try and browse the internet for interesting items to keep the "salt in the veins". One website that may be of interest is the "Historic Naval Ships Association" www.hnsa.org which lists worldwide locations and photograph's of approximately 175 historic naval ships, and provides some excellent links as well. The website was established to support the preservation of historic naval vessels, and to honour those who served at sea in defence of the nation. The preserved naval vessels in Australia are all individually listed.

Whilst travelling along the coast and in Victoria why not visit some of the excellent local maritime museums that all have similar aims of the HNSA website to preserve maritime history. These museums are generally staffed by enthusiast volunteers, and provide the maritime history for the area of their location. The main museums in Victoria are at Port Albert, Port Welshpool, Cerberus, Queenscliff, Williamstown (Castlemaine), Geelong, Warrnambool, Melbourne Maritime Museum (Polly Woodside), Portland and Port Fairy. Further inland on the Murray River the museums at the Port of Echuca and Swan Hill are well worth a visit with operating steam machinery, paddle

Calendar Events

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01st Sep – Legacy Day and the beginning of Legacy Week. Please give generously.

03rd Sep – Merchant Navy Day – wreath laying at the Sanctuary.

05th Sep – Battle for Australia – wreath laying in the WWII forecourt.

11th Sep – Rabaul remembers – details in the calendar.

13th Sep – On this day in 1947 - HMAS WARRNAMBOOL sunk during post war minesweeping operations.

16th Sep – RAN band in joint Gala Concert. Full details in the Calendar.

24th Sep – NHS meeting/presentation.

25th Sep – RAN Concert band appearing at the South Melbourne Town Hall

Melbourne Port Division HMAS Lonsdale Inaugural Reunion.

Expressions of interest required by 20th July 2012. (date has been extended for latecomers). [Click here for full details](#)

Reserve Officers Ladies Dine-In Night

The 2012 Victorian Reserve Officers Ladies Dining In Night will be held on Friday 16 November [see calendar for full details](#) at University House, Melbourne University. This function is run in a similar manner to a Navy mess dinner and the cost of \$80 per head includes a three-course dinner with drinks.

steamers and historical memorabilia. The Maritime Museums of Victoria website www.mmv.com.au provides more detailed information.

There continues to be a number of interesting activities and information sessions with well-known speakers at the Shrine, so please take time to look at the calendar. Of particular note for the RAN, is the wreath laying on 5th September for the "Battle of Australia" to commemorate the significant battles that occurred in the Pacific during WW11.

A memorial service for the loss of the HMAS Canberra1 at Savo Island on the 7th of August was held with services both at the Shrine and the Solomon Islands. United States and Australian Ships and Veterans attended the 70th Anniversary in the Solomon Islands for the "Battle of Guadalcanal Commemoration". A report of this moving ceremony is in the NVN News.

The NUSHIP Canberra was loaded onto the heavy lift ship MV Blue Marlin in Spain at the Navantia Shipyard, and is quite an impressive site for those that have seen the photographic images. The MV Blue Marlin is en route and due to arrive in Melbourne around the 29th September. The Blue Marlin will berth at Station Pier for a number of days to complete unloading preparations before being unloaded in a deep water area in Port Phillip Bay off Frankston. The NVN website Gallery Folder has a number of images and video of the loading and delivery voyage.

When browsing the NVN also look at the various Folders that provide details of contacts to Ship Associations and many and varied sites of maritime or welfare interest. If you consider any other websites should be added please advise our NVN Webmaster. The NVN is keen to promote ALL activities or issues with a Naval or Maritime flavour.

Do not forget that the week commencing the 1ST of **September is Legacy Week**. The support provided by this organisation is continuing to be extremely important as

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Annual Seafarers' Memorial Service will be held at St Paul's Cathedral, Flinders St, Melbourne on Trafalgar Day, Sunday 21st October at 10.30 hrs. [Click to view flyer.](#)

Latest News



Message from CN Australia

RAN INTERNATIONAL FLEET REVIEW OCT 2013

1. LATE LAST YEAR, I EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO OVER 50 NATIONS TO SEND A WARSHIP AND/OR A TALL SHIP TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL FLEET REVIEW (IFR) TO BE HELD IN SYDNEY 3-11 OCT 13.

[More.....](#)

International Fleet Review

The International Fleet Review will commence with all ships sailing into Sydney Harbour in formation on Friday 4 October 2013. [Schedule.....](#)

Review into the Treatment of Women in the Australian Defence Force

[More.....](#)

NCCV Newsletter 'Rogue's Yarn'

FAIR INDEXATION DEFEATED 69-68 BY LABOR AND INDEPENDENTS

The Coalition's attempts to force Fair Indexation through the House of Representatives have today been defeated by Labor, the Greens and four Independent MPs. [More.....](#)

Navy League of Australia - Victorian Chapter - [August Newsletter](#)

LHD 01 departs Spain, Australia bound

Minister for Defence Materiel Jason Clare today announced the departure of the hull of the first of the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN's) new amphibious ships from Ferrol in northern Spain. [More.....](#)

families continue to require their valued and necessary support.

Yours Aye!

NVN Team



Replicas Set Sail

(Article from Moorabbin Leader)

For Cheltenham's Max Montague, it is the details that bring his model ships to life.

A former naval man, Mr Montague's latest project involved creating models of the HMAS Launceston I, II, and III, which he will donate to Launceston Council.

"A lot of Australia's famous sailors are from northern Tasmania so it's good to pay tribute and say thank you to them," he said.

Mr Montague made the three models over a four-year period. He said a love of Australian history had spurred him to create at least 30 model ships.

"I really enjoy it and I've met a lot of good people and made some great friendships," he said.

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What else is new on the Website.....

The Melbourne Naval Centre now has their own page on our website.

YouTube slideshow of the refurbished Museum of HMAS Cerberus

YouTube slideshow of 'The RAN in Vietnam 1962 – 1972'

Interests. *If you have a specific interest you think would be of appeal to the wider navy community, we would be pleased to hear about it. Obviously, we are focused on our listed objectives at this time.*

The Guadalcanal & HMAS Canberra 70th Anniversary Tour

(Report from member Dick Budzienny.....)

Over the period of 5-13 August 2012 I was on a holiday that included a military interest/historic tour of Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands. The 7th August 2012 was the 70th anniversary of the Allied landings on Guadalcanal and the 9th was the anniversary of the loss of the heavy cruiser HMAS Canberra near Savo Island.

Read Dick Budzienny's [full report.....](#)

Read the local [newspaper report.....](#)

See all the photos in the ['Gallery'](#)

On The Record: Chief of Navy's letter to News Limited regarding Patrol Boats article. [More.....](#)

[Watch the video](#) of the loading of the LHD Canberra on deck of the semi-submersible vessel Blue Marlin in the outer harbour basin of A Coruña (Spain).

RAY PARKIN'S ODYSSEY by Pattie Wright

The biography of Chief Petty Officer Ray Parkin will be available in bookstores nationally from 18 September 2012. Ray survived the sinking of Perth in 1942 and the Thai Burma railway. [More.....](#)

Honours and Awards Appeals

Tribunal completes public hearings. [More.....](#)

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A Fair Go Campaign – [Click here to view the latest updates](#)

Don't forget to visit the website, there's a lot more news and information that you may have missed.