



# Newsletter

Navy Victoria Network

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## Editorial

*Welcome to the Navy Victoria Network newsletter for February 2012.*

Another month has already passed in 2012 and most people are back into full yearly work and educational routines. From a Naval events perspective in Victoria the month of February has been a relatively quiet period.

One of the most publicised Military events this month is the Commemoration for the Bombing of Darwin 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 19th February, and this seems to be getting more important as time goes on and people recognise the extent of this incredible WW11 disaster that occurred on our shores.

One of our Victorian Naval Association members (Box Hill) LCDR Eric Thompson at a spritely 98 years of age was flown to Darwin for the commemoration. Eric was the Gunnery Officer on the HMAS Deloraine credited with the sinking of the Japanese submarine I – 124 off Darwin. He had two scheduled interviews whilst in Darwin and a cruise on the present HMAS Armidale. It is fantastic to see the excitement he exudes over what is for him a unique experience.

Other Naval events we should take note of, and if in the vicinity, why not book in for some of the HMAS Sydney & VSLVA events at the Naval Club, Langwarrin where there is a very relaxed atmosphere and splendid mixed company. The next event is the St Patrick's Day luncheon. Check the [HMAS Sydney & VSLVA](#) web site for booking details.

For those with a more strategic outlook on Naval affairs, why not attend the 111<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary of AUSTRALIAN FOUNDATION DAY "Creswell Oration 2012" presented by Chief of Navy,

## Calendar Events

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**01<sup>st</sup> March 2012** – The "Creswell oration" will be presented by the Chief of Navy, VICE ADMIRAL Ray Griggs AM CSC RAN on "The Development of the RAN, Modern Challenges & Historic Parallels". Details in the Calendar.

**01<sup>st</sup> March 2012** – HMAS Perth Service. Details in the Calendar.

**04<sup>th</sup> March 2012** – HMAS Yarra 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Memorial Service. Details in the Calendar.

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2012** – Naval Historical Society meeting. Details in the Calendar.

## Latest News

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**NAVY NEWS** can now be accessed electronically via the internet. [Click for the latest edition.](#)

**Kuttabul Commemoration Project (70th Anniversary of the sinking of Kuttabul)**

We are hosting a lunchtime harbour cruise on Sydney Harbour and laying a wreath on the water near where Kuttabul was sunk, to commemorate this event. [Newsletter & more.....](#)

[More.....](#)

**NCCV Newsletter** - [Click here](#) to view the Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria's February newsletter 'Rogue's Yarn'.

VICE ADMIRAL Ray Griggs AM CSC RAN on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. The Oration is titled “The Development of the RAN, Modern Challenges, and Historic Parallels”. Booking details for the Oration, which also includes lunch, are in the calendar.

Please keep an eye on the events calendar in the NVN website and you may find something that interests you, and if you attend we are sure you will be made most welcome.

NVN Team.

### **Looking for next-of-kin**

The men listed below have been posthumously approved for the award of the Commendation for Gallantry for their service during World War II and to date their award has not been claimed. If you are related to any of these men, or know of someone who may be related, please contact the Directorate of Honours & Awards' telephone enquiry line on 1800 111 321. (FREECALL)

PTE Alexander John BELL

SGT Joseph Kenneth BELL

PTE Joseph BELL

GNR Thomas Stephen CUMMING

SGT Clifford Edmund DANAHER

PTE Victor Lawrence GALE

GNR Alan William GLOVER

SIG Howard Frederick HARVEY

SGT Caryle Benjamin JONES

MAJ Alan MULL

WO2 Matthew Wallace QUITTENTON

*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.

#### ***Discussion Paper on Defence Industry Workforce Strategy***

*Over the next decade the Australian Government will spend more than \$200 billion on our Defence force.*

[\*More.....\*](#)

#### ***Clean Energy Future Household Assistance Package***

*From mid-June 2012, around 350,000 members of the veteran community will be eligible to receive assistance through the Household Assistance Package for the cost of living impact of the carbon price.*

[\*Amounts payable under the Household Assistance Package...\*](#)

#### ***Minister for Defence – Part Three of the HMAS Success Commission of Inquiry Report***

*HMAS Success is a supply ship used for the supply of fuel, ammunition, food and stores to naval units at sea. In March 2009 Success left Sydney for a deployment to South-East Asia and China. Between March and May 2009, incidents of unacceptable behaviour were brought to attention. [\*More.....\*](#)*

#### ***From CN Australia***

##### ***Strategic Reform Initiative - Hospitality and Catering Reforms Across Navy - Changes to***

***Establishment Messing and Catering***  
*Defence spends approximately \$130M on hospitality and catering services each year with much of that on service provision and galley and messing infrastructure which in many cases is severely under-utilised. [\*More.....\*](#)*

##### ***HMAS Parramatta seizes US\$5 million in illegal narcotics***

*The Ship's Company of HMAS Parramatta has successfully seized and destroyed more than 240 kilograms of illegal narcotics. [\*More.....\*](#)*

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