



Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the [Navy Victoria Network newsletter for February 2013](#).

The 71st Anniversary HMAS YARRA II Memorial Service will be held at the HMAS YARRA National Memorial, The Strand, Williamstown (Melways 56-B-4) on Sunday 3rd March, 2013 commencing at 1100 hours and will be followed by a sausage sizzle put on by the Rotary Club of Williamstown. All being well the coffee shop will be open again thanks to Mrs Meena WALSH. The Hyde Street Youth Band will play again this year.

Next month at HMAS CERBERUS a Recruit School Block is to be re-named TAYLOR Division after "Buck" TAYLOR who was killed in action onboard HMAS YARRA II. This will be celebrated with the first passing out Parade for 2013.

What's on at the Shrine of Remembrance?

Two talks coming up of interest to the Navy Family:

1. BEHIND BARBED WIRE:

POW and Internment Camps in Victoria, 1939 – 45

Exhibition runs from 22nd February until 28th July, 2013

Talk by Tim WHITFORD and John GRIBBEN
Wednesday 27FEB – 5.30pm arrival for 6pm start.

Talk repeated as a Regional Lecture at Shepparton RSL on Thursday 20JUN – 5.30pm arrival for 6pm start.

During the Second World War, thousands of Prisoners of War, 'enemy aliens' and Australians of German, Japanese and Italian descent found themselves imprisoned inside a huge POW / Internment Camp complex (comprising seven individual Internment and Prisoner of War Camps) in

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)



01st Mar – On this day in 1967 - The Australian White Ensign was hoisted in all RAN ships and establishments.

01st Mar – On this day in 1901 the Commonwealth Navy was created.

02nd & 3rd Mar – Centenary celebrations for the RAN Training College – Osborne House, Geelong.

06th Mar – HMAS Perth Assoc. - Battle of Java Sea and Sunda Strait 71st Anniversary Ceremony at the Shrine

09th Mar – Inverloch Jazz Festival featuring The Admiral's Own Band.

25th Mar – Naval Historical Society Meeting.

31st Mar – RNZN Reunion wreath laying service at the Shrine.

Latest News



More paid parental leave options for ADF members

Australian Defence Force members now have access to extended paid parental leave options, as part of Defence's commitment to giving members more flexibility in meeting their family commitments. [More....](#)

Mental health app for ADF members and veterans

A mobile phone application has been developed to help current and former members of the Australian Defence

farmland in Victoria's Goulburn Valley. Three of these camps were for POWS –

Dhurringile – 50 German Officers and their batmen.

Camp 13 (Murchison) – 4,000 POW's, mainly Italian and German, but also some Japanese after the Cowra breakout in 1944.

Camp 6 (Graytown) – a bush wood cutting camp housing about 250 Italian, then German POW's, the latter being mainly crew members of the Kormoran. Finnish Seamen were also held there.

In the years that followed, there were murders, escapes, riots and intrigue. There was also much humour, compassion and demonstrations of the better parts of human nature. The talk covers this little known aspect of Australian history and some of the incredible characters in the drama. Surviving German Crew Members of the German Raider HSK Kormoran that sank HMAS SYDNEY 2 on 19NOV41 eventually were all held there. Captain DETMERS and other German crew members from the Kormoran escaped before being recaptured in Melbourne. The Old Melbourne Gaol has an informative display of its most famous World War Two Military Prisoner.

The Father-in-Law of Marty GROGAN, WO Albert BARNES (Ex WWI and WWII) was a Senior Prison Guard at Dhurringile and was part of the Escort Party that took the German POW's back home. He arrived back in Melbourne on 20th June, 1947, the day of his daughter Helen's birth.

The Regional talk by Tim WHITFORD and John GRIBBEN in Shepparton on 20th June, 2013 will be the actual 66th Anniversary of the return of the Australian Army Contingent that escorted the German Prisoners of War back home.

Shepparton is the Heart of the Goulburn Valley and very close to all of the former POW Camps.

The HMAS SYDNEY & VLSVA (Vic) have lent some rare items of HMAS SYDNEY 2 Memorabilia to the Shrine of Remembrance for the ongoing Exhibition.

2. RAY PARKIN'S ODSSEY:

Wednesday 6MAR – 12.30pm
Presented by Pattie WRIGHT

Ray PARKIN was a Sailor, first and foremost. He then found himself a POW on the Thai/Burma railway and in Japan. From those harrowing experiences came the highly regarded wartime trilogy *Out of the smoke, Into the Smother and the Sword and the Blossom*.

Force to identify and manage mental health symptoms... [More.....](#)

NEW CENTRE FOR YOUNG VETERANS
A new centre offering young veterans and their families a place to relax and access support services, such as counselling, has opened in Frankston, Victoria today. [More.....](#)

Out of Sight, Out of Mind
The Royal Australian Navy in Vietnam 1965 – 1972

By John R Carroll (ex RAN)

This book tells the story of the vital part played by HMAS Sydney and other units of the RAN in the support of land based forces in Vietnam. The perceived absence of enemy threat was the prime factor influencing the Federal Government's decision to exclude from benefits and entitlements those who served in Sydney, Jeparit and Boonaroo and the warships that escorted them into the war zone. [More.....](#)

The Forgotten Cruiser - HMAS Melbourne 1913-1928

Authors Andrew Kilsby and Greg Swinden bring to life not only the story of the 'forgotten cruiser' Melbourne, but also of those who served as members of the ship's company – ten of whom paid the supreme sacrifice during World War One. The book will be available shortly.....[read more.....](#)

Landing Helicopter Dock ship officially named

The first of two new Landing Helicopter Dock (LHD) ships was officially named Canberra in a traditional Navy ceremony at Williamstown, Victoria on Friday 15 February 2013. The new LHD was named by Mrs. Vickie Coates, wife of the late Rear Admiral Nigel Coates AM, RAN, who served a distinguished career in the Navy. [More.....](#)

Pattie interviewed Ray and accessed his diaries and extensive archive to write his recently published biography. In this lecture Pattie speaks on this Chronicler of HMAS PERTH, his beloved ship and those who did and did not return.

For further information on upcoming events at the Shrine please visit www.shrine.org.au

YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Keeping the ANZAC Spirit Alive

Programs suitable for Students from Year 5 through to Year 12

Further information at www.shrine.org.au/education

BLOCKS FOR THE SECOND DESTROYER ARRIVE

The Air Warfare Destroyer Alliance has taken delivery of the first blocks for the second AWD, *Brisbane*.

For further information visit the Navy News Website at www.defence.gov.au/news/navynews or hard copy of Navy News, Volume 56, No. 02, February 14, 2013

VALE

- † CPOPTI Ron Coridas, passed away 18 February 2013. Aged 75.
- † WOFC Noel Alfred Ross, R47727, passed away 17 February 2013. Aged 82.
- † CPOFC Barry Brown, R52953, passed away 28 January 2013.
- † CPOSY Burkhard Horst Gerhard "Von" KLIMPEL, R95586, passed away after a battle with cancer (non-Hodgkin lymphoma) on 27 January 2013. Aged 62.

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.

NVN current membership:

774

If you haven't visited the website for a while there's a lot more news in the January and February "News" pages since our last Newsletter in January.

Federation of Naval Ship Associations - Annual Luncheon

Thursday 4th April

Guest Speaker: Captain Nick Bramwell RAN, Director of the International Fleet Review, will provide you with a complete rundown of this event.

[Payment details and more.....](#)

UPDATE ON THE ANZAC CENTENARY GALLIPOLI COMMEMORATIONS

In an update on the Centenary of Anzac program, Minister Assisting the Prime Minister on the Centenary of Anzac, Warren Snowdon, today announced the Governments of Turkey, Australia and New Zealand have formally agreed to the capacity of the Anzac Commemorative Site for the 2015 Dawn Service should be 10,500. [More.....](#)

International Fleet Review

For all the latest on the IFR go to <http://www.navy.gov.au/ifr>

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

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

HMAS Bataan Veterans Association of Australia

Annual Reunion at Ulverstone, Tas.
12th - 15th September 2013
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Don't forget to visit the website, there's a lot more information that you may have missed.