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On the 1st March 2016, the Australian Navy Foundation Day Organising Committee will present the 16th annual "Creswell Oration". Vice Admiral Sir William Rooke Creswell KCMG, KBE, RAN (20 July 1852 – 20 April 1933) was commonly considered to be the 'father' of the Royal Australian Navy.

Creswell was born in Gibraltar, son of Edmund Creswell (head of the postal service at Gibraltar and for the Mediterranean), and Margaret Mary Ward, née Fraser. He was educated at Gibraltar and Eastman's Royal Naval Academy, Southsea.

Creswell's brother Edmund played for the Royal Engineers in the first FA Cup Final in 1872. Another brother, Frederic was a Labour Party politician in South Africa, who was Minister of Defence from 1924 to 1933.

Beginning his Naval career at the age of 13 as a cadet on the Royal Navy's training ship Britannia, Creswell was promoted to midshipman in 1867 and on 20 October 1871 became a Sub-Lieutenant.

Having already served in the Channel Fleet, Creswell was transferred to the China Station. In 1873 while serving on the gunboat HMS Midge he was shot in the hip during a skirmish with pirates from the Laroot River, Penang Malaya but remained at his post. His bravery won him promotion to Lieutenant but his wound meant returning to England to recuperate. Creswell's next seagoing appointment, to the East India Station, was

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)

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01 Mar – HMAS Perth Association wreath laying

01 Mar – Creswell Oration

01 Mar – On this day in 1901 - the Commonwealth Navy was created under section 51 of the Australian Constitution with the States transferring their Naval Forces and all employed in them to the Federal Government. Also on this day in 1967 the RAN first hoisted its own White Ensign.

06 Mar – RAN Recruits wreath laying

25-28 Mar – Easter

09 Apr – HMAS Vampire wreath laying

Latest News

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

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

2016 Defence White Paper

The 2016 White Paper is a comprehensive and responsible long-term plan to ensure Australia's national security. For the first time, the White Paper released today by Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Defence Minister Marise Payne fully aligns strategy, capability and

followed by a period in Zanzibar, where he commanded a flotilla involved in suppressing the slave trade. Illness, however, again forced his return to England.

Creswell retired from the Royal Navy in 1878 and, seeking to become a pastoralist, he emigrated to Australia in 1879. A stint in the Northern Territory, however, convinced Creswell that he was ill-suited to outback life. During a visit to Adelaide in 1885 he met a former Naval colleague and was convinced to take up an appointment as First Lieutenant on South Australia's only Naval vessel, HMCS Protector, a posting he very much enjoyed.

Creswell soon began agitating for the establishment of an Australian Naval force to supplement the Royal Navy squadron based in Sydney. In mid-1895, he reached the rank of Captain; by 1899, he was arguing strongly for an Australian Navy. On 1 May 1900, he was appointed Commandant of the Queensland Maritime Defence Force, but was soon released to command Protector on its deployment to China to assist in suppressing the Boxer Rebellion.

After Federation, Creswell's lobbying for an Australian Navy gained momentum. He was regarded by many as Australia's chief spokesman on Naval matters, hence his appointment in February 1904 to the new position of Naval Officer Commanding the Commonwealth Naval Forces (the amalgamation of the various colonial navies). He had retained his position in Queensland and accepted the role of Naval Commandant in Victoria but his energies were primarily focused on the national Navy.

Alarmed at Germany's growing naval might by 1909, Australia's admiralty sought to dramatically increase Australia's Naval strength. In company with Colonel Justin F. G. Foxton, Creswell attended the Imperial Conference, which resulted in the Naval Defence Act of 1910 being passed which created the Australian Navy. On the 10th July 1911 King George V granted the Permanent Commonwealth Naval Force the title of Royal Australian Navy.

In 1911, Creswell was promoted to Rear Admiral in the service of the Royal Australian Navy. As part of his coronation honours, the King made him Knight Commander of the order of St Michael and St George.

resources to make the ADF more capable, agile and potent.

Air Warfare Destroyer project fires key weapon

A key weapon system training platform for the Navy's new Hobart class destroyers has reached the final stage of certification. The event marked the final stage of the acceptance of the Air Warfare Destroyer Close Range Defence System part task trainer comprising of the Mk 25 Mod 2 Typhoon, operating console and simulator.

Canberra shows the way for next era

HMAS Canberra has demonstrated her amphibious capacity for the latest cohort of trainee sailors, using her landing craft to transport nearly 350 personnel across Western Port Bay, Victoria.

Hello sailor! Navy offers \$50,000 per man in bid to keep sub fleet afloat

Sailors on Australia's submarines will be given annual lump sum payments of up to \$50,000 just for staying in their jobs as navy bosses grow increasingly desperate to keep crews on the boats. The navy's high command hopes the big money offer will end their long struggle to hold on to enough sailors to maintain Australia's vital submarine warfare capability.

Chief of Navy Speeches:

Commemoration Day for Tasmanian National Service Association

Distinguished guests, Ladies and Gentleman.

On behalf of the Chief of the Defence Force, and all men and women serving in the ADF, I congratulate those who have planned and organized this annual Tasmanian national service commemoration.

The fact that Australia's Navy was ready for service when the World War I began was largely the result of Creswell's hard work and lobbying. During the war he was involved as an administrator in ship construction, the development of shore support, and the arranging of convoys. After the war he worked on developing a defence program for Australia, focussing mainly on ensuring the continued strengthening of the RAN.

Creswell retired in 1919 and took up farming in Victoria; in the same year he was created KBE. He was promoted to Vice Admiral in 1922. He died on 20 April 1933 and was survived by his wife Adelaide Elizabeth née Stow (daughter of Justice Randolph Stow) two sons and a daughter. He is buried at Brighton Cemetery, Melbourne.



Two sons were killed during World War One. Captain Randolph William Creswell served in the 3rd Anzac Camel Battalion, AIF and was killed in action on 6 November 1917 at Tel el Khuweifle, Palestine. He is buried at Beersheba War Cemetery.

Lieutenant Colin Fraser Creswell was lost in the sinking of submarine E47 off the Dutch coast on 20 August 1917.

Source for this editorial: Robert Hyslop, 'Creswell, Sir William Rooke (1852–1933)', Australian Dictionary of Biography, Volume 8, MUP, 1981

This year's [Creswell Oration](#) is entitled "The Conduct of Current and Future Joint Operations" and will be presented by the Chief of Joint Operations, Vice Admiral David Johnston AM RAN.

Yours Aye!
NVN Team

VALE

- † POE(AC) F.T. Fox, R54353, 14 February 2016. Aged 76.
- † CDRE J.L.W.(Red) Merson OAM RAN, 10 February 2016.
- † RS P. Moonie, R50507, 10 February 2016. Aged 79.
- † CMDR M. Davidson RN, 30 January 2016.
- † CMDR A. Greedy AM RAN, 26 January 2016. Aged 69.
- † POME E. Taylor, R93018, 23 January 2016. Aged 71.
- † POME R.S. Ely, R41768, 16 January 2016. Aged 6

Lest We Forget

2016 Anzac Day Commemorations in Turkey

Planning for the 2016 Anzac Day commemorations at Gallipoli in Turkey is well on track. One of the highest priorities for the Department of Veterans' Affairs is to work closely with a range of Australian Government and Turkish authorities, to ensure the health and well-being of those attending.

Public hearings for Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal's Long Tan honours review

The issue of recognition for Australian soldiers who fought in the Battle of Long Tan, Vietnam is to be reviewed by the independent Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal. The review follows an application on behalf of 13 soldiers by Lieutenant Colonel Harry Smith SG MC (Retd), one of the commanders, in the battle regarded as a watershed moment in Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

Warfighting strategy steers Navy fleet

Commander Australian Fleet Rear Admiral Stuart Mayer has encouraged all Navy members to embrace the Navy Warfighting Strategy 2018, launched at HMAS Watson late last year. "The Navy Warfighting Strategy outlines how we are going to get from the Navy of today to the Navy of the future," Rear Admiral Mayer said.

HMAS Cerberus Open Day

HMAS Cerberus will be holding its biennial Open Day on Sunday 23rd October 2016. The theme for this event is to be 'Communication and Innovation' and will incorporate the anniversary of 95 Years of Training.

HMAS Melbourne heads home

HMAS Melbourne deployed to the Middle East Region for Operation

To all who read this: If you hear of any of our Navy family that has crossed the bar, please don't hesitate to let us know. We would like to list their names in perpetuity on our special 'Vale' page on the website. If possible list their Rank, Name, Number, Age and the date of their passing.



**Royal Commission
into Institutional Responses
to Child Sexual Abuse**

Child sexual abuse in the Australian Defence Force Cadets

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse would like anyone who has information regarding child sexual abuse within the Australian Defence Force Cadets to contact the Royal Commission.

Royal Commission CEO Philip Reed said the Royal Commission is tasked with investigating how institutions, including government agencies, have responded to allegations and incidents of child sexual abuse.

"If you were sexually abused as a member of the Australian Defence Force Cadets when you were a child, the Royal Commission would like to hear from you," he said.

Mr Reed confirmed that the identity of anyone who provides information will be protected and will be kept confidential.

At this stage, no public hearing into the Australian Defence Force has been announced. If a hearing is announced at a later date, victims of child sexual abuse will not be compelled to give evidence if they do not wish to.

You can contact the Royal Commission via:

Phone: 1800 099 340

Email: solicitor@childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au or Mail: GPO Box 5283, Sydney NSW 2001.

For more information on the Royal Commission please visit their website www.childabuseroyalcommission.gov.au

NCCV's "Rogues' Yarn" attached below

Manitou, Australia's contribution to the US-led multi-national Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) on 9 August 2015.

Chief of Navy Speeches: ADM Conference - Navy and the Nation

I would like to thank the ADM for the opportunity to speak today. Those in the audience who have heard me speak over the last 12 months will hear me deliver some familiar themes and indeed similar statements.

Countries urged to work together for security at sea

A message of international cooperation has been a feature of the International Fleet Review in India, with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi calling on countries to continue to work together to secure maritime stability.

Life on board a warship in our much-reduced Royal Navy

by Nigel Farndale - The Spectator
The Royal Navy is known as the Senior Service because of its illustrious history; Francis Drake and all that. But the days when it ruled the waves have long gone. In 1945 it had almost 900 warships and a million men. By the time of the Falklands War it was down to 70 warships and 70,000 men. Now it is less than half that, with more admirals than there are fighting ships.

Navy League of Australia(Vic & Tas) February newsletter – [download.....](#)

NHSA(Vic) President's February Musings – [download.....](#)

NAVY NEWS – [The latest edition.](#)

Don't forget to visit the [website](#) as there are many more news articles that may be of interest to you but are not included in this newsletter.



Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

ROGUES' YARN

You should attend:

HMAS PERTH
Wreath Laying,
Sanctuary at 1200 on
Tuesday 1MAR16

RAN Recruits
'Emms Division'
Wreath Laying,
Sanctuary at 1000 on
Sunday 6MAR16

NCCV meetings,
held second Tuesday
every second month,
at Melbourne Naval
Centre. Next meeting
at 1030 on Tuesday
12APR16

Voyager



Voyager, a distinguished name within the Navy Fraternity. The first warship, pictured above, earned a commendable reputation whilst being deployed to the Mediterranean at the outset of WW2. *Voyager* was one of Five destroyers known as the Scrap Iron Flotilla. After WW2 the Australian Government named the new Daring Class Destroyers after the Scrap Iron Flotilla. Sadly the *Voyager 2* was involved in the worst peacetime tragedy the Navy has experience. The collision between *Voyager* and the aircraft carrier HMAS *Melbourne* on the evening of 10FEB64 had a significant impact on the Navy,

many changes were made as consequence. A commemoration service was held in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance on the 52nd anniversary of the sinking. A moving service reminding those present of that fateful day and the courageous effort by many to assist their shipmates as they clambered to safety. Participating in the service were past members of the *Voyager* Ship's Company. The image below taken by Chris Harvey (son of a *Voyager 1* Crew) shows LtoR: Vern BECHAZ - posted off before collision; Peter DUSTING - Collision Survivor; Ray RICH OAM BEM - Survivor; Les BENNETT - posted off; Les NAPPER - Posted off; Don BARKER - Survivor; Terry HARPER - Survivor. A good day to meet up with old ship mates, a sad to reflect on absent friends. *Lest we forget.*



Highlight of the Month

The service conducted at the Ballarat Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial on Sunday 7th February was attended by Chief of Army, LGEN Angus Campbell DSC AM & well over 500 Veterans, their families, local politicians and friends. 13 surviving POWs were present and appropriately revered by everyone in attendance. Pattie Wright, renowned author and strong supporter of Navy delivered a very moving and interesting address.





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Articles contributed are the Authors thoughts only. An article may be edited to meet the space available. Political articles will not purposely appear in R's Yarn.

Navy Victoria Network

The NavyVIC website is there for all to see, in particular it is for anyone with an interest in Navy. Also, if you are involved in arranging a Navy specific function why not provide information on the activity to the wider Navy Victoria Community. This is an opportunity not to be missed.

Melbourne Naval Centre

Any Navy organization seeking funds to assist with the purchase of equipment or conduct an event, the MNC may be able to help. All you need to do is meet their funding criteria.

President's Report

Congratulations to Commander John Moller OAM RANR Rtd on his election as President of the NAA, Victoria Section. John has considerable experience and has contributed a significant amount of time and effort to the Community and Navy fraternity in particular over many decades. John has also been Mayor of Sandringham Council. Well done John!

A wreath was placed at the Ballarat Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial on behalf of the NCCV during the annual memorial service. This was one of over 80 tributes to our Ex-POWs. The annual service has become a significant activity on the commemoration program and a clear reminder of the difficult times faced by so many of our Service men and women during WWI, WW2 and later conflicts.

The wellbeing of our various ship/unit/branch associations remains a constant and we hope the work being made to keep things on an even keel is worth the effort. The measure we have been applying relates to attendance at commemorative services. There are other critical factors at play that demonstrate our success or otherwise, but they seem too onerous to contemplate. Guess we just need to keep at it and hope there is a gradual increase in in-

terest across the Navy community. Have you thought that one positive outcome of our collective interest is the level of funding the Federal Government allocate to Defence. Some may not realise that such things can be directly related to their involvement. If you give it some thought, if we seek to be informed about the current role of Defence, the Navy we were once a part of, then we may be in a position to voice an opinion on what should be allocated to Defence. After all, someone is making the decisions and who is providing advice, why not us? Is it that we don't care, or that we are not sufficiently informed. If it is the latter, then we can do something about it. The origin of several close organisations is based on providing information, experiences that inform and deliver currency. In this edition of RY we have advised of the RUSI presentations, also the NFS evenings. The NL also provide opportunities for us to hear about 'Joint Operations' for instance. All of these activities focus on information, updating us on current trends and activities. We just need to listen and soak up the good oil (and I don't mean FFO). *Yours aye, Terry Makings*

Mawson's Hut

During a recent trip to Tasmania our V/President, WO Marty Grogan OAM RANR visited the Mawson's Replica Hut Museum. The museum houses an exact replica of the huts and contents at the time Mawson explored the Antarctic. The museum is located behind the Tourist Office at Constitution Dock, Hobart - birthplace of Australia's Antarctic history. Marty says the museum is one of the best exhibitions he has seen, high praise from the Manager of the Cerberus Museum. The Hobart museum was initially planned to be exhibited for only two years, but the responsible Trust are hopeful that the City of Hobart will extend the existing lease of the site, particularly given the location occupies prime land. Marty commends the museum to all as being well worth a visit. There are two original items on display from that ill fated trip. A mini organ and a typewriter. Marty did mention to the duty guide that the HMAS CERBERUS Museum has the skis used

during the expedition by the Meteorologist of the Expedition, Morton Moyes (1886 - 1981). Moyes joined the RAN in 1914, becoming an Instructor at the RAN College, Geelong. Many of the Expeditioners from Mawson's time fought in WWI, we understand 3 were KIA. MOYLE was deemed to be too valuable for active service, remaining as an Instructor at the College. Moyes, seconded from the RAN, returned to the Antarctica in 1929 as Survey Officer for the first voyage of the British, Australian and New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition (BANZARE). Later he became the first Director: Education & Vocational Training at the College - then at CERBERUS. He paid off as Instructor Captain. He donated the Skis in question to the Warrant Officers Mess (Gunroom) at HMAS Cerberus. He was elected President of the Geographical Society of New South Wales from 1933 to 1935. He was awarded an OBE in 1935 and published his Antarctic memoirs during retirement. *Article provided by Marty Grogan, VP NCCV.*

RUSI



Scrap Iron

The Royal United Services Institute is a prestigious organisation that has a clear focus on keeping the Australian community up to date on the Defence needs of the day. A constant in their delivery is a range of edifying presentations delivered on a monthly basis. The presentation, 1200 for 1230 on Thursday 17th March will be 'Just Fighting', delivered by Major General Arthur Denaro CBD DL, formerly British Army. His address will link current issues in the Middle East and terrorism. The venue will be the Defence Plaza, 661 Bourke Street, Melbourne. The April address will be delivered by the Federal Member for Melbourne, Adam Bandt MP. His topic will be 'The Greens and Australia's Defence' and should prove to be an interesting address. Obviously RUSI is keen for anyone with an interest in Australia's Defence to give serious thought to become a member of their organisation. This will provide access to one of the best military library's in Australia. NCCV is promoting RUSI's schedule of presentations as they join with us for the Navy Week Victoria Seminar, to be held on Wednesday, 19OCT16. Further advice relating to the monthly presentations will be conveyed in future editions of the Rogues Yarn. Should you be interested in attending any of the RUSI presentations, for security reasons you must email secretary@rusivic.org.au (be early).

The Scrap Iron Flotilla Annual Lunch is scheduled for 1200 - 1230, Friday 18MAR16. This lunch has been scheduled close to the date of the Battle of Matapan for over 70 years. For many years they have held the lunch at William Angliss Restaurant, however, this year we will be at a new venue - the Batman's Hill Quality Hotel, located at the corner of Collins and Spencer Streets. Cost has been kept at \$35 pp for a three course lunch, drinks at bar prices. This is an opportunity for Service and Ex-Service men and women, along with family and friends to come together in a convivial environment. Guest speaker is Captain Roy Stanbrook, Harbour Master - Port of Melbourne. Captain Stanbrook was on the bridge of the British RFA Sir Galahad when hit by bombs during the Falklands War. The Scrap Iron Flotilla Association, with our support seeks to keep alive the legacy derived from that first deployment of five very old destroyers to the Mediterranean in 1939. Only Warship Stuart carries the banner of the Scrap Iron Flotilla these days, and that warship is soon to go into a modernisation regime where the most up to date sensor systems will be installed. The current crew will transfer to Parramatta as her upgrade completes early 2016. A great lunch is assured, go along and meet with two of our WWII Veterans. Email to reserve seats - scrapironflotillaassociation@gmail.com

Warship of old

The January Rogues Yarn had an article describing the new USA warship, USS *Zumwalt*, some made a comparison between the new shape and our time-honoured warships. In particular, the beauty of the light cruiser HMAS *Sydney I* was acknowledged. Warship *Zumwalt* resembles the American ironclad Monitor (Warship) of the 1860s. Australia's own ironclad, launched in the UK during 1868 was the Victoria Navy's warship HMVS *Cerberus*. It was the most powerful warship of the Australian Colonies. *Cerberus* was purchased to protect Victoria's Gold resource from foreign attack, particularly invasion by the Russian Pacific Fleet. In 1926, *Cerberus* was acquired by Sandringham Council and eventually towed into its current position, scuttled to provide a breakwater at the entrance to Half Moon Bay, it still has four of its 10 inch guns in her turrets. Friends of *Cerberus* is a group dedicated to preserving the remaining structure. If you have an interest in being involved, then log onto their website <http://www.cerberus.com.au> to demonstrate your interest. *Original article by Chris Harvey!*

Navy Week 2016

Planning is underway for Navy Week Victoria - 2016. You are welcome to have your organisation join in, the intention is to work up a variety of events and activities that will attract a wide range of the Navy demographic. In the first instance, it takes a few champions to take the lead, are you that person? The old salts will recall the wide range of activities that used to comprise Navy Week, Open Days at Williamstown Naval Dockyard to special racing events at Flemington, Caulfield and Moonee Valley. If you have an appropriate contact with an organisation that could name an event that highlights Navy then we would welcome your contact. The aim of Navy Week is to excite as many people as possible so that they might consider their connection with the wider Navy community. Once we garner their interest then we might convince them to participate to some degree in sustaining the legacy of those that have done their bit for Australia, through service in the Defence Force, particularly during war-like activities. Email for information naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com

ANZAC Centenary

The ANZAC Centenary commemorates Australia's involvement in WWI and encourages us to remember anyone who has served in a war or conflict as well as those men and women still serving in the Defence Forces today. To appreciate how current Service men and women describe their feelings of ANZAC go to www.defence.gov.au/Events/CentenaryOfAnzac. This website will take you to a site where serving members share their personal thoughts on the ANZAC Centenary. Well worth a look! In Victoria, a very successful project - 5000 Poppies has been realised. The success is such that hundreds of thousands of knitted poppies have been received and will be taken to the 2016 RHS Chelsea Flower Show. Victoria's Minister for Veterans, the Hon John Eren has been quoted as saying that the 5000 Poppies Project is a stunning tribute to our servicemen and women. Now, people from all over the world will be able to pay their respects. If you are travelling to the UK, at the time of the flower show have a look for yourself at this magnificent display. Keep an eye on Victoria's ANZAC Centenary website for updates on key ANZAC activities.



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Special Notes

Navy League of Australia. The Annual Creswell Oration is upon us with the lunch and oration to take place at the William Angliss Restaurant on Tuesday, 1MAR16. The cost is \$45 per person. If you wish to hear the oration, to be delivered by VADM David Johnston AM RAN, Chief Joint Operations titled "The conduct of Current and Future joint operations" then you will need to act now. Contact the NL by emailing: alistle@bigpond.com or jmwilkins34@netspace.net.au for quick advice.

Naval Historic Society of Australia. You may not be aware that the NHS arrange interesting presentations, delivered at each of their meetings. They meet on the 4th Monday of every month at the Melbourne Naval Centre. These evenings are open to everyone keen to learn more about Navy. The next presentation is on Monday 21MAR16 (due to the 4th Monday in March being Easter Monday this year), 1800 start with light supper (\$5/pp) with a 1900 presentation. You can hear LCDR Kelly Hayward RAN present in March. In 2013 Kelly was awarded the Western Australian and National Telstra WA Young Business Woman of the Year. Come along and meet Kelly and the NHS Team.

Charity Lunch—HMAS Bataan Association.

The Bataan Association has arranged a charity lunch for the Challenge-Supporting Kids with Cancer. The lunch will be at 1200, on Friday 13MAY16 at the Noble Park RSL, 1128 Heather-ton Road, Noble Park. They have arranged a guest speaker, Leon Wiegard - an Olympian and past President Fitzroy Football Club. Gracing the lime light will also be comedian Oscar Swary. At \$30 pp this will be an entertaining charity lunch. The contact is John Laughton, post cheque to the Association at 90/2 Cameron St, Cranbourne East, VIC 3977 or email johnfl@aapt.net.au

HMAS YARRA Commemorative Service.

The 2016 annual commemorative service for HMAS Yarra will be conducted at the Spotswood memorial site on Sunday, 6th March. Best to let the organisers know of your intention to attend by emailing Christine at hirschy@bigpond.com

Defence White Paper. If you are interested in reading the white paper for yourself, rather than hear how the media wish to interpret things then go to <http://www.defence.gov.au/WhitePaper/>. The Paper sets out a responsible long term plan.