



Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the Navy Victoria Network newsletter for January 2012.

Happy New Year to all of the 650+ registered members of the NVN who automatically receive this, the first of the monthly Newsletters for 2012. And best wishes also to the many other readers of the NVN website who, for various reasons, haven't registered yet or do not wish to receive the monthly Newsletters via email. That is your prerogative and the NVN team respects your wishes.

Hopefully all our readers are as thrilled as we are that, in the space of a year, the NVN has been well and truly embedded as a major source of information for members of the 'wider naval community' wanting to know what's going on in Victoria to commemorate the RAN's rich contribution to the nation & Victoria. This includes information about events you can attend, associations you can join and snippets of news that keep you better-informed about issues, plans and activities which are likely to be of interest to you. Having now got the NVN established, we would welcome any feedback on ways you think this information service can be improved.

Although it'll obviously take a while for various naval associations in Victoria to 'gear-up' for the new year, could those readers of this Newsletter who are involved in coordinating the social, business and commemorative events for their organisations please send confirmed details of their annual programs to the NVN webmaster (webmaster@navyvic.net) as soon as practicable? The NVN team is keen to advertise your events in the 'Calendar' for everybody's mutual benefit.

Calendar Events

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27th January 2012 – Recruit School Graduation

Latest News

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

Once again, master model maker Max Montague opened his house to the cadets of *TS Voyager*. This time the cadets were set a task of finding certain articles that were placed in the models when Max first built them. Photos of the day have been uploaded on to You Tube. [View the video.....](#)

A follow up health study of approximately 3,000 service personnel who participated in the 2000-2003 Australian Gulf War Veterans' Health Study is being conducted by a research team based at Monash University. [More.....](#)

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

PROSTATE CANCER - a timely reminder.
After spraying 21 Million gallons of herbicide over the South Vietnam countryside 1962-71 I think it not an unreasonable assumption, [More.....](#)

Of all the January events currently displayed in the NVN calendar, we particularly wish to bring to your attention the “Piers Festival and Open Day” at the Station and Princes Piers in Port Melbourne on Saturday 28 January. Although the main focus of the festival is on the European migrants who disembarked at these wharves after WWII, most serving and ex-Navy personnel will also have fond memories of coming alongside these wharves in warships when visiting Melbourne. So why not “take a trip down memory lane” and make the most of this rare opportunity to revisit this ‘gateway’ to Melbourne. Lots of interesting & fun events kick-off at Station Pier at midday and finish-up at Princes Pier at 9.30 pm. For more details, visit the following website: www.multiculturalarts.com.au/events2012/piers.shtml

Please look at the Calendar for details of other events coming up in February and March that may interest you. However, one event in February that the NVN team is keen to support is the “workshop” that the Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria (NCCV) is arranging on Sunday 26 February. This “workshop” aims to examine issues of mutual concern to all the Ship and other ex-Navy Associations and related organisations which are represented in Victoria and then to work collaboratively to develop strategies to resolve these concerns, promote networking between organisations and enhance the sense of camaraderie across the extended Navy community. Terry Makings (President NCCV) will be issuing invitations shortly to each organisation to send two representatives to attend this “workshop” at the English Speaking Union (ESU) in Toorak Rd, South Yarra. We really hope that all Association and organisations will be represented at this “workshop”. What a great way to start the year!

The message that the NVN Editorial Committee wishes to spread to readers of the NavyVIC website is that, if you see an event of interest in the Calendar, quickly check your diary and, if bookings are required, don’t wait too long to make the necessary call! We look forward to seeing an increase in your patronage at the various events throughout the coming year.

NVN Team

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.

Membership as at 22 January 2012: 662

Navy’s capability boosted with new ship arrival HMAS Choules [More.....](#)

Sailor Wounded in Action returns to Australia

One of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel, a sailor, who was wounded in action on 2 January 2012 when the Bushmaster he was travelling in struck an Improvised Explosive Device (IED), returned to Australia on Saturday 7 January 2012 for ongoing treatment and rehabilitation. [More.....](#)

Minister for Defence visits the United Kingdom for the 2012 Australia-United Kingdom Ministerial (AUKMIN) Consultations in London on Monday 23 January. [More.....](#)

Greater Defence Transparency

The Minister for Defence Stephen Smith today released 116 Department of Defence Hot Issue Briefs, covering the period from 14 September 2010 to the present day. [More.....](#)

Minister for Defence – Statement on Defence Culture and Behaviour

The Government and Defence have a zero tolerance approach to sexual abuse and misconduct. [More.....](#)

Private Commemorations for Vietnam War service personnel - Permission to Use the Service Emblem

All veterans who served in the Royal Australian Navy, the Australian Army or the Royal Australian Air Force are entitled to have their Service emblem/badge inscribed on their private memorial. [More.....](#)

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