



Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the Navy Victoria Network newsletter for July 2012.

Happy 101st birthday Navy! Yep, who would have believed that a year has already passed since the big celebrations this time last year which commemorated the 100th anniversary of the Australian Navy receiving the "Royal" prefix on 10 July 1911? Although 2012 is a less memorable year in that regard, there's still a lot of 'stuff' going on in Victoria this year which we feel sure many of our readers will find interesting. Furthermore, we hope that most readers will be motivated to attend some of the events in the Calendar. After all, it's only through attendance at commemorative and social events that we get to rub shoulders with currently serving or ex-Navy personnel who, having shared the same experiences as us, keep the comradeship alive.

Whilst our Webmaster puts lots of tantalizing 'snippets' of information in the right-hand column of this Newsletter, these only represent a small percentage of the quantum of information spread throughout the website. Irrespective of your 'computer literacy', however, we hope that all our readers will have a go at 'exploring' the NVN website to see what else is 'on the go'. It is only through practice that our computer literacy will improve..... it doesn't cost

Calendar Events

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05th Aug – Victorian Association of Jewish Ex-servicemen & Women – wreath laying in the Sanctuary.

06th Aug – On this day in 1900 - South Australian ship PROTECTOR sailed for the Boxer Rebellion under the command of CAPT W.R. Creswell.

09th Aug - On this day in 1942 - battle of Savo Island, loss of HMAS CANBERRA.

17th Aug – Recruit School graduation.

18th Aug – Vietnam Veterans Day

20th Aug – On this day in 1948 – The Fleet Air Arm was established.

26th Aug – Melbourne Legacy Widow's Pilgrimage – Wreath Laying at Legacy Garden on Shrine Reserve.

27th Aug – NHS meeting

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.

anything and nobody's watching to see if you make any mistakes!

For instance, we can't possibly highlight (in the right-hand column of the Newsletter) all upcoming events listed in the Calendar. Whilst the main ones for the remainder of this month and the early part of next month usually get a 'guernsey', readers really need to click on the "**Calendar**" tab and scroll through a few months to see what is coming up and make a note (in your personal diaries) of the events that take your fancy.

Likewise, readers really ought to take the time to click on the "**News**" tab to see the wealth of relevant information that the Webmaster has gleaned from numerous sources. And before I forget, there's a 'reminder' in this section (and under the "**Reunion**" tab too) to all those "Rockies" who previously served in the Melbourne Port Division based at HMAS LONSDALE to submit their expressions of interest (EOI) to attend an inaugural Reunion event planned for Sunday 14 October. Although EOIs were sought by last Friday (20th July), the organisers say they'd be happy to extend this deadline a bit longer. So, please "spread the word" and get your bids in as soon as possible.

We are thrilled that a number of Associations have now set up their own 'events' pages on the NVN website under the "**Ship Associations**" tab. Some have also established 'links' to their own websites for those readers who would like to find out a bit more about what they're up to. Anybody who is really impressed with what other Associations represent (or do) can also follow this route if they're interested in joining up or participating in some of the events as a "try before you buy" opportunity.

We would also recommend that our readers should occasionally check-out the "**Vale**" section of the website as, sadly, as time passes, we can expect to find that few of our old colleagues and ship mates have 'crossed the bar'. This may be the only notice you will receive of the need to send condolence letters to surviving family members you may

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



Operational Service Medal - New Medal of Recognition for Defence

The Minister for Defence Science and Personnel, Warren Snowdon, together with the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Ray Griggs, AO, CSC, RAN, today unveiled a new medal of recognition for Australia's defence force. [More....](#)

Operational Service Medal - Border Protection

[click here for Signal issued by Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Ray Griggs, AO, CSC, RAN.](#)

[Click here for PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE – Australian Operational Service Medal](#)

Australian Navy explores alternative fuel use with United States

The Royal Australian Navy has signed an agreement with the US Navy to explore the increased use of environmentally friendly fuels. [More....](#)

NCCV Newsletter 'Rogue's Yarn'

Paper Presented to the Perth Counter-Piracy Conference

Australia is a country with significant Indian Ocean as well as Pacific interests. The security of the Indian Ocean and the waters beyond goes to the heart of Australia's national interests, and indeed the interests of the region. [More....](#)

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know. At the same time, if you know of an ex-shipmate who has passed away, please let us know so we can publish details.

There are also heaps of 'Websites of Interest' that you can easily access through the "**Links**" tab in the NVN Website. Of particular interest to most of us would be the 'Navy News', 'RAN' and the 'Fair Go' websites. So much good "guff" to keep us all up-to-date with what's going on in the Navy of today and in the ex-Navy community! Happy 'browsing' on the NVN website!

One last thing! We have encouraged the Presidents and other executive committee members of all 53 ex-Navy Branch and Ship Associations (which are represented in Victoria) to send us articles of interest and details of events that ought to be brought to the attention of the wider Navy community in Victoria. Whilst it is easier if the inputs are sent to the Webmaster via email (webmaster@navyvic.net), if this cannot be done, written inputs – including details of a webpage Associations may wish to have published – can be sent via 'snail mail' to the following address:

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Yours Aye!
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.

Wave Energy comes to Garden Island, Perth

The Department of Defence and Carnegie Wave Energy have signed power supply and grid connection agreements which will allow Defence to purchase all the electricity produced by a wave power facility to be established on Garden Island, the home of HMAS Stirling. [More.....](#)

HMAS Farncomb relishes RIMPAC 2012

The crew of the Royal Australian Navy's Collins Class submarine HMAS Farncomb are preparing to test themselves in a realistic warfare scenario, off the coast of Hawaii. [More.....](#)

SPS Cantabria deployment agreement signed

Spain and Australia have agreed today that the Combat Supply Ship Cantabria will operate with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) from February to November 2013. [More.....](#)

Launch of the Second Amphibious Ship Landing Helicopter Dock (LHD) at the Navantia shipyard in Spain.

[More.....](#)
[Watch the launch.....](#)

Ocean Shield arrives in Australia.

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Defence Capability Plan released.

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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.