

NVN Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the Navy Victoria Network newsletter for June 2011.

Our aim is to encourage all ex-navy men, women and their descendents to register with us. The focus is on encouraging anyone with a link to the Navy to participate in some small way in recognition of that relationship. Hopefully you will give some thought as to how to influence your own network of family and friends to join us.

The purpose of the NavyVIC website is to develop an information sea lane for the purpose of increasing your knowledge and opportunity for involvement in matters Navy. This involvement can be as little as attending a 20 minute pilgrimage to the Shrine of Remembrance, or other occasion where you may demonstrate support of the Navy community. View our calendar to see if any event listed relates to you!

The [NavyVIC](#) website is designed to collate information relating to our collective interests. We hope to bring the diverse information disseminated across many communication streams into one place to enable everyone to appreciate what is happening in Victoria and wider afield. We ask that you encourage your Navy friends, and any descendents you may know, to sign up so that they may also receive the newsletter.

Should you have access to information likely to be of interest to the wider Navy community, please let us know. This request is particularly important for anyone with editorial responsibilities within a kindred ex-navy association. We also ask that you disseminate this newsletter to any friends and family that may have an interest in the Royal Australian Navy.

Calendar Events

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3 July at 11:00 – Reserve Forces Day. This involves a short march to the Shrine of Remembrance, followed by a service on the forecourt at the Cenotaph. All current and ex-RANR service members are encouraged to attend.

3 July at 13:30 – FESR Association wreath laying ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance. Pilgrimages to the Shrine of Remembrance are not restricted to association members.

10th July - 100th Anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy. On this day in 1911 - King George V granted the Permanent Commonwealth Naval Force the title of Royal Australian Navy.

15 July – HMAS CERBERUS, Recruit School Graduation Ceremony. Should you wish to attend this event, you will be required to write to the CO, RAN Recruit School for permission.

16 July – RAN Centenary Dinner/Dance at the Frankston RSL. Bookings Essential. Pre-dinner 'tot of rum'. Music by the RAN band.

17 July – HMAS CERBERUS, The Australian Navy Cadet organisation, Victoria Division will parade in recognition of the formation of a second Division in Victoria.

The focus on descendents is paramount. Imagine 56 Corvettes, built and commissioned into the RAN during WWII, that entailed over 10,000 Officers and Sailors as crew members over the life of these warships. We need to ask ourselves, where are the descendents who should know and participate in the commemoration of the valiant service contributed by their forebears. Look at the website calendar for activities that may appeal to you or your family.

Should you, your family or friends not know what pilgrimages to the Shrine of Remembrance might be relevant to specific service, please view the Shrine of Remembrance [website](#) and search the 'Ceremonies and Wreath Laying' and click on the calendar at the top right hand corner of the screen.

The NavyVIC team are encouraged by your support and hope to broaden the websites appeal to increase overall participation at significant navy events, particularly in Victoria.

Other Items of Interest.

Anzac Day March. There has been considerable interest in the revised arrangements for the 2011 Anzac Day March. For those who attended the Kindred Organisations and Unit Associations Committee meeting last month, will appreciate that the 2011 arrangements are being reviewed. Whilst there is more to be considered, in 2012 participants will be able to march behind their respective ship/association banner. This is a good change and welcomed by all!

The Navy Commemoration Committee of Victoria (NCCV). In keeping with the objective of encouraging all ex-navy people to connect with some service element, there is also a need for organisations with a navy interest to consider being part of the NCCV. The purpose of this initiative is so that the wider navy community can have a voice when it counts. For instance, Navy Week is virtually a non-event in Victoria, if we wish to improve this situation we need to tackle it collectively. The NCCV is keen to see if there is sufficient interest along these lines, to this end they are in the process of gauging the level of interest. Organisations will likely receive communications soon.

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.

Latest News



HMAS MANOORA

Decommissioning Ceremony

Video of HMAS Manoora

Decommissioning Ceremony which occurred on Friday 27 May 2011 at Fleet Base East, Garden Island, Sydney. [Open](#)

AVCAT 2012 Scholarships, Bursaries & Grants

The 2012 Applications open on 18 August, 2011.

AVCAT gives financial assistance to help selected children & grandchildren of the Australian Ex-Service Community with the costs of tertiary education. [More.....](#)

Labor, Greens and Senator Xenophon SCUTTLE Fairer Indexation of Veterans' Superannuation Pensions

Military superannuants have been denied fair, just and equitable indexation of their pensions [More.....](#)

More Women At Sea In Subs.

Minister for Defence Science and Personnel Warren Snowdon has cleared the way for more women to serve in Navy submarines by formally approving shared female and male accommodation on board every boat. [More.....](#)

100 Years of the Royal Australian Navy. [View the publication online.](#)

Avatars train on Navy's future ship

Sailors will be able to use 3-D avatars to train on ships that are currently under construction [More.....](#)