



Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the Navy Victoria Network newsletter for March 2012.

We are indeed a lucky country - regarding life-style, resources, health standards, freedoms, opportunity ...and so on, but if we want to safeguard and preserve the blessings we enjoy it is essential we pay regard to Defence. Sadly we pay too little attention to this, the most important of a government's responsibilities. There are few parliamentarians who have any background of military experience and far too few media reporters or commentators dedicated to dealing with Defence matters. Partly as a result of this situation the public shows relatively little interest and often appears complacent – until something goes wrong. Then all hell lets loose: it's remarkable how often we see this happen.

We who have served need to play a greater part in rousing public interest and awareness about Defence and the necessity for governments to accord it the priority it deserves. In the day and age we live in we cannot hide behind the out-dated notion that the Navy is 'the silent service'. This just doesn't wash in the 21st century.

Numerous ex-Service organisations focus on different aspects of Navy's current and future needs – some on strategy, some on hardware, some on welfare and personnel matters. They promulgate material via journals, bulletins, news-sheets or in whatever form they can but for the most part they promulgate to their own members or constituents. The establishment of the Navy Victoria Network (NVN) provides a facility for wider dissemination of information and ideas on Navy matters. Through utilising its capability to reach a wide cross-section of the Navy family in Victoria the NVN can promote better

Calendar Events

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01st April 2012 – HMAS Cerberus 91st birthday

23rd April 2012 – Naval Historical Society Meeting. [Click here for full details](#)

24th April 2012 – On this day in 1860 - HMVS VICTORIA sailed for the Maori War in NZ. Australia's first commitment of forces overseas.

25th April 2012 – Anzac Day.

26 April 2012 at 1015 – HMAS Assault Association Wreath laying at tree F37, Melbourne Shrine.

Latest News

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

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

New Defence Satellite Launched – A new Defence satellite was successfully launched in Kazakhstan overnight which will improve communications abilities .. [more....](#)

Navy League of Australia - Victorian Chapter – [Click here to view the League's March Newsletter.](#)

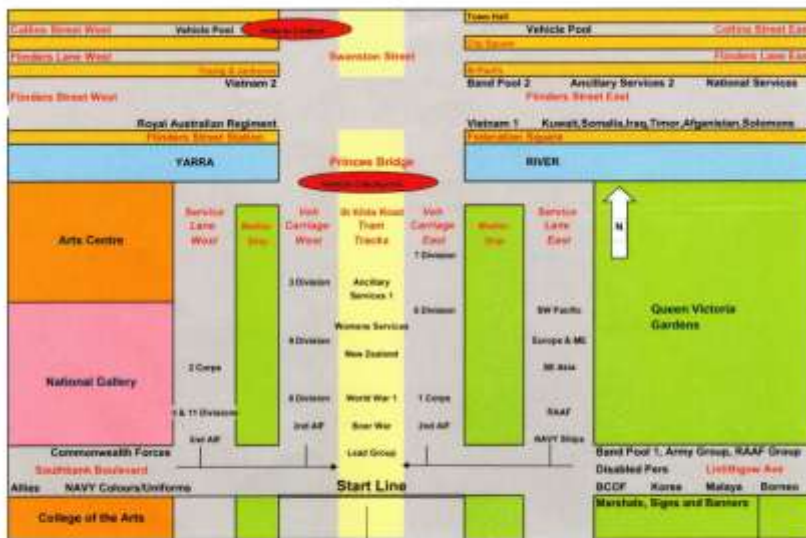
HMAS Canberra – [Click here to view HMAS Canberra's Newsletter.](#)

understanding of what is going on in the 21st century RAN. Individual organisations and associations are encouraged to contact the [NVN webmaster](#) with a view to having their own page on the website which will help 'spread the word' to the public and in time encourage greater interest in Defence generally (and the Navy in particular). [\[Visit Ship Association Page\]](#)

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.

ANZAC Day Commemoration March
Assembly Plan 2012



Group	Unit Association	Form Up Time	Area
1	Lead Group	8:00	St Nikolaus Tram (near Southbank Boulevard)
2	1st World War	8:00	Following Lead Group
3	2nd World War	8:05	Following 1st World War
4	Non-Operational World War 2	8:05	Following World War 1
5	Women's Services	8:20	Following New Zealand
6	Auxiliary Services 1	8:30	Following Women's Services
7	Navy Wife	8:30	St Nikolaus Road Service Lane East
8	SAF / Corps	8:35	St Nikolaus Road (Carriage East)
9	1st Division	8:35	Following 1st Corps
10	2nd Division	8:35	Following 2nd Division
11	3rd Division	8:40	St Nikolaus Road (Carriage West)
12	4th Division	8:40	Following 3rd Division
13	5th Division	8:40	Following 4th Division
14	6th Division	8:40	Following 5th Division
15	7th & 11th Divisions	10:00	St Nikolaus Road Service Lane West
16	8th Corps	10:00	Following 7th & 11th Divisions
17	NAAF South East Asia	10:15	St Nikolaus Road Service Lane East
18	NAAF Europe & Middle East	10:15	Following NAAF South East Asia
19	NAAF South West Pacific	10:15	Following NAAF Europe & Middle East
20	Disabled Personnel	10:20	Lighthorse Avenue Inter St Nikolaus Road
21	Post World War 2 Army Group	10:15	Lighthorse Avenue North Side
22	NAAF Group	10:15	Lighthorse Avenue North Side
23	RCCF Korea, Malaya, Borneo	10:20	Lighthorse Avenue South Side
24	Flinders Street East	10:30	Flinders Street East (Post Square)
25	Flinders Street West	10:30	Flinders Street West (Railway Station)
26	Royal Australian Regiment	10:30	Flinders Street West (Young & Jackson)
27	Flinders Street East	11:00	Flinders Street East (Post Square)
28	Auxiliary Services 2	11:00	Flinders Street East (St Paul's)
29	National Services	11:00	Flinders Street East (St Paul's)
30	Naval Ship	11:00	Southbank Boulevard South Side
31	Commonwealth Forces	11:00	Southbank Boulevard North (National Gallery)
32	Ally	11:00	Southbank Boulevard South (College of the Arts)
33	March	11:00	St Kilda Road (Centre)

Assembly plans for the Melbourne march have changed for this year. [Click here to view this year's assembly plan.](#)

Purchase of Offshore Support Vessel for Humanitarian and Disaster Relief
The Government has agreed to purchase the Offshore Support Vessel MSV Skandi Bergen. The Skandi Bergen will add to the RAN's current amphibious ships, HMAS Choules and HMAS Tobruk. [More....](#)

DFRDB Indexation – The Coalition has recommitted itself to the fair indexation of DFRB & DFRDB military superannuation pensions.

[Joint Press Release](#)
[Military Super Pledge](#)
[Joint Doorstop Interview](#)

Veterans' Children's Education Assistance Schemes Undermined
On 1 January 2012, Centrelink benefits for eligible 16 to 19 year old students at secondary school were increased. However, payments for the children of veterans receiving the same benefits under Veterans Affairs assistance schemes received no increase. This failure was surprising, even astounding. [More....](#)

Kuttabul Commemoration Newsletter – February Edition – [Click here](#) to view the third edition to the Kuttabul Commemoration, 70th Anniversary newsletter.

Sailor Inspires Young Women – International Women's Day was celebrated around Australia by the Australian Defence Force, and in Canberra; a group of leaders from the local community were inspired by the story of one of Navy's young 'leaders'. [More....](#)

Defence Force Welfare Association Monthly [Update #269.](#)

[ADSO Update #15](#)

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