



# Newsletter

Navy Victoria Network

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## Editorial

Welcome to the [Navy Victoria Network](#) newsletter for March 2013.

If you've ever wanted to reconnect with your Navy past, commemorate the deeds of those brave sailors who went before you, or celebrate this nation's great maritime tradition, 2013 is a wonderful year to do so. There is absolutely no excuse to choose to be involved because there are so many exciting events to be a part of.

Navy's signature commemorative event for 2013 is the International Fleet Review in Sydney from 3 - 11 October 2013 to celebrate the centenary of the momentous first entry of the Royal Australian Navy's Fleet into Sydney, led by the flagship HMAS Australia on 4 October 1913.



[Click image to view the RAN video of the Fleet entry in 1913](#)

This high profile international event includes participation by approximately 40 visiting warships and 12 tall ships. The RAN

## Calendar Events

*(see calendar for details of all events)*

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**31<sup>st</sup> Mar** – RNZN Reunion wreath laying service at the Shrine.

**31<sup>st</sup> Mar** – RAN Recruit School wreath laying service at the Shrine.

**04<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Federation of Naval Ships Association – Annual Lunch

**10<sup>th</sup> Apr** – RAN Band Soundwaves concert.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Apr** – NHS Meeting

**24<sup>th</sup> Apr** - On this day in 1860 - **HMS VICTORIA** sailed for the Maori War in NZ. It was Australia's first commitment of forces overseas.

**25 Apr** – ANZAC Day

**26 Apr** – Official opening of the major exhibition: *Fear God and Honour the King: HMAS Melbourne (I) (1913-1928)*

**26 Apr** – HMAS Assault Association wreath laying service.

**03 May** – Book launch – “Out of Sight – Out of Mind”.

## Latest News

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**Royal Australian Navy and Royal Thai Navy exercise joint war-fighting skills**  
The Royal Australian Navy, supported by the Royal Australian Air Force, has conducted a highly successful maritime exercise with the Royal Thai Navy. [More.....](#)

Sea Power Conference 2013 and Pacific 2013 International Maritime Congress and Exposition are also scheduled to take place at Darling Harbour from 7 October 2013 to coincide with the International Fleet Review.

If you are thinking about going to NSW for this near once in a lifetime event, there is lots to do and see in Sydney and surrounds. Activities include a combined naval march through the Sydney CBD, ships open for public viewing, naval memorial and religious services, a surf rowers event, and a range of other community and cultural events.

For a listing of the full schedule of events, have a look at: <http://www.navy.gov.au/ifr-2013-schedule-events>. It is advisable to occasionally return to this site on the off-chance that the schedule changes.

There are a number of commercial organisations offering harbour cruises to witness this very special event and it won't take you too long browsing on the internet to select one that suits you. For example, the Australian Cruise Group via [www.australiancruise.com.au/royal-australian-navy.php](http://www.australiancruise.com.au/royal-australian-navy.php) has a dedicated page covering the International Fleet Review 2013.

If you're not making the trip north, there are still plenty of local commemorative events to take part in, not the least of which is Anzac Day. This year the Navy contingent is once again forming up on Flinders Street opposite the Railway Station.

Please add the following Victorian "Flagship Events" to your diary:

- Battle of the Coral Sea Wreath Laying (1130 Sunday 5th May 2013)
- Seafarers Service – Navy Week (1030 Sunday 13th October 2013)
- Wreath Laying Service – Navy Week (1330 Sunday 13th October 2013)
- HMAS GOORANGAI Memorial Service (1100 Sunday 17th November 2013)

For more information on these important local events please refer to the NVN website <http://navyvic.net> which is a great resource for the ex-Navy community in Victoria. It is constantly being updated and we recommend that you return to it on a

### ***Sons of ANZAC's Vietnam Memorial Tour***

*In 2015 it will be the centennial of the landing at Anzac Cove and coincidentally a significant anniversary for Vietnam Veterans, being 50 years since the deployment of our first battle group. That deployment went on to last 10 years. [More.....](#)*

### ***HMAS Childers recovers survivors from the water***

*HMAS Childers and the crew of Ardent Six (Lieutenant Commander Chris Brough) have been instrumental in recovering 77 survivors from wreckage 60 nautical miles north of Ashmore Island. [More.....](#)*

### ***New App Helps Veteran Community Think Before They Drink***

*A new smart phone app helping current and former serving members of the Australian Defence Force track their drinking habits was launched today by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Warren Snowdon. [More.....](#)*

### ***On The Record - Chief of Navy - Letter to the Editor – The Mercury Dear Mr Holman,***

*On Monday 18 March 2013 the online version of your newspaper published an editorial which related to the article entitled "Incat sailing at full speed" (17 March 2013). I feel compelled to ..... [More.....](#)*

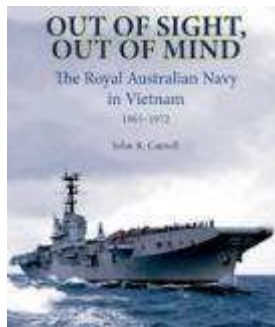
### ***2013 King Hall Naval Conference 'The War at Sea 1914 - 1918'***

*The eighth biennial King Hall Naval Conference will be held in Canberra on 23 - 24 May 2013. The King Hall Conference has become a significant event in the national and international sea power communities for its wide ranging discussion of topical naval historical and maritime strategic issues. The conference is open to the public. [More.....](#)*

weekly basis to not only see what's going on, but also to review the "News and Articles of Interest" page. It will certainly keep you up to date with what is happening in today's Navy as well as providing information relevant to the veteran community. By way of example, there are currently news articles covering such diverse topics as new pension and income support payments rates for veterans and the HMAS Cerberus Navy Steam Club 1923 Foden Steam Wagon's recent participation at the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix event.

NVN Team.

### BOOK LAUNCH



### "OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND"

Author: Dr. John Carroll

The HMAS Sydney & VLSV Association (Vic. Inc.), invite you to attend the book launch of "Out of Sight, Out of Mind", on 03 May 2013. [More....](#)

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### VALE

† LME Brian Jackson, commissioning crew HMAS Hobart (DDG39), passed away early March 2013. Aged 72.

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### Cooks Reunion

Registration for the 2014 COOKS REUNION in Melbourne is now open. We particularly welcome young veterans and current serving Cooks to all functions. Full details at: [2014 RAN Cooks Reunion©](#)

**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.*

NVN current membership: 786

### Exhibition

*The Military History and Heritage Victoria Inc (MHHV) and its supporter, the Royal Historical Society of Victoria (RHSV) will hold a major exhibition at the RHSV: Fear God and Honour the King: HMAS Melbourne (I) (1913-1928). [Full details....](#)*

### Independent tribunal's findings accepted: No VCs to be awarded posthumously

*The Australian Government has today announced that no Victoria Cross (VC) will be awarded posthumously for any of the 13 individuals who were the subject of the recent inquiry...[More....](#)*

### Unit Citation for Gallantry to be awarded to HMAS Yarra

*The World War 2 sloop HMAS Yarra will be awarded a Unit Citation for Gallantry based on her actions off Singapore on 5 February and in the Indian Ocean 4 March 1942. [More....](#)*

### The RAN's Senior Leadership Group and responsibilities. [View....](#)

### International Fleet Review

*For all the latest on the IFR go to <http://www.navy.gov.au/ifr>*

### Navy League of Australia - Victorian Chapter - [March Newsletter](#)

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

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

### NCCV March Newsletter 'Rogue's Yarn'

### Naval Historical Society (Vic) [Presidents musings 2013](#)

**Don't forget to visit the website, there's a lot more information and news that is not included here.**