

## **Editorial**

The launch of the Navy Victoria Network (NVN) has been enthusiastically welcomed by the ex-Navy community with over 500 registrations in the first month and many expressions of support for the concept. We ask all who read this do their best to 'spread the word'. Currently the newly-launched vessel is proceeding smoothly, testing its capability and considering what adjustments need to be made if it is to live up to design expectations.

The belief underpinning the construction of the NVN is that technological developments in the cyber-space age make it possible for people to be kept informed about what is happening more effectively than has ever been possible before. We aim to keep users up-dated on a range of matters likely to be of interest to (primarily) ex-Navy personnel in Victoria - what is going on, what is planned and where information can be obtained about events and matters which may be of interest to members of the extended Navy family.

The NVN is intended as an information highway. It will not be a forum for comment, debate or criticism; it will not advocate on behalf of any person, body or group; it will not initially include discussion but this policy may be reviewed in due course. Its effectiveness as an information supplier will depend largely on the willingness of participants to contribute information worthy of dissemination. In time – but not for the first few months – it is intended to include a 'Users Page' where suggestions can be made and opinions offered (subject to editorial discretion).

### **Calendar events:**

*3 June – Anniversary of the collision between HMAS Melbourne and USS Frank E. Evans. 74 lives lost – Lest We Forget.*

*6 June – Normandy Veterans Association wreath laying at cenotaph, Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance.*

*12 June – "N" Class destroyers wreath laying at cenotaph, Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance.*

*14 June – The Perth Mint and Australia Post mark the 100th anniversary of the Royal Australian Navy with a stunning commemorative Stamp and Coin Cover. On 1 March 1901, exactly two months after the Federation of Australia, responsibility for the former colonies' naval forces passed to the new Commonwealth Government, setting in train developments resulting in the emergence of the Royal Australian Navy in 1911. [More.....](#)*

*18 June – Pusser's Greenies (Vic Div) meet & greet.*

### **Latest News**

*"All At Sea" - an exhibition of the maritime paintings of Jack L. Koskie. Exhibition opened from 05 May - 17 June 2011. [More.....](#)*

*Nasho's Reunion – Townsville 8-11 September 2011 "Reunion" is for all **NASHOs (ALL SERVICES)**, from those conscripted during World War 11, those conscripted during 1951 - 1959, and those who were conscripted during 1965 - 1972. You do not have to have served overseas. It would be great to have fellows from each conscription era attend this "Reunion". For full details download the [Nasho's Newsletter](#).*

*Amphibious Ship Update - joint media release from Minister for Defence and Minister for Defence Materiel. [More.....](#)*

*The concept of the Unique Nature of Military Service has been championed by the DFWA for some years – including a seminar held on the subject in 2009. Our paper on the issue is also attached - "The Unique Nature of Military Service". [More.....](#)*