



Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the Navy Victoria Network newsletter for October 2011.

October has traditionally been a busy month for Navy activities in Victoria. This year is no different.

HMAS CERBERUS held their biannual Open Day. Captain Mark Hill, Commanding Officer of HMAS Cerberus, thanked the community for making this year's Open Day another huge success, in the establishment's 90 year history.

Approximately 6,000 people interested in the Royal Australian Navy, a Navy career or just wanting a great family day out were part of the fun and festivities at the base.

The Collins Submarine HMAS DECHANEUX sailed into Melbourne on the 28th Oct and will be here until 3rd Nov at Station Pier, unfortunately there are no open days planned for public visits. The Navy usually sends a vessel to visit Melbourne for the Cup Carnival so it is likely that the crew are to be visitors at Flemington for Cup Day.

Coming up in November we have the annual Remembrance Day commemorations which will commence with the annual dinner on Tuesday 8th November. Details can be found on their [website](#).

The wonderful RAN Band will be performing at HMAS CERBERUS on Tuesday 8th November at 7.30pm – this event is free. Check our calendar for details.

Our bicentennial gift, the YOUNG ENDEAVOUR will be visiting Melbourne between 11th and 16th November. They will be

Calendar Events

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8th November – RAN Band
Soundwaves concert – HMAS Cerberus.

13th November – *Young Endeavour sails into Melbourne.*

18th November – *HMAS Castlemaine wreath laying at the Cenotaph.*

19th November – *Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Sydney II, a service will be held in the Sanctuary of the Shrine*

20th November - *HMAS GOORANGAI Memorial Service at the Ocean View Reserve, Queenscliff.*

Latest News

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Submarine Gas Leak on Multi National Exercise

The Royal Australian Navy submarine HMAS Farncomb is returning to Singapore after partial failure of its cooling system during the Five Power Defence Agreement (FPDA) Exercise Bersama Lima 2011 (BL11). [More....](#)

holding an open day on Sunday 13th November. If you haven't seen this fine Tall Ship, put this in your diary as it's well worth going aboard. Full details are on their [website](#).

On the 20th November, 71 years ago, HMAS Goorangai, auxiliary minesweeper, was sunk in a collision with the liner Duntroon off Queenscliff in Port Phillip. The full complement of 24 from the minesweeper was lost. This year on the 20th November there will be a Memorial Service at the Ocean View Reserve, Queenscliff. See our calendar for full details.

The latest issue of 'Flightpath' magazine, on display at newsagents now, includes an article, written by one of our members – Kim Dunstan, on the piston-era history of the RAN Fleet-Air-Arm. Coverage includes its beginnings during WW1 when Sopwith Camel 2F1 aircraft were launched from HMAS Sydney and Melbourne to attack German aircraft. Further coverage details the RAN's first aircraft carrier HMAS Albatross, the Supermarine Seagull and Walrus aircraft and their contribution to RAN aviation, through to the post WW11 period with the dedicated aircraft carriers HMAS Sydney and Vengeance and their Hawker Sea Fury and Fairey Firefly aircraft. The article is supported by some remarkable historic photographs. This feature article will appeal to ex-FAA people and students of naval aviation. The same issue also has excellent coverage of the famous RN Supermarine Seafire – the Spitfire that went to sea.

As you can see on our "NEWS" page on the website, there has been a lot of information on DFRDB, and the fight by many to have the Government change the indexation of military superannuants' pensions so that they receive the same percentage increase as the Australian old age pensioners. As this affects many of our members, we will continue to keep you updated.

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.

Probable WWII submarine wreck found in PNG

The Royal Australian Navy is investigating an uncharted wreck, believed to be a submarine, which was found during the conduct of Operation RENDER SAFE 2011 off Rabaul in Papua New Guinea, on 26 October 2011. [More.....](#)

Wreck in PNG likely to be a Japanese submarine

The uncharted wreck found yesterday, off Rabaul in Papua New Guinea, is likely to be a World War II Japanese submarine. [More.....](#)

HMAS BROOME averts maritime disaster

The men and women of the Royal Australian Navy Patrol Boat, HMAS Broome, successfully prevented an environmental and maritime catastrophe off Papua New Guinea overnight by providing assistance to a commercial container ship, which had lost power and was drifting towards Ragelapra Reef. [More.....](#)

Sailor dies on board HMAS Toowoomba

A Royal Australian Navy sailor serving in HMAS Toowoomba has died while the ship was conducting a port visit to Mumbai, India. [More.....](#)

Australia's 21st Century Navy

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