



Newsletter

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Editorial

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IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Many who have travelled extensively and whose judgement is respected believe that the two finest major harbours in the world are Sydney and Rio de Janeiro. Those of us who were privileged to see the International Fleet Review (IFR) in Port Jackson would agree that Sydney Harbour is a magnificent amphitheatre for a maritime display of the type seen in glorious weather at the beginning of October. Colourful, spectacular and enhanced by the presence of tall ships and warships which had travelled thousands of nautical miles to participate, the busy programme of events captured the rapt attention of the residents of Sydney (and many who had travelled there from interstate), strengthened the bonds of respect and affection between the Navy and the public, and reminded Australians young and old of the significant contribution the RAN has made to making our magnificent country what it is today. Like any great event such as a Grand Final or a Melbourne Cup, 'being there' enabled one to soak up the atmosphere as well as enjoy the spectacle but TV coverage facilitated many thousands more being able to enjoy it from afar, and for all who witnessed all or part of it the 2013 IFR is likely to remain long in memory. That Prince Harry was able to be there to represent his grandmother, the Queen, added lustre (and a touch of excitement for many) to the occasion.

While for much of its first century the Navy took pride in its standing and reputation as the 'Silent Service' – an epithet inherited from its British parent service – those days are long since gone. In 21st century Australia it is essential that it maintains a high profile and that the vital importance of the work the RAN does is understood and appreciated by the public.

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)

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27 Oct – 03 Nov – Melbourne Navy Week

28 Oct - NHS Annual General Meeting

03 Nov - NAA DANDENONG - 60th Anniversary of the Signing of the Korean Armistice

03 Nov - RAN Recruits wreath laying at Shrine

11 Nov - Remembrance Day

17 Nov - HMAS Goorangai march & service

19 Nov - HMAS Sydney II service at Shrine

25 Nov - NHS annual dinner at Waverley RSL

28 Nov - Recruit School Twilight Graduation - time TBA.

29 Nov - Ceremonial Divisions at Cerberus

Latest News

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New Defence Discount program - Exclusive to Defence members and their family

1st October 2013, Canberra:
Australian Partners of Defence launched a nationwide discount website to all serving and retired military personnel (including reservists and APS employees), and their families. [More.....](#)

Only by doing so can it attract the high calibre of young men and women it needs to exploit the potential of the highly sophisticated ships and equipment now available to it. This is why the importance of occasions such as the IFR should not be underestimated. There may be a relatively quiet time ahead in 2014 but 2015, the centenary of ANZAC, will again provide opportunity to showcase the Australian Defence Force and we must be ready for it. Although the legend of ANZAC is built principally on the heroic, courageous and sacrificial feats of Army personnel, the public need to be reminded that Navy was 'First In & Last Out' in that campaign and played a vital role at Gallipoli and elsewhere.

It is up to all of us in the Navy Family, not just those currently in uniform, to play whatever part we can to keep Navy in the public eye. The NVN is a medium for sharing information and our 'NVN Team' believes many of you who access this web-site are probably in possession of snippets/facts/photos or other material which would be of interest to a wider audience. Though you may never have done so before we encourage you to have a think about the bits and pieces in your possession and consider whether you may be able to make a contribution to helping others to better understand and appreciate what you and the Navy have given Australia. Our webmaster would welcome hearing from you.

NVN Team

VALE

- † WOMTH Ken Cook, R42113, 19 October 2013.
- † CPOEM(P) John 'Snow' Larkin, 18 October 2013.
- † CPO Kane Vandenberg, 11 October 2013. Aged 46.
- † CAPT(E) Alex A. Townsend RAN Rtd., 08 October 2013.
- † CDRE Ian Callaway OAM RAN Rtd., 26 September 2013.

Lest We Forget

Members: When you hear of any of our Navy family that has crossed the bar, please don't hesitate to let us know. We would like to list their names in perpetuity on our special 'Vale' page on the website. If possible list their Rank, Name, Number, Age and their date of passing. Thank you

WRANS Memorial Service

The vital contribution women have made to the Navy, was remembered at a recent Women's Royal Australian Naval Service (WRANS) Memorial Service at HMAS Harman. [More.....](#)

Acting CDF - Letter to the Editor – Fairfax Media

I write regarding an article titled 'Bungle sparked massive fire' which was published in the Sydney Morning Herald and online on Friday 25 October 2013. [More.....](#)

HMAS Melbourne apprehends alleged pirates. [More.....](#)

Prime Minister - Address to Legacy Clubs of Australia 2013 National Conference. [More.....](#)

Centenary of ANZAC Conversation Welcomed. [More.....](#)

CN Speeches

15 Oct 2013 Submarine Institute of Australia Technology Conference. [Read.....](#)

8 Oct 2013 IFR Navy Memorial Service at the Martin Place Cenotaph. [Read.....](#)

7 Oct 2013 2013 Sea Power Conference Keynote Address. [Read.....](#)

6 Oct 2013 IFR Ecumenical Service at St Mary's Cathedral. [Read.....](#)

5 Oct 2013 International Fleet Review Reception. [Read.....](#)

RAN Seapower Conference 2013

[View videos of all sessions at the conference.....](#)

Navy member dies at Australian Defence Cycling Carnival – [more.....](#)

Navy's finest hour – [more.....](#)

HMAS Sydney led an armada of international warships through Sydney Heads to the delight of more than a million spectators. [More.....](#)

Next Flagship Event

HMAS Goorangai March and Service – 2013

Sun, November 17, 11:00am

11:15 – Marchers fall in, King Street

11:30 – Service commences Ocean View Reserve

12:30 – Lunch, RSL Hall, King Street (must book)

Dress: – Medals please

[Service details and Luncheon booking](#)



HMAS Sydney leading the Fleet at the 2013 IFR



Spectacular laser & fireworks display at the 2013 IFR.

More photos are in the Photo Gallery

Interests. If you have a specific interest/link you think would be of appeal to the wider navy community, we would be pleased to hear about it. Just email our webmaster – webmaster@navyvic.net with details.

HMAS Yarra's IFR pride – [more.....](#)

Aegis tower lifted onto Hobart – [more.....](#)

Defence launches book on Nulka missile decoy – [more.....](#)

Sydney celebrates 100 years of the Royal Australian Navy – [more.....](#)

HMAS Perth (I) survivors visit IFR – [more.....](#)

Historic memorial mast made shipshape for Fleet Review – [more.....](#)

Australian Maritime Digest - [Issue #227](#)

Semaphore #5, 2013 –
1913 - Australia's First Blue-Water Fleet – [read.....](#)

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

NAVY NEWS

[Click here for the latest edition.](#)

Reunions we have listed on the website for 2014

- Waller division (06Jan1964)
- Voyager Survivors Assoc.
- Canberra-Shropshire Assoc.
- WRANS/RAN Servicewomen
- 8th Leeuwin JR Intake (Jan 1964)
- Pussers Greenies
- Navy Stokers

Should you wish details of your reunion published on our website, please don't hesitate to email the webmaster.

Don't forget to visit the website, there are many more news articles and information that are not included in this newsletter.



Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

Rogues' Yarn



Seafarers & Mariners Galore

DIARY NOTES

**Next NCCV meeting is
at 1030, 10 December
at Melb Naval Centre.
AGM to follow at 1130**

**All Associations are
encourage to be
represented!**

**Services at the Shrine
of Remembrance
[You may attend]**

**RAN Recruits
Roger Division
3NOV13@1030
Sanctuary**

**Remembrance Day
11NOV13@1030
Forecourt**

**HMAS Sydney
19NOV13@1100
Sanctuary**

**HMAS Castlemaine
22NOV13@1000
Sanctuary**

↓ Below we see a small
part of the 3,000 sailors
marching along George
Street, Sydney. A great
spectacle! Hopefully we
may witness such an event
in Melbourne one day!



What a great idea that came to fruition on Sydney Harbour, Chief of Navy VADR Ray Griggs, AO, CSC, RAN achieved having Warships and Tall ships from across the globe visit Australia for the purpose of participating in the Fleet Review. If you were one of the million of so people to witness the Review on Sydney harbour from 3 - 11OCT13 you would have been amazed. The Review commemorated the centenary of the first entry of the Royal Australian Navy's Fleet into Sydney. In 1913 the flagship, HMAS *Australia*, led the Australian Fleet Unit comprising HMA Ships *Melbourne*, *Sydney*, *Encounter*, *Warrego*, *Parramatta* and *Yarra* into Sydney Harbour for the first time. They were greeted by thousands of cheering citizens lining the foreshore, as were the Warships on 4OCT this year. Both occasions could be viewed as being of great national pride. Tall ships ↓ illustrated the Navy of old.



This was contrasted again a vast array of new Warships illustrating the power and capability of today's Navies. The Review, a high profile international event was Navy's signature commemorative event for 2013. 40 Warships and 16 Tall ships were an impressive

sight and appropriately marked this historic event. The Sea Power Centre held a Conference and there was an International Maritime Congress and Exposition. The fleet assembled in Jervis Bay for a practice run. The local community enjoyed the opportunity to meet and greet some of our visitors. Sydney witnessed the entry of the tall ships on Thursday 3OCT. On Friday



4OCT13 the ↑ Warships entered Sydney Harbour - exactly 100 years after the first RAN Fleet entry. Her Excellency the Honourable Quentin Bryce AC CVO G/General welcomed the Fleet from Bradley's Head. The GG reviewed the fleet aboard HMAS *Leeuwin* on Saturday, 5OCT and then ↓ CN and the GG took the salute as over 3,000 sailors marched past. A naval commemoration service was held at St Mary's. Some say it was the most impressive service they have ever witnessed. A great week for Navy and Australia.





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Articles contributed are the Author's thoughts only. An article may be edited to meet the space available.

Melbourne Naval Centre

MNC is an organization that has provided much needed funds to Ship Associations over many decades. In need of financial or administrative support, contact the MNC.

Navy Victoria Network

The NavyVIC website is there for all to see, in particular it is for Navy Associations to provide information on their activities to the wider Navy Community in Victoria. An opportunity not to be missed.

President's Report

We have witnessed a very exciting month, with the International Fleet Review, Seafarers Commemorative Service, Open Day at CERBERUS and publicity of ANZAC Centennial objectives for 2014 to 2018. If you were lucky enough to witness the Fleet Review you would have seen a very impressive array of ships. Most Sydney siders with a small craft must have been out on the harbor to bear witness to this great event. The crackers on Saturday night with projection of images onto the Opera House and a Pylon of the Harbour Bridge were impressive. As with most large events, a television set at hand would have been helpful, but the overall experience was breathtaking. Well done Navy, Particularly CN and his organizing team, a proud moment for many if not all Australians. The Seafarers Commemorative Service was held at the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne on a good

day thankfully. A pity we didn't have more Navy Community take time out to support the effort made to Australia by so many Seafarers, RAN & Merchant Navy. It is easy to forget that 2,700 RAN sailors lost their lives during WWII, whilst Aussie Mariners served under many House Flags. Is it too much to ask that we remember in some small way their legacy during any given year. The Open Day at CERBERUS was another opportunity for us to compare notes with a refreshed and younger generation of Navy. With elements of the Federation Guard demonstrating their skills and much happening around the establishment, all reports say it was a terrific day. Finally, go to www.anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au to find out what is planned for the years spanning the ANZAC Centennial in Victoria.

Yours aye, Terry Makings

Seafarers Commemorative Service

250 Veterans, service men & women plus family attended the Seafarers Commemorative Service at the Shrine of Remembrance on Sunday 20OCT13. From Navy's perspective this is the most significant service, outside ANZAC Day and Remembrance for the year. It was a glorious day with the service ably assisted by the Melbourne Detachment, RAN Band, CERBERUS Colour and Catafalque Parties. 50 Navy Cadets also participated by marching in a host of House Flags & National Flags. Six wreaths were placed on the Cenotaph: RADM Michael van Balen RAN, Deputy Chief of Navy on behalf of the Navy. Mr Ken Shewan, President - RSL Merchant Navy Sub-Branch on behalf of the merchant navy, CDRE Jim Dickson, Patron NCCV on behalf of all ex-Navy associations, Ms Andrea Flemming for Mission to Seafarers, Dr Paul Kucera for Stella Maris and Mr Os Smyth on behalf of all descendants. ← Os Smyth, son of CDRE Dacre Smyth AO and grandson of LCDR Geoffrey Haggard DSC, 2 I/C of the submarine AE2 when it broached the Dardanelles in 1915. Ms Elizabeth Sevier, Great Granddaughter of CAPT Creswell also attended as a mark of respect.



↓ Os Smyth, Norm (WWII Vet) and Julie Tame.



↓ LtoR Terry with Andrea Flemming, CAPT Kath Richards, CO CERBERUS, Nigel Porteous, Coord of the management committee.



← DCN being thanked by Terry Makings on conclusion of the service for his support and for delivering the address. DCN then joined attendees in the Visitor Centre for refreshments and chatted to Veterans. Norm is President HMAS ASSAULT Association. Norm also has vivid memories of his time in HMAS AUSTRALIA.

HMAS GOORANGAI

The HMAS GOORANGAI Commemorative Service will be in Queenscliff at 1130 on Sunday, 17NOV13. This service remembers the loss of Navy's first surface warship. A minesweeper deployed to Bass Strait, seeking a safe mooring in Port Phillip Bay. The entire GOORANGAI crew was lost when it collided with HMAT Duntroon. . At 1110, there will be a short march from the RSL Hall in King Street to Ocean View Reserve. The service will take about an hour. The service will be supported by Australian Naval Cadets and the Geelong Memorial Brass Band. There will be a lunch in the RSL Sub-Branch hall after the service. If you wish to attend the lunch, complete the proforma at page 5 of this edition of Rogues Yarn. This represents a Flag Ship event for the Navy community in Victoria as it touches all of us. *We should remember and commemorate such an event !*

Vietnam Vets Museum

The National Vietnam Veterans Museum has issued an invitation to join them at 1000, Saturday 16NOV, at Phillip Island. This will be a day of Remembrance, Reunion and Reflection. The proceeds of the day will support the museum as it broadens our appreciation of the extraordinary effort made by Australians during that conflict. Be prepared for the new gallery and exhibitions. You will be amazed when you see two new exhibitions, to be opened on the day. Be the first to see *Vietnam: The Helicopter War & Support from the Sky*. You can experience new technology called *Infowand*, described as the Museum Talking to You. *Infowand* will enable you to listen and learn about a range of exhibits within the Museum. Enjoy lunch, tea or coffee in the Nui Dat Café. Friends of the Museum are very keen to share this experience. Ring (03) 5956 6400 or go to www.vietnamvetsmuseum.org

International Fleet Review Images



↑ A stunning view of the Opera House.



↑ HMAS LEEUWIN the Reviewing Ship.



↑ One of the pair of Helicopters at the IRF.



↑ Ceremonial Sunset alongside SUCCESS.



↑ A magnificent view of Sydney Harbour.



↑ RAN Band Quintet on the Manly Ferry.

ANZAC Centennial

The Chair of the ANZAC Centennial Committee, Mr Ted Baillieu launched the first of many events designed to draw our attention to the Victorian involvement in WWI. The first subject matter recounted the deployment by ship of young Victorians to war. Many young Victorians left from Princess Pier in 1914, many did not return. The website to keep us informed is <http://anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au> Please keep in mind that the Navy Community of Victoria has as its key objective, 'Answering the Call' project. This project will see the installation of a life sized statue in Port Melbourne, not unlike the adjacent image. We look forward to your support as we pursue our contribution to the ANZAC goal!



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Items of special interest

HMAS GOORANGAI Commemorative Service will commence at 1130 on Sunday, 17NOV13 at the Ocean View Reserve, Queenscliff. This will be preceded by a short march, we will step off at 1115 from the RSL Hall, King Street. Keep watch for the invite to the lunch at the RSL Hall afterwards.

Ex-WRANS Christmas Lunch. All women who have served in the Navy are encouraged to support the Ex-WRANS Association Christmas Lunch on Saturday, 14th December 2013. Any enquiries to Sandra Farlie at sfarlie@bigpond.net.au where you can find out the detail. Join the growing number and rekindle friendships.

CO HMAS CERBERUS End of Year Event. A very keen crowd of Victorian's attended the end of year 'thank you for supporting Navy' event at HMAS CERBERUS. This occurred on Friday, 25th October 2013 in the Bosuns School. The thank you speech was given by CAPT Kath Richards RAN where the CO acknowledged the great work provided by so many to make it all happen in a seamless way. The CO pointed out the commitment and dedication of her support team and also the valued contribution made by external sources.

There was an element of the Federation Guard in attendance and they demonstrated a level of skill not usually seen by our Servicemen and women. They undertook a series of choreographed movements, that involved the firing of blank rounds. Their 'performance' was enthusiastically received and applauded. A ceremonial sunset then took place in the normal manner. A terrific occasion and thank you CAPT Richards for the opportunity.

Minister for Veterans Affairs. The new Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Senator the Hon. Michael Ronaldson, was sworn in on 18SEP13. Minister Ronaldson is also appointed as Minister Assisting the Prime Minister for the Centenary of Anzac and the Special Minister of State. Minister Ronaldson is a Victorian and hails from Ballarat. We look forward to seeing the Minister at Navy activities in the coming years.

Invitation to Politicians. We have identified that few Associations invite parliamentary representatives to their events. This is an important aspect as we seek broader recognition of the wider Navy Community and more particularly of those Associations that work hard to keep the legacy alive.



HMAS GOORANGAI



Join us for lunch on Sunday, 17th November 2013 after the
HMAS GOORANGAI Commemorative Service
(service starts at 1130)



I wish to attend the HMAS GOORANGAI lunch @ \$25 per person

My name is[@\$25] my guests are

1st@\$25 5th@\$25

2nd@\$25 6th@\$25

3rd@\$25 7th@\$25

4th@\$25 8th@\$25

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