



Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the Navy Victoria Network newsletter for September 2011.

If you are seeking a great family day out, then HMAS CERBERUS Open Day 2011, is definitely the day for you. These only occur every 2 years so come along and see what is happening in the 100th Anniversary year of the RAN. Visitors can see a wide range of military activities (including lots of fly pasts), vehicles, armoury and displays that will keep the shutterbugs happy and the family entertained throughout the day. Lots of fast food outlets available or just bring your own picnic lunch.

Date: Sunday 23rd October, 2011

Time: 1000 – 1600

Where: HMAS CERBERUS, Crib Point, Victoria

Location: HMAS CERBERUS, Crib Point, Victoria

Melways, Map 194 D 1

Note: West Gate (South Beach Road) access only. There will be no access via the Main Gate in Crib Point. NO admission fee with a souvenir colour booklet for all.

If your children or grandchildren are interested in a dynamic and rewarding career in the Royal Australian Navy or are after more information about the Australian Defence Forces in general, all the facts you require will be available on the day from qualified Defence personnel.

Calendar Events

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5th October – RAN Band Soundwaves concert – HMAS Cerberus.

16th October – Seafarers Memorial Service at St Paul's Cathedral. Navy Week wreath laying at the Shrine.

23rd October – Open day at HMAS Cerberus.

25th October – **The Navy in the First World War.** At the Shrine of Remembrance, hear Ian Pfenningwerth discuss the vitally important and often overlooked role of the Navy during that conflict. In particular you will hear about the significant role this new Australian Fleet had in persuading the German Navy to leave the Pacific.

Latest News

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

The Age newspaper is currently showing a series of videos titled "Combat At Sea". So far there are 11 episodes in series 1 to view. [Click here to view.](#)

Further details at:

[http://www.navy.gov.au/HMAS Cerberus Open Day 2011](http://www.navy.gov.au/HMAS_Cerberus_Open_Day_2011)

Don't forget to visit the Museum of HMAS CERBERUS and also the recently opened Navy in Vietnam Café and Quarterdeck Art Gallery. Both are housed in the Old Gunnery School Administration Building adjacent to the Museum. Internationally acclaimed Maritime Artist Randall "Tug" WILSON (ex-RAN) will be doing painting displays

during the day. Also in attendance will be Master Ship Model Maker, Max MONTAGUE (ex-RAN) with 10 of his ship models on display including his most recent Models, the Fremantle Class and Armidale Class Patrol Boats as seen in the Sea Patrol Series I, II, III and IV.

Other items of interest will be:

1100 – Commando Sky Divers Parachute Team landing on the Rugby Oval.

1200 – Fly past by RAAF Roulettes.

1220 – Wet winch demonstration by Squirrel Helicopter at the Seamanship School.

1240 – Fly past by the Tyabb Old Aircraft Club (OAC) by Mustang, Kitty, Harvard and Trojan aircraft.

1400 – Fly past by RAAF Historic aircraft.

1420 – Wet winch demonstration by Squirrel Helicopter at the Seamanship School.

1500 – Ceremonial Sunset – NOT TO BE MISSED.

All times above are approximate.

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.

On 16th September 2011, the Royal Australian Navy exercised its Freedom of Entry with 'swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing and colours flying' to the City of Melbourne.

Go to [Gallery](#) to view Photos.

Click [here](#) to view the program.

See to [Video](#)

Principal Chaplain (RC) Right Reverend Monsignor "Tiger" Lyons AM RAN (Rtd) passed away peacefully at St Joseph's Home, Northcote, Victoria on 4th September 2011, (just a few weeks short of his 90th birthday). He had been in care for some years.. [More.....](#)

LOOKING AFTER A NEW GENERATION OF WAR VETERANS

Addressing the Returned and Services League of Australia's National Congress in Melbourne today, Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Warren Snowdon outlined challenges faced by the Australian Government in servicing the changing demographic of Australia's war veterans. [More.....](#)

Minister Snowdon, in announcing increases to some veterans' pensions, said: 320,000 veterans, partners and war widows and widowers will now receive increased pensions and income support payments from 20 September 2011.

Perhaps Minister Snowdon would like to explain why has my Military Pension gone up only 33% in 10 years? When other pensions have almost doubled. [More.....](#)

LATEST REUNIONS (full details on our Reunion page)

16TH Minesweeping Squadron
14-16 September 2012.

HMAS Voyager (all Crews) D31 & D04.
13-16 February 2014