



Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the [Navy Victoria Network newsletter for September 2012](#).

As we move towards the end of the calendar year it is very pleasing to look back at our growth both in terms of registered Members and the fulfilling of our objectives. We have not finished and there is still a lot of work to be done to bring the ex-Navy community closer together as ex-Navy WWII Associations are folding around us due to lack of numbers. If you are a recipient of this Newsletter then tell others about it. Dependents of ex-Navy Personnel are very much encouraged to join.

There are a number of significant Navy events coming up in the next couple of months, details of which will be promulgated in future Newsletters and on our Website www.navyvic.net We strongly urge you to support these events. The links to other Navy websites also makes it an informative and worthwhile visit.

The Commanding Officer of HMAS CERBERUS, CAPT Kath RICHARDS, RAN, has recently appointed a full time Public Relations Officer and we will be working very closely with her to ensure we get the latest news as it happens and then promulgate it accordingly through our Newsletter.

A lot of significant Navy Events are happening next year as part of the RAN Centenary celebrations, the major one of course being the Fleet Review in Sydney in November 2013.

HMAS CERBERUS will also be holding its bi-annual Open Day in late October 2013 as a lead up to the traditional Navy Week.

Calendar Events

(see calendar for details of all events)



07th Oct – Mornington Peninsula Sub-Branch NASHOs Memorial Parade and Church Service – HMAS Cerberus.

14th Oct – RNA Battle of Trafalgar Luncheon, Frankston Naval Memorial Club, Langwarrin.

19th Oct – HMAS AUSTRALIA Leyte-Lingayen Remembrance Service. St Paul's Cathedral.

21st Oct – Annual Seafarers Memorial Service at St. Paul's Cathedral.

21st Oct – Navy Week wreath laying service at the Shrine.

21st Oct – NCCV wreath laying at the Shrine.

23rd Oct – HMAS Lismore Wreath Laying at Memorial Tree F1b.

24th Oct – RAN Concert band recital at HMAS Cerberus

2-6th Nov – HMAS Parramatta & Warramunga visit Melbourne.

11th Nov – Remembrance Day – don't forget to by a poppy.

Reserve Officers Ladies Dine-In Night
The 2012 Victorian Reserve Officers Ladies Dining In Night will be held on Friday 16 November [\(see calendar for full details\)](#) at University House, Melbourne University. This function is run in a similar manner to a Navy mess dinner and the cost of \$80 per head includes a three-course dinner with drinks.

The Sea Power Centre in Canberra have recently created a unique program to interview Naval Veterans to have their stories captured for future generations of Australians. WO Rick COMFORT RANR has been tasked with interviewing Victorian Veterans. It is hoped that these interviews, when completed, will be released for publication in Newsletters such as this. If you know of any Veteran (particularly WWII) with a story to tell then contact us and we will try and arrange for this to happen. The interview/s takes place in the home of the Veteran or place of their choice (maybe at the local RSL). Well before the interview takes place, Rick provides them with some written likely type questions that the Veteran can use to jog the old memory along. These interviews with WWII Veterans are very casually conducted and not intrusive in any manner. After the interview has been completed the Veteran will then be forwarded a disc of the interview that can then be shared with family and friends. This will probably be the first time they have heard any of these stories. The Sea Power Centre must be congratulated for this initiative.

Yours Aye!

NVN Team



Are you ready for Veterans' Health Week 2012?

Veterans' Health Week is coming soon-is your local ex-service organisation ready?

DVA is partnering with more than 140 veteran and community groups across Australia to conduct events and activities that will benefit health and wellbeing during Veterans' Health Week—22 to 28 October 2012.

This year's theme of *Social inclusion—participate, connect and influence* encourages people to involve others who may benefit from reconnecting and feeling included.

Latest News



LHD begins final leg of journey to Australia

The hull of the first of the Royal Australian Navy's (RAN's) new amphibious ships has begun the final leg of its journey to Australia. The Landing Helicopter Dock (LHD) 01 hull has rounded the Cape of Good Hope and is expected to arrive in Melbourne in the next few weeks. [More.....](#)

Navy Victoria Network will endeavour to be the first to let you know when she arrives in Port Phillip Bay.

ADF Cadets: the facts

Like all areas of Government, the Australian Defence Force Cadets (ADFC) organisation is working hard to ensure our world standard youth program remains affordable.. [More.....](#)

USS Enterprise to Inactivate After 51 Years of Service. [More.....](#)

NCCV Newsletter 'Roque's Yarn'

Semaphore 7: SM2 and Sea Control.
Discusses the SM2 Standard Missile, a new surface to air missile being deployed for use on the Adelaide class frigates and Hobart class destroyers. [More.....](#)

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

Information about Coordinated Veterans' Care (CVC) Program
asks for your assistance in passing on this information to your members, their families and carers. [More.....](#)

Sailors honoured at recruit training establishment

Two of the Royal Australian Navy's most distinguished sailors have been honoured today, at the RAN's sailor recruit training school at HMAS Cerberus in Victoria. [More.....](#)

It's never too late to organise fun and inclusive activities that will bring your local veteran community together.

For more information about Veterans' Health Week:

- call DVA on 133 254 or 1800 555 254 from regional Australia
- email vhw@dva.gov.au
- visit the [DVA website](#).

RAN Minor War Vessels Association (RAN MWVA)

Calling all serving and ex serving Navy personnel who served on 'sweepers, patrol boats and LCHs. I would like your feedback as to becoming part of this Association - RAN Minor War Vessels. This is more so with the work and conditions that patrol boats are now doing with influx of illegal boat people whilst serving on Border Protection. Having served on minesweepers 1965-66 and patrol boats 1968-70, believe me, they are not luxury cruises and to those serving now, they should be given all the help we can. If anyone who has served on either or you know of anyone who has, let them know and if you could let me know of your expression of interest etc. please contact [Allan Moffatt OAM](#)

What else is new on the Website.....

The Fleet Air Arm Association of Australia (Victoria Division) now have their [own page](#) on our website.

A new '[Flagship Events](#)' page lists certain annual events that the Navy Victoria Network management committee have deemed to be of significant importance to the wider Navy community.

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:

743

First Newcastle AWD blocks head for Adelaide

The first three Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) blocks fabricated by Newcastle shipbuilder Forgacs Engineering have started their journey to Adelaide.

[More.....](#)

Specialist Medical Review Council - Declaration - In Respect of Malignant Neoplasm of the Prostate. [More.....](#)

Update on the Future Submarine capability

Australia's Future Submarine Systems Centre will be based in Adelaide continuing the strong relationship that has been formed between South Australia and the Commonwealth in support of Australia's maritime sector.

[More.....](#)

Air Warfare Destroyer update

Minister for Defence Stephen Smith, Minister for Finance and Deregulation Senator Penny Wong and Minister for Defence Materiel Jason Clare today attended the laying of the keel of the first Air Warfare Destroyer (AWD) in Adelaide and provided an update on the \$8 billion project. [More.....](#)

On The Record:

Online reporting in The Australian website entitled 'Hole in Boat new blow for Fleet' commented on the state of HMAS Bathurst and the Armidale Class Patrol Boat fleet. The actual responses provided to the journalist prior to the website publishing the article are... [More.....](#)

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

Don't forget to visit the website, there's a lot more news and information that you may have missed.