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Wreath Laying Ceremony for AMC / LSI Association of Vic 2017

Once again the time is approaching for our annual pilgrimage to the Sanctuary at the Shrine of Remembrance where we hold a ceremony dedicated to those who served on HMAS WESTRALIA, KANIMBLA, MANOORA and ASSAULT. It's a unique, precious and humbling experience to stand inside Melbourne's magnificent sanctuary and pay tribute to those who served on the above ships and who paid the ultimate sacrifice in a time of war and peace.



Saturday 9th December at 11am Shrine of Remembrance Sanctuary

After the Service, we move to Bentleigh RSL for our annual Christmas Lunch Get-Together

RSVP by 4 December: Chris 0412 390 686, or email: amclsivic@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you.



Queen's Birthday Honours 2017

Military Division : Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM)

Chief Petty Officer Peter Ian CANNON CSM, RAN.

For meritorious achievement in the field of military education and training.



Chief Petty Officer Cannon demonstrated outstanding passion and perseverance as the Weapons Electrical Engineering Communications Section Manager throughout *HMAS Canberra III*'s transition into service, commissioning and first year of operational service. His exceptional ability to lead and mentor his team through challenging situations is testament to his professionalism, morale raising strength of character and innate leadership qualities.

On behalf of all the committee and members of AMC/LSI Association we wish to **congratulate** you on your outstanding service to our Navy and Country. Peter's Grandfather, Ldg Seaman Conelius Cannon, who served on HMAS Kanimbla during WW II. Peter was on the committee of AMC/LSI Association of NSW as Treasurer and Secretary for many years. Thank you Peter for all your service to us and Country.



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The Australian Antarctic Research Expedition by HMAS WYATT EARP 1947/48

AB Norm Tame 24472 was born in Melbourne on 20th September 1923. A Navy veteran of WW2, Navy Beach Commando and the Korea War; he joined in July 1940 to September 1954 and served on HMAS Australia II, Kanimbla & Sydney III Aircraft carrier. In late 1947 he served on-board HMAS Wyatt Earp for the first Australian Antarctic Research Expedition (ANARE) 1947/48. In Sydney a LST 3510 was being prepared for voyages to Heard and Macquarie Island to setup research stations and a third on the Antarctic main land.



The HMAS Wyatt Earp was a 135 foot wooden two mast motor ship with a cruising speed of 12.5 knots. It was refitted in Adelaide with 7 Officers, 23 crew, 3 Scientists (Chief Scientist Phillip Law), 2 RAAF, and Photographer Laurie Le Guay. Sir Douglas Mawson was instrumental in the Australian Government refitting the Wyatt Earp for an Antarctic vessel in 1946. With a round bottomed hull (no keel), the Wyatt Earp had the reputation of being able to roll violently. She was a little bit bigger than the Captain Cook Endeavour and on her first ANARE voyage December 1947 she met a Force 10 storm and sustained considerable damage and had to return back to Melbourne for major repairs.

On her second attempt she was met with more storms and gales; men were thrown violently about, the ship's crew, scientist, air crew and ships cat were violently seasick. The ship was thwarted by mechanical and fresh water problems, with bad weather, a leaking boat and pack ice; it was a voyage from hell. On the 20 February she was within thirty miles of the coast at Cape Grey but couldn't land on the Antarctic mainland because of bad weather (Force 7 to 10) and high seas.

An attempt was made on Sunday 29 February to land on Balleny Island on a narrow spit of beach of black volcanic sand. The sea was rough with large waves breaking over them. They waded ashore with a rope but the boat took on water, half filling the boat; all three jumped back on board and started rowing and baling out desperately through the waves in a freezing sea and ice berg condition.

On Saturday 13 March, the Kingfisher aircraft was hoisted in to the sea for a test flight to find away south. It reported a mass of icebergs and pack ice blocked their way. Captain Karl Erik Oom, OBE, RAN decided it was time to head north for Macquarie Island.

On Saturday 20 March, Macquarie Island was sighted and HMAS Wyatt Earp anchored in Buckles Bay with in sight of LST 3510 under the Command of Lieutenant Commander George Dixon RAN with orders to set up Heard and Macquarie Island wireless communication stations with the help of an amphibious Army DUKWs. They brought cargo, stores and fuel to the beach and a D4 Caterpillar tractor to the station site on Wireless Hill. HMAS Wyatt Earp arrived back in Melbourne on the 1 April 1948.

Extract from: The Antarctic Voyage of HMAS Wyatt Earp
by Phillip Law

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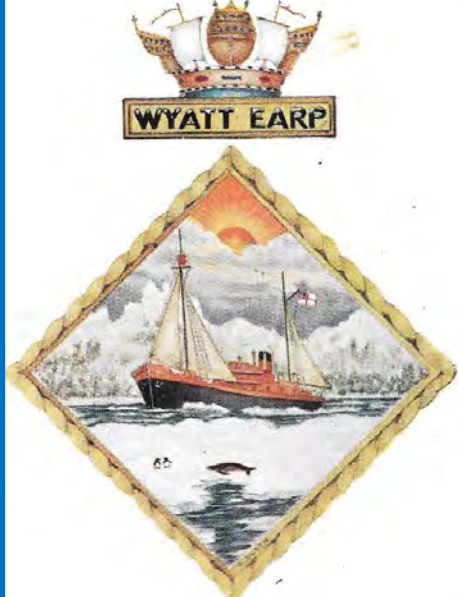
Norm Tame

Balleny Island 29 February 1948



Norm Tame

Macquarie Island 1948



ANARE

Antarctica 1948 Australian Territory



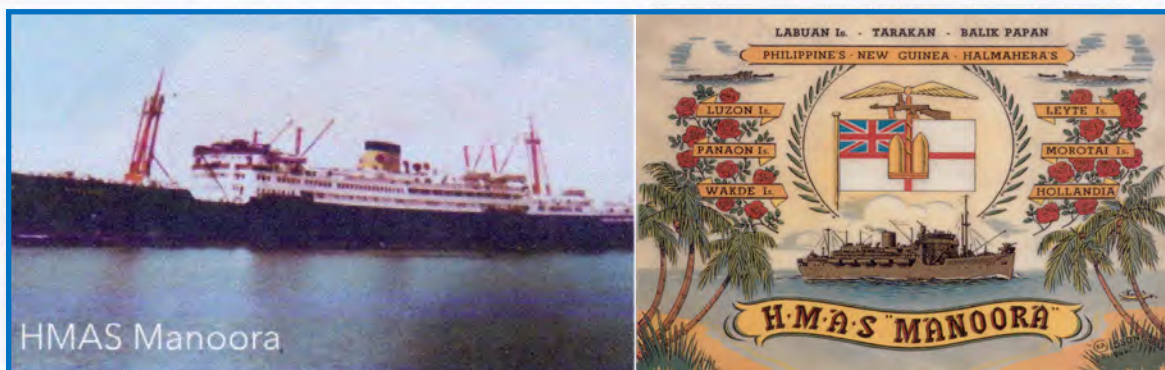
Chunkers the Cat on ice



Hurtle Inwood: A World War Two Veteran | Emily Hogan

Hurtle Inwood is an amazing inspiration to all as he not only survived a war, but went on to live a happy, successful life. On the 10th of November 1922, Hurtle was born in Lyndoch, a small town in the Barossa Valley. Hurtle first attended Balhannah and Nairne primary school which he had to travel via railway, finishing off at Little Hampton primary school where he had to walk to 2.5 miles each day. He attended school from 1928 to 1936, and was awarded top of the class in year 6 (dux), later graduating in year 7. At the age of 14, Hurtle started working on a vegetable and grape block in the Riverland at Barmera, where he stayed for 18 months. In June 1941, Hurtle started working at Lake Albert, Meningie on a sheep and cattle farm. During his time in Meningie, World War Two was being fought out. On February 2nd 1942, Hurtle was called up to train, at what is now the Lockleys Golf Course, in order to join the army. He was then a part of the Commonwealth Military Forces.

After two months of robust training, Hurtle was placed on guard duty at Murray Bridge in South Australia, later being assigned to Heavy Tree Gap in Alice Springs for five months, returning to South Australia in August 1943. Hurtle was then placed on guard duty at the Military Quarters in Keswick, when he was called up by an officer on a ship in Victoria, asking for volunteers to join what they understood was the Water Transport Unit, based in New Guinea. Twenty people, Hurtle at the age of only 19, being one of them, volunteered for the positions and left Adelaide on the 20th of September, 1943. They caught a train to Melbourne, stopping in Sydney, later arriving in Newcastle and finally arriving in Port Stevens at 1:00am Monday morning. Unaware that he was about to board his home for the next 701 days, Hurtle climbed aboard the HMAS Manoora thinking he was a part of the Water Transport Unit, but he wasn't. Upon arrival, Hurtle and the other nineteen volunteers were informed that they had just become a part of the First Australian Landing ship detachment to the HMAS Manoora, which came as a massive shock to them all. The HMAS Manoora started off as a luxury cruise liner, which was then commandeered and converted to a war ship fit for battle.



Hurtle trained the 9th AIF division in Cairns for three months before departing Sydney in February 1944, to head to Dutch New Guinea as a part of the 7th US Fleet. Their first assault landing on the HMAS Manoora with US Troops was at Tanahmerah Bay on the 27th of April, 1944. Below is a list of all the assault landings and reinforcement trips performed on the HMAS Manoora. Hurtle performed in 11 landings and reinforcement trips for US Troops in the Philippines, and also did landings for the Australian 7th and 9th division in Borneo. These three landings in Borneo with the Australian 7th and 9th division were fought in Tarikan, Brunei and Balak Papan. In total, Hurtle performed in a total of 8 assault operations and 8 reinforcement trips.

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OPERATION	PLACE	DATE
Assault Landing with U.S. troops at	TANAHMERAH BAY, DN.G.	22. 4.44.
Reinforcement trip for U.S. Army to	Humboldt Bay, ON.G.	7. 5.44.
Assault Landing with U.S. troops at	TOBM, opp. WAKDE ISLAND	17. 5.44.
Reinforcement trip for U.S. Army to	Toom	5. 6.44.
Assault Landing with U.S. troops to	MOROTAI ISLAND	15. 9.44.
Assault Landing with U.S. troops at	LEYTE GULF (PHILIPPINES)	20.10.44.
Reinforcement trip for U.S. Army to	Leyte Gulf	14.11.44.
Assault Landing with U.S. troops at	LINGAYEN GULF	9. 1.45.
Reinforcement trip for U.S. Army to	Lingayen Gulf	10. 2.45.
Reinforcement trip for U.S. Army to	Manila	25. 3.45.
Reinforcement trip for U.S. Army to	Manila	9. 4.45.
Assault Landing with A.I.F. troops	TARAKAN Is. (BORNEO)	1. 5.45.
Reinforcement trip for A.I.F. to	Tarakan Is.	7. 5.45.
Assault Landing with A.I.F. troops	LABUAN Is. (Straits Set.)	10. 6.45.
Assault Landing with A.I.F. troops	BALIKFAPAN (BORNEO)	1. 7.45.
Reinforcement trip for A.I.F. to	Balikpapan	7. 7.45.
8 Initial Assault Operations		
8 Reinforcement trips.		

Hurtle said, (1) 'As we sailed closer to Manila, we were greeted to a sight we could not believe. There were over three hundred sunken ships, with bows, sterns and masts pointing skywards, the reason being that the bay had shallow waters. As we walked around the city of Manila, we were amazed at the number of buildings that were burnt out. Several people we spoke to told us that people were herded into buildings containing straw, locked in, petrol was poured in then set alight by the Japanese. We could not believe that man could be so cruel to man.' From the 22nd of April, 1944 until the 9th of April, 1945.

Onboard the HMAS Manoora, Hurtle was a hatch man, which means he directed the loading and unloading of the ship. He was paid 5 shillings (50 cents) a day for his 701 days of active service. The HMAS Manoora returned to Sydney on the 26th of July 1945, only to find out via an American secret document that they were to be fitted with Bofas guns for an assault landing in Japan on the 24th of November, 1946. Hurtle said, 'If this attack had happened, I, along with millions of other people, would not be here today. Luckily for us, war was declared over on 15th of August 1945 after America dropped two atom bombs on Japan, forcing them to surrender.' He then caught the train back to Adelaide a day later and was finally home.

On the 1st of August 1945, two days after he returned home from war, Hurtle got married to Hazel (née Davis) at the St Augustines Church, Unley. He was discharged from the army on the 31st of January 1946 at the Hampstead Army Barracks. They later moved to Glengowrie on the 27th of January 1948 and still live in the same house today. He worked at the railways for a short amount of time, later applying to commence a plumbing course. He worked as a plumber for 30 years and retired on the 22nd of December 1987. Today, Hurtle is 93 years old living with his wife of 71 years, Hazel. He has 5 children, 17 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren.

**This was sent to us by Emily Hogan, year 9, Marymount College.
Congratulations on a wonderful article Emily.**



Hurtle & Hazel's Wedding Day



Hurtle and Hazel

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What's On

HMAS GOORANGAI Commemorative Service - Sunday 19 November 2017 at 11.30 am Queenscliff Vic

If there is only one Commemoration service this year you can attend (beside AMC/LSI Wreath Laying Service on the 9th December at Shrine of Remembrance) this is it. A wreath laying Commemorative Service at the Memorial Cairn overlooking the entrance to Port Phillip Bay.

On the 20th November 1940 the **MV DUNTROON** and **HMAS GOORANGAI**, a small trawler minesweeper, collided and **HMAS GOORANGAI** sank with all 24 hands; the first RAN ship to sink during WW2.

HMAS Australia President Grant Knox has liaised with the new caterer at Queenscliff RSL and lunch is \$30. A raffle with great prizes is a major fund raiser for the NCCV, and Ships Associations are encouraged to bring their banners.

Contact: Chris on 0412 390 686 for bookings.



HMAS Sydney and Vietnam Logistic Support Unit 2017

19 November: 12:00pm Wreath Laying Ceremony to commemorate the sinking of HMAS Sydney II. The service will be held in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance all are welcome.

Corvette Association/HMAS Armidale with Star of the Sea School

1st December: 10:00am Wreath Laying in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance.

HMAS WESTRALIA, KANIMBLA, MANOORA & ASSAULT, AMC/LSI Association

Saturday 9 December: 11:00am Wreath Laying Ceremony, in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance. Followed by: Christmas Lunch Get-Together at Bentleigh RSL Club at 12.30pm.

RSVP by 4 Dec, Contact Chris on 0412 390 686 or email: amclsivic@gmail.com



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Navy Week Victoria - 2017

Australian White Ensign
50th Anniversary

Navy (Defence) Ball



Saturday 21OCT17

**Dress: Black Tie
& miniatures**

Cost \$155/pp

Start time 1900

**Venue is the iconic
Melbourne Town Hall**

**Guest of honour will be
Chief of Navy**

VADM Tim Barrett AO CSC RAN

**All Service, ex-Service men & women, Mariners
plus families and friends are encouraged to attend.**

Arrange a table, or go solo - book now!

Email Sandra: navy.week.victoria@gmail.com or

Post to 7 Clarence Place, Cranbourne East, 3977

Please include a telephone number.

Veterans' Health Week 21- 29 October 2017

Veterans' Health Week (VHW) in 2017 will be held from Saturday, 21 October to Sunday, 29 October. DVA will partner with ex-service organisations and community groups to organise and participate in fun activities that highlight the importance of improving and maintaining good health.

This year's theme of **Physical Activity** is vital to help veterans, current and former members of the Australian Defence Force and their families improve their physical, social and mental health, and sustain their fitness levels.

Physical activity is fundamental to a healthy lifestyle and can help us to stay connected and live a happier and longer life. It is one of the most important things you can do to improve your health and wellbeing.

Now is the time to consider how you or your organisation can be involved in bringing your local veteran community together. You might like to start an activity for you and your friends well before VHW and build it from there.

For assistance, or to find out more about VHW, contact DVA on 133 254 ([1800 555 254](tel:1800555254) for regional callers), or visit the [VHW page on the DVA website](#).

The Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) provides support to current and former serving members and their families through a range of benefits.

The abovementioned article appeared in the Vetaffairs **Vol 33 No.1 Autumn 2017**



July: Bruce Candy Jim Davison Frank Barrile
Ronald Dixie Lee Don Eglington 'Curly Mobbs
Allan Booth Des O'Connell Jack Austin Keith
Brown Terry Ferguson John Hooper.

August: Reg Baggs Rod Kleinig Harry Peers.

September: Tom Fowler Arthur Lunan Cecil
Browning Ern Tyler Bill Baird Bill Robinson Norm
Tame David Nelson Les Snow Barton Max Slug-
gett.

October: Graham Knight Reg May Sam Aitchison
Ken Kemp Cyril Bayley-Pike.

And to those we may have missed-please let us
know-and we wish you a" Very Happy Birthday"

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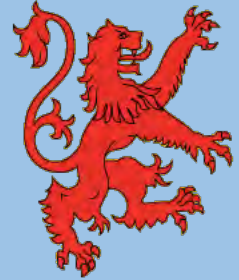
We regret to advise of the passing of the following
Veterans and/or their wives. Our sincere condolences
go to their families and friends,

STO George GARDNER 16/05/16 QLD.
Sub Lt Hugh SUTTON 14/06/17 ACT.
AB Raymond (Ray) O'KEEFFE 23/06/17 VIC.
AB Stephen CUNNINGHAM 06/08/17 VIC.
AB Clarrie BRIDGE 13/08/17 NSW.
WRAN Vera McKILLOP 20/08/17 VIC.
PO Paul FIGUCIO DSM 11/09/17 NSW.

THANK YOU for your Donations

We wish to thank & acknowledge the following
generous donations received from our members.

- Pat Phillips
- Bob Hutchieson.
- Jack Austin.
- Helen Jones in memory of Keith Jones.
- Frank Barrile.
- Isabel Wedderburn.
- Derek George Self.
- Don Tawse.
- Dan R. Bolton.
- Brian Sullivan.
- Graham Knight.
- Snowy Barton in memory of Ray White
- Ken Ray.
- Valerie O'Keeffe in memory of Ray O'Keeffe.
- Christina MacGregor in memory of her late
husband Bill Featherstone.
- Birmingham family Trust, for Frank.
- Elva McBay in memory of David.



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