



Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to the Navy Victoria Network newsletter for December 2011.

The Navy Victoria Network management team wish all within the Navy community, particularly our registered members all the best for the festive season. We hope each and every one of you has a very merry Christmas. We also hope your aspirations for the 'New Year' are forthcoming and that your participation in at least one Navy event occurs during the year 2012.

We also welcome the new command team at HMAS CERBERUS to Victoria. Captain Katherine Richards RAN, the newly appointed Commanding Officer assumed command on 9 December 2011. Commander Michael Oborn RAN will assume the duties of Executive Officer early in the New Year. The Melbourne Naval Centre, Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria and possibly the national organisations will seek to meet with the Command Team to discuss our collective objective of improving the participation of the overall Navy Community in Victoria in commemorative, maritime and social events.

The entire Ship's Company at HMAS CERBERUS also need to be congratulated for being awarded the Governor's Cup. The Cup is awarded to the Navy establishment foremost in operations, safety, training and support to the Fleet. Being awarded the Governor's Cup appropriately demonstrates the great team effort made by CERBERUS during the past year; their excellence has been duly noted. Well done all concerned!

The NVN has been underway for nine months and the number of registered members has risen to a creditable 650 individuals.

Calendar Events

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27th January 2012 – Recruit School Graduation

Latest News

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An agreement has just been finalised between the RANCCF and Quiksilver, Roxy and DC clothing and accessories (see www.quiksilver.com.au, www.au.roxy.com, and www.dcs shoes.com.au for more information on their products). This agreement entitles all the Navy family to be able to partake in a 15% off in store purchases nationwide as per the attached flyer. Serving members, Reservists and Retired members can all utilise their Defence ID (including Spouse ID) or RANCCF Membership Card (available from www.ranccf.com) to claim the in store discount. With Christmas approaching, it is a good time to **save on the Christmas present bill.** [More....](#)

Scuttlebutt 2011-2.

[Open the video....](#)

[Click here](#) to view the Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria's November newsletter Rogue's Yarn.

Many of this number are key members of Ship or Unit Associations and we urge those members to promote the existence of NVN to their members. Our hope is that they will benefit from the collection of data pointing to events and other activities that may prove to be of some interest. In particular, the pilgrimages to the Shrine are simple and relatively short occasions that mark significant contributions made during times of War, each being under the auspices of Ship and Unit Associations.

We would also like to remind everyone that the involvement of descendants is imperative if we are to maintain the relevance of Ship and Unit Associations. Whilst all service and ex-service men and women are always welcome to join associations, the interest demonstrated by this sector of our Navy community is sadly, very low! We use as an example the demise, or 'paying off' of the Corvettes Association. Given there were 56 Corvettes build for Australia's use during WWII and over 10,000 Officers and Sailors sailed in these gallant ships, there must now be well over 200,000 descendants in Australia – where are they? It is a pity that not one can be sourced to sustain the Corvettes Association. If you wish to be connected to a ship or unit association, please contact the Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria by emailing your interest to naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com and they will assist to connect you to a relevant association. We are focused on continuation of the legacy of all ship and unit associations, such as the Corvettes and other marvellous groups of Sailors.

The recent commemorative service at Queenscliff in memory of HMAS GOORANGAI was well attended with over 150 present for the service. Approximately 80 people participated in the march from the Queenscliff-Point Lonsdale RSL Sub-Branch Hall to the Ocean View Reserve. The march was led by Captain Mark Hill CSC RAN, Commanding Officer – HMAS CERBERUS who was ably supported by Captain David Garnock CSC RAN Rtd, President – Melbourne Naval Centre and LCDR Chris Le Marshall RANR, Representing 'N' Class Destroyers & Secretary - NCCV. During the service a wreath was laid on each of the 13 memorial cairns. The service was indeed memorable with addresses given by the Mayor, Borough of Queenscliff, Cr Bob Merriman AM, CAPT Hill and Mr Stan Yates, President – Corvettes Association. The service was followed by a lunch in the RSL Hall. This occasion was organised by the Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria with generous support from the Queenscliff RSL and the

NEW NATIONAL DAY PLANS TO COMMEMORATE THE BOMBING OF DARWIN

Prime Minister Julia Gillard today proposed a new national day of observance on 19 February to commemorate the bombing attacks on Darwin and other northern Australian towns during the Second World War. [More.....](#)

BROADBAND NETWORK PROVIDES IN-HOME HEALTHCARE

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Warren Snowdon, and the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator Stephen Conroy, today announced an \$8 million trial which will enable chronically ill veterans to have their health monitored by health professionals without leaving their home. [More.....](#)

A new website has been established to help as many people as possible, recognise the symptoms of the condition Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or PTSD. This site complements a national awareness campaign for PTSD, and is supported by the Mental Health Council of Australia. [Stand Tall for PTSD.](#)

More than 30 people give evidence at the Valour Inquiry

The Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, Senator David Feeney, today welcomed news that the independent Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal heard from more than 30 individuals and groups at the first public hearings in Canberra. The Tribunal is now sitting in Melbourne 14 & 15 December. [More.....](#)

Visit the website as there's a lot more news that you may have missed out on.



Melbourne Naval Centre.

We also wish to congratulate CAPT David Garnock CSC RAN Rtd on his election as President of the Melbourne Naval Centre. The MNC has been instrumental in providing financial support to a wide range of Navy entities in Victoria for many decades and under the guidance of CAPT Garnock we can look forward to renewed vigour as the MNC goes about achieving its objectives.

The Melbourne Naval Centre recently arranged for representatives of all ship and

unit associations to attend Divisions at HMAS CERBERUS. Those that attended witnessed the Passing Out Parade of the graduating class of RMIT Engineers, a fine spectacle with over 800 on parade. The MNC funded the transportation of representatives to CERBERUS and also provided a light lunch at the CERBERUS Museum. It proved to be a very successful day and the discussion after the lunch, where CAPT Garnock explained the objectives of the MNC. He also spoke of the collaboration between the MNC and the NCCV to seek renewed efforts with the intention of holding a 'workshop' on 26th February 2012. The purpose of the workshop, being to discuss and agree on a plan to build the membership and level of participation across the Navy community in Victoria. The invitation to participate in this workshop will be distributed by the NCCV. If any individual thinks their ship or unit association should be invited, please send an email to the NCCV email address mentioned above. Please keep in mind that the purpose of the workshop is to seek ideas on how best to build sustainable ship and unit associations, or do something else! Diarise the workshop, 1000 hrs Sunday, 26th February 2012, with a light lunch afterwards.



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.