



# Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

## ROGUES' YARN



### Change of Platform

#### IMPORTANT events for your Diary

*Annual General Meeting, 11:00 am Tuesday, 8th NOV*

**HMAS GOORANGAI Commemorative Service, Sunday 20 November**  
*≈11:00 am step off from Queenscliff RSL, service at 11:30 Ocean View Reserve*



Things are done certainly different these days! Here we have HMAS STUART and HMAS ANZAC at Fleet Base West earlier this year. During this time alongside the Ships Company of STUART, which had steamed from Sydney to STIRLING was transferred to ANZAC. They then sailed to Sydney, where the ANZAC (CMDR Brett Sonter) was home ported, thereby replacing STUART. STUART remained in the west, at STIRLING, apparently to be placed into an Extended Readiness period. One can only imagine the hitches of bringing a ship laid up for 12 months into service from scratch and then sailing off as if nothing had happened. This was the second time this Ships Company had moved from one warship to another. In July 2010 the crew moved from BALLARAT to STUART. This process of transferring entire crews from one ship to another is alien to earlier generations as it challenges the perception of attachment between ship and crew member.

The method of having an inventory of ships and a set of crews for the purpose of maximizing the level of asset utilization is very economic. However, there needs to be something else in the mix if today's matelot is to enjoy the same level of pride as those of old.

When patrol boats had dedicated crews, they were the hardest working crews in the Navy. For instance, the Darwin based boats generally sailed away for six weeks and then spent two weeks at the Darwin Naval Base. In the early days, much of the crew's time in DNB was taken up with maintenance, until it was pointed out that those ashore in DNB were there for that purpose, thus giving the Boat's crew some relief. Today there are multiple crews for different boats, such as three crews for two patrol boats. This has proved to be a very successful approach to keeping the boats at sea, but most importantly providing some respite for the crews. This new method of utilizing the men and women in the Navy is different and whilst it must be working, the traditional connection with ship and crew must also be different. Interest in Ship/Unit Associations is waning, no doubt we need to do a little research to determine how changing platforms impacts on us!



**GOORANGAI Memorial at Ocean View Reserve, Queenscliff**



**HMAS GOORANGAI coming alongside**



# Presidents Report

This is my last report as President and I must convey my thanks to the many Ship and Unit Associations who have made a great contribution to supporting the NCCV and the Royal Australian Navy over so many years. I have had the privilege of working with many wonderful people and through that work we have managed to build a history of events that will be remembered for years to come. With respect to the NCCV, I encourage everyone to look to how we might continue our work, whilst we pass on the batten. We must not give up our enthusiasm for the Navy and its people.

During October we all had the opportunity to attend the two primary Commemorative Services during Navy Week, they being the Wreath Laying Service at the Shrine of



Remembrance and the Seafarers Service at St Paul's. Both of these services again exhibited the significance of being able to assemble and reflect on past deeds. The Open Day at HMAS CERBERUS was also a great day out and an opportunity for the Navy Community to renew their appreciation of Australia's principal training Establishment.

My thanks to everyone for your endless support over many years. Best wishes to the NCCV and all member Associations.

*Les Kennedy, President*

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Three flag poles at the Ocean View Reserve, Queenscliff. Site of the GOORANGAI Service next month—be there!

## Wreath Laying Service

Thank you to those individuals who supported the Navy Week Wreath Laying Service in the Sanctuary, Shrine of Remembrance. Use of the Sanctuary for this service was a rewarding experience. CAPT Mark Hill, CO CERBERUS gave a poignant reminder of the dedication and competence of our men and women at sea and referred to the effort of so many over the past century. Senior Chaplain The Right Reverend Dr Mark Burton RANR officiated. A contingent from TS Tingira assisted with banners and wreaths. AB Andrew Bryce RAN did a superb job as Bugler. Wreaths were laid by CAPT Hill for Navy, Ray Northrop for NCCV, Dr Pat O'Brien for descendants and Lee Andrews for the

Naval Association. A thank you to Paul Callahan who arranged the refreshments after the service. The service was a well conducted and augers well for the future.

LtoR: Terry Makings, S/CHAP Burton, CAPT Hill, LCDR Bookless, SBLT Jan Heyblom.



## navyvic.net

Many of you may already know about navyvic.net. A new website that has proved to be a great way to share dits and other info relating to events in Victoria, and wider afield. This is aimed at the Navy Community in Victoria, LOG ON!

# Changing Times

Our main story on page one in some respects illustrates an overwhelming change in commitment, for instance, in days gone by, we would have never seen an entire ship's company shift from one ship to another. For many, except for major refits, or half life modernisations, the crew was changed over using a drip feed process. This new phenomena may also require us to change our thinking as well. Ship/Unit Associations will need to think about how this style of business impacts on their Associations. If we are to remain relevant, the desire to join up with Ship/Unit Associations may need to be reviewed. The NCCV seeks your input to this dilemma so that we might all share a common objective. In fact, if you have any thoughts, how about emailing them first to your own Office bearers and secondly to NCCV at [naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com](mailto:naval.commemoration.committee@gmail.com) so we can share with the multitude. Many of post WWII

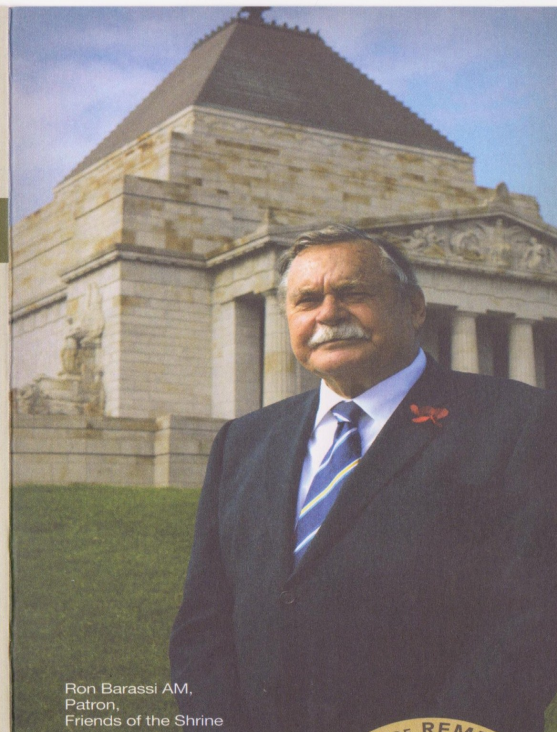


service men and women served under two flags, so we can change if there is a strong desire. If we are serious about turning the membership challenge around, then let's do something. At the very least, we might consider trying to bring one other person to whatever is your next Ship/Unit Association event or occasion. Keep in mind that veterans, ex-Navy men and women, their families and descendants should be targeted.

## Friends of the Shrine

**T**he Shrine of Remembrance is a place of national significance and warrants our support. There is now a very easy way of showing that support, become a 'friend' of the Shrine. The vast number of events conducted at the Shrine of Remembrance rely upon financial support from organisations and individuals.

Much of the Shrine's funding is provided by the State Government, but an enormous amount is donated by Victorians generally. As a 'friend' of the Shrine you will have an opportunity to access a range of activities unavailable to others. See the Shrine of Remembrance website for information on how to be a valued 'Friend'. Ron Barrassi AM is the Patron of Friends of the Shrine.

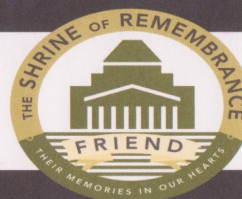


Ron Barrassi AM,  
Patron,  
Friends of the Shrine

Join us  
at the Shrine

Becoming a Friend of the  
Shrine ensures that their  
memories stay in our hearts

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[www.shrine.org.au/friends](http://www.shrine.org.au/friends)



Ron Barrassi AM at the Shrine of Remembrance. The son of a Rat of Tobruk and grandson of a WWI veteran. He is very proud to support the Shrine of Remembrance.



**Naval  
Commemoration  
Committee of  
Victoria**  
Meets Quarterly at:  
The Melbourne  
Naval Centre  
146 Toorak Road  
South Yarra 3141  
Next meeting is the  
AGM on  
Tuesday, 8th NOV.

## *SPECIAL DIARY DATES*

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
11:00 am start  
to be held at the  
Melbourne Naval Centre

### HMAS GOORANGAI MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
11:00 am Assemble and  
short march to the Reserve  
11:30 Service commences.  
Ocean View Reserve,  
Queenscliff

Lunch at the RSL Hall at  
\$20/head. Reservations  
essential—contact Mr Stan  
Yates, 2 Berkefeld Crt.,  
Cheltenham VIC 3192 or  
telephone 9593 6637

### HMAS ARMIDALE CORVETTES Association

1<sup>st</sup> December, 11:00 am  
Wreath Laying Service in  
the Sanctuary,  
Shrine of Remembrance

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## Notes for Members

**Annual General Meeting.** Another reminder—the Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 11:00 am, Tuesday, 8th November at the Melbourne Naval Centre. The NCCV looks forward to a representative from all Victoria based Ship/Unit Associations being present so we might determine our future.

**Ship/Unit Membership.** The life blood of the NCCV is the participation of Ship/Unit Associations. We are entering a new year and encourage you to think about how best to contribute to Navy Victoria. Also, anyone interested in nominating for an Officer position is welcome to do so using the attached nomination form.

**Sharing Information.** There is a need to share information regarding activities. The attendance at most events has been well below that expected over recent years. One reason is possibly the lack of information made available to the Navy Community in Victoria. NCCV and NavyVIC.net are useful vehicles to overcome this issue.

**Digital Age.** With the advent of computers, communicating today depends less on postal services. NCCV is not exempt, therefore you may find we will be using electronic means to share information. Most Associations have access to a PC, notwithstanding, all members will receive the information we have to share.



## Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria

“Perpetuating Gallant Ships and Brave Men”

# 2011 Annual General Meeting

Venue: Melbourne Naval Centre,  
146W Toorak Road, South Yarra

Commences after the General Meeting at 11:00 am

*SHIP/UNIT ASSOCIATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND*

1. **Silent Tribute**
2. **Welcome attendees, note apologies**
3. **Refer to previous minutes**
  1. AGM of Tuesday, 9th November 2010.
4. **President’s Report**
5. **General Business**
  1. **Recent Changes to Constitution.**
  2. **Set membership fee for 2012.**
6. **Election of Officers for year 2012**
  1. **Advise procedure for elections.**
  2. **If required, elect ‘Chairman Election’.**
  3. **Officer positions declared vacant.**
  4. **Conduct elections.**
7. **President’s Statement for 2012**
8. **Meeting closed, refreshments**



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**Nomination Form**  
**For**  
**Appointment to an Executive Position**

I (*print name*).....

representing ..... Association

wish to nominate for the position of .....  
(President, V/President, Secretary, Treasurer, PR Officer)

Nominee’s signature .....

**Please Note:**

If there is more than one nomination for the position above,  
an election will be required in accordance with the Constitution.  
This will require a show of hands by the financial members in attendance,  
at the Annual General Meeting to be held at 1100 on **8<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**This nomination form must be with the**  
**Committee Secretary prior to the start of the AGM.**