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Sub resurfaces after 50 years

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CERBERUS celebrates



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Bow shots halt iceboat incursion

The Royal Australian Navy patrol boat, HMAS GEELONG, has opened fire with Steyr rifle and 50-calibre machine gun to arrest a wayward 'iceboat' fleeing the Australian fishing zone north of Broome.

With bullets wizzing 50 metres ahead of its bow, the master of the 20-metre-long Indonesian Type 3 fishing boat and his crew of eight, opted to bring their craft to a halt.

The fishing boat was boarded by GEELONG's executive officer, LEUT Penni Buchanan, and her armed party of sailors.

They found nine holds carrying ice and fish. But the problems for the fishermen and their captains far from ended with the arrest.

Tropical cyclone *Histia* was bearing down on them and they had to run for it down the Western Australian coast.

LCDR Bob Heffey, the Operations Officer at NORCOM said Lcdr Bob Plath and his ship's company of 26 covertly detected the iceboat outside the AFZ near the Challis oil rig (between Broome and Darwin) on the Easter weekend.

"GEELONG challenged the boat when it was 10 miles inside the zone," Lcdr Heffey said.

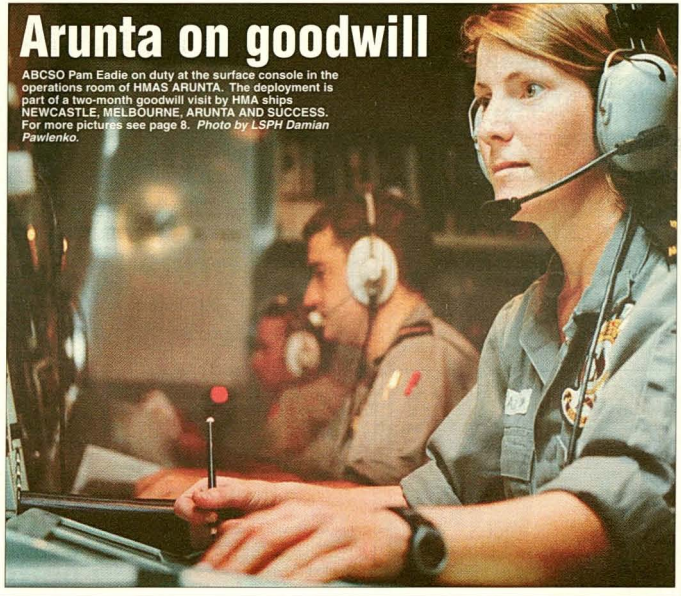
"The iceboat tried to get away by manoeuvring so GEELONG could not get on its starboard quarter.

"LCDR Plath had to open fire with Steyr and 50-calibre machine gun. The rounds were fired 50 metres ahead of the bow.

"The vessel stopped and LEUT Buchanan and an armed party went on board.

"They found fishing gear, ice and fish. It had nine holds."

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Arunta on goodwill

ABCSO Pam Eadie on duty at the surface console in the operations room of HMAS ARUNTA. The deployment is part of a two-month goodwill visit by HMAA ships NEWCASTLE, MELBOURNE, ARUNTA AND SUCCESS. For more pictures see page 8. Photo by LSPH Damian Pawlenko.

YOU'RE NICKED MATE

2000-mile pursuit for team

By Graham Davis

AN ADF boarding party of 41 personnel and two South African Navy ships, one a hydrographic vessel, the other a missile equipped patrol boat, have boarded and apprehended an alleged fish poaching trawler south of Cape Town.

The apprehension ended a 14-day, 2000 nautical mile "hot pursuit" by an Australian chartered fisheries inspection vessel.

The chase began near Australia's Heard Island on March 29 and ended peacefully on April 12.

Two RAN communicators and their specialised equipment in the Australian fisheries vessel *Southern Supporter* proved vital throughout the chase.

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Prestigious award goes to Canberra sailor

The officers of the FFG HMAS CANBERRA continue to make the news.

LEUT Danny Gram, the ship's Assistant Weapons Electrical Engineer, has been awarded one of the most prestigious awards in the field of engineering.

A student of Deakin University, Danny was awarded the Kempe International Award for the best technology project in a ceremony last month.

LEUT Gram, pictured receiving his award from CANBERRA CO, CMDR Roger Boyce, completed a degree in engineering with a thesis discussing the comparison of terotechnology techniques used in the Royal Australian Navy.

This study, the only one like it in Australia, discussed the implementation of planned maintenance within systems used in the RAN.

LEUT Gram, who will spend the next six months in CANBERRA, received a certificate, medal and cheque for \$300.

The annual Deakin University Engineering Division Student Awards, with a total prize money in excess of \$22000, are shared across up to 20 categories.

Apology to Canberra readers

Navy News wishes to apologise to its Canberra readers for the late delivery of papers.

Staff at the Russell mail centre have indicated that a lack of staff has created a backlog of mail.

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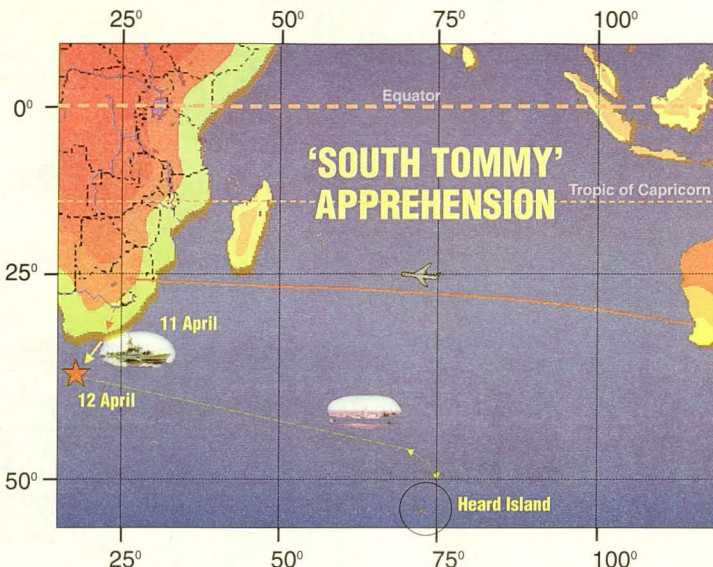
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YOU'RE NICKED WATE



ABOVE: The route taken by the alleged illegal fishing vessel, *South Tommy*, after it was called upon to alter course towards Fremantle. Once clear of AFZ the vessel turned left instead of right and was pursued by the Australian Fisheries Management Authority vessel *Southern Supporter*.

— 2000 mile pursuit

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With this edition of *Navy News* going to press, the seized 50-metre-long Togo registered *South Tommy* was heading for Fremantle with a RAN 'steaming' party in control and under escort of the 'chase' ship, the Australian Fisheries Management Authority's chartered *Southern Supporter*.

A spokesman for Maritime Headquarters told *Navy News*, "On March 29, the *Southern Supporter* found the 50-metre-long *South Tommy* in Australian waters off Heard Island.

"It was ordered to proceed to Fremantle and complied but once outside the Australian AFZ turned left instead and headed towards Africa.

"A hot pursuit followed with the AFMA vessel keeping within two miles of the *South Tommy* at all times.

"The chase went for 2000 miles with the trawler always keeping out of EEZ waters such as those of France around Kerguelen Islands.

"It appeared the ship was heading for Togo to where it was registered," the spokesman said.

Meanwhile, the two RAN communications on *Southern Supporter* helped the AFMA officers keep Australian Headquarters aware of the vessel's movements. Strategic Command, Maritime Headquarters, and the offices of the Ministers for Defence, Foreign Affairs and Forestry and Conservation became involved.

It was decided to ask the South African Government if ADF personnel could use a South African Navy ship to intercept, board and apprehend the *South Tommy* before it rounded the Cape while still in international waters.

"Our request went as high as the President of South Africa, Mr Mbeki. He gave approval," the RAN spokesman continued.

"Initially a three-person advance team from Defence, led by LCDR Trevor Gibson of

Armed personnel went across in PROTEA's two RHIBs and made an uneventful boarding in a sea-state two.

the Surface Combatant FEG, flew to South Africa by commercial jet.

"The South Africans were very helpful and offered the use of their hydrographic ship PROTEA to carry the boarding party. They also provided the GALESHWE, a FACM patrol boat which carries missiles as well as guns, as support."

On this side of the Indian Ocean, Defence organised the boarding party.

The commanding officer of the FFG HMAS SYDNEY, CMDR Daryl Bates, was drawn from his ship with just hours notice and put in charge of the ADF team.

An engineer was drawn from HMAS FREMANTLE, a cook from TOBRUK, more engineers from FIMA Sydney, seamen from HMAS SYDNEY and LEUT Luke Marthick from the SEACC facility at HMAS WATSON.

After flying from Australia to Johannesburg by commercial aircraft, the group then flew to Cape Town's Simonstown Naval Base where they were given six hours sleep before boarding the PROTEA.

The PROTEA and GALESHWE put to sea and in international waters linked up with the *Southern Supporter*.

With the three ships in position, the *South Tommy* was ordered on red channel 16 to stop and be boarded.

Armed personnel went across in PROTEA's two RHIBs and made an uneventful boarding in a sea-state two.

The RAN spokesman said the boarding party found 44 crew members on board.

"The freezer hold was brimming with Patagonian toothfish estimated to be worth between \$1.5 million and \$2 million.

"The trawler was formally apprehended and its master informed he and his ship and crew would be taken to Australia.

"The ship was taken to a point 30 miles off Cape Town, and still in international waters, while *Southern Supporter* went into port for fuel and supplies, not only for itself but for the *South Tommy*."

With the Australians in charge the trawler and the chase ship then turned to re-cross the Indian Ocean.

"Depending on weather we are expecting them in Fremantle on May 2."

He said seas of eight metres had prevented a boarding by AFMA personnel while the *South Tommy* was at Heard Island.

The RAN was unable to send a frigate to the scene because it would have needed a tanker to go with it.

At present Fleet Base West's tanker, HMAS WESTRALIA is in dock in Newcastle, while FBEE's oiler, HMAS SUCCESS, was in Korea.

Commenting at the conclusion of the 14 day pursuit and the arrest, Mr Wilson Tuckey, the Minister for Forestry and Conservation (with responsibility for fisheries) said this served as a warning to pirate operators who plunder our fisheries.

"The vessel, which had obscured its identification markings and its national flag, is believed to be the Togo-registered *South Tommy*, with some 90 tonnes of Patagonian toothfish from Australian waters on board.

"The vessel will now be brought back to Fremantle for prosecution for fisheries violations under Australian law," Mr Tuckey said.

Fleet Base East sailor takes out ADI award

ABET Lorne Bramley has been awarded the Australian Defence Industries Trevor Weaver Award for the best Combat System Maintenance School (CSMS) student of 2000.

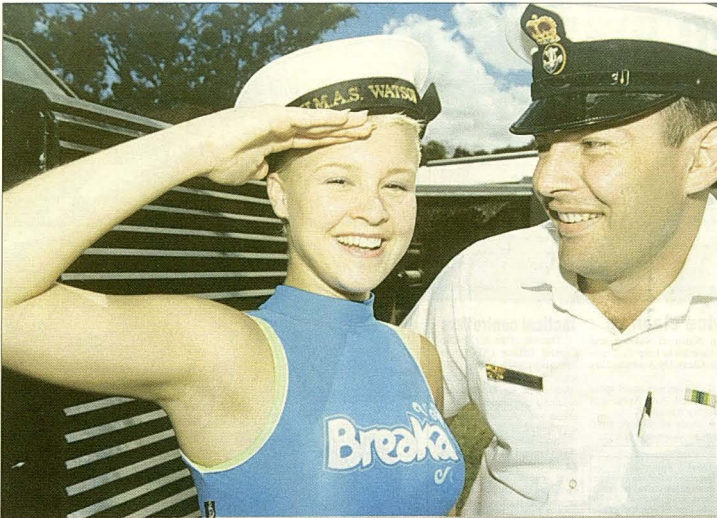
A CIWS maintainer in HMAS NEWCASTLE under CDR P Naughton, AB Bramley had his first posting to the calibration centre last year when offered a night time CIWS course at CSMS.

Knowing little about the equipment, AB Bramley found the course well structured and was able to go straight from the classroom to the CIWS mount to put what he'd learned to the test.

The Combat System Maintenance School conducts a number of FFG combat-related system training courses, including CIWS, SLQ-32, LILQ-25 NIXIE and TACAN that were repatriated from the US as well as the Australian designed and built AMB, *Nidka*.

AB Bramley joined the RAN from the Gold Coast in March 1998, having left the Army as an infantry soldier a few years earlier. He is currently on operational deployment, *Op Trek*, in the Solomon Islands.

Breaking the ice for chocolate milk



A break for the Breaka girl, Deborah Patterson, at the Toowoomba Show saw a fair swap for Navy Careers Adviser PO Jason Augur, who had little hesitation in providing an impromptu lesson on how to salute the Navy way, all for a carton of chocolate milk. The 137th Toowoomba Show saw Deborah call at the recruiting stand set up by Toowoomba's Defence Careers Reference Centre where tri-Service recruiters spent four days and attracted much interest with their displays. Included was a 15-tonne Bush Master, a weapons stand and a Nixon tent where visitors could see in the dark. Children of all ages also had their faces painted and were able to look at and handle Defence equipment. More than 41,000 people attended the show. Photo by WO2 Wayne Ryan.

Court rules for ADF in prop case

The Federal Court in Sydney has allowed improvements to be made to the Collins Class submarine propeller without further delay following a bid by the Swedish designer to prevent modifications being made by the USA.

Kockums of Sweden lodged an application in the Federal Court seeking orders to prevent delivery of the propeller to a US company on the grounds it breached Kockums' intellectual property rights in the design.

In a judgement handed down on April 11, Justice Wilcox found that the Commonwealth had every right, under the submarine building contract, to seek the assistance of a third party, as it has done in this instance.

Confidentiality agreements between the Australian and USA authorities ensures that design information embedded in the propeller is protected and Kockums' commercial inter-

ADF numbers set for senior examination

Recruiting and retention

THE Senate has referred the matter of recruitment and retention of ADF personnel to committee for inquiry, with a report to be delivered by September 27.

The Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee will examine reasons why young people are reluctant to join the ADF and why a growing number of personnel want to leave the organisation.

Committee chairman John Hogg said the Defence Reform Program and changes in conditions of service, pay and allowances would be included in the inquiry.

"Recruitment and retention of personnel are important functions in maintaining a viable and efficient defence force," he said.

"There is concern that current recruitment strategies are not meeting their targets in many areas of the ADF and that more personnel are leaving the ADF than is healthy for the organisation."

The inquiry will include recruitment and retention of personnel in the full- and part-time ADF.

The committee will advertise in the national press for written submissions, which should be lodged with the committee's secretariat by May 18.

Terms of reference for the inquiry are 'whether the current recruitment and retention strategies of the ADF are effective in meeting the organisation's personnel requirements (including reserves)'.
Issues on which the committee is to report include

whether the current recruiting needs of the ADF and the im-

Program on retention levels and other issues to be examined and categories of specialist prepared to the organisation's requirement current career management personnel.

The committee also has to other issues reasonably relevant that arise in the course of the in-

ANZAC 'daugh'

While formally handing ANZAC to CAPT Nigel Tripovich likened the eve daughter away.

However, CAPT Tripovich that ANZAC would be looked after having been in command time the ship had been to Tim Zealand.

Tripovich was promoted to upon taking up the position Management at NIHQ.

ANZAC will be CAPT C after HMAS CANBERRA in 1

Troops go armed for the masses

East Timor remains a "hot zone" when it comes to the safety of Australian servicemen and women.

So when a group of Defence personnel attended Easter Mass in Dili earlier this month they came armed.

For some it was a Steyer over the shoulder or a Browning on the hip.

ADF personnel took a few hours out from their busy schedules over the Easter period to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

A variety of activities and themes were organised.

Starting on Holy Thursday, Aussies along with other UN peacekeepers commemorated the traditional washing of feet

at the Salesian Father's Provisional Home in Dili.

On Good Friday the 27 metre high statue of Jesus which dominates the Dili area, was the focal point of the Ways of the Cross ceremony.

The Saturday night saw Australians observe an Easter Vigil, the holiest day in the Christian calendar.

They were joined by Kenyan soldiers.

On Easter Sunday services involving Australian Defence personnel were held in several locations on the island.

Despite their presence in East Timor, Australians did have some of the Easter treats they would normally receive at home.

Woolworths in Adelaide donated 1500 Easter eggs and hot cross buns.

DNSDC in tri-service clean up

Personnel from the Defence National Storage and Distribution Centre in Sydney did their bit to keep the countryside beautiful by participating in Clean Up Australia Day 2001.

Thirty Navy, Army, RAAF and civilian personnel spent three hours cleaning areas of Moorebank Ave, Azzac and Heathcote Road, bordering Holsworthy Range.

The team collected three truck loads of rubbish, from building materials and rubbish bins to hatching trolleys.

Tactical controllers

The role of the Air Traffic Control Officer (ATCO) is changing rapidly in the ADF, with a course known as 'Battlefield Air Operations' ensuring personnel do not arrive in a contingency unprepared.

No longer does the ATCO spend all their time in an air-conditioned tower or dark room watching the radar, as the course aims to provide air traffic controllers with the required skills set to function on the battlefield.

The Battle Airspace Operations Course (BAOC) enables line controllers to operate in a tactical environment.

Flight deck doubles as party venue



The 15th birthday of HMAS SUCCESS saw the cutting of the cake on the ship's flight deck. The youngest member on board, 18-year-old SMNBM O'Connell takes the honours, with the CO to his left, CAPT Deeks, and the WEEEO to his right, LCDR Hardwick, who is the oldest on board at 53 years. Far right is LSPTI Mark Klopper who celebrated his own birthday on the same day, turning 37. Photo by LSPH Damian Pawlenko.

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Navy trainees take top honours in ADF Queen's medal

The winner of the Queen's Gold Medal for the year 2000, has been announced.

He is B/ASLT Jace Hutchison for his performance on the SEAAC course.

A very close runner-up was B/SBLT Fiona Southwood for her performance on SUAC.

The medal is a non monetary prize awarded by the Queen to the outstanding officer trainee from selected officer training institutions within the ADF.

It recognises exemplary conduct, performance of duty and good influence on fellow officers. The award is prestigious and highly regarded by its recipients.

The RAN winner is selected by the Director General Navy Personnel and Training from officers who have completed the seaman PH3 application course or other application courses during the calendar year 2000.

The Chief of Fonia and his admirals congratulated Jace and Fiona for their efforts.

AMPS acquires naval targets

The RAN will benefit from a recently signed contract with Eden Technology by allowing the Asset Management and Planning System (AMPS) to be used on all surface ships and shore establishments.

AMPS is a ship logistics management software program specifically targeted at the naval forces.

It allows for the full integration of the logistics needs of a ship and its shore support operation, including contractors who may be involved in a range of support activities for all or a particular area of a ship.

AMPS also allows for the full integration of maintenance and inventory management, configuration and work flow capabilities, document management and reporting.

Bow shots halt incursion

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With the fishing boat under arrest and a steaming party on board it was ordered to accompany the RAN warship to where a number of dugout canoes had been seen.

From conversations with fishermen, it was learned another "iceboat" was nearby.

GEEELONG found and boarded the second craft, confiscated its fishing equipment and told it to go north.

It then began to escort the first "iceboat" towards Darwin.

However, an unusually late season tropical cyclone called Alistair, had formed near Gove.

"It was decided that GEEELONG should take the boat to Broome instead," LCDR Heffley said.

"The cyclone developed further and began to follow GEEELONG down the coast of Western Australia.

"Under escort the two vessels were only doing six knots.

"It was decided to take the Indonesian boat in tow and this was done giving ten knots.

"On Wednesday, April 18 Alistair became a category two cyclone with 75 knot winds and a four metre wave height. Central pressure was 975 hectopascals.

"It was still bearing down on GEEELONG which was experiencing 40 knot winds.

"A decision was made to take the fishing boat to anchor off Adele Island.

"The crew of nine were transferred to GEEELONG.

"Twenty miles from Adele and in 30 knot winds the tow line parted. The iceboat was left to drift.

"LCDR Platt increased speed to 20 knots to try to outrun the cyclone.

"On Thursday, April 19, he headed for Broome to try to get fuel so he could get further south," LCDR Heffley said.

At the same time the Customs patrol boat Wauri had found a vessel at Ashmore Reef with 98 suspected illegal immigrants on board.

It was hoped the Customs craft and the 98 would not be seriously affected by the twister.

Admin break for sailors on posting

DHA to coordinate

POSTING administration will become easier for Defence members from July 1 with the centralisation of services under DHA co-ordination.

Defence is negotiating an agreement with DHA to deliver a complete end-to-end relocation service for all Defence-approved moves within Australia.

Managing director DHA Keith Lyon said removals would be co-ordinated from DHA's newly established National Service and Support Centre (NSSC) in Canberra.

"The establishment of the NSSC will free up regional DHA relocation consultants to more adequately meet the direct service needs of defence members in the regions," he said.

The changes will include calculation and payment of relocation entitlements, travel for postings within Australia, booking of temporary accommodation and establishment of a centralised service and support centre.

Removals Australia will continue to provide the actual services for uplift and removal of furniture and effects, although these will be co-ordinated by DHA.

Relocation services will be delivered through a combination of centralised processing and face-to-face delivery from DHA's regional Housing Management Centres.

"DHA will always offer the option of face-to-face assistance with your relocation."

"We will provide confidential case management support for ADF customers who have changes to personal circumstances or special housing and relocation requirements."

Defence and DHA will conduct a joint road tour to provide an opportunity for members and spouses to find out more about the changes and how they will affect postings after July 1.

Members can get information on dates, venues and times for the road tour from their local Defence Removal Centre.

Courses to boost safety

Personnel involved in the management of ship safety and the RAN's regulatory framework will be able to improve their skills through a short course to be held in upcoming months.

The course is available to those within and external to Defence, including ship staff, acquisition, class logistic offices, fleet, force element group staff, Navy safety boards, occupational health and safety, classification societies, contractors and the broader maritime industry.

It will be held over three consecutive days and comprises lectures and workshops presented by appropriate people from Defence, ADF and the maritime industry.

The courses will be held on May 16-18 in Melbourne, July 2-4 in Canberra, August 16-18 in Cairns and November 5-7 in Sydney.

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Troubleshooters target recruiting

By Graham Davis

CMDR Kevin Sharp and his colleague CPOCSM Brian Brennan have a large and very important task.

They want to know how to improve recruiting for the Royal Australian Navy.

With just 12,351 personnel in uniform in the RAN they have to boost numbers.

Kevin and Brian are the two members of the Navy Recruiting Liaison Office formed just two months ago.

The unit was created under the directives of the Navy HR Management Plan.

The pair has been tasked with improving the flow of communications between the stakeholders in Recruiting.

New RAN unit seeks answers on retention

The ultimate aim is to improve recruiting results.

"What does this mean?" Brian asked.

"Basically this two-man team will assist the Navy, the Defence Force Recruiting Organisation (DFRO) and Manpower Defence Recruiting (MDR) in their efforts to understand what the needs for each, truly are.



LS Brad Paul lets the last line go before MSA BANDICOOT departs for Australia. The BANDICOOT spent six weeks in Bougainville providing maritime support to the Peace Monitoring Group. Photo by Capt Jason Logie.

Bel Isi Bandicoot heads home to Oz

MSA BANDICOOT got underway for Australia recently following the ship's six-week detachment to the Peace Monitoring Group in Bougainville.

The rotation home concludes the ship's seventh tour of the island and multiple tours for the whole crew.

OIC MSA BANDICOOT, CPO Ron McKay said his crew provided the PMG with a much-needed maritime capability.

"We provided the maritime support to meet the PMG's operational requirements," CPO McKay said.

"We transported people and stores between Loholo and the team sites, villages and remote islands as well as providing a patrol insertion method particularly for M1's Buai and Tonu."

The BANDICOOT also took on the role of morale boat transporting PMG members based in Loholo and Arawa to nearby Arovo island when tasking and rest days allowed.

CPO McKay said his crew enjoyed their time in Bougainville and looked forward to each rotation.

"We had a really good time this trip."

"It was great getting to know everyone and we've formed some excellent friendships with lots of people, especially some of the Kiwis, Fijians and Ni Vans."

He said the crew also enjoyed working closely with the locals and often transported them around the island as part of their patrol program.

Normally based at HMAS WATERHEN in Sydney, it will still be several months before the 11 sailors reach their home port.

CPO McKay said they would sail back to Cairns and undertake a maintenance period before joining *Exercise Tandem Troop* in Shoalwater Bay. "It will be June before we actually get home," he said.

MSA BANDICOOT is being replaced by her sister ship MSA WALLAROO in the PMG.

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Fleet review builds bridges

Review attracts 80 warships

By SBLT Grant McDonagh



The Indian aircraft carrier INS VIRAAT astern of HMAS DARWIN. 80 ships took place in the fleet review off Mumbai.

CMDR Trevor Jones and his ship's company in the RAN's HMAS DARWIN were helping build bridges.

Earlier this year the 4,100 tonne frigates based at HMAS STIRLING, sailed north-west to India to take part in the "2001 Bridges of Friendship Indian Fleet Review" conducted at Mumbai.

The ship also called at Singapore, Phuket and Lumut.

Upon reaching Singapore, DARWIN was joined by the Ticonderoga class cruiser, USS COWPENS, for a PASSEX to Mumbai.

Most of DARWIN's ship's company did a cross-deck during the nine day transit.

Both countries' sailors were impressed with the other's ship.

The Australians were impressed by the COWPENS mess deck facilities including its Sony Playstations.

The Americans, they were willing to stay in DARWIN just to keep sampling the excellent cuisine prepared by our talented cooks.

The Mumbai visit, however, was the purpose of our visit and DARWIN made a fine sight as she took up her assigned anchorage at the head of the formation.

A brilliant Mumbai sunrise heralded the event better than any gun salute.

For the most part the visit was spent preparing for the review.

Time, never-the-less was made available to visit the cultural delights of Mumbai including a trip to the Indian Defence Academy, cricket matches with

Mumbai's under privileged children and to India's cultural jewel, the Taj Mahal.

As for the cricket, if you believe the locals, the DARWIN team was lucky to escape with their shirts still on.

For the record, the competition concluded one-all.

We are sticking to this result and if it is in the Post Visit Report, then it is a fact.

As for the review, it was an amazing sight, when the smog allowed, to view the 80 warships in attendance.

Most of the ships' companies mingled easily and each was eager to learn more about each other's countries.

In stilted bursts of many languages, friendships were formed.

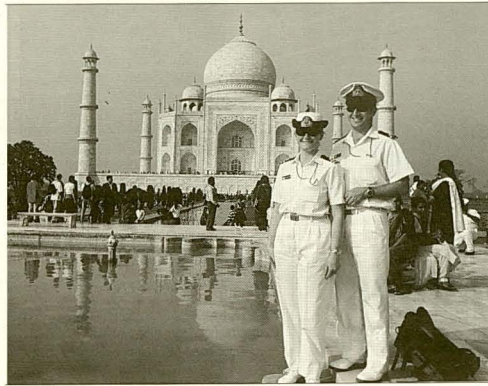
The official duties of the visit included a "cheer ship" for the Indian Prime Minister, Shri. K. R. Narayanan, a Fleet Review march past, a fleet the Retreat and some band performances, several RPCs and finally a review photo exercise.

Formalities over DARWIN left in company with a multi-national task group including ships from the US, South Africa, France and Kenya.

The Kenyans took the opportunity to show off their ship handling prowess.

All good things come to an end they say and after an exhausting though thoroughly enjoyable visit, we parted company.

DARWIN proceeded to Phuket, Lumut and Christmas Island for rest before returning to FBW loaded with souvenirs and many memories from a once in a lifetime experience.



LEUT Jennifer Morgan and SBLT Grant McDonagh pose with the Taj Mahal in the background. The HMAS DARWIN officers were on a goodwill visit and fleet review.

Culture captivates crew

Bat raises \$20,000

No matter how much you may fancy a good curry, nothing compares up the feelings of India quite like the images of the Taj Mahal.

It is here that the music, colour and spice of India really come to life.

The beauty and grace of the monument are awe inspiring and the romance of its origin resonates throughout the town of Agra.

Thirty members of HMAS DARWIN's company had the opportunity to take in the splendour of the "Taj" when the frigate joined 79 other warships for India's International Fleet Review.

For those Australians who made

the five-hour journey from Mumbai to Agra it was the opportunity of a lifetime.

While the travelling may have been tedious, it gave our sailors the opportunity to socialise with those from other countries.

The Indian Navy arranged and funded the visit to the 'Taj', one of the seven man-made wonders of the world.

The visit to India would not have been complete without seeing the monument.

Without exception those returning to the ship had learned that the "Taj" is not just a landmark, but is the heart of the Indian nation.

A cricket bat donated by the ship's company of HMAS DARWIN has raised \$20,000 at a dinner in honour of the Indian and Australian teams that featured in a replay of the tied Test match at Chennai.

The dinner was held in Mumbai on March 26, with a cheque handed over to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund last week.

The bat was photographed by members of the replayed tied Test, with the price achieved regarded as well above expected.

The role of the Australian Navy and HMAS DARWIN was especially acknowledged and highlighted at the event.

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MP addresses military christians in Canberra

Former Deputy Prime Minister and now self-confessed "middle-bencher", Tim Fischer MP, said many federal politicians have a Christian faith but must put politics first, during his speech to the Military Christian Fellowship at an all-ranks luncheon at Russell Offices in Canberra.

Mr Fischer added politicians view Christianity as a background to their work and is not "worn on their sleeve".

Mr Fischer listed major influences on him as a family upbringing, a Jesuit education, three years in the Army including a tour in Vietnam as a company commander, and the NSW State Parliament.

Mr Fischer's mostly rural Federal electorate of Farrer hugs the NSW side of the Victorian border from Albury to the SA border.

Taking the ANZAC theme, Mr Fischer recalled General Sir Harry Chauvel in WWI who led the Desert Mounted Corp to attack

the strategically important Beersheba in October 1917. The attack at sunset was day to the military manuals of the day, and the surprise attack turned into a rout of the Turkish forces.

Mr Fischer recently discussed the Chauvel story with the General's grandson, John Mitchell, of Towong Station in Fisher's electorate, and heard how General Chauvel carried Bibles throughout his career, including a pocket edition so he was never without his inspiration.

The Military Christian Fellowship of Australia links Christian servicemen and women and their families, and Defence civilians, who meet in most Defence ships and establishments. They support, and in turn are supported by, the military chaplains.

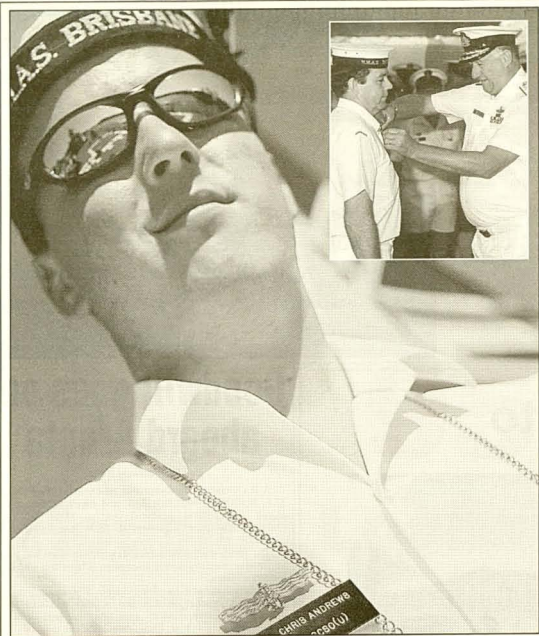
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Global Hawk goes down under

Another milestone in aviation history has been made with the first trans-Pacific flight to Australia of Global Hawk, the world's most advanced high-altitude, long-endurance unmanned aerial vehicle.

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Global Hawk had its first successful maiden flight in February 1998. Five pilotless aircraft have since made more than 70 flights including one across the Atlantic Ocean from Florida to Portugal and return. However, LTCOL Lange of the United States Air Force, said the trans-Pacific flight to Australia would be Global Hawk's longest and most challenging.



LSCSO Chris Andrews wearing his Tier 1 Service Readiness Badge, a silver anchor on gold. Photo by ABPH Yuri Ramsey. INSET: CN VADM David Shackleton presents LSRO Roger Dalby with his readiness badge.

Service set to ease move to civvy street

New approach lines up with White Paper

DEFENCE and the Department of Veterans' Affairs have introduced new measures to make transition from service to civilian life smoother for sailors and their families.

The ADF has re-engineered its discharge processes and Veterans' Affairs has introduced a new service for members discharging on invalidity grounds.

Head of Defence Pers Exec MAJGEN Simon Willis said the new approach was very much in line with the direction of the Defence White Paper.

"The new arrangements reinforce a culture and approach within the ADF which ensures that its people are looked after and feel valued at this important stage in their lives," he said.

New defence procedures, effective from March 1, see discharge co-ordinators in the Defence Corporate Support (DCS) Discharge Cell guiding members through the separation process.

Support flows from an initial interview for planning purposes and advice on entitlements through to the member's last day in service and can all be done in the location of the member's last work posting.

Manager DCS — Southern Queensland

Transition Cell Barry Hampson said the overall arrangements were a vast improvement on the old system.

"In the past members often received inconsistent or incorrect information on their entitlements and the discharge process itself. They often also arrive for final discharge without having had their final medical."

The Department of Veterans' Affairs has introduced the Transition Management Service, which is an optional information service available to full-time serving members being discharged on invalidity grounds.

It is designed to facilitate a member's access to full entitlements under a range of organisations such as Veterans' Affairs, MCRS, Conspuer and HIC.

Members wanting to access the Transition Management Service should call 1300 550 461.

Information on service discharge is available from the Career Transition Assistance intranet at:

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defweb.cbr.defence.gov.au/dpectap

Ready set go badge

LSRO Roger Dalby is regarded as the 'salries' sailor in the Royal Australian Navy and as a special formality to launch the Service Readiness Badge (SRB), was honoured by receiving the first badge.

As a member of the ship's company in HMAS DARWIN, Roger was presented the badge by the Chief of Navy while in India for the country's 50th International Fleet Review.

Roger has served 23 years at sea — the most time served by any sailor of officer currently with the RAN. He joined from Alice Springs in

July 1968 aged 16 with the aim of seeing the world. Since then he has served in HMA Ships SYDNEY, DUCHESS, YARRA, ASSAIL, STALWART, ATTACK, BRUNEI, STUART, TORRENS, PERTH, MELBOURNE and now DARWIN.

The CN then presented four further Service Readiness Badges (one of each level) to four others while sea riding in HMAS BRISBANE.

The badge became compulsory kit as from midday on Monday, April 9, after being initially launched at the

CN's Leadership Conference in October last year.

The badge provides recognition of personnel who are ready to be deployed on operations at sea and ashore or in support of such operations and also recognises the cumulative amount of time served in seagoing ships or seagoing submarines.

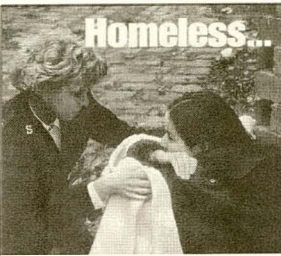
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WM honours Kiwis

The Australian War Memorial paid tribute to the ANZAC bond with an exhibition titled *ANZAC - The New Zealand Story* from April 24-29.

The hardships, rivalries, tragedies and triumphs of Australians and New Zealanders who have fought side by side for more than a century were relived in the exhibition, opened on the eve of ANZAC Day and coinciding with the dedication of the New Zealand Memorial.

"And we are side by side again in East Timor and Bougainville," said New Zealand Defence Force director for the exhibition, Warren Inkster.



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Family tradition continues

Eighteen-year-old Rebecca Chapman from Kilmeston continued a fine Australian tradition when she enlisted into the RAN on March 26, as the great-granddaughter of LEUT Frederick William Bell, a Western Australian Victoria Cross winner. Rebecca's great-grandfather, 'Dusty' Miller, was also one of the original Anzacs to land at Gallipoli.

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Recruiters receive new accreditation

Defence Force Recruiters will now receive a nationally accredited training certificate when they complete the high quality Defence Force Recruiters Course (DFRC).

The DFRC is a tri-service course conducted for regular and reserve recruiters and the training is held at the Defence Recruiting Training Centre, Latchford Barracks at Bonegilla.

COL Mark Bornholt, Director, Defence Force Recruiting, said the new accreditation recognises the significant level of responsibility that is required of Defence recruiters.

"It also recognises the wide range of tasks that Defence recruiters are required to do on a day to day basis," COL Bornholt said.

A number of the new training certificates were presented to ADF recruiters during a ceremony at the Defence Force Recruiting Career Reference Centre, Canberra recently.

In presenting the certificates, COL Bornholt highlighted aspects of the accreditation, including the importance of self-

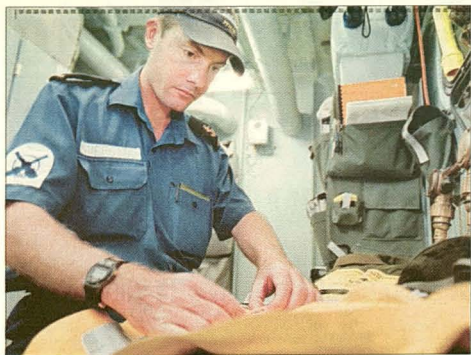
management skills, the ability to use discretion and the significance of being representatives of the ADF.

To qualify for a Certificate in Personnel Recruitment and a Certificate in Government, recruiters must complete a two-week residential course at Latchford Barracks and then an on-the-job competency program.

MAJ Ray Gore, DFRO's Senior Training Officer, said the Certificate in Personnel Recruitment is a unique enterprise-level qualification that recognises the special and challenging nature of an ADF recruiter's job.

The Defence Recruiting Training Centre conducts up to 12 courses a year for recruiting personnel. Training has also been given to Manpower Defence Recruiting's civilian staff to familiarise them with life and work in the ADF.

Defence recruiters are Navy, Army and Air Force personnel who have volunteered for the job. Successful applicants undergo a selection process before going on to do the DFRC.

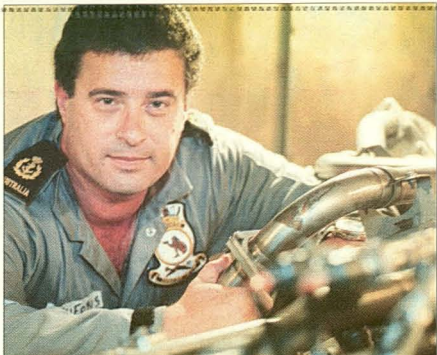


RIGHT: CPOMT John Niciforos looks over the gas turbine enclosure of HMAS ARUNTA's engine room.

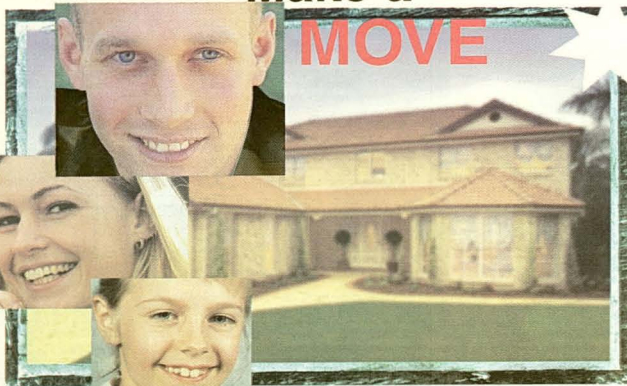
LEFT: LSBM(SE) Quinton Miers makes repairs to ARUNTA's lifejackets.

BOTTOM: LSCK Jimmy Fitzgerald does a fry up in ARUNTA's galley.

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Goodwill goes on aboard Arunta

By LCDR Jeremy Butler

A RAN task group comprising HMA Ships NEWCASTLE, SUCCESS, MELBOURNE and ARUNTA has completed a successful goodwill visit to Manila in the Philippines as the first leg of a North East Asian deployment (NEAD).

The group conducted numerous goodwill visits and participated in exercises to help strengthen defence ties with the countries visited.

The deployment is tangible evidence of Australia's commitment to regional security and stability and will also enhance our interoperability with other regional defence forces.

After brief stops for MELBOURNE and ARUNTA in Auckland, Noumea and Vila, and for SUCCESS and NEWCASTLE in Sydney, the ships headed north and joined forces prior to reaching Manila.

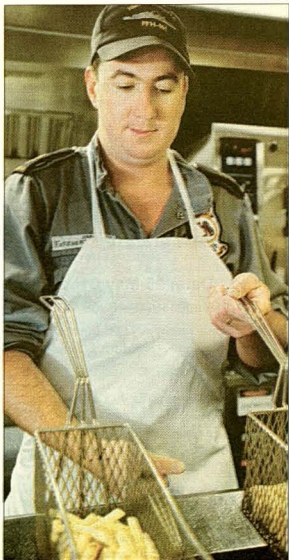
The visit to Manila in early April coincided with the 7th International Aviation, Maritime and Defence Exhibition at the Philippine Trade Training Centre in Pasay City.

ARUNTA was Australia's showpiece of military technology for the exhibition.

From Hong Kong the task group split up. MELBOURNE headed to Singapore in support of IMDEX, while NEWCASTLE, SUCCESS and ARUNTA went to Pusan, South Korea for the 50th anniversary of the Korean War.

NEWCASTLE and ARUNTA stayed in Pusan for Anzac Day, while SUCCESS went to White Beach, Okinawa.

SUCCESS will then head south to take part in Tandem Thrust as part of the USS ESSEX Amphibious Readiness Group.



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Wargaming officers go with the FLOW

A number of the RAN's senior officers have attended war game training aimed at improving logistical concepts and improving capability development.

Called a Focused Logistics Wargame (FLOW), the training was conducted earlier this month at the conference centre at Randwick's Military Complex in readiness for the 'real' game later this year in the US.

FLOW 01 is a biennial war game, the first of which was held in 1999 in response to a US perceived deficiency in logistic concept and capability development.

The game addresses four realistic moves based on scenarios that may face the ADF and the US/UK/CA forces in the period 2004 to 2007.

Each FLOW move is a detailed logistic feasibility assessment in terms of adequacy of forces, policies and doctrine.

The game also examines future technologies and force structure effects on operations.

The ADF has COL Gary Banister posted full time to the US Joint Logistics Staff (J4) in Washington.

He is the FLOW liaison officer. COL Banister with the US FLOW project officer, Mr Wayland Coker and a team of US military officers visited Australia from April 2-6 conducting a series of briefings and training sessions for ADF staff involved in the war game.

Staff members from HOAST, MHO, LHO, HQAC, HQ JMOVGP, ADFWC, SCDJLC, the Service HQ, the Army's CATDC and DSTO attended at Randwick.

Involvement in the game had produced benefits for the ADF.

- These include:
- Identification of some planning data gaps for the ADF.
- Development of a planning document

that addresses plausible concurrent scenarios for the ADF for the period 2004/2009.

- Strategic Command has identified changes to FHA and non combatant evacuation (NEO) doctrine that when enacted will significantly enhance interoperability between the US, UK, Canada and Australia.

- Australia has, for the first time, an officer in the US Joint Chiefs of Staff area who has already been provided with valuable information and insights relating to the conduct and development of US support operations.

- Free access to the US modelling system General Campaign Analysis Model (GCAM) which has identified potential force support modelling synergies.

- An offer made by the US for Australia to access US Strategic Mobility Models.

- The unique opportunity to comment on the following emerging US and NATO doctrine prior to release:

- + US Joint Publication- JP 4-08 Joint Doctrine for Logistic Support of Multinational Operations.

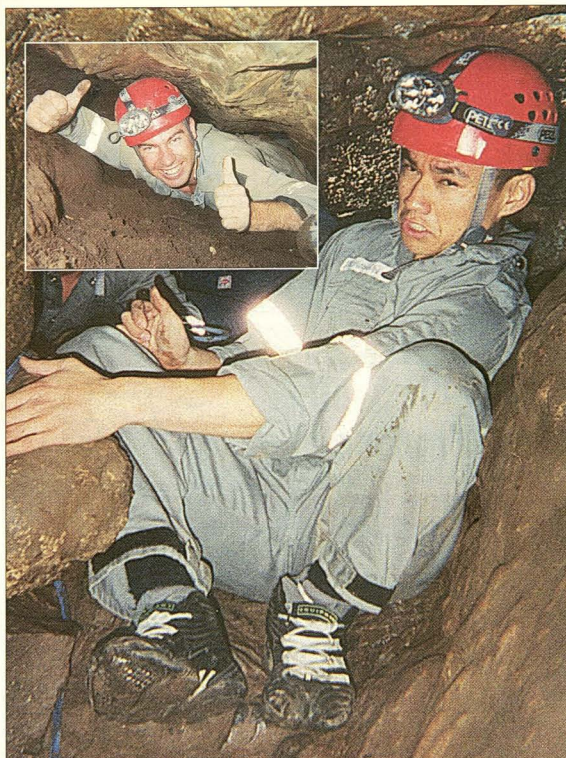
- + US Joint Publication- JP 4-01.8 Joint Tactics, Techniques and Procedures for JRSOKI.

- + NATO Multinational Joint Logistic Centre Doctrine JLP-4 to Multinational Logistics.

- + US Intermediate Deployment Training- Strategic, Inter and Intra Theatre Movement.

The game will be conducted in Montgomery, Alabama in October.

The ADF will be represented by a team of up to ten led by C/LOG, MAJGEN Haddad.



A tight squeeze ... LSMT Chet Premanan moving through the Blow Fly Cave.
INSET: Thumbs up in a tight place ... ABMW Brian Fish in the Blow Fly Cave.

Underground adventure for Diamantina crew

By Graham Davis

The ship's company of the NUSHIP DIAMANTINA has taken on adventure training with a difference.

The men and women went to the Bungonia State Recreation area in NSW to do caving.

Crawling through tight spaces in the Blow Fly Cave created a real test for some cavers.

The caving exercise was linked with abseiling and white water rafting.

The week-long mission was to challenge the group while encouraging personal development and team interaction.

On completion of the "exped" all involved agreed on the positive value of the activities.

They want to go again.

NUSHIP DIAMANTINA is the fifth of six coastal mine hunters being supplied to the RAN by ADI/Newcastle.

JB XO set to keep steaming

For Reservist, LCDR David Murphy, the sea is never far away.

Aged 58, David, the executive officer in HMAS JERVIS BAY, has been steaming the world's sea lanes for 41 years. From the way he's going he'll be at sea for a few more years yet.

When HMAS JERVIS BAY decommissions in a few weeks, David has accepted a billet as an officer of the watch and helicopter operations supervisor on HMAS TOBRUK.

A father of sons aged 18 and 22 and a resident of Wollongong, David must be one of the most experienced 'heavy ship' officers in the RAN.

His experience comes from decades in merchant vessels around Australia and on international routes.

"I served in the first *Manoora* in 1969 when she was with the Adelaide Steamship Company," he explained.

"Then I joined the Australian National Line," he said. David climbed the ladder soon obtaining his master's ticket and commanding vessels such as the *Australian Trader* and the *Cape Oway*.

When ANL finished he went to England working for Hoverspeed as a chief officer on ferries.

He moved on to take command of the Folkestone-based ferry *Picasso*.

David, however was also a 'ready' Reservist and accepted a job as an RAN attaché at the Australian High Commission in London.

His experience and vast maritime certification levels were not lost on those in the Navy.

Upon return to Australia he took a billet in HMAS ARUNTA.

"About nine months ago a chaplain handed me a piece of paper which asked if I was interested in another post," David said.

"I signed the paper and was posted to HMAS JERVIS BAY as the XO. "When she is decommissioned next month I will be going on to TOBRUK as an officer of the watch and helicopter officer," he said.

David was at the side of CMDR Jonathan Dudley when the *Dili Express* (JERVIS BAY) did her 107th and final return trip from Darwin to Dili before coming down the East Coast of Australia to Hobart and rejoining the civil register.

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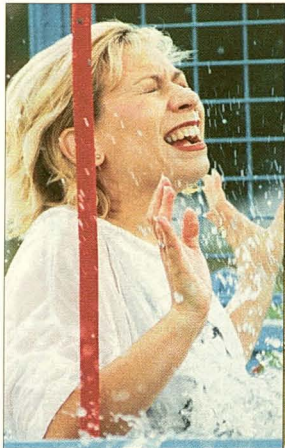


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CERBERUS BIRTHDAY 80



CN visit marks 80th

By LEUT CNto Iriáñez (Assistant Base PRO)

More than 1000 children have helped the officers and sailors of HMAS CERBERUS celebrate the base's 80th birthday.

Brought by bus from local schools, the youngsters became an appreciative audience for Ceremonial Divisions, one of the highlights of the celebrations.

They were thrilled by the appearance of a 12-person heritage guard, a cannonade fired in salute and a fly past by a Navy Seahawk helicopter from HMAS ALBATROSS.

They were particularly awed by a massed release of balloons with some children declaring, "ooh, I wish I could take a balloon home".

The Divisions ceremony were just part of a week-long program of birthday celebrations.

They opened on April 1 with a special church service at St Mark's and were followed by a cake cutting, display of musketry and artillery by the Naval Remount Society, a family picnic and a photographic exhibition.

A sports day was conducted, a time capsule handed over and a VIP luncheon held.

Among the VIPs to attend were Chief of Navy, VADM David Shackleton and Warrant Officer of the Navy David Wilson.

The Ceremonial Sunset was performed on Friday April 6. Celebrations concluded on April 7 when the West Head Gunnery Range conducted an open house.

HMAS CERBERUS, near Frankston in Victoria, is the RAN's primary recruit training centre. It also provides advanced specialist training facilities.

LSPH Peter Lewis and ABPH John Mitchell from NIU/CERBERUS photographically covered the week's celebrations for Navy News.

BACKGROUND: Aerial showing ship's company. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: XO LCDR Sue Hart makes a splash on the dunking machine; the cannon fires as the salute is taken; a time capsule is handed over by CMDR Jones to Mr Barry, curator of the museum; Inspection of the guard at divisions by CN, VADM David Shackleton; Historical march past; How many recruits can you fit in an XD Falcon?

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PICTURED RIGHT:
 CMDR Andrew Whittaker
 (right) accepts the
 McNicholl trophy for 816
 SQN from the Maritime
 Commander, RADM
 Geoffrey Smith at the
 Naval Air Station, Nowra.
 Photo by ABPH Richard
 Prideaux.



816 Squadron wins McNicholl trophy

By LCDR Mick Gallagher

The Maritime Commander, RADM Geoffrey Smith has presented the McNicholl Trophy to 816 Squadron.

This trophy is awarded annually to the squadron which has carried out its designated tasks with the highest degree of safety, efficiency and distinction. The criterion is set out in the Flying Safety Manual, Chapter 10.

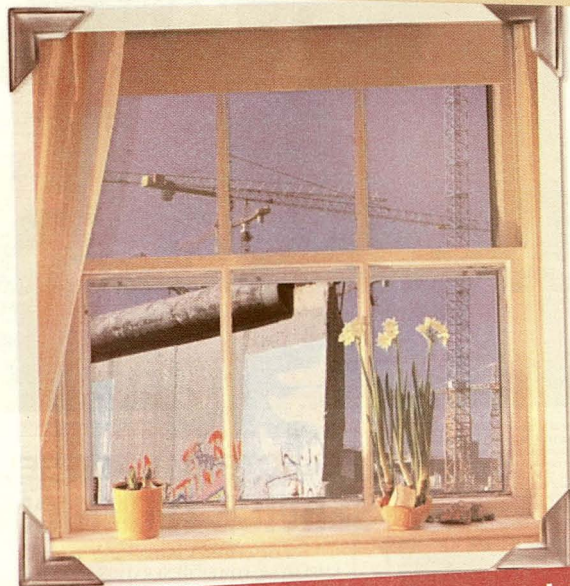
The OIC of 816 SQN, CMDR Andrew Whittaker accepted the trophy on behalf of his dedicated team. The trophy was initially presented to the RAN by the Grumman Aircraft Corporation in 1968 and won by HT 725 SQN which operated Wessex helicopters.

816 SQN "The Flying Tigers", which now flies the S70B2 Seahawk helicopters, has won the trophy seven times since then, in 1969, 76, 77, 80, 92, 98 and in 2000.

The MC decides the winner on advice from the Commander Australian Naval Aviation Group (COMAAG), Fleet Aviation Officer (FAVO), Fleet Aviation Safety Officer (FASO) and the SO Naval Aviation Safety from the Director of Flying Safety in Canberra.

LEUT Stuart Cayzer and LEUT Stan Buckham both spoke highly of their squadron's win, saying that it was a team effort by the whole 816 SQN.

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Workhorse clocks up 20th birthday

By LCDR Peter Arnold

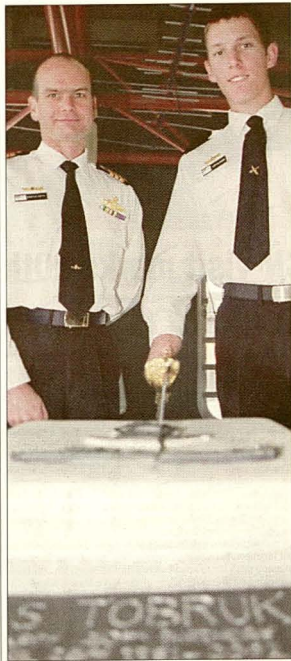
On April 23, the amphibious workhorse HMAS TOBRUK celebrated its 20th birthday.

As part of the festivities the Commanding Officer, CMDR Brenton Smyth and SMNBM James Emerson, the youngest member of the ship's company, used a sword to ceremonially cut a mud cake decorated with the ship's crest and profile.

Currently undergoing a funded assisted maintenance period alongside in Sydney, the celebration caps off a busy 18 months of operational service in East Timor, Bougainville and the Solomon Islands.

With the FAMP due to finish in just over a month, the crew is eagerly looking forward to getting back to sea and participating in *Exercise Kakadu V* and a series of amphibious training periods.

The 6000-tonne TOBRUK was built by Carrington Slipways at Newcastle and launched on March 1, 1980. She was commissioned into the RAN on April 23, 1981.



CMDR Brenton Smyth and SMNBM James Emerson, the youngest sailor on board, cut the cake aboard HMAS TOBRUK. Photo by ABPH Yuri Ramsey.

Lessons come from Remora work up in west

The RAN has taken many positives away from the biennial submarine escape and rescue exercise, Black Carillon, despite it being terminated during the third and final phase.

The exercise involved the deployment of the Submarine Escape and Rescue Suite (SERS), operated by the Australian Submarine Corporation, from Adelaide to Perth by road. Other major assets to take part were HMAS DARWIN, HMAS SHEEAN, and MV Seahorse Standard together with personnel from Clearance Diving Teams One and Four, the Submarine Escape Training Facility, and Submarine FEG headquarters.

At 0130 on April 11, the Australian Submarine Rescue Vehicle REMORA successfully mated with HMAS SHEEAN at a depth of 145m to simulate the recovery of an entire submarine crew. SHEEAN then moved to a shallower bottoming area ready to commence the first rescue.

At 0800, REMORA pre-dive checks detected a loss of fibre optic connectivity in the umbilical. Further investigation revealed REMORA could only operate at 40 percent capability. This defect could not be rectified at sea.

Noting the increased risk associated with operating REMORA with this defect, a decision was made to terminate the exercise. HMAS SHEEAN surfaced and all assets returned to Fleet Base West.

Despite the defect occurring at a critical time, a number of positive outcomes were achieved.

Discussions during the exercise and at the wash-up led to a number of recommendations made to MCAUST, the main one being that ASRV REMORA and the SERS need to be exercised more often.

Despite the inability to transfer personnel, Black Carillon 2001 achieved many of its objectives and some 'firsts' for the RAN. A significant first was conducting a mate with the mothership maintaining her position using dynamic positioning rather than being moored. This is particularly important when a rescue needs to be conducted in deep water.

The 27 foreign observers from USA, Canada, UK, Sweden, India, and Singapore commented very favourably on the SERS and the personnel involved, with the rescue capability being critically examined as other navies bring similar systems into service.

Positive outcomes

- ASRV REMORA achieved certification to maximum rated depth.
- A mate was conducted between REMORA and HMAS SHEEAN at a depth of 145m.
- The integration and operation of the SERS with recent modifications to Seahorse Standard and the COLLINS Class was successfully demonstrated.
- An assessment of the performance of ASC-SERS in the conduct of a simulated rescue operation was made.
- Modifications to speed up the mobilisation process were identified.
- The ability of Seahorse Standard's Dynamic Positioning (DP) system to maintain position during the rescue exercise was proven.
- Proposed changes to AFTP 9(F) were identified.



TOP: LSMED(U) Kylie Storen, POMED(U) James Mackenzie, LEUT Jody Bailey and POMED(U) Vaughan King demonstrate recompression chamber operations.

CENTRE: Reporter/producer for Australian Story, Brigid Donovan, checks out Remora.

RIGHT: Steve Arcus, Remora Operations Supervisor, and Gary Flannigan, Remora Diving Attendant, discuss the exercise.

ABOVE: Remora splash down. Photos by LSPH Brad Cone and POSY Glen Crockett.

Clearance dive team provides shark bait

A team of fully kitted divers from the RAN's Clearance Diving School did an underwater search for "nasties" off Balmoral Beach earlier this month before hundreds of swimmers dived in for a fund raising charity swim.

More than 60 staff and trainees from the school were at the charity swimmers.

Called the Balmoral Swim for Cancer, the annual event is aimed at

raising money for research into cancer in children.

WOCD Glenn Spilsted from the diving school said, "prior to the one kilometre sea swim, the Diving School positioned the course buoys.

"They were then used to swim the course to instil that warm fuzzy feeling that there were no sharks in the area.

"Thirty staff participated in the

swim and the remainder manned safety craft.

"Staff and trainees were well placed in the various categories with two pulling in fourths, another six and another a ninth."

WO Spilsted said HMAS PENGUIN Welfare contributed \$420 towards the charity.

"Of our swimmers ABCD Kuroop and SMNCD Jockel were stand-out performers on the day," he said.



The RAN's Dive School charity swim team.

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A reunion in Canberra ACT for the 23rd intake 1968 Stevenson Division HMAS LEEUWIN on the weekend of 23-25 June 2001.

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32nd Leeuwin Intake

Walton & Collins 1970 - 1971 now has a web page we would like all members past and present to get involved. Please visit and make contact by leaving a message on the message board.

Contact: Pat McGeown at captainpat@pobox.com
Peter Garth at extoker@fan.net.au
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Leading Seaman Mike Beake, from Townsville Defence Recruiting shows his display at the expo for Defence Community Organisation. Mike's display was part of a recruiting campaign that took advantage of the RAN's two LPAs, HMA Ships KANIMBLA and MANOORA. Photo by Cpl Jason Weeding.

Medic wins inaugural award

LSMED Beimop (BJ) Tapim has been awarded the inaugural Director General of Defence Health Services Commendation. On hand to present the award was BRIG Wayne Ramsey.

LSMED Tapim has "proven to be invaluable in the delivery of medical care both clinically and administratively," BRIG Ramsey said. He has frequently been required to perform the duties of a POMED without any training and has regularly started work at carlier to ensure all tasks had been completed.

BRIG Ramsey added that LS Tapim's "dedication and professional approach had achieved exemplary results and has set a fine example for all in the medical branch".

Navy League award

The Navy League has presented its Community Shield for the year 2000, to HMAS NEWCASTLE.

The award recognises outstanding contributions to the civilian community outside the normal scope of ship commitments.

NEWCASTLE came under the judge's eye for her work in helping communities in East Timor, Vila, Western Samoa and Tonga.

The ship's company also provided significant funds to their ship's charity, the Hunter Orthopaedic School in Newcastle.

CDRE Mervyn Youl (Rtd) of the League presented the shield to the new commanding officer of the warship, CAPT David Thomas, at a ceremony on board on March 23.



New sailors ... from left MIDN Claire Moratis, MIDN Susan Morgan, MIDN Jennifer Davitt, MID Lauren Altshwager and MIDN Natalie Harbert undergoing sea familiarisation training aboard DMS vessel Seahorse Horizon. The five are all members of NEOC 24 class at HMAS CRESWELL.



At the recent Warrant Officers' conference, VADM David Shackleton presented WO Greg Stroud with a CN's commendation for his duties while serving on Tomorrow's Navy Team and at Directorate of Change Management in NHQ. Mrs Angie Stroud also received a bouquet of roses and bottle of champagne for her efforts over the past 24 years.



It's all happening at Nowra ... CAPT John Wood (right) welcomes CAPT Tim Barrett as the new commander of HMAS ALBATROSS. CAPT Wood leaves at short notice to take up the newly created position of Commander Naval Aviation Systems Project.

Maritime Commander RADM Geoff Smith with three recipients of a MC's commendation in HMAS ARUNTA. From left is New Zealander, LCDR Mathew Williams, the ship's operations and air warfare officer who played an integral part in ARUNTA winning the Gloucester Cup. Also pictured is CPOBM Raymond Beasy and POET Neil Nash.



VADM Shackleton congratulates LSSIG Tracey Blackburn after awarding her the Active Service Medal. VADM Shackleton took time out during a recent inspection tour to make the presentation. LSSIG Blackburn is from the Infrastructure Services Branch of DISG.

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Submarine resurfaces after 50 years

A plaque remembering the loss of a Dutch...and also RAN...submarine off the NSW north coast during the final stages of WW 2, was unveiled last month.

The submarine K-1X (K-9) lies beneath sand near Seal Rocks but "surfaced" last year when storms washed away some of the beach exposing the wreck and creating re-newed interest in her.

The Deputy Premier and Minister Responsible for Heritage in NSW, Dr Andrew Refshauge, unveiled the plaque in a formal ceremony on March 23.

"This is an exciting and important recognition event," he said on the day.

"Maritime Archaeologists from the NSW Heritage Office located the historic shipwreck remains in 1999, leading to the first scientific study and recording of the archaeological site during 2000.

"The wreck was last sighted in 1984, but its exact location was forgotten until the NSW Heritage

Office undertook a successful remote sensing search.

"Subsequently, the shipwreck became partially exposed in mid 2000 sparking local and international interest."

Dr Refshauge said submarines are always intriguing archaeological sites and the K-1X is of particular interest for its association with the Japanese midjet submarine raid in Sydney Harbour on May 31, 1942.

"Then a unit of the Royal Netherlands Navy, the submarine was damaged when an enemy enemy torpedo passed under it and destroyed the ex ferry Kuttabul, killing 21 sailors on board.

"The submarine was later commissioned into the RAN as an anti-submarine training vessel before becoming lost in a towing accident in 1945.

"The Heritage Office has previously released a Shipwreck Conservation Management Plan that documents the discovery of the site.

"There is also information about K-1X on the Heritage Office web site at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au

"Today I have unveiled an information plaque to the wreck at the Sugarloaf Point Lighthouse at the nearby Sea Rocks," Dr Refshauge said.

"The plaque commemorates the service of the vessel as a member of the allied fleet in the Pacific campaigns of WW 2.

"It also recalls the submarine's service as a unit of the RAN between 1943 and 1944, the only Australian submarine commissioned during the war.

"I am pleased today that representatives of the Consulate General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the RAN and naval associations, are here to share in the memory of the submarine, together with an ex-officer of her crew.

"Shipwrecks are an important means of tracing stories from our maritime past."

Dr Refshauge said the Heritage Office coordinates the NSW maritime heritage program and is actively involved in shipwreck research, protection and management.

"That work includes a recently launched series of information sheets that will help school and community groups, including dive groups, councils and

interested people to see and understand the ship wrecks that can offer so much about our past.

"I am pleased to announce the release of another in the series-, the Seal Rocks Shipwreck Information Sheet."

"The series is distributed throughout tourist information centres and is available on the Heritage Office website or directly from the Heritage Office.

"They are an important resource for schools communities and people interested in maritime history and diving and I encourage people to use them in gaining a fascinating insight into our past," he said.

The Deputy Premier pointed out there are some 1800 historic wrecks known to lie in coastal and inland waters of his state.

"The work of the Heritage Office is invaluable in interpreting and protecting the remains of those ships and in drawing together the many intercess community members, organisations and growing agencies that share a role in coastal and riverine management, heritage interpretation and ongoing protection," Dr Refshauge said.

BOOK REVIEW with Michael Weaver

Mutiny — naval insurrections in Australia and New Zealand

The opening sentence of chapter one in Dr Tom Frame and Dr Kevin Baker's publication, *Mutiny*, states, "Whenever and wherever men have gone to sea in ships, there has been disobedience, insubordination and mutiny".

Thus while details of most mutinies are confined to the historical coffers, it is negligible to conclude they never happened.

Of course, they did happen, and since 1916 there have been more mutinies in the RAN than in any other navy maintained by an English speaking nation.

Mutiny! deals with naval insurrections in Australia and New Zealand, and by contrast, New Zealand's navy has suffered only one mutiny, although it was the largest to occur in recent history - that being the 1947 general mutiny that began on the shore base of HMNZS *Piromel* at Devonport in Auckland.

However, a 50-year commemorative publication on the history of the RNZN in 1991 made no mention of this most significant event. In fact, official naval histories are of both countries are perhaps predictably silent on their occurrence.

But from the most well documented mutiny where LEUT William Bligh was cast adrift from HMS *Bounty* by Fletcher Christian in 1789, mutinies have helped shape the navies of the world.

Theories abound on the reasons for

each mutiny, but Frame and Baker point out that the ugly traditions of the Royal Navy were fraught with danger when passed down to the RAN and RNZN.

"It is difficult to escape the conclusion that in almost every instance since 1915, the mutineers were provoked into taking drastic action by defective leadership, management or administration. Sailors do not refuse duty lightly," write Frame and Baker.

Thus mutinies have not been uncommon in Australian ships, with at least 11 and possibly as many as 19 mutinies occurring in the RAN during both peacetime and war.

Frame and Baker point out that the reasons for such uncertainty arises firstly from naval administrators and commanders avoiding the controversy attached to mutinies, and secondly, the definition of a mutiny is open to wide interpretation.

But they conclude that life for the modern sailor has "improved considerably", with plenty of controls in place to ensure naval forces are not taken for granted.

However, this applies only to peacetime service, as during active service, the respect for authority will be tempered by the quality of leadership.

"While warships continue to be instruments of foreign policy and national interest, conflict at sea will continue.

The possibility of mutiny will, therefore, never end," they conclude.

Frame and Baker's pioneering study is based on archival research, newspaper reports, private correspondence and interviews with men accused of insurrection.

Leading naval historian, Dr Tom Frame is the author of numerous bestselling naval histories and lives in Bangswore, NSW. Economic historian, Dr Kevin Baker is also a university lecturer and lives in Yass, NSW.

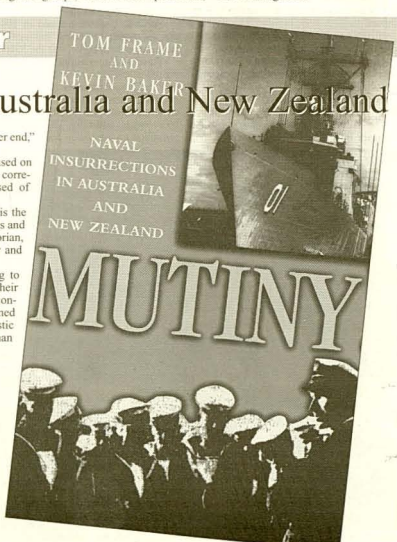
They examine the circumstances leading to each crisis and the controversies created by their resolution, while revealing the exceptional conditions needed to provoke highly disciplined men to challenge legitimate authority in drastic ways. And they examine the costs, in human terms, of these actions.

Mutiny!

Naval Insurrections in Australia and New Zealand

by Tom Frame and Kevin Baker

Published by Allen and Unwin, 283 pages, rrp \$29.95





CMDR John Griffith and his ship's company seek freedom of entry to Huonville. Photo by ABPH Oliver Garside.

Huon goes home for freedom

By SBLT Dan Fankhauser

The coastal minehunter HMAS HUON went "home" to her adopted city ... Huonville, last month.

Huonville nestles in the Huon Valley of southern Tasmania.

"The visit gave the ship's company, led by CMDR John Griffith the opportunity to call for and receive its inaugural freedom of entry.

The region formally adopted the ship two years ago.

With swords drawn, bayonets fixed, drums beating, bands playing, colours flying and in full regalia HUON was officially granted freedom of entry by the Mayor of the Huon Valley City Council, Councillor Greg Norris.

A large crowd watched the ceremony. As the parade continued through the streets of the city, HUON was challenged by Divisional Police Inspector John Cruise.

He allowed the officers and sailors to proceed with warm wishes and the blessings of the local citizens.

Having been granted the right of FOE, HUON reciprocated by opening the ship to visitors.

HUON's visit coincided with the region's annual Food and Win Festival.

The festival gave members of the ship's company the opportunity to experience all the valley had to offer.

This included sampling the region's famous apples, salmon, cheese and wine.

The sailors were also inspired by the landscape including the Huon pine.

On departure a small crowd of well wishers braved the cold and rain to cheer the ship away.

The warm farewell highlighted the success of the weekend in forging even stronger links between HUON and the people of the valley.

They now refer to her as "our" ship. HUON's visit to Huonville had extra significance for her executive officer LCDR Brian Parker.

It was a case of the past meeting up with the present as Brian was re-unioned with his old ship...the ex-HMAS CURLEW.

The minesweeper is undergoing restoration at the wharf in Fort Huon.

Brian spent nine months in 1988 as a "junior officer under training" on CURLEW. His stint saw him awarded his bridge watchkeeping certificate.

In 1991-92 he went to the UK to train on the RN's Hunt class of minesweepers.

CURLEW was built in the Montrose shipyard in 1952 and served as HMS CHEDISTON until the RAN acquired her in 1961.

CURLEW was one of six Ton Class minehunters operated by the RAN.

She was decommissioned in 1991 with the distinction of being the last wooden hulled vessels to serve with the RAN.

Since decommissioning CURLEW has starred in movies including Paradise Road and The Thin Red Line.

Her present owner is an ex-CURLEW cook and he intends to restore her to her past glory with additions of an undercover restaurant on her sweep deck.



HMAS HUON reciprocates to their freedom of the city by opening the ship to visitors. Photo ABPH Oliver Garside.

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Standing guard on tradition — AFG

By Michael Weaver

Would you like to travel Australia and significant parts of the world? Have you ever wanted to represent the Australian Defence Force at major ceremonies? Do you take pride in attention to detail?

If you answered yes to the above, then no, this is not an advertisement — it's the realities of Australia's Federation Guard, and believe it or not, more volunteers are required.

However, one person who took up the challenge and never looked back is LSATA Eric McDonald, a 29-year-old originally from Adelaide who joined with the first posting on February 7, 2000.

As an aircraft technician who served in HMA ships TOBRUK, SYDNEY and ANZAC for 13 days while in East Timor, LS McDonald sought a shore-going posting, and although the Federation Guard doesn't add to his qualifications in the aviation industry, he still jumped at the chance to come to Canberra.

"Everyone's supposed to do an out-of-trade posting, so I reckon this is probably one of the best ones because it's very highly structured around physical fitness — you've got to be fit and you've got to look fit — and I love doing fitness, so I like it that sense," said LS McDonald.

But mention "trips away" and you get to the real reason for joining the Federation Guard, with LS McDonald saying they are by far the biggest drawcard.

And while there always will be important functions on the agenda, there's a guarantee the Federation Guard will be required, with events including an ANZAC service in Gallipoli and a full guard in Washington in July.

Surrounding this are events in Tasmania, Darwin, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne, Townsville, Adelaide and Tenterfield, but it was a recent trip to England that stoked LS McDonald's fire for the Federation Guard. "We were working with the Scotch Guards and the Garrison and doing the changing of the Guard every 24-hour period, so that was good. In that five-week period, they also guarded

the Tower of London and Buckingham Palace, ensuring the safety of the Crown Jewels and the country's most important people.

But with the glamorous side, there also comes the attention to detail that is the cornerstone of the Guard's reputation.

"For each of the drill movements, you have to be really conscious of what you're timing is, so every time you go from standing at ease to present arms, there's a set order to get there.

"If one person's out by half a second, which is a fair bit, everyone can see it, so you spend a lot of time rehearsing the same actions so everything looks spot on."

And yes, things do go wrong from time to time. "I remember doing a parade for the Queen and Prime Minister at Westminster Abbey and a sling came undone and that was a little bit untidy.

"But you can't move and once it's happened, it's happened and you've just got to go on with it — it may only be noticeable in photos later on."

For those pursuing a posting to the Federation Guard, you only have to ask LS McDonald and he'll tell you that it's a lot more than just standing around and looking good.

"The biggest thing I've gained from being here is a lot of confidence in instructional training and standing up in front of people, giving lectures, calling commands and a lot of the personal skills that it takes to be out in front of a large crowd.

"We just had a comment from the Sydney Band after Navy Week and they reckoned we were the best drilled Navy guard they've ever had to deal with, even though we had to go back to Navy drill."

"We get a lot of feedback from every guard we've done."

LINKS
www.defence.gov.au/dpe/afg

- Australia's Federation Guard, a tri-Service unit, was formed in January 2000 and comprises about 150 members, with just under one-third being from the Navy.

- While the Guard was formed specifically for ceremonial duties for the Centenary of Federation, its role has been extended to provide a standing, tri-Service ceremonial guard for the Australian Defence Force. This includes the welcoming of dignitaries for other occasions.

- This is the first and only permanent ceremonial unit in the Australian Defence Force.

- Although initially formed for two years (2000-2001), the Federation Guard's tenure has been extended indefinitely.

- Federation Guard orderly room on 02-6258 8431.



Ultraviolet radiation

The sun's rays are harmful to the skin. Melanin, the natural pigment in the skin, gives some protection from these damaging rays, but for most people it is not enough.

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UV radiation (UVR) in sunlight is made up of UVA, UVB and UVC rays. Only some UVB and most UVA rays reach the earth's surface. UVC and shorter UVR rays are either absorbed in space or the ozone layer. All the more reason to save the ozone layer!

There is less UVR in the morning and evening, when the sun is closer to the horizon and less in winter than summer. During the middle hours of the day, UVR is greater because there is less atmosphere for it to pass through. There is also more UVR closer to the equator, in high altitudes and when pollution levels are low.

Be aware of UV reflection. UV rays bounce off these surfaces in all directions increasing the amount of radiation reaching you. UV will bounce off sand, snow water and other light coloured surfaces like metal roofing and concrete. For all our sailors on the Buffing Unit (Surface Test) this is a major problem with the white ships and the white tops of sunglasses. Make sure they are close fitting and labelled Australian Standard AS1067. SLIP, SLOP, SLAP this summer, especially at sea.

A last snippet of information you may wish to note when buying your new UV sunglasses. Make sure they are close fitting and labelled Australian Standard AS1067. SLIP, SLOP, SLAP this summer, especially at sea.

Reference: Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria (03) 9279-1303 - www.aicc.gov.au
Yours in spirit, Dave "HERCULES" Murr



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South Australia

The Naval Families Club is up and running after its AGM with a new and enthusiastic committee. They recently met at the newly opened Bay Discovery Centre in Glenelg Town Hall, Glenelg, S.A. They would like to recommend it to

all Navy personnel and their families as a great place to visit when they are next in Adelaide. Admission is free.

Make sure to mark Tuesday May 8 on the calendar for the outing to the Australian Museum, Ocean Steamers Road, Port Adelaide

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Western Australia

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Playgroup is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.30-11.30am. Cost is \$1.50 per child & \$2 per family.

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FINANCE

Is it your will that?

By John Cunliffe *

While the life expectancy of the population has increased by more than 8 years in the last 20, it is a fact of life that you could die unexpectedly at any time. You can make things much easier for you by ensuring that you not only have a valid will in place that provides direction for your estate planning wishes, but also distributes your assets to your beneficiaries in a tax effective way.

To obtain a complete picture of how your assets will be distributed upon your death, and to ensure your beneficiaries receive the expected amounts, you need to consider the assets that are within the control of your will, as well as the assets that fall outside its operation. Assets not governed by your will include:

Joint Assets

Where an asset is owned jointly (called joint tenancy), when one of the owners dies, the asset automatically becomes the property of the survivor. Common examples of this situation are married couples who jointly own their home or have joint bank accounts.

Life Insurance

When a person insures their own life and nominates specific beneficiaries, upon their death, the benefits are paid directly to the beneficiaries nominated in the policy.

Superannuation

A person's contributions to a superannuation fund are held by the trustee of the fund. When the member dies, the contributions must be distributed according to the terms of the fund's trust deed. The trustee decides which member to nominate their eventual beneficiaries, while others also allow them to bind the trustee to their decision.

Family Trusts

People who set up family trusts may consider that the property of the trust is their own and should be distributed according to their will. This

is not the case. The trustee of the family trust own the property and invest it according to the terms of the trust deed. When a beneficiary of a trust dies, generally the trust continues, without any assets distributed.

With estate planning, taxation should always be considered. The tax impact for beneficiaries of a deceased's assets are, affected by the types of assets generally owned. Some tax issues include:

Capital Gains Tax

Capital gains tax, which applies to many assets, can have a substantial impact when a beneficiary sells an asset received from a deceased estate. A person who receives an asset, which was purchased before 20 September 1985, is generally not liable for any capital gain that accrued while the deceased owned the asset. Where the deceased purchased assets on or after 20 September 1985, the beneficiary inherits the deceased's purchase details and any potential capital gain or loss.

Tax on lump sum superannuation benefits

Payments of lump sum death benefits from superannuation are tax-free to the deceased's dependants (including a de facto spouse of the opposite sex) or taxed as an eligible termination payment for non-dependants for amounts up to the deceased person's Pension Reasonable Benefit Limit (RBL). Any amounts paid in excess of the Pension RBL are taxed at the highest marginal tax rate plus Medicare levy.

Contact your local Retirement adviser who can assess the financial planning implications which may influence the will structure recommended by your solicitor.

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- 2 Who was the late exuberant and talented concert pianist. (8)
- 3 Which Czech composer 1844-1904 wrote Slavonic Dances (6)
- 4 Which are cultivated plants with the same name as the youth who loved his own reflection. (8)
- 5 What are crazy people called? (7)
- 6 What is an extremely lethal poison? (7)
- 7 Which disease is also called Lockjaw? (7)
- 8 Which central bank was formed in 1959? (7)
- 9 The discharge of lava from a volcano is a what. (8)
- 10 What is designed to induce laughter? (8)
- 11 What is a scaly scalp problem? (8)
- 12 What is any of the various scabrous mineral salts found in natural water? (6)

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- 1 Which opera was composed for the Suez Canal opening? (4)
- 2 Which clergyman ranks just below a priest? (6)

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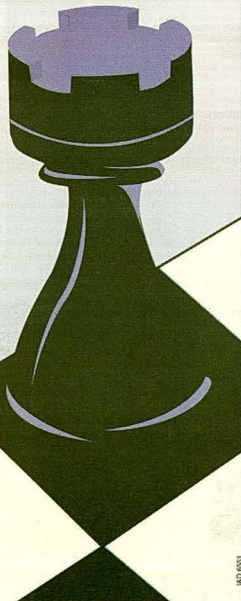
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| | | Victoria Barracks TUG Hall, Prince Ysa | 1900 |
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| | Calbah Garden Club | 1100 | |
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| | Cairns | 11 May | HMAS Cairns ISF Building Rooms 1 & 2 |
| Canberra | 7 May | Russell RT Theatre | 1330, 1530, 6, 1830 |
| | | Russell RT Theatre | 0630, 1030, 1330, 1530, & 1900 |
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| | Darwin | 8 May | Robertson Barracks Rowell Centre Theatre |
| 10 May | RAAF Darwin Cinema | 1000 | |
| | Larrakanyah Briefing Rooms | 1330 | |
| Melbourne | 28 May | Victoria Barracks Auditorium JH Book | 1030 |
| | | RAAF Williams Cinema | 1400 & 1830 |
| | 29 May | Wintonia Theatre ACCOMMST | 0930 |
| | 30 May | Caslette Cinema | 1200 |
| Newcastle | 9 May | RAAF Base Williamtown Base Auditorium | 1430 & 1900 |
| Nowra | 10 May | HMAS Greenhills Cinema | 1000 |
| | | Junior Salvo Auditorium | 1000 |
| Perth | 23 May | RAAF Pearce ZFS Cinema | 1330 |
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| 29 May | Kapooka Theatre | 0630 | |
| | RAAF Wagga Theatre | 1430 | |



Part of the 29-strong Navy contingent gather during the Relay For Life walk and run at the ACT Australian Institute of Sport

Navy earns dollars for charity

By Michael Weaver

Navy personnel swapped their sea legs for running shoes to put in a fantastic effort in the 24-hour Relay For Life to raise funds for cancer at the AIS in Canberra on the weekend of March 30-31.

The Navy team of 15 walkers and 14 runners reversed last year's efforts and soundly defeat the Army team, raising at least \$2500 for the ACT Cancer Society following the 24-hour non-stop relay effort.

Walker LCDR Tracy Petross lead the charge by amassing almost \$600 in donations.

Each team was requested to lead off the first lap with a cancer survivor, with Navy's CMDR Matt Cawsey tak-

ing the honour in the true spirit of the event.

The walkers, in their first year, traversed 396 laps for 170kms, only five laps behind the leading team. The runners ran 756 laps for 302.4kms, only to be beaten by the Fire Brigade who ran 760. This was still 42 laps more than last year.

The team members are as follows: **Runners** — CMDR Rod Harrod, LCDR Lew Gaha, CMDR Neil Walk, LCDR Glenn Bridgard, CAPT David Mitchell, LCDR Matt Brown, LS Wes Manning, LCDR Wendy Gould, LCDR Chris Roberts, CPO Mike Horan, CAPT Frank Kresse, CPO Andy Horsbrugh, AB Sergio Martinez, LCDR New Madern. **Walkers** — WO DI Cross, CMDR Sue Smith, LCDR Jill Buckfield,

LCDR Virginia Oborn, CMDR Julie Mitchell, Margaret Harrod, Nicola Harrod, LCDR Tracy Petross, CMDR Martin Linsley, LCDR Wendy Bullen, CMDR Mark Fitzpatrick, CPO Ken Wanklyn, LCDR Anne Atkinson.

Emergency event opens up for skiers

For the first time, members of the Navy and Naval Reserve will be eligible to compete in the Victorian Emergency Services Snow Championships at Mt Buller on Wednesday August 22.

Entrants will be up against Army and RAAF personnel serving in Victoria who will compete against members of all other Victorian Emergency Services, including State and federal police, ambulance, fire and SES personnel, as well as relevant sections of the Prisons Service, Parks Victoria and the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, plus the Sheriff's Office.

The Victoria Police Ski Club will host the event, and club captain David Pearson (a senior constable with Victoria Police and also a member of the Army Reserve), is the point of contact for any Navy personnel interested in competing.

Prior race experience is not necessary, as the events are conducted in a relaxed way ideal for novice entrants. There are two separate events run back-to-back: a giant slalom and a slalom, each consisting of two downhill runs, held under official race conditions by the Mt Buller Race Department.

Skiers and snowboarders are welcome to participate, with separate categories for snowboarders and teams.

Teams of three can be nominated, or you can enter as an individual and be placed in a team according to your service. Accommodation is available at the Polaris Ski Lodge at Merrigee, and there is also a Navy Ski Lodge at Mt Buller which personnel may be able to use.

A full race package will be available for participants, including discount and/or free lift tickets, meals, accommodation, transport and race entry fees. For further information contact David Pearson on 03-9427 1666 or email.

Close battle in tenpin titles

The NSW Inter-Service Tenpin Bowling Competition at Castle Hill Wondabowl on Wednesday, April 4 saw the Navy place second to their RAAF and Army counterparts.

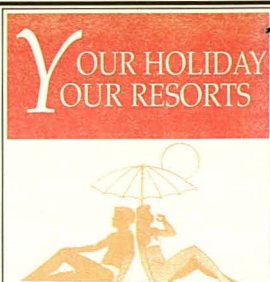
The competition was eventually won by the RAAF with a total pinfall of 18,719, followed by Navy 17,994 and Army 16,164. LSSTD Cummings was the high flyer of the competition with an overall average of 225.67 over nine games.

PONPC Robyn Ekins was named the most valuable player for Navy.

Navy was well represented in the selection of the NSW combined squad with nine players being earning a place in the side.

They are LS Cummings, LEUT Dokter, PO Ekins, CPO Renne, PO Williamson, CPO Wetherston, PO Curry, CPO Reuben and LEUT Russell.

The NSW combined side will now travel to South Australia to compete in the national titles.



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CHRISTCHURCH SUPERGAMES

As most of you would be aware, ADFTA sent a men's open squad and a women's open squad to compete at the 2001 Christchurch Supergames, held during the first week of April.

There were many, many hurdles and complications put in their way and but for the sterling work of the tour manager, SGT Tim Holmes, it would have not got off the ground at all. The very late withdrawal of both selected coaches was just another obstacle they have to overcome.

However, Tim, ADFTA and the players themselves combined to make sure our squads got on the plane to NZ.

Tim is preparing a more detailed report on the tour and I hope to have it to you next edition.

All this adversity in the lead-up would have proved quite unsettling to the players but to their credit, their professionalism shone through and they developed a strong camaraderie. So strong, in fact, that both squads won the GOLD medal in their respective divisions.

They also decided to compete in the mixed division and came away with a bronze medal.

If that silverware wasn't enough, in the interest of Trans-Tasman co-operation, Tim Holmes was invited to participate with the NZDF 35s squad and, you guessed it, they also won the gold medal in their division. A magnificent

effort from all concerned. You have done us all proud.

So, as defending champions, ADFTA will have to send teams to compete at the 2003 Christchurch Supergames.

Mark your calendars and start your preparations. I know for a fact that the Kiwis are already plotting our downfall.

ADFTA RAFFLE

To assist the teams getting to NZ, ADFTA conducted a raffle, thanks largely to the generosity of Defcredit and Frontline. The raffle was drawn prior to the squads departing from Sydney.

1st Prize (donated by Frontline), won by Jason Hawke, Sydney.
2nd Prize (donated by Defcredit), won by Casey Foley, Sydney, and
3rd Prize (donated by Defcredit), won by Ricky Swaker, ACT.



The ADFTA Women's Open Squad that competed in the Christchurch Supergames

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Darwin India challenge ends with one-all draw

It wasn't quite the MCG, but the spirit of it was certainly alive as cricketers from HMAS DARWIN (CMDR Trevor Jones) took on the Indians in their own backyard.

The DARWIN lads took on a team called the Underprivileged Children's Cricket Academy in Mumbai - and the result - one win apiece.

Both teams not only enjoyed

the cricket, but the DARWIN team also left some mementos to bring a couple of junior cricketers sets and Kookaburra matches. The balls, donated by Kookaburra Australia and Charles Thomas Enterprises in Western Australia.

There were plenty of high-lights, but one of the best was seeing POET Roy Field clean

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TEAM TOPS IN TASER REGATTA

By Michael Weaver

Navy yachtsmen CAPT Rick Longbottom and CMDR Paul Kinghorne placed a creditable third overall against some of Australia's best in the recent Ronstan Taser Regatta, sailed from HMAS PENGUIN at Balmoral on the weekend of March 31-April 1.

Longbottom, a long-time Taser com-

petitor, and Kinghorne actually won two of their 12 races and placed second in three others to attain the third place overall, accruing 29 points along the way.

Winners Malcolm Page and Nathan Wilmut accrued 22 points, from runners-up Michael Blackburn (2000 Olympics Laser class bronze medalist) and Jacqui Bonnichs (2001 Australian Youth Team member) with 23 points.

Also sailing were members of the Australian Yachting Federation's National Olympic Squad, AIS Squad, National Olympic Training Squad and Youth Squad, including gold medalist at the 2000 Youth World Championships, Ben Austin.

The Navy's other representatives included PENGUIN Base Commander Ted Wynberg, who partnered PENGUIN XO, LCDR Michael Hickey, who placed 13th in the field of 13.

The four Navy entrants expect to attend the World Sailing Championships in Ireland later this year.

The Ronstan Taser Regatta was the second of its type, with competitors only receiving their boats (the Taser) on the morning of the regatta, so while tuning the boat on the day is important, competition comes down to on-water tactics.

HMAS PENGUIN was also the home for Australia's Olympic sailors who, in the lead-up to the Sydney Olympics, housed the Australian Yachting Federation's Olympic Athlete Program.

Goodwill goes with tough match



A HMAS SUCCESS player in red and white tries to get the ball past the HMAS NEWCASTLE defence during a soccer match in Manila. Photo by LSPH Damian Pawlenko.

Benalla bowls over Karumba cricketers

An unscheduled visit to the port of Karumba in the Gulf of Carpentaria to shelter from tropical cyclone Abigail saw HMAS BENALLA take on the town's finest indoor cricketers.

Karumba mayor, Mr Les Wilson threw down the challenge after viewing the BENALLA crew practising in their home-made nets on the ship's quarter-deck.

Karumba turned out its first XI for the fixture, with BENALLA bowling over the locals, although the score wasn't as close as some may have predicted. In fact, no score was available for publication.

BENALLA had been in the Gulf for several weeks searching for the wreckage of a Cessna 206 aircraft that crashed to the south of Sweers Island in 1999. Locals said it was the first time a RAN ship had visited the area, with the crew receiving commemorative stubby holders to mark the occasion.

Dragon boats move on Moomba c'ships

Teams make the Melbourne men's finals

The HMAS CERBERUS and mixed dragon boat teams competed in four events at the Melbourne Moomba Dragon Boat Championships on Sunday March 18.

Forty-three teams entered into the competition with the RAN teams very competitive against the front-runners.

The gruelling race program saw both the men's team and the mixed team compete in two heats, two semi-finals and two finals each. The teams put in 110% in all races and recorded some excellent times throughout the day.

Both teams easily won their heats and their semi-finals, with the mixed

team recording the second fastest time of the day during one of their races.

The men's teams competed in the final for the Melbourne City Mens Cup and the International Men's Cup.

In both races they were narrowly beaten by their arch-enemies Heatherbrae. In the first race they were beaten by 3.2 seconds and in the second final missed out by .63 seconds.

These results are an excellent indi-

cation of the potential of the year 2001 team.

They will now focus on training for competitions in Sydney and Darwin where their times should be even faster.

The mixed team also competed in two finals, the Melbourne City Mixed Cup and the International Mixed Cup. Unfortunately they were narrowly beaten in both finals by the Dragon Boat Restaurant team (which

boasted a number of highly trained outrigger paddlers and a member of the 2000 Olympic rowing team).

The CERBERUS team did extremely well and gave them a run for their money in both races. The times were again very fast with the RAN team missing out by less than a second in each race.

The team would like to thank all its supporters, especially CAPT Walton and his family who were the

Navy's number one cheer squad for the day. The team would also like to thank its sponsors for the support given so far, and for the support offered to enable them to continue to compete in upcoming events in Sydney, Darwin and China.

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