



Call the Hands



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From the President

Welcome to the 94th edition of *Call the Hands* edited by David Stratton who I thank for his dedication and support as a Society volunteer over several decades.

We look forward to bringing you more interesting stories and occasional papers throughout this the Royal Australian Navy's 125th anniversary year. In addition to our normal publishing activities, we expect to provide at least three 125th anniversary related events in collaboration with the Australian National Maritime Museum and launch at least one new book. Similarly, we will continue to support the RAN on several occasions during the year starting with the hosting of visitors to Garden Island during the Kakadu Fleet Review this month.

This edition of *Call the Hands* has a Sydney focus with stories about the Dutch submarine KXII and ex-Royal Navy Ham class minesweepers brought to Sydney in the 1960s. You will also read about a recently published book by Dr John Seymour entitled 'Australia's Naval Alliances: Lessons of History'. A book review by John Mortimer is available on the [Australian Naval Institute website](#). The book is a timely read given this period of great uncertainty over the reliability of alliance partners both here and in Europe.

I thank the authors of occasional paper 204, *RAN in Cambodia*, Greg Swinden and occasional paper 205 on *Rear Admiral Swan*, Stephen Moss for their support. These important papers which are generally too long to include in the Society's flagship magazine, *The Naval Historical Review* are best published as stand-alone documents appropriately tagged for the benefit of researchers. Occasional paper 206 was inspired by unique images in an album received from the late Commander Peter Poland's family.

Subscribers to this newsletter who would like to receive the sixty-page full colour magazine *The Naval Historical Review* need only visit the [website shop](#). The *Review* generally includes more than ten previously unpublished stories. It is extraordinary value in digital and print versions.

To the members and supporters of the Society who purchased cruise tickets to observe the Kakadu Fleet Review, thank you. As demand was overwhelming it was wonderful to see other veteran organizations chartering vessels to make it an affordable experience for the greater naval family.

Society members and subscribers will receive advice this week of an additional, twilight cruise to be conducted on the evening of the Review. It will allow guests to view the ships anchored in the Harbour by day and by night when they will be dressed with lights.

Kind regards,
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Dutch Submarine KXII

At the outbreak of the War in the Pacific in 1941 a total of fifteen Dutch submarines were based in the Dutch East Indies. KXII which had commissioned in 1925 and homeported there since 1926 was one of them. With the imminent threat of Japanese invasion, KXII and eight other submarines withdrew to Australian ports on 6 March 1942.

Its war service included three successful attacks against Japanese shipping in December 1941. It is credited with sinking or damaging the freighter Toro, the troopship Awajisan Maru and tanker Taizan Maru.



KXII Submarine at Manly from Facebook, Old Sydney Album and Manly Library.

Following arrival in Fremantle, KXII continued to conduct patrols for the Dutch intelligence service, landing operatives and commandos on the coast of Java and later under Allied command, conducted patrols, special operations and intelligence missions. She was paid off in May 1944 and sold in 1945. It was used by the buyer as a tourist attraction in Luna Park Sydney and then at the Manly Fun Pier.

When Sydney was battered by storms in early June 1949, causing the sub to damage its mooring and endanger the pool, the ferry company decided to tow the submarine to safer waters up the harbour in Neutral Bay. During the tow, the tow line broke and was reconnected twice. After breaking a third time, attempts to reattach a line failed. As a result, the submarine was carried by the wind and waves broadside towards Fairlight, where it ran aground on the rocks. Of the four crew members on board, one was rescued from the water after being washed overboard while the others were taken off by launch. KXII remained aground for 18 months before being salvaged and cut up for scrap in 1951.



Submarine KXII aground of Fairlight. Photo by Colin Smith, ANMM Collection.

Film:

[News reel](#) from the storm in 1949 at 30 seconds in it shows the HNLMS K-XII. Footage courtesy of [The Dutch Australian Cultural Centre \(DACC\)](#).



Related Reading:

[Occasional Paper 107](#): Dutch Submarine K IX, Netherlands East Indies Naval Forces, Under US Navy Operational Control, then RAN Control as HMAS K9 In SWPA During WWII.

QUEEN HONOURS A/POEM

Promoted on the recommendation of his Commanding Officer, Captain D. W. Leach, R.A.N., for his presence of mind and devotion to duty under arduous circumstances, Acting Petty Officer Engineering Mechanic W. J. Robinson, was honoured by the Queen in the New Year Honours.

Her Majesty conferred upon A/POEM Robinson the British Empire Medal in recognition of his devotion to duty, initiative and professional competence in steaming "B" boiler of HMAS VENDETTA under most difficult conditions.

At the time, May 1966, VENDETTA steamed into heavy seas as she answered a signal from the dredge W.D. ATLAS which capsized off Jervis Bay.

"BRAVERY AWARDS"

Four members of the crew survived, 13 were lost of which five bodies were recovered by searching R.A.N. helicopters from H.M.A.S. ALBATROSS.

Her Majesty awarded the Queen's Commendation to R.A.N. personnel who were associated in the rescue of survivors.

They were Lieutenant R. B. Lovett, R.A.N., Lieutenant P. J. Vickers, R.A.N., P.O. A.U.C. F. C. McCreanor, P.O. A.U.C. G. W.

Peters and L.A.V.C. K. J. Beaton.

All the men were decorated for bravery.

In the citation associated with the award of the B.E.M. to A/POEM Robinson, who joined the R.A.N. in 1959 and has since spent 6½ years at sea in ships, it was stated:

"On the night of 20th May, 1966, H.M.A.S. VENDETTA was exercising off Botany Bay when a signal was received from the dredge WD ATLAS in difficulties off Jervis Bay.

Course was altered to the south to go to this vessel's assistance.

The sea was rising and the wind increasing.

The automatic regulation of feed water to the boilers became difficult and many new junior sailors, spending their first day at sea, were seasick, placing a great strain on the senior sailors below.

Petty Officer Robinson, who was at that time a Leading Engineering Mechanic took over the steaming watch in charge of "B" boiler room at ten minutes to midnight.

At this time the seas had increased to seven feet and the swell to twelve feet with gale force winds.

At half past one on the morning of the 21st May the ship was struck by a huge wave which damaged the motor whaler and davits,



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

AVYM0785A/07

HMAS Vendetta (II) (AWM)



Acting Petty Officer Robinson, (Navy News)

DAMAGED TORCHES

Large quantities of sea water poured through the fan inlets to "B" Boiler Room and "B" Engine Room.

The force of the water in "B" Boiler Room was sufficient to damage a forced draught fan and shatter the boiler water gauge glass on the port side and flood the bilge to a depth of two feet.

Machinery was damaged and to add to these difficulties all lighting failed with the exception of the dim Automatic Emergency Lanterns.

Robinson isolated the burst gauge glass, shut down the damaged forced draught fan, hammered shut a number of badly buckled fan louvres and carried on steaming the boiler.

After two hours the emergency lighting slowly failed and three hand torches were the only means of illumination left to steam the boiler.

The state of the sea was such that movement along the upper deck was dangerous and it was impossible to relieve the watchkeepers in "B" Boiler Room until half past six in the morning.

When Robinson was finally relieved he stayed below assisting his relief and it was not until eleven a.m., when he had been below for nearly eleven hours that he ceased working.

Ham Class Minesweepers acquired for the RAN

In the late 1960s three ex Royal Navy Ham class minesweepers were acquired for the Royal Australian Navy for conversion to Diving Tender Vessels (DTV). These were HM Ships *Wintringham*, *Neasham* and *Popham*.

The Ham class minesweepers were a class of inshore minesweepers launched between 1954 and 1959. They were named after British place names ending with "ham". The class consisted of 93 ships. The primary role of these 120 ton, 32.5m wooden boats was the location and deactivation of individual mines. They were not equipped for sweeping moored or magnetic mines. They were armed with one 40 mm Bofors or a 20 mm Oerlikon gun.

Soon after arrival in Australia the first two were converted to diving tenders by Halvorsens in Sydney and fitted with diving equipment including a decompression chamber. They were based at HMAS Rushcutter until it decommissioned in 1984. The DTVs were then attached to HMAS Waterhen, the RAN's mine warfare and diving establishment located at Waverton, Sydney.

The refit of *Popham* was cancelled due to cost over-runs on the first pair and it was sold in February 1976.

In addition to their employment supporting diving operations over 21 years, *Seal* and *Porpoise* were often crewed by Sydney Port Division personnel for exercises up to Broken Bay and off coast.

DTV Seal

DTV *Seal* originally commissioned as HMS *Wintringham* was maintained in service until decommissioned in 1988. It was sold to private owners for conversion to a luxury cabin cruiser.



HMS Wintringham (DTV Seal) at Garden Island, Sydney, March 1967. RAN image.



DTV Seal underway on Sydney Harbour. RAN image.

DTV Porpoise

DTV Porpoise formerly HMS Neasham arrived in Sydney as deck cargo on the merchant ship Gladstone Star on 29 July 1968. After a period at Garden Island, it too was converted and renamed DTV *Porpoise* with pennant number DTV 1002 on 13 June 1973. The pennant number was later changed to Y280.



DTV Porpoise, 4 May 1984. Image courtesy of Chris Sattler.

Porpoise was sold in 1989 to property developer Keith Williams, owner of Sea World on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia. She was later converted into a luxury motor yacht and renamed *Achilles III*.



Achilles III, formerly HMS Neasham and DTV Seal. Image courtesy of [Charter World](#)

HMS Popham

Following conversion HMS Popham, named after the village of Popham in Hampshire, was intended to commission as DTV *Otter*. However, the conversion was cancelled for cost reasons. In February 1976 it was sold and converted to a marine research vessel for the Sea World theme park on Queensland's Gold Coast.



HMS [Popham](#), Image courtesy of World Naval Ships.



Ex HMS Popham, the intended dive tender Otter. Image courtesy of John Mortimer.

Occasional Papers

- Occasional Paper 204 - RAN in Cambodia
- Occasional Paper 205 - Rear Admiral Rothesay Cathcart Swan AO CBE RAN (Ret'd)
- Occasional Paper 206 - Images of a Naval Career, Commander Peter Lawrence Poland, OAM, RN

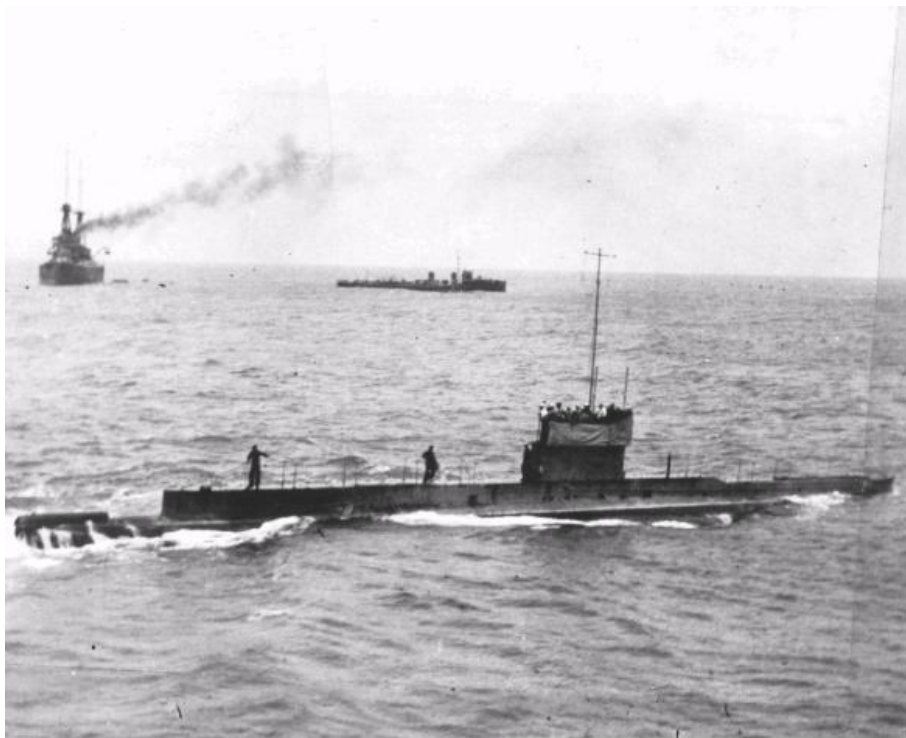
Website of Interest

[Australian E-Class Submarines](#)

This [website](#) provides comprehensive information about all aspects of both Australian E class submarines and their crews. It is an invaluable resource.

The aims of the Australian E-Class Submarine Foundation Ltd include:

- A project to renew the anodes originally fitted to AE2 during Maritime Archaeological Assessment (MAA) 2014 and to undertake an external video and stills survey.
- Work with the Australian and PNG government agencies to reach agreement on protection of the AE1 wreck site.
- Draft a Wreck Site Management Plan for AE1.
- Install an Instrumentation Package to collect twelve months of oceanographic data from the AE1 wreck site, and
- Install supplementary plaques to update the AE1 plaques, including those at Garden Island (Sydney) and Bitia Paka, recording the discovery of the submarine in December 2017.



HMAS AE1 (NHSA Collection)

Australian National Maritime Museum

The Australian National Maritime Museum has launched a year-long program to celebrate 125 Years of the Australian Navy.

In a recent [press release](#) the Museum's Director, Daryl Karp said the program aims to recognise the service and sacrifice of Navy personnel, showcase stories from Australia's

maritime defence history, and connect visitors with the evolving role of the Navy in the Indo-Pacific region. Across the year, the Museum will present new exhibitions, major events, a national touring program and landmark gallery redevelopments.



Members visiting Sydney throughout 2025 are advised to check the Museum's [website](#) for the latest events which will be at least monthly. This will include several events hosted jointly by the Society and Museum.

National /International Touring Exhibitions

For Members living away from Sydney, the national touring program may be of interest. Entitled *Dark Victory* it tells the story of the *Krait* in WWII. It will visit several naval bases across the country:

- HMAS *Albatross* - Fleet Air Arm Museum, Nowra, 12 December – 1 April
- HMAS *Creswell* - Royal Australian Naval College, 7 April – 11 July
- HMAS *Cerberus* - Heritage and Learning Centre, 18 July – 4 October
- HMAS *Stirling* - Heritage and Learning Centre, 10 October – 31 December.

Other touring exhibitions relating to the RAN include:

- *Battle of the Coral Sea* exhibition in the Townsville Maritime Museum
- The museum's *Dark Victory – Operation Jaywick* video is showing at Changi Chapel & Museum.
- *War and Peace in the Pacific 75 Home Front* exhibition at Jackson Barracks Military Museum, Chalmette USA.
- *Guardians of Sunda Strait* exhibition at Battleship New Jersey, Camden USA.

HMAS Vampire (III) 70th anniversary

The museum will mark the 70th anniversary of the launch of HMAS *Vampire* with new research and publication on the vessel's history.

Further Activities

Further activities will be added to the program throughout the year. For the latest information visit www.sea.museum

News

HMS Anson arrives in Australia

HMS *Anson* arrived in Western Australia on 22nd February 2026 to undertake the first-ever maintenance activity on a Royal Navy nuclear-powered submarine in Australia.

Over the coming weeks, Australian personnel will work alongside partners from the United Kingdom (UK) and United States (US) on maintenance and familiarisation activities on the Astute-class submarine.

Two RAN officers are currently embedded in HMS *Anson*, gaining first-hand operational experience in a conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarine. More than 50 Australians are now embedded across the UK Defence Nuclear Enterprise, while the RN has delivered offshore nuclear safety training to over 950 personnel associated with the Australian Submarine Agency.



HMS Anson arriving at HMAS Stirling.
(Photo from <https://www.asa.gov.au/news/aucus-enters-new-era-arrival-uk-submarine-western-australia>)

Austral to build 8 new Landing Craft Heavy Ships

Australia has awarded Austal an approximately \$4 billion contract to build eight 100-meter Landing Craft Heavy ships based on Damen's LST100 design at Henderson, Western Australia. Work is scheduled to begin in 2026, with the final vessel planned for delivery in 2038.

Key specifications:

- Length: Approximately 100 metres.
- Beam (Width): 16 metres.
- Displacement: Approximately 3,900 - 4,000 tonnes.
- Capacity Examples: Over 200 embarked soldiers, plus 6 x M1A2SEP3 Abrams Tanks or 9 x Redback Infantry Fighting Vehicles.
- Range over 4,000nm with 15-day endurance.
- Can land 70-ton loads via bow and stern ramps.
- A medium-helicopter deck for resupply and medevac.



LST100 design (Picture source: Austal)

Further Reading:

Doug Stevens, [Australia's new Landing Craft Heavy](#), Naval Officers Association.

Photo of the Month



*Photo - HMAS Vendetta I - flashing up boilers and getting ready for sea.
(Gordon Hill Collection)*

Gordon Hill served in HMAS *Vendetta* in the Mediterranean during 1940/1941.

Video of Interest

This video comes from ROVs *Hercules* and *Atalanta*'s exploration of the Australian heavy cruiser HMAS *Canberra* live interpreted by a team of international experts on E/V *Nautilus* and ashore with key support from including support from Dr. Mick de Ruyter of the Sea Power Centre - Australia and Flinders University.



Built before World War II, *Canberra* served several periods as the flagship of the Australian Squadron assigned to protect the interests and waters of Australia and New Zealand. In the 1942 Battle of Savo Island, *Canberra* was struck by the Japanese 8th Fleet's opening shots of the engagement as it led a patrol column of US Naval ships. After losing power and listing, the crew was evacuated amid massive fires. The next morning, the ship was scuttled by torpedoes from USS *Selfridge* and USS *Ellet*.

Duration: 11 minutes

Published: by EV Nautilus

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwP7ZO4NWnA>

Australia's Naval Alliances: Lessons of History

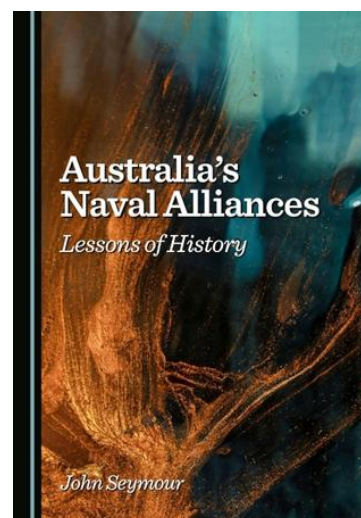
by Dr John Seymour

This book is published by Cambridge Scholars Publishing and is available through all leading book sellers.

A review by John Mortimer can be found in the March 2026 edition of the Naval Historical Review and on the [Australian Naval Institute website](#).

It is recommended reading for all those with an interest in Strategy, Defence and Foreign Policy, as well as Navy, Army and Air Force history, force development and planning.

The following is taken from the publisher's website, 'Australia has long relied on powerful allies for naval defence. This book offers an incisive and engaging analysis of the changing role of Australia's navy. In the colonial period and into the 1930s, it contributed to the defence of the British Empire and Australians were assured that they could rely on the Royal Navy for protection. In 1941 everything changed. Australia confronted threats in its own backyard and repeated Admiralty undertakings to despatch capital ships to the region were not honoured. In 1942, Australia formed a new alliance with the United States. Its recently acquired membership of the AUKUS (Australia, United Kingdom, United States) alliance, which will inevitably be dominated by the United States, will involve risks. Alliances can be fragile and an ally can prove unreliable. The interests of the junior partner might be overlooked. The earlier mantra – "the British Empire, right or wrong" – might give place to "the United States, right or wrong.'



This Month in History - February

February 1861	A naval brigade of 74 officers and ratings from HMS FAWN, (screw corvette), was dispatched from Sydney with a military contingent to put down lawlessness amongst miners at Lambing Flats, NSW.
February 1909	The Fisher Government in Australia adopted the 24-destroyer plan. Without consulting British Admiralty, the Australian Government ordered three River class torpedo boat destroyers, later named HMAS PARRAMATTA, YARRA, and WARREGO, to be built forthwith in the United Kingdom.
February 1915	The flagship pennant of the Second Battle Cruiser Squadron was hoisted in HMAS AUSTRALIA at Rosyth, Scotland.
February 1917	On 12 February 1917 HMAS AFRIC was sunk in the English Channel after being torpedoed by the German submarine SM UC-66, whilst sailing outbound between Liverpool and Plymouth, 12 miles (19 km) south south-west of the Eddystone Lighthouse, there were 145 survivors, but 22 people lost their lives. The wreck lies at the position (49°59'N 04°18'W) at a depth of around 70 metres (229.7 feet), and has been filmed by divers.
February 1920	Major S. J. Goble, the RAN's representative on the Commonwealth Air Board, recommended the adoption of Admiral Jellicoe's proposals for an Australian Naval Air Service. The proposals allowed for one squadron of ship-borne seaplanes, a squadron of fighters, a squadron of torpedo bombers and 11.5 squadrons of flying boats.
February 1929	HMA Submarines OXLEY and OTWAY made a grand entrance into Sydney Harbour after commissioning the previous year in Great Britain.
February 1936	HMAS AUSTRALIA exercised with 'Queen Bees', unmanned radio-controlled Moth aircraft, in the Mediterranean.
February 1941	HMAS NAPIER escorted HMS KING GEORGE V from the Faroe Islands to Greenock, Scotland. The British Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, was returning from a diplomatic visit to the USA in the battleship.
February 1942	Lieutenant Francis G. Gordon (O) RAN was lost. He was in RN 817 Squadron flying Albacore torpedo aircraft and was one of three that took off from HMS VICTORIOUS on a night search for enemy vessels, including the German battleship Tirpitz. The aircraft did not return to the carrier and was presumed lost in a snow storm 30 miles east of the Shetlands.
February 1945	The air/sea rescue vessels, (search and rescue craft), HMA Ships AIR FAITH, (LEUT R.R. Lewis, RANVR), and AIR TRIAL, (SBLT V.G. Maddison, RANVR), were commissioned. These vessels were built (along with all sister vessels), in Canada and the United States between 1943 and 1945, and transferred to the RAN under the Lend-Lease Agreement.
February 1952	HMAS BATAAN carried out her first air spot bombardment using spotters from HMS GLORY, to shell enemy troops encamped outside the village of Pungchon. Later the same day as dusk was falling a brief duel began between the ship and 75mm shore batteries, ending with silence from the enemy and a single hit on the captain's day cabin after 78 rounds of 4.7-inch ammunition had started two fires on the battery positions.
February 1957	723 Squadron recommissioned with five Sycamore helicopters, two Austers and two Firefly target tugs.
February 1966	HMAS GASCOYNE paid off. She had steamed 301,781 miles. Without being brought forward for further service, GASCOYNE was sold as scrap on 15 February 1972 to the Fujita Salvage Company Limited of Osaka, Japan. On 6 July 1972 the Japanese tug Sumi Maru left Melbourne for Japan with GASCOYNE and the former destroyer HMAS QUICKMATCH in tow.
February 1974	HMAS CAIRNS, (Shore Establishment in Cairns), was commissioned.
February 1989	The Lee Enfield .303 rifle completed a century of service. It was last used in the RAN on an official occasion at the Anzac Day Ceremony in Canberra in 1985.
February 1994	HMAS NIRIMBA, the RAN's Apprentice Training School at Quaker's Hill, west of Sydney, was decommissioned.
February 2005	HMAS ARUNTA, (CMDR W. Bairstow, CSC, RAN), provided assistance to the Panama registered container ship MV MSC DENISSE that was drifting southeast of Christmas Island with a flooded engine room. ARUNTA provided engineers to pump out the engine room.
February 2023	The Evolved Cape class patrol boat ADV CAPE CAPRICORN was officially accepted by the RAN.



This Month in History - March

March 1901	The order was gazetted that all Australian armed forces should be transferred from the jurisdiction of the State Governments to the Federal Government, which under the Federal Constitution, would be the sole Australian Defence authority. The Commonwealth Naval Force came into existence. It's war equipment consisted of a motley collection of largely obsolescent warships, including, HMC Ships CERBERUS and PROTECTOR, torpedo boats CHILDERS, COUNTESS OF HOPETOWN, LONSDALE, NEPEAN, and MOSQUITO, gunboats GAYUNDAH and PALUMA, and a number of small naval auxiliaries. Naval personnel strength was 240 permanent members, and 1348 members of the Naval Brigade.
March 1915	HMAS AUSTRALIA took part in her first operation, a patrol across the North Sea with the Grand Fleet and light forces, from Harwich, England.
March 1918	HMAS PSYCHE decommissioned for the last time. PSYCHE remained moored in Sydney Harbour and was eventually sold as a timber lighter on 21 July 1922. She later sank in Salamander Bay, Port Stephens.
March 1925	The Australian Government approved the building of two Kent class cruisers for the RAN. These were later commissioned as HMAS AUSTRALIA, and HMAS CANBERRA.
March 1930	A Seagull III amphibian aircraft crashed at Roaring Beach, Tasmania. The crew were Pilot officer Gordon Grant, RAAF, Observer LT Elliot, RN and Leading TAG Donald McGowan, RAN. The aircraft Flying from HMAS ALBATROSS entered a spin and crashed while spotting during a Gunnery Shoot. The pilot and the observer were injured and the TAG Donald McGowan was killed. He was the RAN's first naval aviator to die in an air accident. The aircraft was written off.
March 1941	HMAS PARRAMATTA blockaded the Perim area of Southern Yemen to intercept enemy shipping attempting to escape from the Eritrean ports of Massawa and Assab.
March 1942	HMAS MARYBOROUGH signalled the old coal-burning Dutch ship VERSPICK, which had straggled behind the convoy: "Get all those bloody passengers into the stoke hole".
March 1944	HMA Ships AUSTRALIA and ARUNTA with the USS MULLANY carried out a sweep of the New Guinea coast east of Tanahmerah Bay and destroyed a number of Japanese barges.
March 1953	The first rescue operation by a helicopter of the RAN was affected when an injured lighthouse keeper was rescued from Point Perpendicular Lighthouse, NSW.
March 1963	805 Squadron, flying the Sea Venom, decommissioned at NAS Nowra.
March 1966	While patrolling off Raffles Light, Singapore HMAS HAWK came under fire by an Indonesian shore battery, even though she was inside Singaporean territorial waters. Eleven rounds were fired at the ship, landing within 200 yards.
March 1972	HMAS SYDNEY answered a distress call from the 74,000 ton Italian bulk carrier IGARA, after it struck a reef and sank 60 miles east of Singapore.
March 1984	HMAS CESSNOCK provided relief aid and communications when Cyclone Kathy devastated communities on the Gulf of Carpentaria.
March 1994	HMAS ENCOUNTER, (shore establishment at Port Adelaide), was decommissioned, marking the end of a century of naval presence in the Port Adelaide area.
March 2002	HMAS HOBART (D39) was scuttled in Yankalilla Bay, South Australia. She took 2 minutes and 17 seconds to sink.
March 2004	The frigate HMAS WARRAMUNGA, (CMDR J Vandyke, RAN), assisted in the transfer of a critically ill passenger from the P&O cruise liner ADONIA, to the hospital at Christmas Island. WARRAMUNGA was conducting Operation RELEX II, (Immigration), patrols off Christmas Island when called upon to assist the 76-year-old passenger, using her RHIB, to reach medical facilities ashore.
March 2020	WO Agnes 'Lennie' Maiden, the first woman to be promoted to the highest rank as a senior sailor passed away aged 82. WO Maiden served in the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service (WRANS) for nearly 29 years, from 1956 until 1984

The entries selected for publication this month are randomly generated from an extensive database of historic naval events. The absence of a significant event is in no way intended to cause offence. The objective is to provide a cross section of events across time. The Society's website enables you to look up any event in RAN history. Searches can be made by era, date look up or today. The latter appears on the home page. The others are accessed via the Research page. <https://www.navyhistory.org.au/research/on-this-day/>

Society Links

The Society is proud of the great variety of content on its [website](#). The following is provided as a guide to some of our key features. Have a surf.

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