



CALL THE HANDS

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Welcome

Welcome to this first edition of the monthly electronic newsletter of the Naval Historical Society of Australia, *Call the Hands*. It is a response to demand expressed by members in a survey of needs in early 2016. This initiative augments three paper based newsletters already issued by the Society. These include; *The Buzz* to all members, *Three Headed Dog* for Victorian members and the West Australian Chapter Newsletter. Each fulfils a specific need.

Experience has shown that the Buzz, while a national newsletter, is relatively NSW and Sydney centric. Similarly, its quarterly edition does not allow shorter notice events or issues to be promulgated to members in a timely manner. Thus, the aim of this electronic newsletter is to supplement *The Buzz* by providing members, stakeholders, and other interested parties with up to date news of activities and events with a naval history or related interest.

There is no intention to change the Buzz. It will continue to be distributed quarterly to all members with the Naval Historical Review.

The items covered in *Call the Hands* will be a mix of those specific to the NHSA as well as subjects likely to be of interest to members being conducted by others. This concept is in line with the Committee's aim of growing relationships with like-minded organisations, of which there are many. Similarly, our longer term goal is to put in place reciprocal arrangements for NHSA members with these organisations for mutual benefit.

A final but very important point is that NHSA members are scattered across Australia. As a consequence, members in regional areas do not necessarily have easy access to member events currently conducted in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth. Thus, a two way system of communications is needed so that we in the Boatshed are informed of regional events of interest to members. This information can then be broadcast via *Call the Hands* for the benefit of all. To this end a new e-mail address callthehands@navyhistory.org.au has been created. Please use it when you hear about an event or information of likely interest to members. We want to hear from you.

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Naval History Workshop: Canberra: 7 September

The newly established Naval Studies Group at The Australian Centre for the Study of armed conflict (ACSACS) is holding a Naval History Workshop on 7 September 2016.

Members of the Naval Historical Society of Australia have been invited to participate.

The aim of the Naval History Workshop is to bring together a diverse range of people interested in the study and writing of Australian and global naval history. It is the first formal activity of the Naval Studies Group recently established within ACSACS at the University of NSW in Canberra (ADFA). It seeks to span the range of background and expertise from the professional academic to the enthusiastic amateur and identify how we can best cooperate with and support each other. The workshop includes a survey of current research interests, as well as an examination of the requirements and challenges in writing and publishing for both specialists and the popular market.

Registration for the event which costs \$25 is necessary before 1 September. This can be done at the 'events' section of the ACSACS website at www.acsacs.unsw.adfa.edu.au.

Possible Reestablishment of ACT Chapter

If you choose to attend Naval History Workshop in Canberra 7 September the President, David Michael would appreciate meeting you and hearing your perspective on this issue. During the workshop the President will also talk with Sea Power Centre and ANI representatives about how an ACT Chapter of the Society could work with them for mutual benefit.

Map Conference: Wollongong: 6 to 9 September 2016

The Encircled by Sea: Mapping Coastal Communities of Australia and New Zealand will explore the European discovery, gradual mapping and settlement of Australia and New Zealand, and the significant role of explorers, surveyors and cartographers in documenting changing landscapes over more than 200 years. The program also acknowledges the 400th anniversary of Dirk Hartog's landing in the Eendracht off the coast of Shark Bay, WA, on 25 October 1616

Registration for this conference is still open.
Attendance options are available for 3 days or just a single day.
Speakers are from overseas and Australia.
Details are available at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/encircled-by-sea-mapping-coastal-communities-of-australia-and-new-zealand-tickets-20670737733>

The program attached to the covering e-mail.

Positions Vacant

Volunteers are sought for several positions to progress NHSA initiatives. If you have an interest in any of these which can be done remotely please contact the Society as soon as convenient.

Call The Hands Newsletter Editor

Whilst the President has initiated this newsletter which addresses issues brought to his attention in recent weeks, an editor is sought to compile and illustrate future editions. Content will continue to

be provided by the president, committee and other members as they come to notice. Good writing skills, Microsoft Word and Adobe Acrobat are required.

Submission Writer

In order to progress certain Society projects, grants from external authorities are required from time to time. This involves writing effective submissions which meet their acceptance criteria. In the past the Society has achieved considerable success in this regard thanks to the efforts of John Smith who is also busy conducting research to answer the many and varied public questions received. Two such submissions are currently required; funding for a bronze plaque to mark the site of the original 1788 garden on Garden Island and the second to obtain funds to commercially scan more than a thousand historic drawings held by the Society before transfer to the Australian National Archives. As there are plenty of previous submissions on file you will not necessarily be reinventing the wheel. Naturally good writing skills are essential.

For more information on either of these positions please contact David Michael, 02 93592243 or e-mail secretary@navyhistory.org.au

September 2016 Edition of the Naval Historical Review and Buzz

The next edition of these publications will be in the mail early September. They continue to receive positive feedback which is appreciated by editors, Walter Burroughs and Jim Craigie. Much of the credit is also due to our long serving volunteer, Doris Shearman who provides invaluable assistance to Walter with layout of the Review.

As always, if you have written a history article or are aware of another's work considered suitable for publishing in the Review or Buzz please contact the Society. We are always on the lookout for original works.

New Website Links

Several new links have been added to the NHSA website in recent months. Two of the most recent include:

Australia on the Map <http://www.australiaonthemap.org.au/about/> and
Australasian Hydrographic Society <http://www.ahs.asn.au/Home1.html>

Australia on the Map (AOTM) is the history and heritage division of the Australasian Hydrographic Society. AOTM consequently focusses on important themes in Australian hydrographic history and heritage. This includes maritime exploration and the mapping of Australia, and where relevant, New Zealand.

The Australasian Hydrographic Society (AHM) goals include: promoting the science of surveying, providing a channel for the exchange of information parties engaged or interested in hydrography and related sciences, promoting the study of hydrography and promoting better education and training of persons engaged in or intending to engage in the study of hydrography and related sciences.

Eastern Suburbs Memorial Commemoration

Naval Officers Club President Rick Bayley, recently drew attention to the dedication of a new memorial initiated and funded by the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Park Trust under the leadership of NOC member

Graham Boyd. On 29 July, concurrent with the 100th anniversary of the battle of Pozieres the memorial honouring the fallen of all services and their dependents occurred. CDF was the guest of honour. The lengthy, moving ceremony is beautifully captured in this six minute video. <https://vimeo.com/179277038>

Newsletter Subscription

Should you become aware of others who wish to receive this newsletter they should be advised to register by e-mailing the Society at allhands@navyhistory.org.au.

For those wishing to unsubscribe, simply e-mail the editor at callthehands@navyhistory.org.au.

Feedback

I hope this first edition *All Hands* as a monthly electronic newsletter has been of interest. It will be all the more valuable if members are proactive in alerting us to new events and issues. Similarly, short articles and images are welcome.

Feedback on its value is welcomed. In due course it will be published on the website from where it can be downloaded.

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