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THE ARRIVAL OF THE AUSTRALIAN FLEET - SYDNEY 4TH OCTOBER

The Centenary of the arrival of the first fleet will be in October this year. All the details of the ships attending, the proposed programme are in this issue. And if you wish go for a cruise with one of the local organisations then read the proposed itineraries. You need to book early.

If you also intend to spend some time in Sydney to see all the events I suggest that you book your accommodation now.

Our shipmate in Sydney, Mark Mobley has organised the annual luncheon which will be held at the usual place the RSL in the city on 4th October 2013. Time and cost to be advised at a later stage. The AGM will be conducted as usual prior to the meeting.

With the centenary of the first fleet on at the same time, we can expect a large number to attend. So if you think that you will attend you should call Mark Mobley on 0407 782 731 or 02 9629 5637 at any time or send an email to markmobley@isp.net.au

It is True

Captain X was proceeding ashore one evening in Sydney. He gave the officer of the day a piece of paper with a telephone number on it and said "Should I be wanted this evening I will be on that number."

During the course of the evening the OOD had cause to contact Captain X, rang the telephone number concerned, and identified himself to the woman who answered the phone.

In response to his request to speak to Captain X, she denied knowledge of him. A couple of minutes later the OOD's phone rang and the unmistakeable voice of Captain X asked "You wanted me"?

**THE ARRIVAL OF THE
AUSTRALIAN FLEET - SYDNEY
4TH OCTOBER 1913**

**Ships that entered Sydney on
that day are as follows:**

4th OCTOBER, 1913 IN
COMMISSION

"AUSTRALIA": Battle Cruiser, 19,200
tons. Flag-Captain, Stephen H.
Radcliffe. Flag Ship of Rear-Admiral
Sir George E. Patey, K.C.V.O.

"MELBOURNE": Light Cruiser, 5,400
tons. Captain, Mortimer L'E Silver.

"ENCOUNTER": Light Cruiser, 5,880
tons. Captain, AGordon Smith.

"SYDNEY": Light Cruiser, 5,400 tons.
Captain, John C T Glossop.

"WARREGO": Torpedo Boot
Destroyer, 700 tons. Lieut. and
Commander, Thomas W.
Biddlecombe.

"PARRAMATTA": Torpedo Boat
Destroyer, 700 tons. Lieut. and
Commander, William H. F. Warren.

"YARRA": Torpedo Boot Destroyer,
700 tons. Lieut. and Commander,
Stewart Keightley

At that date the following
ships were being built at
Sydney:

BRISBANE - Light Cruiser
5,400 tons

TORRENS - Torpedo Boat
Destroyer 700 tons

SWAN - Torpedo Boat
Destroyer 700 tons

DERWENT - Torpedo Boat
destroyer 700 tons

In Great Britain:

Submarines A.E.1, A.E. 2

(Source Navy News 1960's)

Schedule of Events

3 October 2013

Tall ships entry.

4 October 2013

Fleet entry. Flypast by rotary and
fixed winged aircraft.

5 October 2013

Dress ship.

Royal Australian Navy Band
recitals.

Ceremonial Fleet Review. Flypast
by rotary and fixed winged aircraft.
Military demonstrations.

6 October 2013

Ships Open Day. Fleet Base East, Garden
Island/Barangaroo.
Interfaith Religious Service. St
Mary's Cathedral.

7 October 2013

RANBand recitals.

Combined Navies Band concert (to
be confirmed).

Ships Open Day. Location: Fleet
Base East, Garden Island/
Barangaroo.

8 October 2013

Royal Australian Navy Band
recitals.

Memorial Service.

9 October 2013

Combined Navies Parade.

Twilight sailing with RAN Sailing
Association.

10 October 2013

Tall ships depart.

11 October 2013

Warships depart.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY CENTENARY OF FIRST FLEET ARRIVAL

Australia's Chief of Navy has extended an invitation to over 50 of his foreign counterparts to send a ship (including tall ships) to participate in an International Fleet Review to be held in Sydney from 4-11 October 2013.

Due to operational requirements, changes may occur.

Australian Tall Ships

- STS Young Endeavour
- James Craig
- Lady Nelson
- Windeward Bound
- Enterprize
- Bark Endeavour
- Southern Swan
- Soren Larsen
- Coral Trekker
- South Passage
- Rainbow Gypsy

International Tall Ships

- Oosterschelde (Netherlands)
- Tecla (Netherlands)
- Bark Europa (Netherlands)
- Ara Libertad (Argentina)
- Arc Gloria (Colombia)
- Spirit of New Zealand (New Zealand)
- R. Tucker Thompson (New Zealand)
- KRI Dewaruci (Indonesia)
- STS Lord Nelson (United Kingdom)
- Picton Castle (Canada)

Royal Australian Navy warships

- HMAS Sydney (IV)
- HMAS Darwin
- HMAS Ballarat (II)
- HMAS Parramatta (IV)
- HMAS Perth (III)
- HMAS Broome (II)
- HMAS Bundaberg (II)
- HMAS Farncomb
- HMAS Success (II)
- HMAS Tobruk (II)
- HMAS Choules
- HMAS Huon (II)
- HMAS Diamantina (II)
- HMAS Yarra (IV)
- HMAS Labuan (II)
- HMAS Tarakan (II)
- HMAS Leeuwin
- HMAS Benalla (II)
- HMAS Shepparton (II)

International War Ships

- Royal Brunei Navy
- Royal Canadian Navy
- French Navy
- Indian Navy
- Indonesian Navy
- Italian Navy
- Japan Maritime Self Defense Force
- Royal Malaysian Navy
- Royal New Zealand Navy
- Portugese Navy
- Republic of Singapore Navy
- Spanish Navy
- SPS Cantabria
- Republic of Korea Navy
- Royal Thai Navy
- Russian Navy
- Turkish Navy Royal Navy
- United States Navy

We saw a recent memo sent out in a certain establishment as follows:

COLOURS / SUNSET PROTOCOL (PLUS EXCELLENT TOP TIP)

All uniformed personnel are to note that standing to attention (plus saluting if the mainmast is in view) when colours or sunset is piped is not an optional choice - and please remind others if you see that this requirement is not being met.

Top tip - if you are an officer who has decided to ignore this requirement and you are picked up by an individual in civilian clothes who sounds like a retired Vice Admiral and looks like a retired Vice Admiral then my top tip is that you make a calculated assumption that he probably is a retired Vice Admiral (and a response along the lines of "what's it to you old man?" is not recommended as was reported as the case last week).

BOOK EARLY IF YOU WANT TO GO ON ANY OF THESE CRUISES

CRUISES

The Federation of Naval Ships Assns has negotiated with the Australian Cruise Group for various cruise categories, coffee, lunch & dinner to give you the greatest coverage of events during the International Fleet Review at very affordable prices. Please note, all cruise times are subject to official naval confirmation of event start times. Children prices, Under 4 Free, 5-15 30% discount.

Note: ALL cruises will depart/return from Wharf 5 Darling Harbour. Bottom King or Erskine Streets.

How to book for your Royal Australian Navy Centenary Fleet Review Programme. Click on the link below and then select the cruise you wish to join from the menu options.

<http://www.australiancruisegroup.com.au/royal-australian-navy.php>

When booking either electronically or by phone, make sure you insert our association after your name, i.e. Geoff Hardwick WTR ASSOC. They will attempt to place you with mates/friends from the same or similar Association.

CRUISE DETAILS FOR PERIOD 3rd – 6th OCTOBER, 2013

Thursday 3rd October 2013

Tall Ships Arrival.

Coffee Cruise departing09.00 – 11.00 \$20.00/\$14.00 (Adult/Child)
Lunch Cruise12.00 - 14.00 \$69.00/\$48.00 Incl drinks package.
PM Coffee cruise14.30 - 16.00 \$20.00/\$14.00

The invited Tall Ships from various countries will be arriving throughout the day. It is expected some will anchor in the harbour or berth at Bangaroo (Darling Harbour north) Also (time to be advised) will be the “Battle of the Boats” race by participants of the Australian Surf Rowers League. Departure King Street Wharf only Darling Harbour.

Friday 4th October 2013

Fleet Entry (for most of the day)

Coffee Cruise09.00 – 11.00 \$20.00/\$14.00 (Adult/Child)
Lunch Cruise12.00 - 14.00 \$69.00/\$48.00 Incl. drinks package.
Coffee Cruise14.30 - 16.00 \$20.00/\$14.00

Ships will depart Jervis Bay PM 3rd Oct. and commence entering Sydney Harbour AM Friday 4th. On this two hour coffee cruise will see the vessels arrive, anchor and or berth at various locations. Gun salutes/piping requirements. During the day, at a time to be advised, there will be a flyover of Civil/Service helicopters and fixed wing aircraft. Departure King Street Wharf only Darling Harbour.

Saturday 5th October 2013

Official Fleet Review

View the ships in position in readiness for the official Fleet Review by Governor General

Review Lunch Cruise 1030 – 1430 (4 hours) \$110.00 incl drinks package. Child 5 -15 \$78.00

Enjoy a seafood buffet Lunch, including beer wine and soft drinks, prior to the Ceremonial Fleet Review by The Governor General of Australia. Her Excellency will be embarked in HMAS Leeuwin. The day will be “Sydney Harbour Dress Ship” with all ships and the boating and yachting fraternity of Sydney taking part. There will also be a formation fly past by Service fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Departure King Street Wharf only

Dinner & Fireworks Cruise 1830 – 2100 \$76.00 incl. drinks package.
Child 5-15 \$52.00

Sumptuous seafood buffet including beer, wine and soft drinks followed by the evening fireworks and lightshow. Fireworks will be choreographed with a lightshow showcasing past and present vessels of the RAN. Departure King Street Wharf only

Sunday 6th October 2013

Sydney/Emden memorial service.

Coffee Cruise 09.00 - 1130 \$20.00/\$14.00 2 hours

During the coffee cruise we will position ourselves off Bradleys Head where the Sydney/ Emden Memorial Service will be held at the HMAS Sydney Naval memorial (1000-1100). Ships Company from HMAS Sydney IV and the German Navy warship FGS Emden will participate. (subject to confirmation).

Captain Cook Cruises also HAVE special cruises for this period and you should look at their web site:

<http://www.captaincook.com.au/sydney-harbour-cruises/whats-on-in-sydney/navy-fleet/>

RESERVATIONS & ENQUIRIES

Captain Cook Cruises (NSW) Pty Ltd, No6 Jetty Circular Quay Sydney NSW 2000 Call +61-2-9206 1111, Fax +61-2-9206 1178, Email sydney@captaincook.com.au.

In the last issue we mentioned a Writer who served on HMAS Wagga as a Steward - we now know him to be Arthur Skene. He says:

The Writer who acted as the full time steward on HMAS Wagga's last cruise to Noumea was ME! and it was hard work too! I was then a Cadet Writer, The training cruise had a LWTR, John Lynch, who was the ship's Writer, and I was told if I wanted to go on the ACT, it would be as a steward or seaman! I thought I was smart in going as the full time steward, but I should have elected to go as a seaman as I would not have had to work so hard! It was nevertheless an interesting experience, but I would not wish to repeat it. Looking after ten officers





**We heard...
Victor (Vic)
Boreham** was
awarded the
'Commendation
for Brave
Conduct' Award
on the 26th

October 1993.

This
commendation
is awarded for
acts of bravery
which are
considered
worthy of recognition.

*The citation reads: "Went
to the aid of a bus driver
under attack by a gang of
youths" Well Done Vic.*



Bev Young
(nee Willox)
has
remarried
and is now
Bev Margetts.



Reunion 2015 NOWRA

Plans are well under way
with the reunion being
held from 13th March -
15th March 2015.

Fri - Meet and Greet at the
Fleet Air Arm Museum.

Sat - Dinner Shoalhaven
Entertainment Centre.

Sun - BBQ or similar at the
S h o a l h a v e n E x -
Servicemans Sports Club

So pencil in those dates
for 2015.

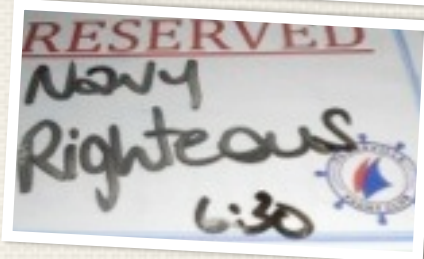
Vale

Marjorie Dawn Nichols (Nee Hales) Passed away 16th
December 2012 at Smithton, Tasmania.

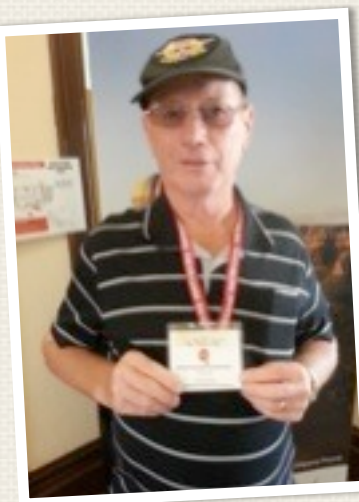
Nickname 'Mardi'. Born 5th February 1931.
WR4141. Joined 21st August 1951 and served at
Cerberus in the Accounts Office. Discharged 28th
August 1953 on marriage.

Ex Writers recently had dinner in Townsville.

From l-r Sitting Margaret Hardy, Left to right - Dave
Hancock, Lew Horsfield, Chris Legg, and Judy Eagles.



The table was booked
at the desk as 'Navy
Writers' but the name
plate on the night
reflects who we are!



Trevor Atkins was on the
2013 "Ghan Anzac Tribute
Train" run from Darwin-
Adelaide.

The inaugural Anzac train
commenced in 2011 by Great
Southern Rail and will
continue into the future.

You may be interested in
going or getting together a
band of scribes to do this
trip. The itinerary will be
issued in August this year.

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