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HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

“WHEN ALL THE SHIPS COME BACK TO THE SHORE”

2019 has been a huge year for the Royal Australian Navy with overseas deployments the priority. Navy's Surface Force has capped off a massive year with most of its combatants deploying overseas.

Surface Force is responsible for Navy's major warships - 14 frigates, destroyers, amphibious ships and support vessels - and oversees their readiness for sea and for combat.

Commander Surface Force, Commodore Stephen Hughes, said the number of overseas deployments and international exercises in the Fleet's schedule this year has proven a high level of combat readiness.

SOURCE: news.navy.gov.au

HMA SHIPS HOBART, STUART AND PARRAMATTA

CPOIS Cameron Martin (photographer), LSIS Tara Byrne (photographer), LSIS Bradley Darvill (photographer), LSIS Nicolas Gonzalez (photographer), Navantia (photographer)



Home again after almost four months deployment in East Asia, HMAS HOBART – as the command platform for a Task Group of 11 ships, took part in multi-national exercises including HMAS STUART & HMAS PARRAMATTA.

HMAS DIAMANTINA



HMAS GASGOYNE



Two Royal Australian Navy Minehunters have returned home just in time for Christmas, following a successful overseas deployment that saw them travel a record distance.

HMAS Ships *Diamantina* and *Gascoyne* travelled more than thirteen thousand nautical miles in the past four months as they deployed to East Asia for multi-national and bilateral exercises in Japan and South Korea. They have sailed as far east as Sri Lanka & as far north as the 42nd parallel in Japan. Both are record distances for any Minehunter in the history of the Royal Australian Navy.

Imagery is available on the Navy Image Gallery: <http://images.navy.gov.au/s20193245>.

HMAS TOOWOOMBA



HMAS BALLARAT Search party



Navy's Anzac class frigates also demonstrated their capabilities overseas in the Middle East and across the Indo-Pacific region. HMAS TOOWOOMBA sailed as far west as India for multi-national French-led exercises while HMAS BALLARAT spent nine-months deployed as part of Operation MANITOU in the Middle East Region, where she seized nearly 20 tonnes of illicit drugs worth an estimated value of AUD\$1.41 billion.

Source: Commodore Hughes RAN

HMAS BRISBANE



(POIS Justin Brown (photographer))

HMAS BRISBANE's 4 month's deployment in the USA to test her AEGIS Combat of Hobart class destroyer, has proved they are the most advanced warships available for the RAN. NLA-South Australia Division has delighted to receive regular updates of HMAS Brisbane's amazing journey via New Caledonia, Hawaii, San Diego and San Francisco. BZ "XO"
(LCDR Steven Wall)

HMAS SIRIUS



(photographer: LSIS Ernesto Sanchez)

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS!

Following the de-commissioning of HMAS SUPPLY (the proud "battleship tanker"), HMAS SIRIUS, is currently the sole replenishment ship for the Royal Australian Navy & was deployed for the recent Task Groups in East Asia.

HMAS SHIPS CANBERRA & ADELAIDE



LEUT Ryan Zerbe (author), LSIS Ronnie Baltoft (photographer), LSIS Tara Byrne (photographer), LSIS Bradley Darvill (photographer), LSIS Kieran Dempsey (photographer), LSIS Nicolas Gonzalez (photographer), LSIS Christopher Szumlanski (photographer)

Landing Helicopter Dock (LHD) **HMAS CANBERRA** spent most of this year on deployment, sailing almost 22,000 nautical miles to Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore and Indonesia as part of INDO-PACIFIC ENDEAVOUR 2019 and Exercise TALISMAN SABRE with sister ship **HMAS ADELAIDE**.

HMAS ADELAIDE deployed to the Southwest Pacific, visiting regional partners and supporting Operation RENDER SAFE, a mission to dispose of Second World War explosives in the Solomon Islands.

****TOP RIGHT: An interesting story by LCDR Chris Thornton (author), LSIS Christopher Szumlanski (photographer)** that Age was no barrier during recently family day aboard **HMAS ADELAIDE** – Safe to say that HMAS ADELAIDE can now boast having had the oldest and youngest guests aboard, with a 90-year age difference between the two!!!!

NUSHIP SYDNEY (HMAS SYDNEY V)

NUSHIP Published on 30 December 2019 LEUT Geoff Long (author), ABIS Leo Baumgartner (photographer), ABIS Shane Cameron (photographer)



2020 will be an exciting year for NUSHIP SYDNEY as she prepares for her Commissioning in Sydney. BZ

HMAS CHOULES



NAVY PILOTS AT THE READY



HMAS Choules and MV Sycamore have sailed from Sydney, on their way to provide support to bushfire relief efforts on NSW South Coast and NE Victoria. Navy also continues to provide helicopters and support to [@NSWRFS](#) aerial operations. [#AustralianNavy](#) [#AustraliaFires](#) [#OurCommunity](#) THANK YOU

NAVY LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA – SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION NEWS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 0 October 2019 – The following committee was elected

President – Diana Hill

Vice President/Treasurer – John Evans

Secretary – Jean Gill

Committee Members:

David Rattray OAM

Dean Watson RFD – Immediate Past President

HELD AT THE COMBINED EX SERVICE CLUB in December 2019

Christmas drinks were combined with the WRANS/NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA for a “Secret Squirrel Surprise” for COMMANDER ANDREW BURNETT ADC RAN, as he completes his 3 year tenure as Commanding Officer, Navy Headquarters – South Australia. The surprise worked!!!!

ALWAYS W.R.A.N.S.



ALWAYS NAVY



ALWAYS A “NAVY” CAKE

INTRODUCING THE NEW COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVY HQ-SOUTH AUSTRALIA

COMMANDER ALASTAIR COOPER takes over from COMMANDER ANDREW BURNETT RAN



AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS – SOUTH AUSTRALIAN END OF YEAR PRESENTATIONS

TS NOARLUNGA “End of Year” Presentations were held at RSL MORPHETT VALE Club Rooms on 28th November 2019. They are to be commended for their loyalty, support and enthusiasm to increase numbers of cadet number. Well done to all the Cadets.



TS ADELAIDE “End of Year” Presentations, this year were held aboard The Port River Dolphin Cruise allowing the Cadets to dress for evening. They are another remarkable Unit who work hard and are a credit to their leaders.



Navy League of Australia – South Australia Division would also like to congratulate the ANC units of **TS AUGUSTA, TS WHYALLA, TS STUART and TS FLINDERS** for their continued commitment and enthusiasm to each of their Units and NLA-SA wishes them all the very best for 2020.

COMING EVENTS FOR 2020

TBA – ANNUAL CRESWELL ORATION in Melbourne - book at Navy League – VIC/TAS

2nd March – COMMONWEALTH DAY RECEPTION in Adelaide – to be confirmed

28th June – ANNUAL NAVY LEAGUE -SA LUNCHEON in Adelaide – to be confirmed

The President & Committee of Navy League of Australia – South Australia Division

Thanks you for your continued support and we wish you

*Seasons
greetings*

Grateful thanks, admiration and gratitude to all our volunteer firefighters, agencies,

Royal Australian Navy, Royal Australian Air Force & Australian Army

Courage to those who need to re-build their lives