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NUSHIP SUPPLY (HMAS SUPPLY II)

COMMANDING OFFICER CAPTAIN BEN HISSINK



“STRENGTHEN THE SHIELD”

NUSHIP Supply is the second Royal Australian Navy ship to bear the name after the Tide Class Fleet Tanker, HMAS Supply (I). NUSHIP Supply (II) is the lead ship of two Supply Class Auxiliary Oiler Replenishment (AOR) ships currently being built for the Royal Australian Navy by Spanish shipbuilder, Navantia. The Australian Supply Class ships are based on the Spanish Navy's Cantabria Class design.

On 2 October 2020, NUSHIP Supply arrived at Fleet Base West, Western Australia for final fit out and testing activities. Ship acceptance by the Department of Defence occurred on 8 January 2021. HMAS Supply is scheduled to enter Royal Australian Navy service in 2021

NUSHIP Supply carries fuel, dry cargo, water, food, ammunition, equipment and spare parts to provide operational support for the deployed naval or combat forces operating far from the port on the high seas for longer periods. In addition to replenishment, NUSHIP Supply can be used to combat against environmental pollution at sea, provide logistics support for the armed forces, and to support humanitarian and disaster relief (HADR) operations following a natural disaster.

Eden named NUSHIP Supply's ceremonial home port

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Type	Auxiliary Oiler Replenishment (AOR)
Roles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fleet oiler • Ammunition supply • Logistical support • Humanitarian and disaster relief
Builder	Navantia
Displacement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19,500 tonnes • 9,800 tonnes (full load deadweight)
Length	173.9 metres
Beam	23 metres
Draught	8 metres
Propulsion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x MAN 18V 32/40 main engines • 4 x MAN 7L21/31 generator sets
Speed	20 knots (maximum)
Range	6,000nm at 13 knots
Capacities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,450 cubic metres of JP5 jet fuel • 8,200 cubic metres of marine diesel fuel • 1,400 cubic metres of fresh water • 270 tonnes of ammunition • 470 tonnes of provisions
Aircraft	1 helicopter
Company	Accommodation for up to 122 personnel including crew



Ship's company of NUSHIP Supply participated in a smoking ceremony with local Aboriginal community, which preceded the announcement that the Port of Eden will be NUSHIP Supply's ceremonial homeport, in Eden, NSW.

Bega Valley Shire and Royal Australian Navy representatives announced the Port of Eden, as NUSHIP Supply's ceremonial home port during an event held by the waters of Cocora Beach, Eden. Representing the strength and importance the new bond will create for both Navy and the local community, 40 crew members of Supply stood beside community members in a circle at the Cocora Beach Amphitheatre as leaders spoke about the significance of the announcement.

Bega Valley Shire Mayor Russell Fitzpatrick said the announcement was welcomed by the local community, which has had a long-standing relationship with Navy including HMAS Adelaide's assistance during the bushfires most recently. On 19 June, the Chief of Navy approved the Port of Eden as Supply's ceremonial home port. Mayor Fitzpatrick said "we as a community could not feel more privileged or honoured to announce that today. We look forward to a long, productive and prosperous relationship with NUSHIP Supply."

Leading Seaman Josh Cole, who served in HMAS Adelaide during Operation BUSHFIRE ASSIST, said the crew were excited to have Eden as their ceremonial home port and looked forward to building strong relationships with the community and continuously provide support to the people who are going through hard times.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY - CHANGES OF COMMAND

New Commander Australia Fleet



Rear Admiral Jonathan Mead, AO, RAN hands the weight to Rear Admiral Hammond aboard HMAS Brisbane.

Rear Admiral Hammond previously served as Deputy Chief of Navy.

Rear Admiral Mead will be promoted to Vice Admiral and appointed as Chief of Joint Capability

(LEUT Tanalee Smith (author), ABIS Daniel Goodman (photographer), ABIS Leon Dafonte Fernandez (photographer))

.Deputy Chief of Navy



The Royal Australian Navy officially welcomes welcomed Rear Admiral Christopher Smith, CSM, RAN, to the role of Deputy Chief of Navy and Head Navy People Training and Resources in Canberra



Rear Admiral Smith took 'the weight' from Rear Admiral Mark Hammond AM, RAN.

The Deputy Chief of Navy has two sets of parallel responsibilities. Being responsible for the alignment of accountability, responsibility, performance and resource management, as well as managing the Navy's uniformed integrated workforce.

(Source:: Ms Emily McFarlane (author), LSIS James McDougall (photographer))

HMAS ADELAIDE III – BUSHFIRES TO OPERATION FIJI ASSIST

Jan 2020 Mallacoota

Christmas Eve 2020 Sydney



What a year – from Australian bushfires, Covid 19-Assist to Operation FIJI ASSIST

On Christmas Eve, 24th December 2020, *Adelaide* sailed at short notice with over 600 ADF members to Fiji, under the command of new CO CAPT Stu Watters, after the weight was transferred from previous Commanding Officer CAPT Jonathan Ley.

Members from HMAS *Adelaide*, the Australian Army's 6th Engineer Support Regiment and 5th Aviation Regiment, have been working in partnership with Fijian authorities, to clear debris and repair critical infrastructure following the devastating category five tropical Cyclone Yasa.

This included:

- Repairing the Galoa Primary School, with students and teachers returning this week to a newly reconstructed classroom, complete with desks, chairs and school supplies.
- Additionally, another 32 schools were refurbished or temporarily restored with Australian support. Minister for Defence Linda Reynolds said the ADF had made a meaningful contribution to Fiji in supporting the Republic of Fiji Military Forces.
- 165 tonnes of aid was distributed across the cyclone affected area including 918,000 litres of water.

HMAS Adelaide is Australia's high-readiness vessel for responding to natural disasters in the region and will re-supply in Australia to be prepared for any future events. The reach of the amphibious and rotary wing capabilities operating from HMAS Adelaide was key to meeting the needs of those affected by the cyclone in outlying areas.



It is one year since the Fijian soldiers arrived in Australia to assist with the Black Summer Bushfires.



The ADF's rapid response over Christmas represents the spirit of the vuvale partnership between Fiji and Australia, is reminiscent of the teamwork seen between the two forces in 2020

Adelaide has now returned to Australia on completion Operation FIJI ASSIST.

**WELCOME HOME
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE**

NL SA Division congratulates the 22 worthy RAN recipients of Australia Day Honours.

Amongst these recipients was LS Sanders, RAN

AM

Rear Admiral Robert William PLATH RAN

For exceptional service to the Royal Australian Navy in senior command and representational positions.

Rear Admiral Katherine Anne RICHARDS CSC RAN

For exceptional performance of duty in Royal Australian Navy command and management positions

OAM

Principal Chaplain Collin Gregory ACTON RAN

Captain Stephen BECKMANN CSC RAN

Warrant Officer Sherylee Georgette FOLKES

Warrant Officer Matthew Ian HURLEY

Captain Stephen John HUSSEY RAN

Chief Petty Officer Jeremy Mark PITCHFORD

Chief Petty Officer Daniel Anthony RYAN

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE CROSS

Lieutenant Commander Luke William BOGAN RAN

Chief Petty Officer Rebecka Jasmine CLARK

Lieutenant Commander Nicole Anne GRUNDY RAN

Lieutenant Commander Jo HARVEY-COLLINGS RAN

Leading Seaman Simone Hayley HENARE

CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Lieutenant Commander Daniel Edward HODGKINSON

Commander Charles Geoffrey MARCHANT RAN

Warrant Officer William Gilvary MCCONNELL

Warrant Officer Justin Powell MOORE

Leading Seaman Steven Arthur PALU

Commander Matthew Scott RICHARDSON RAN

Lieutenant Commander Scott James RIVETT RAN

Leading Seaman Christopher Joseph SANDERS

Chief Petty Officer Amy Louise SEARLE

https://www.gg.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-01/ad21_gazette_-_o_of_a.pdf



CONSPICUOUS SERVICE MEDAL

Leading Seaman Christopher Sanders has been honoured in this year's Australia Day awards receiving a Conspicuous Service Medal for meritorious achievement as the manager of the Communications and Information Systems department in Australian Defence Vessel (ADV) Cape Inscription Starboard. His tenacious contribution and dedication successfully resulted in the introduction of two new maritime Information Communications Technology platforms resulting in the maximum level of capability to the Royal Australian Navy in support of Operation RESOLUTE

NEW YEAR 2021 BRINGS NEW CHALLENGES FOR FEMALE AVIATORS

A Nowra-based crew has made Australian history by becoming the first all-female flight team to operate an MH-60R Seahawk helicopter. Pilot Lieutenant Rhiannon Thomson, Royal Navy. Lieutenant Hannah Best and Leading Seaman Clare Lassam, from 725 Squadron, flew the routine shift from HMAS Albatross last week. They mark a step forward for “Women In Aviation” Bravo Zulu



Pilot Lieutenant Rhiannon Thomson
Royal Navy
Aviation warfare officer

Lieutenant Hannah Best

Leading Seaman Clare Lassam
Sensor operator

LIGHTS OUT FOR ADELAIDE CLASS FRIGATES SUSTAINMENT PROGRAM



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(author), ABIS Sittichai Sakonpoonpol (photographer)

*The Adelaide Class Guided Missile Frigates
System Program Office staff Garden Island,
Sydney.*

The Program Office was a Capability, Acquisition and Sustainment Group organisation responsible to Navy for the sustainment of the frigates over the past two decades. The ships were in service from 1980 to 2019, and served in the 1990 Gulf War (ex-HMAS Sydney (IV)) as well as numerous deployments to the Middle East region and across Asia.

Director General of Major Surface Ships, Commodore Rob Elliott, said the legacy in terms of people and processes will continue in Navy's most advanced combat capability - the Hobart Class Air Warfare Destroyers.

“We train people over an extended period of time and aim to re-utilise their sustainment skills across the Surface Fleet as it changes, so while the Adelaide Class is now gone, a lot of those people have moved on to the Hobart Class Destroyer program,” Commodore Elliott said.

“With the very successful evolution of the Frigates, their significant upgrade program, the ability of that class to be sold on to another Navy, it is clear that those sustainment practices worked well and we look forward to replicating these successes in the Destroyer Enterprise.”

The last ship of the six Adelaide Class frigates were decommissioned in Sydney in November 2019.

Former HMA Ships *Melbourne* and *Newcastle*, were transferred to the Chilean Navy, with a commissioning ceremony taking place in April this year.

AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS

Honour Integrity Courage Honesty Respect

NEWS FROM TS NOARLUNGA

Due to Covid restrictions, TS Noarlunga Cadets were only able to parade on 18 of 37 scheduled meetings during 2020, but attended some activities including the Annual Swim Test at RAAF Edinburgh.

AB Angus Hislop's has already sailed on One & All from 27th Sept to 1st Oct. The ship set sail from Port Adelaide and headed out to sea. AB Angus Hislop was part of the 'Starboard' watch and his favourite thing to do was being the Helmsman and navigation. Impressively, he did climb the rat lines.and played the bagpipes on board! (not at the same time)

The crew was a mixture of boys and girls. He enjoyed it so much he completed his "Volunteer Staff" induction in Jan 2021, and from there will be a staff crew member on future voyages. Additionally he is a volunteer on the amazing heritage paddle steamer "Oscar W" in Goolwa, on the River Murray.

With the team for 2021 comprising CO LEUT Tony Vidorin, OIC CPO Jeremiah Anderson, XO SBLT Lyndall Dales and staff PO Darren Smedley, together with Unit Support Committee, the Unit is off to a great start and no doubt, looking forward to resuming their activities, fundraising, parades and many other experiences for 2021.

ANC SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The ANC is planning to sponsor cadets to sail on the 'One & All' in April 2021 and this will certainly be something.

2020 has been a most difficult year for all Cadets, with covid-19 temporarily closing down their Units and all events cancelled. However, with their resilience, enthusiasm and keeping up communication, the Navy Cadets are back on deck and it is hoped that 2021 will be a very good year for all the South Australian Units.

NLA-SA looks forward to engaging with TS Adelaide, TS Augusta, TS Flinders, TS Noarlunga TS Stuart and TS Whyalla,

FLASHBACK – Annual Navy Commemorative Church Service, Christ Church, North Adelaide.

The Open Day was successful despite the weather!!



**TS ADELAIDE
AUSTRALIAN
NAVY CADETS
OPEN DAY
2018**

WHEN
Sunday, August 5th, 2018
11am - 3pm

WHERE
TS Adelaide
Jenkins St, New Port

ENTRY
Gold Coin donation
Groups & clubs welcome

**ALL AGES
EVENT**
Food & Drinks
Sausage Sizzle
Face-painting
Hot Donuts
Bouncy Castle

**APPEARANCES
BY**
SA Police
Royal Australian Navy
Defence Force Recruiting
And more...

SUPPORTING
All proceeds go towards
2018 TS Adelaide Class-
room & Unit ICT Project

**IN CO-OPERATION
WITH**
TS Adelaide Unit Support
Committee
Torrens Flotilla—
Australian Navy Cadets
Naval Association of
Australia—Port Adelaide

TRAINING FOR THE FUTURE

FEATURING • Cadet Demonstrations • Recruiting Information •
Boat displays • Stalls • Games • Hands on Activities • Videos &
Presentations • Music & DJ • TS Adelaide Drum Corps & more

NAVY LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA – SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION NEWS

NOW HEAR THIS.....

Navy League of Australia – South Australia Division Annual Luncheon

Sunday 21st March, 2021

Combined Ex Services Mess, Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide

12:00 pm for 12:30

Guest Speaker CMDR Alastair Cooper ADC RAN

Commanding Officer Navy Headquarters – SA

FURTHER DETAILS TO BE ADVISED

[covid-safe directions](#)

On behalf of our Executive Committee and Members, NLA-SA Division is looking forward to a much better and safer 2021 and catching up with our friends from Navy, W.R.A.N.S., Commonwealth Associations, Defence and other clubs and associations as well as ANC units in South Australia. We hope normal commemorations and events will be able to go ahead this year.

Diary Dates:

Sat 13 Feb Legacy Club of South Australia & Broken Hill SAUSAGE SIZZLE 9am to 3:30pm
Bunnings Mile End, Adelaide.

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Fair Winds and Following Seas For a very happy and safe 2021

Diana and the South Australian Team

