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CHANGE OF ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY COMMAND



The “weight” of command of the Royal Australian Navy was formally handed over by the outgoing Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan, (right) to the incoming Chief, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond (left). The ceremony was held at Defence Headquarters in Canberra. on 6 July 2022.

Speaking about the task ahead, submariner Vice Admiral Hammond said “Across Defence, we must invest in, nurture, empower and unleash the full potential of our people. They deserve no less than our very best each day.

Today, there are 1600 officers and sailors of our Navy at sea, overseas or on domestic tasking. We must make sure that as they sail into our region’s oceans, each of us is absolutely confident that we have done all we can to ready them, equip them and enable them.

In my view, there is no greater responsibility than that which a leader has to their team, and I am humbled by this challenge.”

Vice Admiral Noonan in his farewell address said: “The last four years had been a period of considerable change. I am incredibly proud of the unprecedented support our Navy people provided to our country during the COVID-19 pandemic, while also maintaining Navy’s regular operations, protecting Australia’s maritime approaches and vital trade routes, conducting essential border protection activities and maintaining a consistent presence in the South-West Pacific and wider Indo-Pacific region.

We have grown into a larger, more diverse workforce of more than 15,000 people”

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE SENIOR LEADERS APPOINTMENTS



Lieutenant General Simon Stuart, left, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond, Chief of the Defence Force General Angus Campbell, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Richard Marles, Air Marshal Robert Chipman, and Lieutenant General Greg Bilton.

Earlier, on 28 June 2022, the Australian Government had announced the promotion and appointment of the next senior leaders of the Navy, Army and Air Force.

- Vice Admiral Mark Hammond AM RAN to be the Chief of Navy for a period of four years.
- Lieutenant General Simon Stuart AO DSC to be the Chief of Army for a period of four years.
- Air Marshal Robert Chipman AM CSC to be the Chief of Air Force for a period of four years.

Further to provide continuity, Chief of the Defence Force, Angus Campbell AO DSC, and the Vice Chief of the Defence Force Vice Admiral David Johnston AC RAN, to be extended by two years. The Chief of Joint Operations, Lieutenant General Greg Bilton AO CSC, also to be extended for two years.

Navy League of Australia – South Australia Division would like to congratulate the Vice Chief of the Defence Force on receiving the following award in the Queen's Birthday 2022 honours list

COMPANION (AC) IN THE MILITARY DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA

Vice Admiral David Lance JOHNSTON AO RAN

For eminent service to the Australian Defence Force through strategic stewardship and capability integration.

The League also congratulates all Queen's Birthday Military award recipients from Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army and Royal Australia Air Force for their invaluable contribution to Australia's defence.

BRAVO ZULU

HMAS ADELAIDE III SHIPS'S COMPANY COMES TO THE RESCUE IN LATEST NEW SOUTH WALES FLOODS



Petty Officer Maritime Logistics Chef Debbie Barthelson never feels out of place on the water guiding people.

On HMAS Adelaide III she heads a large team who cook, plan, prepare and serve up to 4000 meals a day onboard.

Comfortable working in a fast paced and dynamic environment, she is the ideal person to steer her own company of staff into flooded areas that can no longer be accessed by road.



LEUT Sky McPhee (Maritime Logistics Officer) this week achieved a milestone 20 years of service in the Royal Australian Navy.

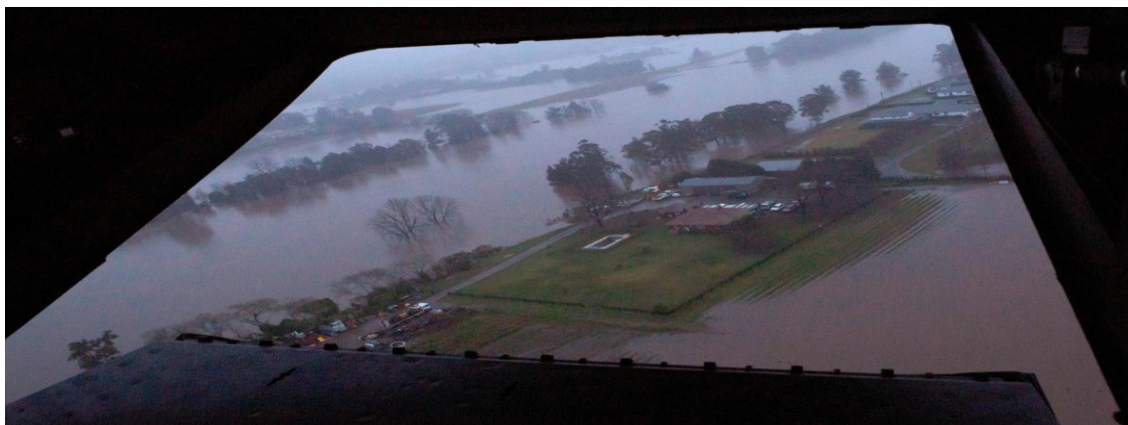
What did she do to celebrate? Well in true HMAS Adelaide III style she got to back to work. A strong leader who is always ready to pitch in, she is pictured here working with her team to remove debris in what is clearly extraordinary circumstances for the people of Wiseman's Ferry.

Navy 816 Squadron Seahawk rescued three people cut off in Kangaroo Valley

The Seahawk's four-man crew, from Nowra-based No. 816 Squadron, had received word to check on an elderly resident cut off by flood water and who hadn't been contactable for days. Chief aircrewman Chief Petty Officer Liam Carruthers was winched

down after the pilot performed a hover landing on the landslide-affected property. He soon discovered the elderly resident was running low on heart medication and needed evacuation along with her daughter and grandchild.

Chief Petty Officer Carruthers said the pilots and crew worked hard to maintain a hover, landing on a steep gradient as the family entered the helicopter. "Because of the hill and slope and the condition of the elderly lady, I had to physically carry her to get her into the aircraft," he said. He said the mood soon changed from fear to elation once the crew touched down at HMAS Albatross."



EXERCISE RIMPAC 2022

“RIM OF THE PACIFIC”

RIMPAC is the world's largest international maritime warfare exercise and is held biennially, usually during June and July of even-numbered years from Honolulu, Hawaii . Exercise RIMPAC 22 this year runs from 29 June to 4 August and will see around 25,000 personnel from 26 nations participate, with the ADF also deploying two RAAF P-8A Poseidon aircraft, mine warfare and clearance diving capabilities, and a joint landing force.

Australia seeks to enhance the inter-operability, among Pacific Rim armed forces and invitee countries, as a means of promoting stability in the region to the benefit of all participating nations, including:

The United States Indo-Pacific Command, and the Navies of Brunei, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Denmark, Ecuador, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, the Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tonga and the United Kingdom.

Five Royal Australian Navy ships set sail from Australia for regional presence deployments throughout the Indo-Pacific region with HMA ships Canberra, Warramunga and Supply participating in Exercise Rim of the Pacific 2022, in and around the Hawaiian Islands.

HMA ships Sydney and Perth, supported by HMAS Supply, will work with regional partners and participate in Exercises Pacific Vanguard and Pacific Dragon.



The recently commissioned HMAS Supply under the command of CMDR Cindy Jenkins, ready to play the role as a range extender for an array of international warships, around the waters off Hawaii.

RIMPAC was the first time that Supply-class auxiliary oiler replenishment ship *Supply* engaged in replenishments at sea with multiple international navies and is an important milestone for the ship and crew.



Leading Seaman Alyssa Clark serves on board landing helicopter dock HMAS Canberra, where she works as a flight deck marshaller and is part of a high-paced team that provides support to the ship's flight operations. After missing Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2020 due to illness, Leading Seaman Clark said she was thrilled to be selected to sail with the Australian Defence Force and take part in the first RIMPAC exercise of her naval career.

CHIEF OF NAVY VICE ADMIRAL MICHAEL NOONAN FAREWELL VISIT TO ADELAIDE



Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Michael Noonan inspects the guard during the commissioning ceremony for HMAS Encounter at Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide, South Australia. Photo by Able Seaman Susan Mossop.

Navy League SA Division was honoured to be invited to the commissioning ceremony of HMAS Encounter III (formerly shore establishment Navy HQ-SA). The previous HMAS Encounter, Port Adelaide, was decommissioned 28 years ago. Vice Admiral Michael Noonan gave a stirring address on his last official engagement in South Australia.

RADM Mark Hill AM CSC RAN and former CN VADM Ray Griggs AO CSC RAN (Rtd), who both served at HMAS Encounter, Port Adelaide, together with Warrant Officer of the Navy Deb Butterworth, were in Adelaide to take part in the Commissioning and congratulate Commander Emma McDonald-Kerr ADC RAN, Commanding Officer HMAS Encounter III (Keswick SA).



FROM YOUNGEST SEA CADET In UK to CADET PETTY OFFICER at TS ADELAIDE

Sophia Lewis was born in Milton Keynes, England and at just 3 years old she moved with her parents to the small village of Taynult on the West Coast of Scotland, where her father commenced work with the Scottish Association for Marine Science, Oban.



Her interest in the navy started very early (around 6) when she came to a Marina (where her mother worked) to watch "sea cadets" water activities training. Sophia joined Sea Cadet Unit 365 (Oban) in May 2016 as a junior, when she was 10 years old. Subsequently receiving her first certificate and the badge "Rowing boat" in July 2016 from Captain Philip Russell RN (Commander, Captain Sea Cadets UK).

When the family moved to Australia, as Sophia's father was invited to work here, they entered on a temporary visa – this was a big issue to join cadets. However, the previous TS Adelaide CO, Clark Tainsh, went "beyond and over" to finally see Sophia enrolled as an "exchange cadet"

From that day her passion only grew. She attended all unit activities such as sailing, shooting, Legacy badge day collection, Semaphore Street Fair, Port Adelaide Twilight Christmas Pageant and all "Working Bees" (when cadets and parents maintain the unit's facilities). Within 20 months she was "rocketing" from recruit to leading seaman and finished off 2020 with the awards: "The Coxswains" (most disciplined) and "Most Consistent

Cadet of The Year". In January she started year 10 in Adelaide Botanic High school and in her first enquiry project about development of submarine sonar usage by the navy, she reached out to a hydro-cartographer who had specialised in the sonar area. An exchange of emails assisted her in receiving a grade A. *(Story & Permission Mrs Natalia Lewis)*

NAVY LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA – SOUTH AUSTRALIA NAVY LEAGUE EFFICIENCY SHIELD

This Award is presented annually to the most efficient Navy Cadet Unit of "Torrens Flotilla" in South Australia and last presented in 2018 to 'TS ADELAIDE'. Due to Covid-19 and subsequent delays, there has not been an opportunity for further presentations of this Award. We look forward to the opportunity either in 2022 or 2023.



Cadet PO Sophia Lewis ANC of TS Adelaide on duty at Torrens Parade Ground for Commissioning of HMAS ENCOUNTER in Adelaide on 28 May 2022.

We wish her well in achieving her dream to become part of the Royal Australian Navy.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JEAN STEWART ON HER 80TH BIRTHDAY

WHO CELEBRATED BY GOING SKY DIVING!!

It is our pleasure to introduce Mrs Jean Stewart, a long-time supporter of the South Australia Division of Navy League of Australia. We thank her for her friendship and acknowledge her loyalty and contribution to ANC Torrens Flotilla and associated Navy connections.



JEAN STEWART

“My involvement with Naval Cadets commenced in 1981 when my son became a Cadet and as it was 65 kilometres round trip, I became a volunteer, starting in the canteen and then going into the stores.

In 1984 the unit wanted another female staff member, so I signed on. The proviso was to only do what I was already doing, stores and CO's paperwork, however at the first parade in 1985 I was parade commander.

For the next 18 years it was full on, but I thoroughly enjoyed my time, attending many training camps both in South Australia and Naval bases such as HMAS CERBERUS, CRESWELL, NARIMBA and WATSON. Two postings which were celebrated: The Bi-Centennial camp in Sydney when we had 1000 Cadets and staff attending. The other, was when I and another staff member took 16 Cadets on a Greyhound bus to the base originally HMAS LEEWIN in Western Australia and which is now an Army Base. At the time of coming home some of the Cadets went to sleep others were “bored” so I played UNO with them. After a while those Cadets went to sleep, but the others woke up and consequently, I played UNO all the way from Western Australia to Adelaide!

To-day I am invited to special Parades, both metropolitan units as well as TS STUART when they were Parading. I went to the airport to see any of the Cadets who joined the Defence Force, not all in the Navy. It was appreciated, especially those from the country who did not have family able to come to see them take this big step in their lives.

Many of the Cadets are, or have been, Instructors carrying on the teaching and traditions which they learnt, adapting to the demands of the rules and regulations which are now in place. Ex Cadets still keep in touch when they become engaged and last year, I attended a wedding of a 40year ex Cadet. Also, I get to know when their babies are born and invited to the Birthday parties.

It was as the result of attending with female Cadets at the 1986 WRANS re-union that I became their marshal on ANZAC day resulting in completing 35 years as Deputy Senior Marshal.”**And now Jean is into skydiving**
BZ Jean!



ANNUAL NAVY LEAGUE LUNCH – SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION

The South Australian Annual Navy League lunch was held at the Combined Ex Services Mess, ANZAC House, Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide with a complement of 62, enjoying “Sunday Roast” finishing with “Port” of the day!

It was a great privilege and pleasure to welcome our Patron, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia and Mr Rob Bunten, and introduce them to all our executive committee and guests. Her Excellency and Mr Bunten have thrown themselves into South Australian activities, including the area of Defence.



Ann Evans, David Rattray OAM, Rob Bunten, Dean Watson (IPP) (back row)
John Evans (Vice President), HE The Governor, Diana Hill (President), Jean Gill (Secretary)

Commanding Officer CMDR Emma McDonald-Kerr ADC RAN of newly commissioned HMAS ENCOUNTER III was our very popular guest speaker. Only having “taken the weight” last December, CMDR McDonald-Kerr has become very much part of defence community in Adelaide.

Immediate Past President, Dean Watson gave a brief history of the first two HMAS Encounters. Others present who had served in Encounter II were David Lyas, John Evans, David Rattray, Roger Solomon and Eddie Weeden.

Our Division welcomed guests from Naval Association SA, The WRANS SA Association, HMAS Encounter Association, Australian Navy Cadets, Seven Seas Club, Australian American Association, Royal Caledonian Society, Victoria League for Commonwealth Friendship, English Speaking Union, Royal Society of St. George, HMAS Adelaide Association and special guest Sue Moorhouse, President Legacy South Australia and Broken Hill.



Dean Watson presenting a carved wooden crest of HMAS Encounter II to CMDR McDonald-Kerr