



# The Navy League of Australia

## South Australia Division

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*Patron: Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC*

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### SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OUR MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN, HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND

Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and  
Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth.



As Sovereign of 16 realms and as Head of the Commonwealth of 54 **independent countries**, Queen Elizabeth's life was committed to the service of her people across the globe. As Queen of Australia, she reigned over a period of growth and prosperity, meeting with 16 Governors-General and 16 Prime Ministers of Australia. with an enduring love for Australia and her people.

## TRIBUTES AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE ADELAIDE

### To Her Majesty's sudden passing on 8 September 2022



*Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia opened up Government House for South Australians to lay floral tributes and sign condolence books during the mourning period of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II*

Her Majesty the Queen was the first ruling monarch of Australia to visit our shores and her great fondness and interest in the welfare of South Australians was evident through her seven visits to our State, during her reign. February 2002 was the last visit to South Australia by The Queen who, for over 70 years, dutifully served South Australia and the Commonwealth.

## PROCLAMATION OF KING CHARLES III PARLIAMENT HOUSE ADELAIDE

Hosted by the State Government, the ceremony gave South Australians the opportunity to come together to acknowledge the historic moment the Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, proclaimed His Majesty the King as the state's new Sovereign.



**It was a moment in history – an event more than 70 years in the making**

King Charles III brings experience of service in Britain's Armed Forces beginning with the Royal Air Force in early 1971 where he gained his pilot's wings. Extensive service in the Royal Navy followed, commencing in September 1971 at the Royal Naval College Dartmouth.

Sea time commenced in the destroyer HMS Norfolk, frigates HMS Minerva and HMS Jupiter. During 1974 he qualified as a Naval Helicopter pilot. His last ten months of Naval service began in February 1976 when he commanded the coastal minehunter HMS Bronington. As Prince Charles, he was colonel-in-chief of a number of Army Regiments.



## AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE – LONDON THE FINAL FAREWELL OF HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II



*(L-R) Lieutenant Colonel Scottie Morris; Brigadier Michael Garraway AM, CSC; Commodore Ray Leggatt, AM, CSC, RAN; Brigadier Grant Mason DSC, DSM, ADC; Air Commodore Anthony Hindmarsh CSC; Lieutenant Colonel Elizabeth Anderson; Brigadier Mick Say DSC and Brigadier Damian Hill AM, outside Australia House.*



*Royal Australian Navy personnel taking part in Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II state funeral at Wellington Barracks, London.*

*(L-R) Petty Officer William Garlick, Warrant Officer of the Navy Deb Butterworth OAM, CSM & Bar, Lieutenant Commander Kara Wansbury and Leading Seaman Cameron Green*

*Australian Defence Force contingent,  
Wellington Barracks, London  
19 September 2022*





## EXERCISE KAKADU 2022

The Royal Australian Navy's biennial international engagement activity – involving 16 warships, a submarine, more than 30 aircraft and 3000 participants from more than 20 countries – began on 12 September with the arrival of 15 vessels in Darwin Harbour, finishing on 24 September. Kakadu 2022 was one of the biggest iterations yet, having grown in scale and complexity over the past 30 years.

Exercise Kakadu 2022 theme was of 'partnership, leadership and friendship' woven through a full program of activities in the seas and skies off Northern Australia and in **Darwin**.



With preparations complete, the fleet put to sea the following day to test and enhance skills in activities ranging from constabulary operations to high-end maritime warfare.

Destroyers, frigates, corvettes and littoral (near-shore) combat ships of varying designs and capabilities sailed in two task groups to undertake training activities to teach task groups to work together.

The latter half of the nine-day sea phase pitched the two task groups against each other in a tactical warfare scenario, testing the full capabilities of each ship and crew.

In the opening days of the sea phase, ships undertook gun firing and defended themselves against fast-jet fighters simulating guided missiles from sophisticated P-8 maritime patrol aircraft or from a submarine.

Meanwhile, a third task group comprising smaller patrol boats had undergone boarding party training to prepare them for fisheries enforcement, border protection and other maritime law enforcement duties.

*German multi-role tanker transport flies over HMAS Perth*



The exercise's Officer Commanding, Commodore Paul O'Grady, said it was good to be holding Navy's premier international engagement activity, for the 15th time, after it was cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19.

"During Kakadu, the frigates and destroyers will be conducting maritime warfare training, to defend themselves from threats in the air and from other ships and submarines," Commodore Paul O'Grady said.

"For the patrol boats, they'll be conducting exercises that rehearse them for activities for border force and operations such as illegal fisheries enforcement and border protection. All the units will practise humanitarian assistance and disaster.



HMAS Broome (left) and Republic of Fiji Navy Ship Savenace conduct training operation in Darwin.

Exercise Kakadu 2022



## HMAS HOBART CREW MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN A SUNSET MEMORIAL SERVICE TO HONOUR HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II



Photo: Leading Seaman Tara

While people across the globe have come together to mourn Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the nearly 3000 people gathered in Darwin for Exercise Kakadu 2022 have also honoured the Queen's example by strengthening international bonds of friendship.

### The Sovereign's Colours for Royal Australian Navy



Navy Reference: <https://www.navy.gov.au/customs-and-traditions/history>



## AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS NATIONAL CAMP HMAS CERBERUS

Divisions were the final activity of the week-long Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) National Camp at HMAS Cerberus, Victoria, where 160 Cadets and 28 staff participated in the National Continuation Training Camp, including cadets from TORRENS Flotilla in South Australia.

This was the first occasion since 2018 this event had been held. Director General Australian Navy Cadets, Commodore David Greaves RAN was the Reviewing Officer for ANC National Camp Divisions.



Australian Navy Cadets, VIPs and guests after the Ceremonial Divisions at HMAS Cerberus, Victoria



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### ADF moves into help with latest flood disaster

About 170 ADF personnel are providing support to the State Emergency Service in Victoria as La Niña continues its deluge across the nation.

From October 13, the ADF has provided local community assistance including sandbagging to the flood-affected towns of Wangaratta, Shepparton, Echuca, Murchison, Mooroopna, Rutherglen and Bendigo.

**CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPY 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY  
TO CHIEF PETTY OFFICER YEOMAN REG SWANSBOROUGH  
FROM NAVY LEAGUE – SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION – *BRAVO ZULU*  
1936 -1947 Royal Navy    1949 -1973 Royal Australian Navy Reserve**



*Watch for full story in next month's NLA-SA Newsletter !!*

**NAVY LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA – SOUTH AUSTRALIA DIVISION  
TENNIS WARRIORS  
“Clash of The Centurians”**

Recently, the Weekend Australian reported SA Division's senior member, 98 year old Henry Young, had issued a challenge to Ukraine's 98 year old Leonid Stanislavskyi to play a tennis match. This stemmed from the Guinness Book of Records showing Leonid as the world's oldest player, when Henry is six months older.

Stanislavskyi, with his daughter, has left Ukraine and is now in Poland. Both men have exchanged videos and would welcome playing a tennis match together. Support for the initiative has come from the deputy Mayor of Vynitsia in Ukraine. Furthermore, South Australia's Premier has written to the Victorian Premier and the Australian Open suggesting the match could be played as a fund-raiser for victims of the war in Ukraine. We await the outcome.

Lieutenant Young served in the war time Royal New Zealand Navy as a fighter pilot and later with the Royal Australian Fleet Air Arm.

**HENRY YOUNG**



**LEONID STANISLAVSKYI**



**The Australian Open Tennis Championships commence on Monday 16 January 2023 until Sunday 29 January 2023**



## The Navy League of Australia Navy League Conference and Annual General Meeting

The Federal Council of Navy League Australia will be holding its annual conference and AGM will be held on Friday 21 October and Saturday 22 October 2022 at The Hyatt Canberra, after the last two years of video Conferences. It will be good to meet up with our friends representing Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria/Tasmania and Canberra.

### An Invitation to join Navy League of Australia – South Australian Division

If you have been thinking of joining the SA Division of Navy League, we would be delighted to have you come aboard.

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Annual membership \$35 per person including copy of quarterly "The Navy" magazine of The Navy League of Australia. It is great reading!

*With kindest regards from the Executive Team*

*Diana Hill (editor), John Evans, Jean Gill, Dean Watson, David Rattray OAM*

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