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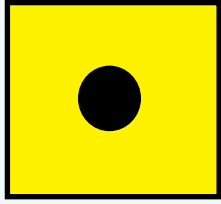
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Cadets and staff from TS GAYUNDAH and TS TOOWOOMBA formed up at the War Memorial, Canberra, for the daily 5pm closing ceremony - June 2012



Hoist India – I am altering my course to Port.

The winter edition coincides with the start of the new financial year and it has been the case this year that some of the ‘fair winds’ of previous years are not to be sighted on the horizon. Far from being in the Doldrums though, I believe we have sufficient ‘steerageway’ to come out the other side without too much loss of momentum. It does mean though, that I have to alter course slightly to make best use of the prevailing conditions.

Our primary focus remains to ensure we provide an engaging and challenging program for our cadets; a quick look at some of the Training Ship social media sites confirms to me that we are achieving this objective. Shooting, sailing, canoeing, power boating, dragon boating and even night snow skiing have been featured in the past months. My course change has meant that ethical leadership awareness courses for staff have had to be put in abeyance, but I am keeping a weather eye out for opportunities towards the latter part of the financial year.

Winter also lends itself to ‘inside’ activity and I recently had the privilege, accompanied by my wife Sharon, to officially receive 22 young ladies into Society at the South Australian ADF Cadets annual Debutante Ball. These young ladies of the Australian Navy Cadets, Austral-

ian Army Cadets and Australian Air Force Cadets, along with their male cadet partners truly did themselves, their families and their Corps proud.

The fact that I had been asked to officiate had me, in the first instance, reflective about having become old! After that initial thought passed, there came a more philosophical one which related to the question of Why? Why would 44 young men and women want to do something that was clearly (to my mind) ‘old fashioned’? This led to a further thought of a Debutante Ball representing ‘old fashioned values’ and shortly thereafter came the natural linkage to our ‘modern’ values; Honour, Honesty, Courage Integrity and Loyalty – this “Deb thing” is in many respects a living testament to our values – hardly new, but worthwhile dusting off and revisiting every now and then!

In making my speech to the Debutantes, I made reference to the importance of ‘old fashioned values’ and praised them on their Courage – the courage to take that long slow walk down the length of the hall on the arm of their partners, the courage of their convictions to do something that was special for them, and the courage to make their ‘Deb’ in front of their relatives, friends and peers when others might well think it archaic and meaningless. I would like to personally thank the Debutante Ball Committee for keeping this fine tradition going, and also to congratulate the young ladies especially for their courage and embracing the moment, which I hope remains ever special for them.

Winter has also seen the majority of Training Ships now complete awareness sessions for our new safety



management system ‘Safety Anchor’ in anticipation of the system ‘going live’ on 1 November 2012.

Safety Anchor will be the most significant and contemporary change to have occurred in the ANC in the last decade and will be the foundation for having ‘serious fun, safely done’. Commanding Officers and Flotilla Commanding Officers will be afforded authorisations to approve activities that have been subjected to the Safety Anchor processes, but more importantly, the system is designed to be used by our cadets and will be an excellent tool in developing their sense of hazard identification and risk assessment - I encourage all staff to ensure that the cadets access this tool, such that it becomes part of their ‘business as usual’ as they assist to plan and conduct activities.

The return to warmer weather also sees many Training Ships engage in their waterborne activities and I look forward to reading the contributions of staff and cadets in the next edition of Onboard about their exploits on the water.

NCANC sends

TS KANIMBLA meets the 'NEMESIS'

SBLT Jared O'Connor ANC, XO, TS KANIMBLA

On 18 August this year, cadets and staff from TS KANIMBLA were delighted to be able to have a guided tour of the NSW Police Force Marine Area Command in Balmain.

Host for the visit was Leading Senior Constable Michael Hogan, who ensured that the tour was informative and fun.

One of the greatest highlights was boarding the 32-metre Patrol Vessel, "Nemesis" (*check out the meaning of the word in the dictionary!*) and having their photo taken on board.

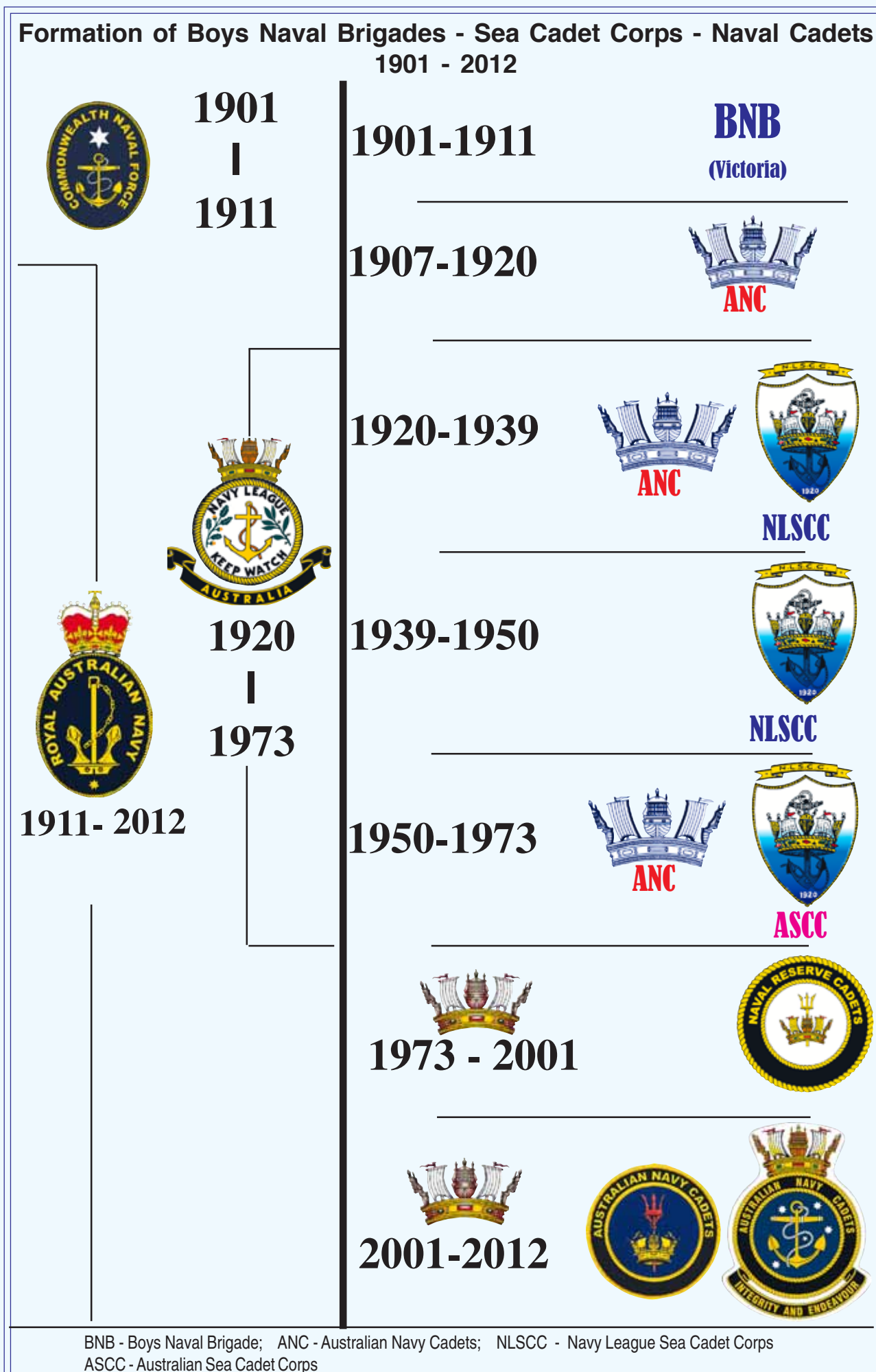
During their visit, the cadets lent very capable hands in cooking a BBQ as a thank you for the 'boys in blue' for their warm welcome.



Cadets from TS KANIMBLA aboard the "Nemesis" with LSC Michael Hogan

Cadet Chart - a visual History

John M. Wilkins RFD, ex President, Victorian Branch, Navy League of Australia



BNB - Boys Naval Brigade; ANC - Australian Navy Cadets; NLSCC - Navy League Sea Cadet Corps
ASCC - Australian Sea Cadet Corps

TS SOUTHPORT visit the USS HALSEY

CDT PO Jordan Turner

The visit to USS HALSEY (DDG 97) was long anticipated, as this is only the 4th ship we as a unit have visited since TS SOUTHPORT was formed in September 1994.

Seventeen cadets took up this opportunity and I am fairly confident in saying that we all enjoyed the trip, some to the extent of wanting to stowaway on board.

We saw the latest technology in marine warfare AEGIS where the crew can control all of the weapons on the ship and can coordinate between ships, planes and ground troops whilst deployed. This was a really interesting part of the ship, not only because of the technology behind such an incredible machine, but because this is where I could be spending a lot of my time when I hopefully join the

navy as a Maritime Warfare Officer.

We saw the helicopters and talked to one of the pilots aboard the ship. We also saw the bridge where the ship's

We saw some 100 tomahawks, a 127/62mm gun, four 50 calibre machine guns, three phalanxes and six torpedo tubes, right next to where we were standing.



The crew were great and taught us a lot about the U.S. Navy. For some of us it was more than a trip to a US Destroyer, it was an insight into what our careers are going to be like and what we should expect when we are deployed.

I think it is fair to say it was one of the most exciting activities I have done in cadets

and cannot wait for a similar opportunity to arise again.

CO and XO control the ship; the engineers' room; and probably my favourite part of the tour, we walked around the deck.



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Happy 30th TS SHROPSHIRE!

PO Jo-Anne Katon, Special Projects Officer, TS SHROPSHIRE

Training Ship SHROPSHIRE takes its name from the former English battleship HMS SHROPSHIRE.

The Naval Reserve Cadet Unit (now known as Australian Navy Cadets) began at a public meeting on 28 October 1981, following the 21st Anniversary of the Grafton Branch of the Ex Navalmens Association. TS SHROPSHIRE was officially formed on 4th July 1982 under the command of Bob Gibson.

The Unit paraded at many different temporary locations including Grafton Showground, the old Federal Match Factory, the fruit exchange building, Ron Skinner's Clarence Street property and the canteen-dining room at Peters Factory. The mammoth fundraising effort by the dedicated supporters resulted in the first stage of the current building near Corcoran Park being officially opened in July 1983. The fundraising continued and the boat deck extension was completed in 1997.

The first cadet enrolled into TS SHROPSHIRE was Recruit Mark O'Connor who many years later became one of the Unit's Commanding Officers. Two other cadets who were founding members are still serving members of the Royal Australian Navy today, Lieutenant Commander Chris Jones and Commander Jason Cupples who commanded the Collins Class submarine HMAS Waller.

Since the formation of the Unit, 1347 enrolled cadets have risen

through the ranks of TS SHROPSHIRE. Many former cadets have chosen careers in the Armed Forces or maritime industry where their cadet training has given them a 'head start' to a successful and rewarding career.

To celebrate TS Shropshire turning 30 it was decided to invite ex cadets,

The cadets spent the afternoon and late hours of the night of 27 July preparing the unit for the big day. They took great pride in ensuring that the unit was looking its best. No nook or cranny was left undusted, no cobwebs in sight, brass was shining and all windows crystal clear, the fire hose was even used to clean the outside walls of the building.

The cadets took over the Wardroom and turned it into a museum of photos. The table displayed photo albums, covering all the years. Pennants and photos covered every inch of the walls as well and during the open day it was the most popular room in the unit.

Between the hours of 10am and 2pm, over 150 people attended the unit and many conversations and stories were shared

as everyone took the journey down memory lane. A lot of laughter was heard in the wardroom as many a visitor found an embarrassing photo of themselves or their old shipmates. Many comments were heard as ex cadets remembered activities they thought they had long forgotten.

The cadets put on an official welcome parade at 11am before serving the delicious birthday cake. A couple of parents then manned the BBQ, cooking up a sausage sizzle that was enjoyed by all. The cadets showed their skills in knot tying and corsair rigging, with some visitors even joining in and having a go.



Current cadets and staff of TS SHROPSHIRE

staff members, volunteers, parents and anyone that had supported the unit over the years, to come along and see how the building has changed over the years, and meet the current cadets and staff.



The Wardroom - reminding ex-cadets of their 'exploits'

TS Shropshire's Birthday (cont'd)

Ex-cadets made many a comment to staff on how impressed they were with the way the current cadets conducted themselves, and how they had maintained the unit.

One hundred and three people attended a celebration dinner held in a private function room at the Grafton RSL club. During the speeches Commanding Officer SBLT Peter Nixon & Unit Support Committee representative Beverley Gardiner thanked everyone that had

helped the unit over the years, making it the success it was today.



Two cadets, LS Samantha Edwards & AB Zachary Searle overcame their nerves and shared some of their personal cadet experiences, and spoke about what they enjoyed about cadets and how it had affected them.

Peter Barton a previous CO had everyone laughing as he shared some of the old war stories.

Sailing Ship Duyfken hosts visit by TS PILBARA

SBLT Ilse Gosper, ANC ~ CO , TS PILBARA

The sailing ship Duyfken last visited Port Hedland in the year 2000 and the current cadets at TS Pilbara would hardly have been of an age to visit the vessel then.

The Australian Navy Cadets at Training Ship PILBARA made the most of the opportunity on Saturday 18th August 2012 when the Duyfken sailed into Port Hedland for a few days to transfer crew and take on stores. Arrangements were quickly made with the Captain who warmly welcomed the Commanding Officer and 15 young people who were keen to enjoy the experience.

There was a general tour in two groups with the cadets scrambling around in the cramped quarters above and below decks. The crew really enjoyed the freshly made butterfly cupcakes kindly made by RCT Caitie Walker as the vessel had sailed

from Darwin and victuals were running low.

There was a quick photo opportunity at the end of the visit and all then disembarked safely.

The hospitality of the Duyfken crew and the opportunity of the tour of the vessel in an isolated place like Port Hedland were greatly appreciated by the cadets at TS PILBARA and their families.



TS PILBARA cadets with the Master and crew of the SS Duyfken

Life at Camp 6 - Investigator Flotilla CIA

LCDR Bill Hancock, ANC ~ Flotcom Investigator Flotilla

Friday 22nd June 2012.

Cadets and Staff from Investigator Flotilla arrived at ULURU (Karuah) AKA the ROCK, which was owned and constructed by the LEYLAND Bros, Mike & Mal, who in the 70's & 80's had a TV Documentary show "Ask the Leyland Brothers". It is located on the Pacific Highway about an hour's drive from Newcastle, travelling north to Bulahdelah. It was designed to introduce the city public to the bush through adventurous activity.

The ROCK has since changed hands and over time the adventurous aspect has grown into a sprawling 80 Hectare establishment. The grounds have 6 campsites with bunk bed style accommodation, in huts/barracks or vinyl tenting – in all it can accommodate 1500 personnel at full capacity. The tent accommodation has solid floors with double bunk beds (capacity 12 – 6 per side).

INVESTIGATOR Flotilla arrived within an hour of each other and was detailed off into teams with accommodation being arranged within the same manner. After dinner, we participated in Commando, a night exercise like spotlight.

Saturday 23rd June 2012.

Our first activity was Archery; Jamie (M), our instructor, gave the safety brief and then proceeded to give detailed & clear instructions on the aspect of the bow, the arrow, the loading of the bow, the method of firing and the target. The group were split into four teams and points awarded for scores – may I say, most of us were all over the shop, but some cadets were budding 'William Tells'.

Activity two was Abseiling. The tower height was approx. 20-25m

and cadets found new skills and surprised themselves.

The Dual Flying Fox was our next activity. Again this was an activity from 20m or more above the ground, with two lines, side by side. You had to climb the stairs, step-up into the stalls, have your harness checked, traveller hooked to the line and just like the races, the gates open and apart from a short ramp in front of you (which you are told, you may slide down, walk down and step off or just run and jump), there is nothing in front of you.

The trip takes little time at all before you hit the stopper, slide back and get caught by the instructor or cadet from the previous run. – great fun and enjoyed by all.

Activity Four was The Leap of Faith. We arrived at the site to be greeted by four telegraph poles. The tops of the poles were at around 15m; the next platform was at 9m and 7m. The instructor asked for two volunteers and proceeded to instruct all in the method of putting on the harness (full body type) – and how to approach the event.

Two belaying lines are attached to the harness, controlled by your teammates, with two teams per person. They take up the slack as you climb and let you down after you fall. You climb up a ladder then climb the pole using the rings supplied till you reach the top.

With nothing to hold onto, except the lines that are your safety lines, you place first one foot on the top of the telegraph pole and slowly place the other alongside of it and gently but firmly stand upright – on something the size of a dinner plate. Then you leap on command for the

trapeze (which is in front of you). If successful, you hang till told to let go. If not, you fall, relying on the belaying team to do their job correctly. Hence – "The Leap of Faith".

All the cadets participated and my congratulations on a display of great courage; for it was no small feat.

Sunday 24th June 2012

Two activities were left for my team - the Team Challenge, and the Giant Swing.

The team challenge has a team of four, and confronts and overcomes a series of obstacles that increase in difficulty and height from the ground. – It is only by working together as a team, that the obstacle is overcome.

The Giant Swing involved climbing a stepladder to reach the harness clipping mechanism. The ladder is pulled away and you are suspended about 1.5 to 2m above the ground. From here you are in the hands of the cadets. They are the manpower to haul you to the dizzy heights of horizontal to the ground, some 12 to 15 metres in the air.

As their FLOTCOM, I congratulate the cadets from Training Ships ARMIDALE, RUSHCUTTER, CULGOA, VENDETTA, SHROPSHIRE & LISMORE for the conduct, attitude and approach to the week-end. Thanks also to the staff for their supervision and participation, ensuring that we had an incident-free week-end.

Many thanks to the INVESTIGATOR Flotilla FSO LEUT Peter Grogan RANR, DANC CMDR Bob Heffey and staff - a Bravo Zulu for the initial and background effort to ensure the week-end happened.



TS GLADSTONE's been very busy

SBLT Garth Schmith, ANC - XO, TS GLADSTONE

At our annual weekend camp at Cania Gorge in late May, Cadets had a great time participating in abseiling (a first for many), orienteering, bush walking along some of the dedicated trails through the Gorge. They also took part in a mock team rescue/evacuation drill run by the Unit's Leading Hands and supervised by Staff.

In the late afternoons, there was wild bird/parrot feeding and a camp fire to finish off the day.

On the same weekend, four Cadets from Gladstone joined with other Cadets of Daring Flotilla, for an overnight sail on the 'South Passage'. All had a turn on the helm and found that steerage of a "Tall Ship" is nothing like that of a car. There were many activities; raising sail, knot olympics and a turn at the capstan to bring up the anchor, keeping mind and body active.

Early June saw our Support Committee run a very successful Ham/Steak Burger Stand at Gladstone's 'Ecofest'. Cadets and Staff were on hand to give them a hand.

Our Unit Mascot, L/S Edward.E.Bruin (aka Ted.E. Bear) was photographed gallivanting about the Festival; turning up at all the different display stands and food stalls. He was finally caught and taken home for a good clean up.

Gladstone's Multicultural Festival was on again this year in early August and again TS Gladstone was supervising the car parking. Entry was by gold coin donation and with the support from several Parents Committee members, by the end of the day Cadets had raised a handsome amount of funds to go towards the purchase of drums for our budding

drum corps and four cutlasses to be used for ceremonial drill.

On Saturday 18th, our Cadets participated in the Vietnam Veterans Day

Memorial Service, forming the flag raising party and laying a wreath. Their efforts were greatly appreciated by all who attended.



VANCOUVER canoes the Frankland River

CDT SMN Lloyd, TS VANCOUVER

In early August, the cadets and staff of TS Vancouver embarked on a challenging and adventurous journey to Walpole. We left Albany at 1830 and travelled to our first campsite for the night. When we arrived we set up our tents and started to rug up for the night. We built fires, cooked dinners and prepared ourselves for a cold night under a starry sky.

In the morning we rose out of bed as the sun was rising over the hill and huddled around what was left of the fire. When everyone had finished packing up we drove into the Nornalup and Walpole national park where we launched our canoes in to the Frankland River.

We then paddled for an hour up to Monastery Landing where we had morning tea and went for a spot of fishing. The scenery was beautiful and Monastery Landing had certainly lived up to its name. In March 1910 James Mitchell lead a group of surveyors up the Frankland River, overwhelmed by the majestic beauty and solitude of the river and surrounding forest, a surveyors assistant gasped and said "its as quiet as a Monastery".

We then hopped back into our canoes and paddled back down the river and past where we entered and past the private jetties on the bank of the river. We stopped at Nornalup and had lunch at the park before

continuing on down the river, under the bridge and to our next campsite.

As night approached cadets went fishing, made dinner and warmed

up. When we had all gathered round the fire our senior cadets suggested we play ships and lighthouses. Most cadets played and those who didn't sat by the fire toasting marshmallows. We all had a much warmer night and a lot of laughs.

The next day we embarked on the most challenging section of our mission. We woke to the sound of rain but it was much warmer than the night before.. As soon as we were out on the water we became aware of what we would be facing. The rain was bucketing down, the wind was slowing our progression and the current was moving us backwards.

We paddled down to the inlet and through a narrow passage to the inlet where paddling got a lot harder. We tried to keep no more than 100m from the shore but our canoeing skills were definitely put to the test as we paddled across the bay to Coalminers Beach. During our paddle a friendly dolphin watched over us to make sure we did not get into too much trouble. When we reached our destination we were wet and exhausted, though we were pleased to arrive to real toilets and the bus that would take us home.

After a quick lunch we were back in the bus and driving back to Albany, passing our previous stops the day before. We may have been exhausted from canoeing and aching from paddling but we had a great weekend together.



Setting off up the Frankland River



CDT SMN Lloyd and CDT AB Lees coming into Nornalup for lunch



Paddling in to Nornalup for lunch

TS WALRUS 'wows' them at Avalon

LEUT Tracey Hagan, ANC ~ CO, TS WALRUS

TS WALRUS headed to Sydney to, amongst other things, participate in the Avalon Tattoo.

When we first arrived at the James Craig (JC), it was a funny sight to see 40 people walking with huge luggage bags to a Tall Ship, including 20 SLR weapons! Cadets were now thinking! "Where were we going to fit?" Not only that, "how were we going to plug in our phones?" Even funnier, one of the staff bought her straightening iron!! I had to laugh at that one! We had to experience the loading of luggage the old fashioned way, by net and cadet muscle power, my luggage was included in this exercise, lucky I trust my cadets!! We thought a few bags may go into the drink but they managed the transfer with huge success.

We then headed to the Maritime Museum in the Harbour; a quick march around the lakeside in our designer tracksuits caught the eyes of the locals. We split into four groups and let the cadets tour the submarine class Oberon, Destroyer Escort and the Museum; these had the cadets thirsty for history and knowledge.

We now had to begin our activities on the Tall Ship - tours and safety briefs, mounting and securing of the hammocks. The cadets were not too fond of having everyone sleeping within the great big space together; we still separated one side for females and one side for males,

but that too was close for some, staff too were within the space but opted for old wooden bunks. We had one cadet fall off her hammock although not whilst sleeping (no damage done) - she was simply trying to get comfortable. Scrان was not too far away - rat stew and rice.



We then moved onto navigations and charts in the old ways. We offered to show the staff of the JC the purpose of our arrival in Sydney, luckily the ship was moored next to a big park. The cadets showed off their drill display, which also gave

catching the public eye's attention and even had a small crowd of admirers. The staff of the JC were very impressed and applauded the cadets loudly. Then off to the showers, we only had two showers between 40 people, not an easy task I tell you!

The big day!! Had to be raining didn't it, seems to be a "Walrus Curse" - any big event it rains; well I wasn't going to let the rain ruin our parade. The cadets were free to roam the fair until our march and display time.

We had every cadet in high spirits even though the weather was YUK! Luckily we had a room for us to rest in all day to keep us out of the rain - thank you to the RSL group of Avalon.



The March was a complete success and the town of Avalon made us feel so welcome by cheering us on as we marched past. We then had our first display; it was a little behind time as a Helicopter was taking longer to take off than anticipated and we had to wait for that.

one more opportunity for a practice run before the big day, they were

I am glad to say that we pulled the same crowd and more with our event. The crowd just stopped and didn't move the whole

TS WALRUS at Avalon (cont'd)

time our cadets were doing their drill, I was so proud.

Then the second display, wow, just when I thought it couldn't get any better. I was standing behind the dignitaries and I was listening to the kind and supporting comments! The Head of Army Cadets Officer asked me if he could clap; my response was: "please, do clap in appreciation" from then on he clapped practically the whole way through it.

Mrs Bronwyn Bishop, MP, was also clapping and saying things like "WOW" and "Very impressive". Even though the cadets made a few errors, I know the crowd didn't notice, and didn't care as they were in awe of the event and loved every moment of it. The best moment of all was the speech from CDRE Geoff Geraghty, AM, RAN to the cadets and staff; he thanked us for providing him with a magic display.

Cadets that were not involved in the drill assisted by opening doors for dignitaries including Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO, Captain John Vandyke,

RAN and Major General Paul Brereton, AM, RFD.

With not much time to stick around to celebrate we were back on the bus to the JC and home for seagull stew, very tasty after a long day in the horrible rain. We had an early lights out due to the exhausting day; the cadets had done a great event and were keen to hit the hammocks.

Up early, to a beautiful day of course! We scrubbed the decks, hoisted the sails and tied some knots before heading to HMAS SUCCESS and Garden Island for a private tour.

Staff from the HMAS SUCCESS and duty officers from HMAS KUT-

TABUL provided the cadets with a wonderful tour with lots of naval knowledge and history. Cadets made contacts with Navy personnel to assist those that are currently thinking of joining the RAN, so thank you to you all; it was well planned and timed activity. We tried to sneak a peek at the Armoury but ran out of time.

Then back on the bus to head home, what a whirlwind tour, event and adventure. The freezing cold days and rain didn't ruin a thing, it made it a momentous and magic trip for TS WALRUS cadets and staff; I know every single cadet enjoyed it and got something exciting out of it.



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TS MORROW visits HMAS STIRLING

LEUT Anthony Desmond, ANC ~ CO, TS MORROW

Australian Navy Cadets from TS MORROW have just returned from a stay at HMAS Stirling, the Royal Australian Navy's base on Garden Island.

Executive Officer Sub Lieutenant ANC Rochelle Desmond said the visit gave the cadets a behind the scenes experience that not many other people get the chance to do. "Many of the activities we took part in are in secure areas because of the equipment they contain, even going on to Garden Island is restricted", she said

The TS MORROW cadets from Geraldton were joined by cadets from TS PILBARA in Port Hedland and all agreed that one of the highlights was meeting the Clearance Divers. "Clearance Divers are the navy's specialists in areas such as underwater repairs and demolitions, explosive disposal and counter – terrorism." said SBLT Desmond, "This means they have an amazing range of equipment such as the bomb disposal suit and diving equipment."

Another favourite activity was the submarine simulator where the cadets experienced a submarine flooding and an emergency ascent to the surface. Cadet Wasim Penny said "the angle that the sub simulator went up made it hard to stand; it is pretty amazing to actually experience what the submarines can do."

Cadet Travis Petford said that his favourite was the vis-

it to the ship survival school where cadets learnt how the navy fights floods and fires on ships. "The flood control training centre is even built on an angle to simulate the listing that happens when a ship is flooded."

Other activities the cadets took part in included a tour of an Oberon class submarine, the HMAS Stirling museum, eating in the Junior Sailors Mess and turtle feeding.



Cadets with HMAS WARRAMUNGA in background



CDT RCT Mikayla Collins descends through the hatch in the fire fighting training section



CDT LS Kurt Christie wearing the bomb disposal equipment used by clearance divers in places such as Afghanistan

Sydney and Canberra visit by two Qld Units

**LEUT Wendy Broxham, ANC & LEUT Warren Gardner, ANC
CO's (respectively) - TS GAYUNDAH and TS TOOWOOMBA**

In late June, cadets and staff from TS GAYUNDAH and TS TOOWOOMBA left Brisbane for a 7 day adventure to Sydney and Canberra.

First stop in Sydney was the Maritime Museum. The CO of TS TOOWOOMBA, LEUT Warren Gardner, served on HMAS ONSLOW meaning that those in his group on the tour were treated to an in-depth explanation about the submarine.

The next day we were very privileged to be able to visit the Bridge Simulator at HMAS WATSON. The cadets had a great time especially when the LS operator had a DDG travelling at 200 knots. They then had a PT session, which was a lot of fun.

In the afternoon we visited HMAS NEWCASTLE and the chapel on Garden Island. HMAS CHOULES was in port which some of the cadets had already been lucky enough to tour when she was in Brisbane.

From Sydney we travelled on to a very cold Canberra. A highlight for the cadets was a visit to ADFA and the opportunity to have a go on the high ropes course over the pool. Four cadets managed to complete the course including one female which is a great effort as it takes good upper body strength and a great deal of determination to get around the course.



Cadets on the Bridge Simulator at HMAS WATSON



On the high ropes course at ADFA



*Cadets with Senator the Hon. David Feeney,
Parliament Secretary for Defence*

We spent a day at the War Memorial which included a wreath laying ceremony at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and forming up for the daily 5pm closing ceremony.

The ANC National Commander, Captain John Gill, ANC also joined us for dinner and a question and answer session with the cadets.

We also visited Questacon, the Royal Australian Mint, and the CSIRO Deep Space Tracking Station, concluding our week with a trip to Parliament House to meet Senator the Hon. David Feeney who is the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence specifically looking after cadets.

He graciously spent a considerable amount of time talking to the cadets and answering questions before taking us on a tour to the Senate Chamber.

Another overnight trip on the bus and 49 very tired people went home for a sleep. The cadets dress, bearing, and demeanour was constantly commented on wherever we stayed and visited. BZ to the cadets of TS GAYUNDAH and TS TOOWOOMBA.

VENDETTA's WET ACT

LEUT Cassandra Cole, ANC ~ CO, TS VENDETTA

Cadets from TS VENDETTA took part in their week-long ACT in April this year.

Despite the rain all week, everyone had a wonderful time although it did involve some late night moving cadets from tents which were leaking. It all added to the fun!

During this time, cadets participated in First Aid, Leadership and Management, Power Boating, GT and Sailing.

There was a Drum Corp taught by CPOCIS Nathan Cole which all cadets passed which is a credit to their determination as some had never held a drumstick before.



Drum Corp at South West Rocks Gaol



Ceremonial Sunset at TS CULGOA

Cadets also participated in a Ceremonial Sunset at TS CULGOA.

Also in April, TS VENDETTA,

along with the AAC from Coffs Harbour, provided Cenotaph personnel for Sawtell and Woolgoolga ANZAC Day services.



CDT LS Rachel Mehlert, Guard Commander at the Sawtell ANZAC Day service

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