

# welcome onboard

**Australian Navy Cadet News**  
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## Tri-Service Graduation Parade

*LEUT Graeme Palmer ANC*  
*Commanding Officer, TS VANCOUVER*

TS VANCOUVER, 505 Army Cadets and 705 Squadron City of Albany Australian Air Force Cadets have been conducting a combined tri-service graduation parade at the Princess Royal Fortress, Albany for over 25 years.

The very first parade was hosted by the Air Force Cadets which was lucky enough to include a fly past and demonstration by aircraft from RAAF Pearce. The 2018 Parade saw the Army Cadet Pipe Band join us and provided the music for the parade.

Many thanks also go the Princess Royal Fortress Gun Crew for providing a gun salute on the completion of the Advance and Review.



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## Moreton Flotilla Boatwork ACT January 2019

*LEUT Peter Dickson ANC*  
*TS WALRUS*

Moreton Flotilla held a Boating ACT at TS PALUMA for those who were not involved in the Flotilla Promotions Courses being held at Enogera Army Base.

Cadets and staff enjoyed fair weather for most of the camp, with activities and lessons on various aspects of Sailing, Canoeing, and Power Boating. On one afternoon, the Sailing group was confined to shore-based lessons, due to the strength of the wind.

Midweek saw three separate groups of cadets being shown through the local VMR facilities next door to the unit. cadets were shown the Radio Room, the boat shed with the RESCUE RHIB, and the main Work Boat at the pontoon.







## Swim Test up North

*LEUT Jane Reptik ANC  
CO TS DARWIN*

Each year Australian Navy Cadets undergo a swim test and TS DARWIN cadets underwent this test at Larrakeyah Pool at the Larrakeyah Defence Precinct recently.

Treading water, floating, safely entering water and swimming in a life jacket are a few of the survival at sea techniques they are taught. The test is designed to build confidence ready for on-water activities such as sailing, power boating and kayaking.

The cadets had a surprise visit from LCDR Khan Beaumont, the commanding officer of HMAS Ararat, and were then escorted by staff for a tour of the patrol boat.

Everyone had a lot of fun and enjoyed a well-deserved BBQ afterwards at the Arrow Club, cooked by one of our RAN supporters LCDR Steve Alchin.



## International Sea Cadet Association Conference - Hong Kong

*LCDR Robert Hughes ANC  
International Liaison Officer*

Fourteen countries attended the 2018 International Sea Cadet Association (ISCA) Annual Conference held in Hong Kong in November 2018. Commodore Rupert Hollins RN, UK Beijing Defence Attaché in China, was the principal guest and speaker.

Police College followed by a visit to Marine Police Headquarters.

Attendees Visited T.S. NELSON, a Cadet Training Unit based at the Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps (HKSCC) Headquarters with a strength of 60 cadets. They also attended the HKSCC 50th Anniversary Parade held at the







## TS DARWIN CADETS GO TO SEA FOR THE DAY

By LEUT Jane Reptik, CO TS DARWIN

TS DARWIN navy cadets experienced life at sea on board HMAS Glenelg, an Armidale-class ship operated by the Australian Patrol Boat Group primarily tasked with border protection and fisheries patrols.

On board, they were welcomed by Commanding Officer Lieutenant Commander Jorge McKee. The initial safety briefing by Petty Officer Cross was followed by a tour of the Patrol Boat with members of the ship's company.

After they got underway the cadets watched a live-fire exercise out at sea, followed by a very close look at the 50 mm calibre heavy machine guns that were being tested

They were then invited to fire blanks, under the supervision of defence personnel, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Time was then spent on the bridge where everyone had a great time and then they were allowed to take the helm of the patrol boat and watch the navigation process in action.

Cadet Able Seaman Gina Edwin and Cadet Seaman Tinisha Carr were surprised when LCDR McKee announced their promotions in rank at sea. This was a first for any TS DARWIN cadet.

The cadets enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by the galley, before being escorted back to HMAS Coonawarra on a support vessel, where they relived all the excitement of the day.

