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Australian Navy Cadet News
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Star Struck!!!

By CDTAB Jemma Beyer ~ TS DARWIN

Cadets that performed recently in the overture to peace concert on ANZAC day eve in Darwin, met the celebrity performers.

CDTAB Alyssa Tebag and I read the Ode on stage at the production in front of 2,000 people and were lucky enough to meet the other performers during rehearsals and their live performance.

John Foreman OAM gave us advice on how to read the ode with meaning, how to stand, where to look and tips on how not to get nervous.

After the show he invited us after the concert to meet the celebrities. We were told it was his birthday, so CDTAB Tebag and I led the cast in singing happy birthday to him.

We met Australian Soprano, Marina Prior, Boy Band, Human Nature and singer-songwriter, Dami Im, who insisted on wearing our lid. We then found out she commented on her Instagram about how much she enjoyed meeting us.

It was a fantastic experience.



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Choices, Choices, Choices Water Activity Day

by LEUT Ilse Gosper ANC ~ CO, TS COCKBURN

TS PERTH invited TS COCKBURN cadets and staff to participate in a Water Activities Day in May '19.

This would be the first time in years that some of the TS PERTH boats would be in the water and our cadets were keen to get started. The choices were widespread with power boats, a corsair, boat pulling and six "Skidoo" kayaks.

The boat pulling was an interesting exercise in team work but we finally got underway and developed some considerable speed, considering the number of rowing novices who had a go.

The kayaks were great fun, with racing amongst the more skilled of the cadets.

Sailing was a bit of a no-show due to non-existent winds developing to light winds in the afternoon, but with all said and done we had a great time and definitely plan to do it again.

Thanks go to TS PERTH for hosting TS COCKBURN for the day, and to the TS PERTH Unit Committee, who provided the sausage-sizzle lunch



ANZAC Day & Mindil Beach Stall

By CDTAB A. Tebag ~ TS DARWIN

ANZAC Day started out early, just like everyone else with Dawn service. We then took our places for the parade. Our band was in front, ready to go as they have practiced heaps and are sounding really good.

CO HMAS Coonawarra, CMDR Darren Rushworth, approached and asked if the band could lead the ship's company. Of course we said yes. We then formed up behind the US Marines and Darwin Police for one of the best marches we have ever done in Darwin. Cheered and clapped by the crowd, we could hear our families and friends yelling out to us. Staying in step for most of it, our new recruits were so excited for the experience of their first march. The news that night showed us marching and looking very smart. I felt very proud to be a cadet at TS DARWIN.

After an exhausting morning of attending the Dawn service and marching in the Anzac Day parade, the navy cadets at TS DARWIN either rested or went for a swim, conserving energy for our Mindil Beach stall for that night.

Changing out of our ceremonials uniforms and getting into our DPNU's we were all ready for our stall. Once everyone arrived we made goody bags for the kids at Mindil Beach to grab and keep. Inside the bags were booklets that told them what we do as Navy Cadets and there was some cool merchandise in there as well to get them more interested. Since our stall was hard to find, the cadets set out and went around the markets giving out all the bags while other cadets attended the stall to talk to parents and future recruits. The night was a success and we even ran out of bags to give!

HMAS Success Cadet Sea Ride

By LEUT Todd Gavan, ANC ~ CO. TS PIONEER

Cadets from Attack Flotilla in North Queensland were given an amazing opportunity by the Defence Force in June this year. Seven Cadets were selected to take part in a sea ride onboard HMAS Success from Cook town to Cairns as part of her decommissioning trip.

Cadets boarded flights from their home towns on the afternoon of Wednesday 29th May, arriving in HMAS Cairns late in the evening. They were woken before sunrise the following day for the drive to Cooktown to meet the ship's RHIBS that would take them out to meet the ship.

A couple of sight-seeing stops were made on the way, as none of the cadets had been this far north. Black Mountain was an amazing pit stop; huge black mountains in the middle of natural rainforest and then a little history on the foreshore in Cooktown, Captain Cook himself, well a statue tribute



to the man anyway. No time to stop as the WO had rung the ship who had just dispatched



show on the cadets as the RHIBS came into view.

It was a good 20-minute boat ride to the ship that was at anchor off the coast. What a wake-up call to all the cadets, a little choppy on the way out saw every single cadet get well and truly soaked, welcome to sea.



The cadets then clambered aboard the ship up the accommodation ladder and into the ship where they were welcomed by the ship's Warrant Officer (SWO). Station 9 was the allocated accommodation area, but there was no time to take a break as the cadets were given their safety brief and were taken straight on a walk around the ship.

They were then taken forward with the engineers and shown some of the shipborne firefighting system. OCCABA's were fitted and some basic DC equipment was used during a very informative session about firefighting on a tanker.

The crew were so friendly and welcoming to all the cadets from the Commanding Officer down. All the crew stopped and had a quick chat with the cadets as we visited different departments around the ship.

The fire hoses came out for a play, and it didn't really matter if the cadets got wet as they were already wet from the RHIB so a little too much fun was had when they realised you could put the nozzle on fan.



The misting system was activated on the cadets so they could see how the suppression system worked. Again water, water and more water (just add water), but not a single complaint from the cadets as they were all still mesmerised with what was going on.

The cadets then moved to the Gunnery department to have a look at all of the small arms held on board. This (as expected) was one of the cadets' favourite part of the trip. Machine guns, helmets and bullet proof vests.

Cadets got to pull the weapons apart and reassemble and go through some of the operations of their use under the supervision of the ship's Bosun's



mates. The staff were extremely patient with the cadets as they rotated through each of the weapons.

The Bosun's work was not done when a little later in the day, the cadets were asked to take part in "specials". This involved heading to the forecandle in the pitch black with cyclume sticks activated for safety and watched the recovery of the anchor before sailing to Cairns. Scran followed (amazingly good food) then night tours of the ship, bridge and engine rooms.

A few hours in bed after a nice hot shower and into dry clothes before waking up extra early to see the coast line off Cairns as the

ship prepared to enter Cairns harbour for the very last time in her Naval life.

Cadets lined the side of the ship as she pulled alongside HMAS Cairns making them the last cadets in the history of HMAS Success to sail on her before her decommissioning in June. What an absolute honour these cadets were given. Thank you to the Commanding Officer and the crew of the mighty ship Success; this was an opportunity that the cadets will never forget.



New Power Boat for TS DARWIN

By LEUT Jane Reptik, ANC ~ CO, TS DARWIN

TS DARWIN were very fortunate to receive a brand new power boat from Defence.

Cadets are very excited about their new asset and quickly re-arranged the boat shed to accommodate the new vessel. This will enable more cadets to undergo their power-boating certification, as there was only one other operating boat at the unit.

As soon as the new prop guard is fitted, the cadets will be on the water to commence sailing 1 and 2 certificates.

All are keen for the naming ceremony in August - the boat is to be called 'Phoenix' after the symbolic bird of both HMAS Darwin and TS DARWIN.

TS DARWIN cadets and staff are very grateful to be selected to receive such a fine asset that will be very well used.

