

# welcome onboard

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## **TS VANCOUVER on board and on fire!**

*By LEUT Graham Palmer, ANC ~ CO, TS VANCOUVER*

As HMAS Newcastle was recently decommissioned, I thought you may be interested in some of these photos.

By default, HMAS Newcastle was sent through to Albany due to bad weather around the Northwest of WA. HMAS Newcastle made it safely in the port of Albany and during its time in port, it was arranged for the cadets and adult members of TS VANCOUVER to visit the ship. Whilst on board, we were invited to perform the Ceremonial Sunset for the Ship. Ship's Company were very impressed with TS VANCOUVER's knowledge of the Ceremonial Sunset drill. CDTLS Lachlan Clulow did the pipes for this.

The following day, TS VANCOUVER was invited to participate in the 2nd Ceremonial Sunset at Princess Royal Fortress with the HMAS Newcastle Guard. TS VANCOUVER provide the Unit.

As part of this, the Princess Royal Fortress Gun firing team were also invited to participate in the Service as well. The photo included shows the 9lb Cannon being fired at night time.

If any one is coming to WA during November through to April 2019/2020, make the opportunity to come to Albany and watch the firing, and catch up with TS VANCOUVER cadets.



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## Cadet “Masterchef”

*By CDTPO Harry Doepel, TS SIRIUS*

On the Weekend of the 21st-23rd of June, I organised a Masterchef Competition WEP for the Ship's Company of TS SIRIUS who are a part of Waratah Flotilla.

The cadets split into Port and Starboard watch, with each watch all cooking one breakfast, one lunch and one dinner.

For some of the cadets it was their first time in a kitchen preparing food so it was great for learning new life skills. Meals that were prepared include dutch pancakes, bacon and eggs, nachos, creamy chicken pasta, chicken burgers and curried sausages.

The judges, LCDR Hancock, LEUT Allen, CPO Peters, CDTPO Corkish and CDTPO Doepel, scored each dish out of 10 based on presentation and taste.

Port Watch, which was under the command of CDTLS Rach Thomson, won the competition with a score of 120 out of 150.

All the cadets had a fun and enjoyable weekend while learning new life skills, and TS SIRIUS is ready for other units who are willing to compete in this competition against us.



*Judging Panel - a serious job*



*Starboard Watch being judged*



*The Winning Watch*





## Kellatie “Notched Prop” Powerboat Regatta

*By LEUT James Riley, ANC, Unit Support Officer - Kellatie Flotilla*



On the Queen’s birthday long weekend it was again time to head to Deviot on the Tamar River for the annual “Notched Prop” Powerboat Regatta for Kellatie Flotilla. This is the third year of the event being organised by TS TAMAR adult members in conjunction with Kellatie HQ and National Training Team members based locally, but all were ex-TAMAR staff and part of the original organising team.

This year we had five cadet teams and an inaugural adult member team compete for the trophy. The weather gods were frowning on us with average weather forecast but ended up with foggy starts to both days, but once it burnt off the days were cloudy but calm to light conditions.

The cadets and adult members participated in a variety of activities throughout both days, with scoring being done for each activity. This year all shore activities were overseen by adult members and run by senior cadets who had been either participants in year one or helpers or participants in year two.

At the end of the weekend TS DERWENT were the winners, closely followed by last years winners TS EMU.

Next year we are planning for a slightly bigger event with the possibility of one or two interstate teams being invited.

## VALE - CMDR F.T.G. Dixon MBE NRC Rtd

*By LCDR Warren Blee ANC, CO TS ONSLOW*

CMDR Frank Thornton George Dixon MBE NRC Rtd died on 26th June, and his funeral was on 9th July at the Uniting Church, Chermside, Brisbane, as he approached his eighty-eighth birthday on, as he described, a particularly significant day of September 11th.

He received his MBE for services to Navy Cadets, from Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II aboard HMY Britannia during her visit to Australia.

He was the first Commanding officer of TS PALUMA and the Unit won Best in Australia in about 1966.

He served as Senior Officer Queensland for 12 years during which time Queensland had more cadets than any other state in Australia.

A pharmacist by day, a Navy Cadet Officer by night and weekends, he was a man of great dedication, compassion and an ever-ready dry wit, having made a great contribution to Australia's youth and who will be much missed by his family and friends

