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# FOREWORD

BY CAPTAIN B.L. ADAMS, RAN

Nineteen ninety-three was a year of great change for HMAS CRESWELL. The major changes we experienced included implementation of a new command and control arrangement in January, the assumption in July of a new identity as Training Centre CRESWELL, responsible to the new Naval Training Commander, and the decision to place responsibility for the conduct of the catering, gardening and cleaning, security, facilities, fire and security functions in the hands of a private sector company. A great deal of effort also went towards incorporating the principles of Naval Quality Management in all CRESWELL activities. The manner in which all CRESWELL people coped with the change was remarkable, for both the amount of hard work done and the understanding and patience shown.

Initial entry officer training continued at the customary fast pace and high standard. A trial involving weekend visits to CRESWELL by groups of Australian Defence Force Academy Midshipmen began early in the year in an effort to increase their exposure to the Navy during their degree studies. Initial results are encouraging and the visits will continue, and be improved in 1994.

General Purpose Vessel BASS left CRESWELL for disposal after becoming unsafe to operate and uneconomical to maintain. Plans are well advanced to acquire a new vessel which will be dedicated to sea training of initial entry officers at CRESWELL. Plans are also in hand to replace the aging Endeavour sail training yachts with more suitable modern vessels. STY ALEXANDER of CRESWELL was heavily used during the year, both in sea training and recreational activity.

It was also a very busy year for the Staff Training Facility. In addition to five Junior Officer Staff Courses, staff conducted one South Pacific Officers Course. They also devoted much effort to staff training for RAN Warrant Officers and the development of Senior Sailors Advanced Staff Skills Course which will begin in CRESWELL in 1994. Two Junior Officer Maritime Studies Periods conducted in CRESWELL by Maritime Studies Project Officers from Navy Office also added to the Facility's large workload.

Another significant event was the decision to transfer the NBCD School from HMAS PENGUIN to CRESWELL. Now called the RAN School of Survivability and Ship Safety (RANSSSS), establishment of the school involved renovation of some classrooms and administration areas, and construction of a new damage control training unit adjacent to existing fireground at the Jervis Bay Range Facility. The first CRESWELL course will begin in January 1994.

Looking to the future, the only certainty is that change will continue. In 1994 there will be a significant increase in New Entry Officer Course numbers, including eleven officers from Kuwait. Changes will also be made to the way in which CRESWELL conducts single Service training for Defence Academy Midshipmen, for Direct Entry Officers and for ex-sailors studying at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology. The challenge for all CRESWELL people is considerable but I am confident that we will confront it, overcome it and continue to maintain and improve the quality of training CRESWELL provides for the Royal Australian Navy.



## HISTORY OF THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL COLLEGE

The Royal Australian Naval College was founded in 1913 so that Australia could train her own naval officers to man her fleet. Parliament decided to locate the College at Jervis Bay as part of its plans to develop a federal port here. Initially the College was established at Osborne House, Geelong, while these buildings were being constructed. It transferred to Jervis Bay in 1915, when the College was commissioned as HMAS FRANKLIN.

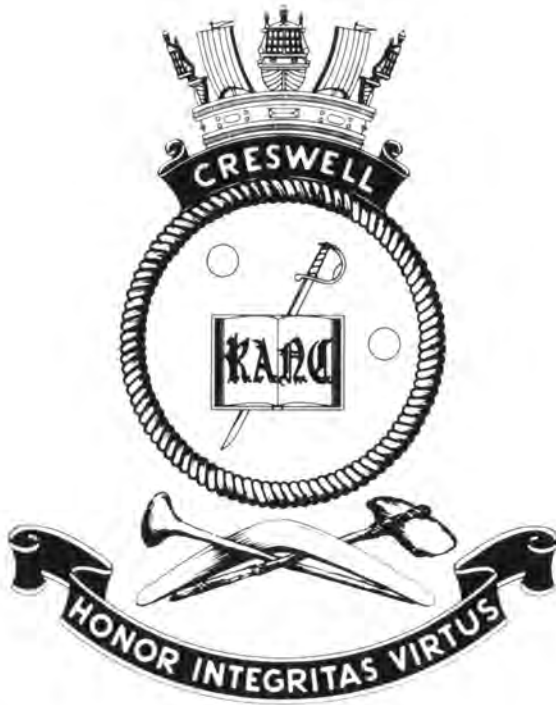
A steady stream of officers graduated from the college from 1916 onwards, providing the backbone of the body of naval officers serving ashore and afloat. During the great depression the number of cadet entrants was restricted, and finally a harsh economic climate forced the Government to move the College to HMAS CERBERUS in 1930. Jervis Bay then became a resort.

In 1958 the College returned to Jervis Bay and was commissioned as HMAS CRESWELL in honour of Vice Admiral Sir William Creswell, KCMG, KBE, First Naval Member of the Naval Board when the College was founded.

Many changes have taken place at the College since it was first conceived. At its foundation the College accepted boys aged thirteen whose four year course finished as they matriculated. Today's officers under training include those studying at the tertiary level and those undertaking a variety of professional and preparatory courses to fit them for their place in the Royal Australian Navy. In 1986 most tertiary education was transferred to the Australian Defence Force Academy and the College is now conducting all initial professional naval training.

It is fitting to those who have served Australia in peace and war alike that on this historic site young Australians continue to prepare themselves to serve their country.





The Royal Australian Naval College forms the major part of HMAS CRESWELL, a shore establishment in the Royal Australian Navy located at Jervis Bay. The College is under the command of the Commanding Officer, HMAS CRESWELL. The magazine was re-titled in 1992 the HMAS CRESWELL Magazine to demonstrate that, although the College is a part of CRESWELL, it is work and effort of all the Officers and Ship's Company that go towards the success of the training commitment.

## **CRESWELL MISSION**

To conduct and support Junior Officer non-specialist training, Junior Officer and Senior Sailor staff training and Survivability and Ship's Safety training and provide administrative and logistic support for TSG and personnel and units visiting the Jervis Bay area.





## CAPTAIN B.L. ADAMS, RAN



Captain Brian Adams was born in Southport, Queensland. He joined the RAN as a Junior Recruit at HMAS LEEUWIN in 1968. Commissioned in 1969, his sea service includes duty in patrol boats, landing craft and destroyers. He served in the assault ship HMS INTREPID during two years exchange service with the Royal Navy in 1980 and 1981. He commanded HMAS TARAKAN in 1976 and 1977 and HMAS TOBRUK in 1988 and 1989. Ashore service includes duty as the Staff Officer in the Defence Central Manpower Branch, the RAN Director at the Australian Joint Warfare Establishment and as the Deputy Director of the Defence Force Capital Equipment Program in the Headquarters Australian Defence Force (HQADF) in Canberra. His last appointment was as the Director of Defence Force Resource Policy in HQADF. He assumed duty as the Commanding Officer of HMAS CRESWELL on 29 October 1992.

Captain Adams is a graduate of the Army Command and Staff College and the Joint Services Staff College. Captain Adams is married to Deborah and they have two primary aged children.

## COMMANDER J.R. BROWN RAN

Commander John Brown was born in Nairobi, Kenya and was educated at the Prince of Wales High School, Nairobi and Elizabeth College, Guernsey.

He joined Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth in 1965 and underwent two years sea training in HMS TENBY, TARTAR and GLAMORGAN. On promotion to Sub Lieutenant in 1967, he served in HMS ARGONAUT, as the Flight Deck Officer for a brief period and then joined HMS BRIGHTON which was part of the NATO Squadron operating in Scandinavian waters. In 1968 he joined HMS TORQUAY, one of the ships of the Dartmouth Training Squadron, where one of his duties was Cadets' Tutor.

From 1970-72 he served as Executive Officer in HMS KEDLESTON, a minehunter engaged primarily in Fishery Protection duties and based in the Firth of Forth, Scotland. During this appointment he saw active service in Northern Ireland and was awarded the General Service Medal with the Northern Ireland Clasp. Following a DND0 Course at HMS DRYAD he became Navigator of HMS PALLISER based at Portland until May 1973 when he went to HMS DRYAD (the School of Maritime Operations) for the PWO Course. During this term of duty in HMS PALLISER he was involved in the bitter 'Cod War' between UK and Iceland.

In 1974 Commander Brown came to Australia for a two year exchange posting with the Royal Australian Navy. He served as ASW Officer in firstly HMAS YARRA and then HMAS DERWENT, followed by a year as Staff Officer ASW at the Australian Joint Anti-Submarine School, HMAS ALBATROSS.

On return to the United Kingdom he spent some months at HMS DRYAD teaching blind pilotage navigation to Argentinian Naval Officers. He then joined HMS LONDON as the ASW Officer when the ship was doing a tour in the Standing Naval Force Atlantic Squadron, as the Squadron Commodore. This was followed by a posting to HMS NUBIAN in which ship he attended a Silver Jubilee Review by Her Majesty the Queen at Spithead.



In December 1977 Commander Brown resigned from the Royal Navy, joined the Royal Australian Navy and returned to Australia. He served in HMAS HOBART as ASW Officer for eighteen months and then worked on the Joint Exercise Planning Staff for Kangaroo Three as Chief Maritime Umpire before joining HMAS CRESWELL as Training Officer in December 1979. Subsequently he joined HMAS COOK as Executive Officer in December 1981.

In August 1983 Commander Brown went to Navy Office, working initially in the Directorate of Naval Warfare followed by the Directorate of Naval Manpower Planning. He was promoted Commander in June 1985 and took up the post of Naval Officer Commanding Tasmania on 9th January 1987. He became an Honorary Aide-de-Camp to the Governor-General of Australia on 30 January 1987. This appointment ceased on relinquishing the post as the Naval Officer Commanding Tasmania.

On his return to the mainland in January 1989, Commander Brown attended the Joint Services Staff Course (JSSC), number 39/89. After successfully completing this course, he joined the Naval Materiel Division in Campbell

Park, Canberra on 3 July 1989, to assume the appointment as Project Director of Navy Project 1100 - Australian Surface Ship Towed Array Surveillance System (ASSTASS) and Navy Project 1300 - Acoustic Classification System (ACS) for the new Collins Class Submarine.

After three years as a Project Director, Commander Brown was posted to the Naval Personnel Division in July 1992, to undertake a study of the RAN Officers PR5 Reporting System which completed in October 1992. In November 1992, Commander Brown returned to

HMAS CRESWELL to take up his posting as the Executive Officer and Training Commander.

Commander Brown is separated and has two daughters, Caroline (19), who is reading for a BSc at Newcastle University, and Alexander (15), who is attending Merici College in Canberra, ACT.

He is a keen golfer, a trout and salmon fisherman, tennis and squash player, hash house harrier, and his interests include, vexillology, collecting hats, walking sticks, and elephants.

## LIEUTENANT COMMANDER C.W. CUNNINGHAM

Lieutenant Commander Chris Cunningham was born in Adelaide, South Australia. After completing Year 12 at Norwood High School in 1972, he spent five years at the University of Adelaide, and graduated with an Honours degree and Diploma in Education. Four years were then spent teaching senior high school in Adelaide.

LCDR Cunningham joined the RAN in January 1982 as a Direct Entry Officer. After initial orientation training, his first posting was to HMAS LEEUWIN training Junior Recruits, as an academic instructor and Adventure Training Officer. The closure of HMAS LEEUWIN in December 1984 saw him posted into a computer programming billet in the Tri-Service Occupational Analysis Cell in HQADF. This period included a number of short term attachments to Navy Office in staff officer roles. An attachment to the ADFA in November 1987 to teach the Methods of Instruction Course preceded his posting to Navy Office (Directorate of Naval Training and Education) to manage the RAN's Occupational Analysis program. It was during this posting that he was promoted to Lieutenant Commander.

A December 1990 posting to sea on HMAS SUCCESS was delayed until February 1991 due to the ship's deployment to the Gulf. LCDR Cunningham eventually joined the ship on its way back to Australia, in time to enjoy the experience of a refit in Garden Island, Sydney. The posting did, however, include some time at sea, including a workup, ORE and four month deployment to RIMPAC 92. He was posted to HMAS CRESWELL in October 1992 and is Officer-in-Charge, Staff Training School.



A graduate of the Australian Management College, Mt Eliza Management Development Program, LCDR Cunningham has, since joining the RAN, also completed a Diploma in Training and Development and Graduate Diploma in Educational Technology from the University of South Australia and a Graduate Diploma in Computing Studies from the University of Canberra. These courses have all been completed on a part-time basis.

Having married a Perth girl, Marion, in 1983, LCDR Cunningham has still found time for a family. He has an eight year old daughter and five year old son.

## LIEUTENANT COMMANDER P.R. GOMM

Lieutenant Commander P.R. Gomm joined the Royal Australian Navy as a Direct Entry Midshipman in 1970. He graduated from HMAS CERBERUS in 1972 after having undergone training on HMA Ships ANZAC and SYDNEY as well as various shore establishments.

Posted to HMAS TORRENS (CMDR H.P. Berger) as an A/SBLT, he was awarded his Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate in 1973. He served a further 12 months onboard as a Watchkeeping Officer and Assistant Gunnery Officer before being posted to HMAS HOBART (CMDR I.W. Knox) in 1974.

Whilst serving onboard HOBART, he developed an interest in air operations and after postings to HMAS MELBOURNE (CAPT G.R. Griffiths), XO HMAS BUCCANEER and HMAS LONSDALE (CMDR K.H. McGowan), completed the A/PWO and AIC courses in 1978. Subsequent postings to HMAS MELBOURNE (CDRE D.J. Martin) and HMAS PERTH (CAPT A.R. Cummins) as an AIC further developed an already deep-seated interest in Air Operations and the latter posting prompted his decision to join the RAAF as an Air Traffic Controller.

After graduating from Officers' Training School, RAAF Base Point Cook, having been dux of the course, Flight Lieutenant Gomm was posted to RAAF Base East Sale where he undertook basic ATC training. He spent two years as an Air Traffic Controller at Point Cook prior to undertaking an Advanced ATC course at the Melbourne Civil Aviation College and was subsequently posted to Tullamarine Airport as a military sector controller.



In 1985 he was granted an exchange posting with the RAN and rejoined in August that year. Since re-joining, Lieutenant Commander Gomm has returned to sea as XO HMAS LAUNCESTON, had postings to HMAS CRESWELL and Jervis Bay Range Facility and has recently rejoined CRESWELL after returning from Darwin where he spent two years as XO HMAS COONAWARRA.

Lieutenant Commander Gomm married Merryll, a Tamworth girl, in 1974 and has two teenage children. They live in their own home in Vincentia and spend many hours on Jervis Bay in search of the elusive snapper.

## LIEUTENANT COMMANDER A.J.R. KOPS



On completion of his secondary education in Melbourne, LCDR Adrian Kops joined the Royal Australian Naval College in January 1974 as a Senior Entry Cadet Midshipman. After two and a half years, which included two cruises in the training ship HMAS DUCHESS, he graduated from the College in July 1976. During Fleet time as a Midshipman he served in HMA Ships BOMBARD, OTWAY, SUPPLY and STUART before successfully sitting the Fleet Board and earning 10 ½ months time gained.

Sub Lieutenant Seaman Branch training was undertaken in earnest in a variety of shore training establishments and HMA Ships STALWART, DUCHESS and VENDETTA culminating in the award of a Full Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate in May 1978.

Following Patrol Boat Executive Officer courses Sub Lieutenant Kops joined HMAS BAYONET in Cairns. The sojourn in Far North Queensland was brought to an abrupt end in November 1978 with a short notice posting to HMAS STIRLING to standby and Commission into PNF service the RANR patrol boat HMAS ACUTE. It was immediately apparent that, compared with the waters of the Great Barrier Reef and the Gulf of Carpentaria, the unsheltered ocean waters of the Western Australian

coast are less than idyllic for Minor War Vessel operations!

Having been promoted in May 1979 (with seniority mid February 1979), Lieutenant Kops left ACUTE in January 1980 vowing he would take all reasonable steps to avoid another posting to a West Coast based patrol boat. After a brief stint in the Perth Recruiting Centre and marriage he joined HMAS LEEUWIN and spent a most rewarding 20 months training Junior Recruits.

Lieutenant Kops underwent Assistant Principal Warfare Officer training in early 1982. On completion of the course he was posted to HMAS CANBERRA and joined the ship at the conclusion of her delivery voyage from the USA. During a five month Indian Ocean deployment in 1983 news was received of the birth of his first son and a posting back to HMAS LEEUWIN. After 12 months as Staff Officer Reserve Training to the Fremantle Port Division, Lieutenant Kops received a telephone call from his desk officer in the Directorate of Naval Officer Postings advising the intention to post him to HMAS FREMANTLE based in Sydney. The prospect of a third trans Nullarbor removal within 2 ¼ years was too much for him and in a moment of weakness he proffered a counter proposal which was immediately accepted.

In December 1984 HMAS BUNBURY, the last of 15 FREMANTLE Class Patrol Boats, was Commissioned in Cairns. Having stood by during the final months of construction, Lieutenant Kops was in the Commissioning crew. After work-up and successful completion of an Operational Readiness Evaluation, BUNBURY departed the Cairns area in early 1985 for her new base port - HMAS STIRLING. Eighteen months and a new daughter later another trans-Nullarbor removal was effected, this time to HMAS CRESWELL where Lieutenant Kops served as Surface Operations Officer, Target Services Group. Vivid memories of that posting include the birth of a third child, a son, (attendance of which could not be avoided by dint of sea-going commitments), promotion and the realisation that a posting to Canberra could no longer be sidestepped.

After 14 eye-opening months in Navy Office, Lieutenant Commander Kops was surprised by the overtures made by his Postings desk officer who was desperately seeking assistance in resolving a 'problem'. Within two months Lieutenant Commander Kops had taken up a new posting on the staff of the Naval Officer Commanding, Victoria. This too proved to be short lived as within a year he had been transferred to the staff of Commodore Training (now

the Naval Training Commander) at HMAS CERBERUS.

Following three years of administering a wide variety of training activities at the headquarters level (including initial officer training), in a blinding flash of logic that had not underpinned most of his previous postings, Lieutenant Commander Kops joined HMAS CRESWELL in June 1993 as Officer-in-Charge, Royal Australian Naval College.

# TRAINING CENTRE CRESWELL TRAINING STAFF – 1993

Director Training Centre CRESWELL:	Captain B.L. Adams, RAN
Deputy Director Training Centre CRESWELL:	Commander J.R. Brown, RAN
Training Support:	Ms K.O. Matthes Mrs V.J. Hume
Chaplain:	Chaplain B.J. Yesberg, RAN
<b>Royal Australian Naval College</b>	
Officer In Charge of Royal Australian Naval College:	Lieutenant Commander A.J. Kops, RAN
Training Officer (until 28 June 93):	Lieutenant Commander J.D. Jones, RAN
Senior Divisional Officer:	Lieutenant Commander P.R. Gomm, RAN
Senior Sailor Entry Officer Course (Course Officer)	Lieutenant M.R. Hume, RAN
Instructors:	Lieutenant E.E. Cudmore, RAN Lieutenant D.A.W. Dunlop, RAN Lieutenant S.G. Dryden, RAN Lieutenant C. McHardie, RAN Lieutenant M. Rickards, RAN Lieutenant R.A. Warren-Smith, RAN Lieutenant A. Schroder, RAN
Jervis Divisional Officer:	Lieutenant B.A. Walsh, RAN
Cook Divisional Officer:	Lieutenant P.D. Walsh, RAN
Flinders Divisional Officer:	Lieutenant T.J. O'Connor, RAN
Sail Training Officer:	Lieutenant Commander B. Vernon-Rogers, RAN Warrant Officer W. Rose Leading Seaman G.P. Barnett Chief Petty Officer G.S. Harber Chief Petty Officer J. W. Press Petty Officer R. Dean Able Seaman M.S. Shaw Able Seaman J.T. Mulry
Sail Training Yacht Mate:	Chief Petty Officer I. Sutton
Survival at Sea:	Petty Officer M. Thompson
Parade Training:	Leading Seaman A. Schofield Leading Seaman M. Dobson
Sports Staff:	Lieutenant Commander C.W. Cunningham, RAN Lieutenant A.C. Williams, RAN
<b>Staff Training School</b>	
Junior Officer Staff Course	Lieutenant M.J. Hickey, RAN Lieutenant T.G. Kenny, RAN Petty Officer M. Mills
<b>Training Technology</b>	
Training Development Officer:	Lieutenant C.S. Bryant, RAN
Quality Control Officer:	Petty Officer T. Gropp
Yeoman:	Mr M.E. Halliday Mr L. Holman
<b>Training Administration</b>	
Course Planning Coordinator:	Mrs V. Costello
Course Programmer:	Ms M. Wilkins
Librarians:	





## TRAINING CENTRE CRESWELL TRAINING STAFF 1993

*Left to Right:*

*Back Row: PO R Dean, CPO G. Harber, CPO I. E. Sutton, LEUT T. G. Kenny, Mr L. Holman, LEUT M. J. Hickey, Mr M. Halliday, LEUT B. Walsh, PO M. Thompson*

*Middle Row: PO M. Mills, PO T. Gropp, Mrs V Costello, LEUT E. E. Cudmore, Ms K. Matthes, Ms M. Wilkins, LEUT C. S. Bryant, LEUT A. C. Williams, LS G. P. Barnett*

*Front Row: LEUT P. D. Walsh, LEUT M. R. Hume, LCDR P. R. Gomm, LCDR J. D. Jones, CMDR J. R. Brown, LCDR C. W. Cunningham, LEUT T. J. O'Connor, LEUT C. McHardie*

*Absent: LCDR A. J. Kops, CHAP Yesberg, LEUT M. Rickards, LEUT S. Dryden, LEUT D. A. W. Dunlop, LEUT R. Warren-Smith, WO W. Rose, CPO J. Press, LSPT Schofield, LS M. Dobson, AB J. T. Mulry*

## **JUNIOR OFFICER NON SPECIALIST COURSES CONDUCTED AT TRAINING CENTRE CRESWELL**

HMAS CRESWELL's primary task is to give initial training to junior officers. Various junior officer non specialist courses are conducted at CRESWELL in order to accomplish this task.

### **New Entry Officers Course (NEOC)**

The NEOC, of 24 weeks duration, provides basic orientation to commissioned life in the Navy, for either civilians or ex junior sailors on promotion. The course instructs junior officers in basic naval studies such as officer of the day duties, Nuclear Biological and Chemical Defence, small arms training, naval warfare subjects and a sea training phase in HMAS JERVIS BAY.

### **Senior Sailor Entry Officers Course (SSEOC)**

The SSEOC is of nine weeks duration and provides a transition to commissioned rank from senior sailor rank. The course includes training required to fulfil the duties of an officer.

### **Warrant Officer Entry Officers Course (WOEOC)**

The WOEOC is a one week course for Warrant Officers who have been selected for commissioned rank.

### **University Entry Officers Course (UEOC)**

The UEOC is a two week course for personnel entering from civilian life for training through the university undergraduate scheme.

### **Qualified Entry Officers Course (QEOC)**

The QEOC is a five week course for professionally qualified personnel entering the medical, dental, nursing, chaplain and legal specialisations.

### **Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology Officers Course (RMITOC)**

The RMITOC is a one week course for sailors selected for promotion to officer rank and training through the RMIT scheme. Trainees attend the course prior to commencing a four year engineering degree.

### **Reserve Officers Orientation Course (ROOC)**

The ROOC is a two week initial officers course for reservists.

### **South Pacific Officers Course (SPOC)**

The SPOC is a two week course to give basic training to officers of navies in the South Pacific region.

## **OFFICER COURSES CONDUCTED AT TRAINING CENTRE CRESWELL**

CRESWELL also conducts courses other than initial officer courses. They are:

**Junior Officers Staff Course (JOSC)**

**Warrant Officers Management and Staff Skill Course (WOMSSC)**

**Senior Sailors Advanced Staff Skills Course (SSASSC)**

**Junior Naval Command Evolutions (JNCE)**

**Reserve Officers Administration Course (ROAC).**

## TRAINING TECHNOLOGY AT TRAINING CENTRE CRESWELL

During July 1993 a restructure of CRESWELL's Training Department saw the formation of the Training Technology Cell for Training Centre CRESWELL. The Cell was formed by amalgamating the staff performing the Training Development and Quality Control functions. Although this combination may at first appear a little incestuous, it has allowed a more flexible management of the limited resources of training technologists at CRESWELL, and will enable training staff employed in the Cell to develop a more rounded set of competencies as training specialists.

The Cell has had a number of successes since its formation. These include the sponsorship of a Training Validation Study on the NEOC and incorporation of that study's recommendations into the training syllabus, a major refinement of the leadership and management modules of the training syllabus, development and introduction of NQM and ethics modules, and incorporation of teamwork and leadership training through the CRESWELL High Ropes Course into the syllabus. The production of a detailed work proce-

dures manual which dovetails to the Training Centre's Quality Manual has also been a major achievement which should ensure the Cell's successful operation into the future.

The Training Technology Cell will have an expanded role in 1994 with the expansion of CRESWELL's training commitment beyond initial Officer training. Future challenges for the Cell will include ensuring that training given through the School of Ship's Safety and Sea Survivability and Staff Training School continue to meet the requirements of the Naval Training Command. A continued close liaison with the Australian Defence Force Academy to ensure that the Navy component of the ADFA Midshipmen's training complements instruction given at ADFA is another important future commitment.

The Cell is comprised of POSY Mark Mills as Training Technologist (1), LEUT Tim Kenny as Development and Evaluation Coordinator (replaced by LEUT Edwina Muir on 10 December 1993), and LEUT Michael Hickey as Officer-in-Charge Training Technology Cell.

# COLLEGE HIERARCHY POSITIONS NEOC 13

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## **College Captain**

Lieutenant S. A. Scally, RAN  
Midshipman A. R. Johnson, RAN

## **College Executive Officer**

Midshipman M. O. Bradley, RAN  
Sub Lieutenant R. M. Kuhn, RAN

## **College Mess President**

Sub Lieutenant G. H. E. Nord-Thompson, RAN  
Sub Lieutenant S. C. Sharpe, RAN

## **Jervis Divisional Captain**

Sub Lieutenant A. G. Mitchell, RAN  
Midshipman A. J. Trackson, RAN  
Sub Lieutenant D. D. Kirk, RAN

## **Cook Divisional Captain**

Midshipman C. S. Tucker, RAN  
Midshipman S. D. Noble, RAN  
Sub Lieutenant K. J. Tomlins, RAN

## **Flinders Divisional Captain**

Sub Lieutenant K. A. Bartlett, RAN  
Sub Lieutenant S. J. Wright, RAN  
Midshipman R. J. Magtengaard, RAN



## NEW ENTRY OFFICERS COURSE 13 - ALPHA CLASS

*Left to Right:*

*Back Row: SBLT M. A. Coleman, SBLT C. J. King, SBLT D. J. Kavanagh, MIDN A. R. Johnson,  
SBLT M. J. Cormack, MIDN S. D. Noble, SBLT R. M. Kuhn, SBLT K. A. Bartlett*

*Middle Row: MIDN J. S. Dick, MIDN J. R. Lybrand, MIDN L. L. Brown, SBLT K. Beard, SBLT D. D. Kirk,  
SBLT S. J. Wright, SBLT A. J. Kennedy, MIDN C. C. F. Forward*

*Front Row: MIDN C. S. Tucker, MIDN A. Court, SBLT M. R. Charles, MIDN D. L. Frost,  
MIDN R. J. Magtengaard, SBLT S. J. Buckley, SBLT K. J. Tomlins, MIDN M. O. Bradley*



## NEW ENTRY OFFICERS COURSE 13 - BRAVO CLASS

*Left to Right:*

*Back Row: SBLT D. P. O'Rourke, SBLT M. G. O'Donnell, LEUT S. A. Scally, SBLT P. C. Morris, SBLT R. G. Walker*

*Middle Row: MIDN A. J. Trackson, MIDN G. M. Pumphrey, SBLT D. J. Reilly, SBLT S. C. Sharpe, SBLT J. C. Sammons, SBLT C. B. Paesler*

*Front Row: MIDN S. J. Savage, SBLT D. J. Serong, MIDN J. V. M. Bourke, MIDN D. G. Osborn, SBLT A. G. Mitchell, SBLT G. H. E. Nord-Thomson, MIDN B. A. Moorcroft*

*Absent: SBLT D. M. Austen, MIDN J. A. Pont, MIDN J. A. Harper*

## NEOC 13

### INITIAL IMPRESSIONS OF HMAS CRESWELL

MIDN Adrian Johnson

I joined HMAS CRESWELL on 28 February 1993. The first person I met was Midshipman David Frost. 'Just call me Frosty', he offered. It turned out that I was in the same Division as him and he organised Midshipman Richard 'Alphabet' Magtengaard to meet me and help with my luggage. I had the feeling I was being patronised. It was quite a good initial feeling. A week later 'Frosty' told me he thought that I was a 'dork' on that first day. Oh, and Midshipman Magtengaard never turned up.

I really thought that I didn't have too much gear with me until I had to carry it up three floors. After locating my cabin I proceeded to cover my rack with all manner of items. At this stage however, I was still moving into my 'room' and covering my 'bed'. All of a sudden Midshipman Magtengaard turned up. He was here to offer his assistance and borrow a jacket. I'd finished unpacking my car, but he still managed to borrow my jacket. I really had developed that team spirit early! That same spirit was at the forefront when I persuaded Midshipman Magtengaard to make my rack in return for borrowing my jacket.

In a small period of time I had accomplished quite a lot. I turned a perfectly tidy cabin into a perfectly untidy one, and almost tackled my new Divisional Officer as he departed the heads and showers. Surely he hadn't started rounds already of Flinders Division. He took a step back and allowed me to pass. This was my

second contact with him, after initially speaking to him on the telephone. He certainly seemed to be a perfectly reasonable fellow. Please forgive me for this observation. I was young and inexperienced when I started this course. What I failed to comprehend was that the Initial Training Period hadn't quite started yet. The clock was in its final minutes of countdown, but hadn't quite expired. This meant that the DO was still allowed to be pleasant.

Twenty minutes later, the transformation began. The bad news began to mount at an alarming rate. By the end I wasn't sure if recruiting had sent me to the right place. Had I taken a wrong turn off the Princes Highway? When I was handed my name tag I knew that I was staring trouble in the face. It was time to take a stand, stare doom in the face and then hurriedly retreat.

These initial feelings rapidly subsided. Lieutenant O'Connor turned out to be a reasonable man after all. His prophecies of pain and hardship turned out to be completely true. You can't get more reasonable than that! I discovered that the situation could have been far worse. I could have been placed in Cook or Jervis Division instead of the glorious Flinders Division. We have a closely knit team that works on mutual respect and friendship. The weeks have rapidly progressed, yet one question still perplexes me. Am I still a 'Dork'?



*The victorious RANC Team:  
Winners of the 1993 inter-Service college sports carnival on Captain's Beach Jervis Bay*



*The Iron Men:  
Left to Right: SBLT J. Sammons, SBLT K. Bartlett, SBLT M. Coleman, SBLT A. Mitchell*



# NEOC 13

## THE FIRST SIX WEEKS

by MIDN Donna Austen

Monday 1 March 1993 marked the start of the New Entry Officers Course (NEOC) 13 for 47 officers. The age and backgrounds of the officers on NEOC 13 was wide and varied, ranging from 18 year olds straight from civvy street to 31 year old changeovers with many years of experience. This blend of youth and experience was to prove very beneficial in the first six weeks and ultimately to the end of the course.

The first week was the start of the Initial Training Period (ITP) of six weeks. ITP was a culture shock for all with PT at 0600 and drill at 0630, as well as dog watch sport, divisional interviews and meetings, evening rounds, task-books and all of these activities were in 'our own time'. No leave and bar privileges were also thrown in just to keep our minds on track. The first week ended with the Pixley Cup Beach Olympics being contested between the three divisions, Flinders, Cook and Jervis, on Captains Beach. After a lot of huffing, puffing, grunting and groaning, as well as aching arms and legs, Cook emerged as victors.

The second week drifted into the third and in no time at all the fourth week disappeared too. In this time the three divisions took on the might of the establishment in another beach Olympics and once again Cook proved to be the iron men/women of the beach with another victory. Another sporting event that was to prove the nemesis of many a NEOC 13 was the dreaded cross country run. The time of 26 minutes for men and 32 minutes for women proved hard to beat, but with the incentive of leave and bar privileges at stake many a NEOC found that extra bit of guts and determination to beat the clock.

The weekend commencing 2 April saw RANC host RMC, ADFA, and RAAF COL in the Inter-Service College Sports. The venue was at Captains beach with a beach Olympics format. The honours went to RANC, with

ADFA, RAAF COL and RMC finishing in order. The highlight of the weekend was a get together on Saturday night in the Gunroom bar which raged to early hours of the morning. It was also this night that played a major factor in the demise of the other teams on the Sunday of the competition.

Survival at sea in the fifth week brought an interesting change to our ITP period. The first day was spent in the classroom doing basic survival and learning about the equipment in the life rafts, overall quite an interesting day. However, on the second day we were to have our practical exam. This incorporated sending 23 NEOC personnel out on a twenty man raft for three hours, with no food except one barley sugar per person and some water. As you could imagine it was very cramped, we were all very wet from swimming to the raft, and it was cold. The highlight of the day was that we were all to be helo winched by a Sea Hawk from ALBATROSS, which was certainly a buzz for all concerned.

In the sixth and final week of our ITP period the PT Staff at CRESWELL decided to give us some fun before we left for our training cruise. The fun involved the dreaded and unexpected swamp run around the beautiful sites of HMAS CRESWELL. Although it started out quite an enjoyable run, it ended with a walk through the CRESWELL swamp which has been fermenting for a thousand years. Not only was the smell horrendous but it was filthy dirty with mud on the bottom that came up to your knees. It is not surprising that some people came out of this exercise battered and bruised, especially as some of us uncoordinated NEOCs fell onto the oyster beds. Overall, however, we can now look back and see the funny side to it all. Although the ITP period was frustrating at times, all of NEOC 13 survived and in general had a good time.



*MIDN J. Lybrand being presented with the Pixley Cup by CDR J. Brown. (Two stooges in the background CPOPT Sutton and POPT Thompson)*



*CDMR Brown addressing the Pixley Cup competitors*





## NEOC 13

### TRAINING CRUISE AND THE FINE ART OF STEPPING

NEOC 13 joined HMAS JERVIS BAY for the sea training phase in Sydney, on 19 April 1993. Many walked up the gangway with great trepidation. For most of the course this was to be the first time at sea, and although the movies portray a very romantic image, most seemed to be dreading the next month.

Once we were all aboard and squared away, everyone started to feel a little better. At least there were familiar faces for comfort. General depression set in once again when the Junior Officers' Training Officer confirmed the fact that we were the most junior personnel on board the ship. We all hoped that fate would start to smile on us soon. Many prayers were answered when we were given leave for the night. Most of the neatly arranged lockers were destroyed in the JOUT's haste to escape to sample the delights of our first port of call. Although we hadn't actually sailed anywhere it is very important for a Junior Naval Officer to be skilled in the art of 'stepping' ashore.

The course was divided on how best to approach this new challenge. There were those who displayed a cautious approach and settled down very quietly to a slow beer. The second group decided that the US Marine approach was the best, and they literally threw themselves at the task at hand and used might to establish what was right. The last group settled on quiet dinners and coffees. Although they faced a great deal of ridicule, the 0600 run through Mrs Macquarie's Chair certainly offered their method a great deal of credence. The US Marines looked as though they may have regretted their haste and perhaps a strategic retreat was now the order of the day.

While the more responsible members of the course offered their 'clear headed' opinions on checking the following day's program before consuming vast quantities of alcohol, the picture below shows that this attitude was very quickly discarded. By the time we had reached the Cocos Islands, we were all well versed in the



skills of 'stepping'. The US Marine approach certainly has its advantages: surviving an 11 hour Hercules flight is but one of these advantages.

By the time we returned to HMAS CRESWELL many JOUTs had matured into more fully developed young Naval Officers. This fact was to be confirmed on any Friday night in the College Gunroom.

# NEOC 13

## TRAINING CRUISE ON BOARD HMAS JERVIS BAY

by MIDN Donna Austen

Before young officers go out into the Fleet, they should have an idea as to how they will be employed once they get there. As far as the officers of NEOC 13 are concerned, this was taken care of amply whilst on HMAS JERVIS BAY for their Sea Familiarisation cruise of April/May 1993.

It was Sunday 18 April 1993 when all of NEOC 13 arrived in Sydney to join HMAS JERVIS BAY. While many travelled up from CRESWELL, others took the chance to see family and loved ones for the last time and arrived by their own means. The first night was pretty hectic with trying to unpack and fit all our clothes into one tiny locker. For the females it was a lot easier as there were enough lockers for two each. We also had to fill out our Emergency Procedure Questionnaire, while others just wandered around trying to comprehend what four weeks at sea would be like.

We didn't actually sail until Tuesday 20 April, so the night before we all went out to Rockers Tavern in Woolloomooloo where we all decided to have one last night before we hit the big blue yonder.

The idea behind the cruise was to gain an appreciation of life at sea, and in particular the life of a sailor at sea. We were all split up into three watches and each watch did about a week in the Supply, Engineering and Executive departments. This included keeping watches, learning about different parts of the ship and answering our task book questionnaires. Each day also included compulsory EMA on the flight deck, unless you were lucky to have the guts watch the night before. There is nothing like doing step aerobics when the ship is rocking, and all you do is stagger from one side of the ship to the other.

Activities undertaken in each department are as follows:

**SUPPLY** - Galley, Night Cook, Victualling, Naval Stores, Scrubbing and Cleaning, Fighting cockroaches and preparing the food.

**EXECUTIVE** - Seamanship Evolutions, Watch on Deck, Lectures on boats, Anchorage and our favourite Danbuoys, and Ships Husbandry (chipping, painting scrubbing).

**ENGINEERING** - Painting in the bilge, Learning about the engine room, and working with the ETP, ETC and ETS sailors.

One of the highlights of the cruise performed on JERVIS BAY were two cocktail parties at Cairns and Darwin. There is nothing like talking to strangers for two hours and all you can think about is that first beer you are going to have as soon as you get leave. Although these nights were interesting it was nice to get off the ship and have a look at these far and distant places.

Other activities organised for NEOC 13 were a Ceremonial Sunset and Anzac Day march in Cairns, Wharf Sentry and NEOC of the Watch duties, the mandatory wash down of a ship in harbour, and the writing of two journal articles.

On Wednesday 12 May NEOC 13 were finally allowed off JERVIS BAY to come home. We arrived in Diego Garcia at about 0900 with the hope of spending some time duty free shopping. However, as usual the Navy's organisational powers failed, and the only thing we got to do at Diego Garcia was store ship and catch our flight home. But this did not faze NEOC 13 as we were to stop overnight in the Cocos Islands. In the twelve hours we were there we managed to drink the night away, have a bonfire on the beach, and meet our flight home on time.

After eleven hours cramped on a Hercules we arrived in Richmond at about 2230. It was such a happy time for all as we were finally home. However the shock of another three months at HMAS CRESWELL had yet to set in.



*HMAS Jervis Bay*





*James Harper: "If I stand here long enough and ignore him LCDR Gomm won't ask me to make him a brew!"*



*Mike O'Donnell: "Hey Kirky, these stewards look better every day, eh?"*

# COLLEGE CAPTAIN'S REPORT

MIDN ADRIAN R. JOHNSON, RAN

As NEOC 13 draws to a close we all start to look back on our time at CRESWELL and remember those distinctive episodes that we either endured or enjoyed. It seemed that ITP, the first six weeks, was a time to be endured. On our first night we were confronted by our new Senior Divisional Officer, LCDR Gomm (alias Gregory Peck); a most imposing figure on your first day in the RAN. He challenged us all to excel in every task attempted. Mediocrity would not be tolerated.

As an incentive to excel, certain inducements were offered. In the first week we were given a tour of the Gunroom, just to whet our appetites for attacking our task books with zest and enthusiasm. We were impressed and eager to leap straight to Section 3 of the task book and obtain bar privileges immediately. Alas, the training staff had other ideas and we all became teetotalers at the SDO's pleasure. Short leave was yet another privilege that kept us awake at night dreaming of a time when we could leave the confines of our new home. At the end of six weeks, we had begun to believe that there was no other world outside CRESWELL.

ITP was mostly spent trying to avoid incurring the wrath of the training staff. Their eyes were alert for any deviation from the schedule by hapless trainees. Misdemeanours were swiftly dealt with, and the saying, 'reasons in writing', was bandied about with gay abandon by DOs and the like. There were a couple of bright spots - EMA not being one of them. On completion of Section 2 of the task book we graduated to black gaiters and we no longer had to 'double' everywhere.

Completion of Section 3 earned us bar privileges, and the legend of 'Frosty's' was born in the Gunroom. Flinders Starboard duty watch supervised the first night of the Gunroom and provided bouncers, a door girl, and sterling service behind the bar.

The following weekend we hosted the other Service colleges for beach Olympics. NEOC 13, under the guidance of College Captain, LEUT Scally, did a superb job of caring for their guests, and trouncing them in the sports. There were many noteworthy performances dur-

ing the weekend, including the CRESWELL Volleyball team that displayed a certain prowess at dancing as well as volleyball.

We emerged from the cocoon at CRESWELL at Easter, eager to become re-acquainted with a more ordinary existence, one not governed by rounds at 1900 every night. Most of us felt a little lost at 1800 when we had no rounds to prepare for. We rapidly recovered from this rather disturbing side effect and proceeded with the business of enjoying the Easter long weekend.

Upon return to CRESWELL, there were fabulous tales of partying, dates with girlfriends or boyfriends, and the forging of new male/female relationships. You could be forgiven for stretching the truth a little; NEOC 13 had earned the right after completing ITP. It would be shameful to think that you had not created havoc in some form or another during first leave. The Darling Harbour Parkroyal expedition probably took the honours for the most outrageous activities undertaken while on leave.

We spent one week back at CRESWELL prior to boarding the HMAS JERVIS BAY for our training cruise. We stopped in Cairns and Darwin, prior to leaving Australian waters bound for Diego Garcia. LEUT Hume was the escort officer for the voyage and regularly checked on the progress of the trainees. He even attended every EMA session we had to endure. It was not a good idea to sleep in - even after a 'guts' watch. We somehow managed to survive the cruise and hesitantly boarded the RAAF Hercules for a five hour flight to Cocos Islands and an overnight rest. The stopover night proved to be the highlight of the cruise with many members of NEOC 13 still partying in the very small hours of the next morning. The flight to Richmond was sheer agony. That flight could be included in the list of punishments dealt out by DOs. Despite assurances from the training staff aboard JERVIS BAY that we had performed admirably, we began to wonder what exactly we had done to incur this protracted torture. After finally making it to Richmond, the customs officials welcomed us in their own inimitable way. They made it such a joy to be home.

The following Monday was the first day of the rest of our lives. ITP began to fade into the distance, as did nightly rounds and the usual dozen reasons in writing dealt out by the end of Colours. The College Hierarchy was changed, much to the delight of the outgoing members. Those of us filling their shoes could only wonder at the joy they exuberantly expressed when told of their demise. I rapidly began to worry, but managed to smile nervously when congratulated on the award.

The weeks slid by very quickly. We began to wear proper working rig and EMA fell by the wayside. LCDR Gomm became quite possibly, the most popular man in the NEOC world when he announced its demise. The academic workload increased and we were introduced to subjects such as naval warfare and naval weapons technology. There were also a number of trips

away for character guidance, EXPED, small arms training, and intercol sports at ADFA.

The final weeks of NEOC 13 were spent preparing for our passing out parade. While capable in many areas of our training, drill had not proved to be one of our more outstanding endeavours. There were threats, pleas, inducements, and rational lectures, all aimed at improving our standards. In the last week we managed to get it all together and the passing out parade was performed splendidly by all concerned.

It has been a great honour to undertake the last six months with the other members of NEOC 13. We worked as a team and developed a great spirit which was carried into every activity undertaken. As we look to the future and prepare for the next phase of our careers, let us not forget our time spent at CRESWELL.





*NEOC 13 conducting the ceremony of Beat to Quarters and Ceremonial Sunset*



## HMAS CRESWELL PASSING OUT PARADE 1993

On Friday 13 August 1993, 51 Officers graduated from the Royal Australian Naval College. This included 45 Officers who had completed the New Entry Officers Course (NEOC) over six months and six Officers who had completed the Senior Sailor Entry Officers Course (SSEOC) over a three month period.

The Assistant Chief of Naval Staff-Personnel, Rear Admiral D.B. Chalmers, AO, RAN reviewed and inspected the Officers and Ship's Company on parade.

One highlight of the parade was the Advance in Review Order timed to coincide with a flypast of helicopters from HC816 and HC723 squadrons.

Among the many family and friends who watched the parade were members of the 1943 Graduation Class of the RANC. Although the College was located at Flinders Naval Depot in Victoria during their graduation, the officers were invited back to the College to watch the Passing Out Parade fifty years on. To many, the changes in training is marked. Captain B.L. Adams, RAN, pointed out in his introduction, traditional subjects such as boatwork, small arms, drill, physical training, leadership, naval history, warfare, etc are still important and taught, however, other subjects such as management studies, Naval Quality Management, and a wide range of administration matters relevant to today's community expectations of naval officers are given equal standing.

The Reviewing Officer presented the graduating class with certificates and then awarded the following prizes:

**United Services Institute of Victoria Prize** - Awarded to the member of the NEOC Graduating Class who has shown exemplary Officer Development during the course. The recipient should provide an example of all that the RANC strives to inculcate in Junior Officers Under Training. It is awarded to the Trainee Officer who is seen as having best met all the

ideals of bearing, conduct, performance of duty, teamwork, leadership and character befitting a Naval Officer.

**Recipient:** Sub Lieutenant Angus G. Mitchell, RAN.

**Commodore Sir James Ramsay Prize** - Awarded to the member of the Graduating Class for the best academic performance during the New Entry Officers Course (NEOC). The recipient is determined by the highest average overall formally assessed subjects.

**Recipient:** Lieutenant Steve A. Scally, RAN.

**W.H. Harrington Prize** - Awarded to the member of the Senior Sailor Entry Officers Course for the best academic performance during the course. The recipient is determined by the highest average overall formally assessed subjects.

**Recipient:** Lieutenant Graham Creedon, RAN.

**Naval Historical Society Prize** - Awarded to the member of the NEOC Graduating Class for writing the best researched Naval History assignment by an officer during the New Entry Officer Course. This prize was presented by Captain Hinchliffe, DSC, RAN (Rtd).

**Recipient:** Midshipman Matthew O. Bradley, RAN.

**Governor-General's Cup** - Awarded to the member of the Graduating Class who demonstrated the best overall individual sporting performance during NEOC.

**Recipient:** Midshipman James R. Lybrand, RAN.

The 1993 Passing Out Parade concluded with afternoon tea in the College Mess. The Passing Out Parade was the highlight of the graduation activities and was enjoyed by all who witnessed it. Other graduation celebrations included a spectacular Ceremonial Sunset, a Cocktail Party and Graduation Ball.



*Left to Right:  
CAPT B. Adams, MIDN M. Bradley, MIDN J. R. Lybrand, SBLT A. G. Mitchell, LEUT S. A. Scally,  
RADM Chalmers*



*MIDN J. Lybrand receiving the Governor-General's cup from ACPERS-N RADM Chalmers the Reviewing Officer*



*MIDN M. Bradley being presented the Naval Historical Society Prize by CAPT. L. M. Hinchliffe DSC, RAN (Rtd)*



# **PARADE STATE**

## **PARADE COMMANDER**

Sub Lieutenant A. G. Mitchell, RAN

## **GUARD**

### **Officer of the Guard**

Lieutenant S. A. Scally, RAN

### **Second Officer of the Guard**

Midshipman R. J. Magtengaard, RAN

## **PETTY OFFICERS OF THE GUARD**

Midshipman A. R. Johnson, RAN

Sub Lieutenant J. W. Goedecke, RAN

## **COLOUR PARTY**

### **Colour Officer**

Sub Lieutenant K. J. Tomlins, RAN

### **Officer-in-Charge Party**

Sub Lieutenant D. J. Serong, RAN

### **Colour Escorts**

Midshipman J. A. Harper, RAN

Sub Lieutenant G. H. E. Nord-Thomson, RAN

# ADDRESS BY REAR ADMIRAL D.B. CHALMERS, AO RAN ASSISTANT CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF - PERSONNEL

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL COLLEGE PASSING OUT PARADE  
FRIDAY 13 AUGUST 1993

Captain and Mrs Adams, distinguished guests, families and friends, members of the graduation class of 1943 and their ladies, officers and ships company of HMAS CRESWELL, thank you for your kind introduction.

It is a great honour and pleasure for me to return to CRESWELL today as the Reviewing Officer and to present the prizes. For me it completes a full circle on this Parade Ground, as I was a participant in the first three Passing Out Parades which took place on this oval after the College's return in 1958.

The Naval College has always maintained its own special standards through traditional use of grassed Parade Grounds. Today, I think you will all agree, we have seen a fine group of young Australians maintain that tradition.

The Naval College Passing Out Parade is an important milestone in an officer's career and I am pleased to see such a large gathering of official guests, both from the local community, industry and the Services.



I especially wish to welcome the families and friends of the graduates. Your presence here means a great deal to the graduates and to us all. To the families, I also welcome you to the broader Naval family - a family, we support so that those who keep the home fires burning will be well looked after.

And now to our special guests, the Graduating Class of 1943. During their time at the Naval College the clouds of war hung heavily over Australia. Much of our Navy was serving in the European theatre in the early days. After the Japanese entered the war the danger to Australia resulted in a focus on action in the Pacific.

For the Japanese armed forces, the flood tide of conquest had been reached by April 1942. By the time our 1943 graduates reached their final year at the Naval College the outer defences that the Japanese had improvised to guard their newly won Empire were crumbling. Allied victories in the Solomon Islands and New Guinea had pricked the balloon of Japanese military invincibility and forced them to the unpalatable role of the defensive. By late 1943 the Japanese Navy was losing warships at a faster rate than they could be replaced.

In the 1943 graduates final year the RAN remained busy in the European theatre as well. Fifty years ago on this very day, 35 German Heinkel torpedo bombers attacked a convoy escorted by HMA Ships GAWLER, IPSWICH, LISMORE and MARYBOROUGH in the straits of Gibraltar. Two merchant ships were hit but reached port safely. The escorts shot down nine attackers.

Closer to home our guests final year at the College saw 14 ships torpedoed off South Eastern Australia.

The year of 1943 left the Naval College with, I would imagine, a degree of apprehension in hazardous but somewhat professionally exciting times. Those with us today have shown their success in the Service, in industry and in the legal profession. The two Admirals present

both suffered me as their navigating officer during their careers.

And now to today's graduates. I congratulate you on passing your respective courses. You are entering the Fleet at an exciting time.

Over the last few years, in addition to our normal deployments through South East Asia and our patrol and response duties around the Australian coast line, we have deployed our ships to the Arabian Gulf, to the Red Sea, where we still have a ship serving, and, to the coast of Africa in support of our forces in Somalia. Additionally, we have people in Cambodia, in Middle East countries - including Iraq; and in Somalia.

Our fleet is growing. The Seahawk helicopters were proved in the Gulf conflict. The first of the Collins Class Submarines will be launched on the 28th of this month. The 6th FFG, HMAS NEWCASTLE, is due to commission in December and construction of the first ANZAC ships is well under way.

Looking further down the track the Fleet will be joined by new mine counter measure ships and, in time, possibly by a new class of offshore patrol combatant, by more helicopters and a training and helicopter support ship.

The Navy has an important role to play in the protection of Australia and its interests both in peace and war. We are a maritime nation - a nation girt by sea. You will have a vital role to play in our primary mission. Your duties will be professionally rewarding and they will be demanding.

The most important part of your duties as an officer will be to lead and care for the sailors under your command.

In the 82 years of the RAN's existence, its greatest asset has been its sailors. The Australian sailor is, I believe, the finest in the world. He or she has a world wide reputation for professional competence, has initiative, is

adaptable and is hard working. They will follow good leaders whom they respect to the end of the earth. Rightfully, respect from Australian sailors has to be earned. This is one of your more significant personal challenges.

When you arrive in the Fleet sailors will follow you merely to find out what it is you are going to do next. You must establish your credibility through professional excellence and the gaining of an understanding of those you command. You must know of their needs, their wants and understand the unique Australian character of those who go to sea in Australian fighting ships. It is only then that you will have gained respect and can truly lead.

I wish you all well in your careers and trust you have as much enjoyment in the Service as I have had.

# COMMANDING OFFICER'S ADDRESS PASSING OUT PARADE

13 AUGUST 1993

Rear Admiral Chalmers and Mrs Chalmers, distinguished guests, families and friends of the graduating Officers, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the 1993 Graduation Parade at the Royal Australian Naval College.

I would like to extend a special welcome to the members of the class which graduated in 1943 and who have joined us today to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation from the Royal Australian Naval College when the College was not here but at Flinders Naval Depot in Victoria. While much has changed in the Navy over the years since you graduated, I am sure that the occasion has the same significance for the young officers who march today as it did for you in 1943.

The Officers who graduate today began their training on 1 March this year. Some entered the RAN after completing a degree outside the Navy, others after serving as sailors and completing a degree under RAN sponsorship at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, while others entered after a period of civilian employment. The task of the College in the last 24 weeks has been to provide all these young men and women, regardless of background, with the skills they need in order to progress from here, to undertake more advanced studies as seamen, engineer and supply officers, and in due course take their positions in the team of men and women who operate the ships, submarines, aircraft and other elements of the Navy.

They have received training in a wide range of professional subjects, including the more traditional ones like Boatwork, Small Arms, Drill, Physical Training, Leadership and RAN Organisation and Naval History and Warfare. They have also received training which, while not necessarily new, now receives a different emphasis. This training includes Management Studies, Navy Quality Management and a wide range of administration matters relevant to today's community expectations of naval officers.

Elements of the Navy training which have not changed are the Navy focus on the Divisional system of organising, caring for and training its people, and the emphasis on the need

to develop and use individual skills and knowledge as part of a team. Ships still, as always, require a cooperative and smooth running team effort in order to operate effectively and efficiently and the officers graduating today have been introduced to that procedure in practical tasks and in many hours of classroom activities. They have responded very well indeed to that challenge.

The task of training the graduating officers has fallen largely on a relatively small group of officers and sailors who form the Training Department of the College. They have been assisted by a larger group of officers, sailors and civilian staff who are responsible for providing the wide range of support services the trainee officers needed to cope with their training and to learn about and cope with Navy life in general. The task facing these men and women over the duration of this course has been made somewhat more challenging by the need for them to cope this year with a great deal of organisational change flowing from the establishment of the Naval Training Command, a major change in the command and control arrangements for bases such as HMAS CRESWELL and, last but not least, the very far reaching organisational and cultural changes which are beginning to flow from the commercialisation of many Navy functions. I commend the training and support staffs for their fine efforts in getting the graduates to the point they are at today.

Ladies and gentlemen, today marks the completion of a very significant milestone on the path these young officers must tread towards the time when they will help shoulder the burden of maintaining the Navy as a very effective and efficient maritime arm of the Australian Defence Force. It is a significant challenge but the training they have obtained here this year will prepare them for it well.

Before they leave CRESWELL we must acknowledge a number of particularly noteworthy performances achieved by a number of the graduating class in a number of different activities. It is my pleasure now to invite Rear Admiral Chalmers to present the certificates and prizes and then to address us.



*Graduating Class of 1993*

# JUNIOR NAVAL COMMAND EVOLUTIONS 5/93

by SBLT Darron Kavanagh and SBLT Henry Nord-Thomson

## WEEK ONE - SAILING

The first week of our Junior Naval Command Evolutions (JNCE) course involved gaining experience sailing yachts. The 12 members of port watch were split into two groups, one group on the yacht LADY PENRYN and the other on ALEXANDER of CRESWELL. We sailed out of Sydney Heads in high spirits bound for Lake Macquarie. We stopped for a few hours in the shelter of Broken Bay getting to know the WEEO's favourite friend, the sea rug. It was at Broken Bay that we learnt our first and most important lesson in sailing, to pick your rack carefully. The coffin bunks aft, while being comfortable, could at times be quite unliveable, due to the snoring by a particular member of the training staff (not Blue!).

On board the yachts, we were split into watches. Each watch was responsible for the helm, navigation, and trimming the sails. On LADY PENRYN a peculiar watch system was in place. Each watch was designated by colours. By the looks on their faces Max Walker and Chris Paesler certainly lived up to their name as white watch.

On Tuesday morning LADY PENRYN had no problem entering the shallow and treacherous entrance to Lake Macquarie. This was because LADY PENRYN stayed astern of ALEXANDER, so using her as a crude form of depth sounder.

Tuesday through to Thursday was spent in Lake Macquarie honing our sailing skills. These were put to the test on Wednesday afternoon when our yachts were entered in the Lake Macquarie Yacht Club handicap race. While the 26 minute handicap put us out of contention for line honours, both yachts raced neck and neck changing positions several times, LADY PENRYN being the eventual winner. ALEXANDER's crew mumbled something about gear failure.

Thursday morning and time to go back to Sydney. With a leisurely 6 knot wind behind us it all sounded like smooth sailing. Even the members of white watch were at ease, when

without warning, we were hit by a 35 knot southerly wind. The gusts tore ALEXANDER's mainsail and broke one of LADY PENRYN's shrouds. The trip back to Sydney was uncomfortable with several members of LADY PENRYN's crew becoming honorary members of white watch.

## WEEK TWO - OOW MANOEUVRES ON BATTLE TUG BANDICOOT

The second week of JNCE gave those budding MEO, WEEO, PUSSER officers the chance to show their skills as potential seaman officers. Port watch was again split into two watches. Each member of the watch on duty rotated through the positions of the OOW, Navigator, Helmsman, Lookout, and engine controller. The off-duty watch assisted with slipping and berthing, carried out the man over board evolutions and participated in the odd damage control exercise. BANDICOOT has a very disobedient sailor on board who goes by the name of Oscar. Oscar kept on jumping overboard (with a little help from ship's company) and did not wise up no matter how many times we retrieved him (by swimmer).

While BANDICOOT is not a Major Fleet Unit, at over 400 tons, she certainly gave us an appreciation of the difficulties faced by the OOW in manoeuvring a vessel in conditions of low visibility and high winds. There were a couple of occasions when Oscar must have had a terrible headache from bouncing off the bow!

On Friday, three forty foot work boats (or as we like to call them, the sleek grey messengers of death), left the CRESWELL break-water to carry out OOW manoeuvres. LEUT Schroder's group could not keep station and so deviously asked to become the lead boat in our 'operations'. However once the Husky wharf became the aim point, speed and accuracy were increased dramatically. Max Walker showed his intimate knowledge of the Husky river by grounding us not 10 metres from the mouth of the river (during high tide).

### **WEEK THREE - ROPE CLIMBING, KAYAKING, CAVING AND OTHER ADVENTURES**

Monday saw the day everyone had been waiting for to arrive (and for some, hoping it would quickly end!) the high ropes course. The new ropes course at CRESWELL, while being challenging and able to instil fear in all, was very safe. The morning was spent in trust exercises, doing a low ropes course and learning the correct techniques for belaying. In the afternoon it was time to attempt the high ropes course. Some people were more adventurous than others, although everyone pushed their fear to the limit. Henry deserves a special mention for his successful attempt on the trapeze blindfolded!

Tuesday was a search and rescue mission on Beecroft Peninsular. This was no simple mission as the area to be searched was (for exercise) enemy territory. The search proved unsuccessful

and to cap things off we missed our boat home from the pick-up point by around 10 minutes. We would have made the 12 km march to the pick-up point but we were thwarted by a large and very c.c.cold river that had to be forded. All was not lost as we had taken sleeping bags and hooches and by a strange quirk of luck it was where starboard watch had camped at the pick-up point after kayaking from CRESWELL.

Wednesday, the watches swapped over and we kayaked back to CRESWELL via Huskisson. The weather was kind to us and the kayaking, while physically demanding, was very enjoyable. Of course, before we started we had to do capsize drill in the sea.

Thursday saw us caving for the day. For most of us it was the first time we had been caving and some found it hard to believe that people did this activity for a sport. Nevertheless everyone found the tight squeezes and darkness a challenge. By the end of the day everyone was looking forward to the religious stop at Macdonald's (they just about know us by now!).



*LEUT Catt, LEUT Rickards, LEUT Scally, and SBLT Morris onboard LADY PENRYN during JNCE*



*LEUT Rickards, LEUT Scally, SBLT Paesler, SBLT Serong, SBLT Morris and SBLT Nord-Thomson on LADY PENRYN during JNCE Sydney outbound*



## OTHER COURSES CONDUCTED AT HMAS CRESWELL



### JOSC 28/92

*Back Row: LEUT R. A. Gardiner, Mr S. Gadd, WO N. G. Dunchue, SBLT G. Church, SBLT J. A. Nolan, SBLT G. W. Miller, Mr I. Robinson*  
*Middle Row: Mr P Davis, SBLT K. Bentley, LEUT J. Ball, SBLT J. Palmer, LEUT N. E. Smith, Mr P. Cram, LEUT H. J. Smith, SBLT J. Navin*  
*Front Row: SBLT R. G. Boyd, LEUT R. Warren-Smith, LEUT A. Williams (INSTR), LCDR A. Hinge (OIC JOSC), SBLT J. Debonford, Mr R. Piper*



### JOSC 29/92

*Back Row: LEUT R. J. W. Woodcock, Mr J. A. Ebejer, LEUT M. G. McCourt, SBLT G. A. O'Loughlan, MIDN D. Stratton, Mr P. Cornish, SBLT A. M. Clough  
Middle Row: LEUT R. A. Grant, LEUT A. Lazarou, LEUT P. R. Steel, SBLT D. Brewster, LEUT M. L. Gudgeon, LEUT J. S. Lodder, LEUT R. J. Cook, LEUT N. P. Tate  
Front Row: Ms D. Hickey, LEUT D. S. Clarke, LCDR C. W. Cunningham (OIC 2B), LCDR A. Hinge (OIC JOSC), LEUT A. Williams (INSTR), LEUT G. M. A. Williams, Mr T. A. Maloney*

CAPTION A



### JOSC 30/93

*Back Row: SBLT K. L. McDonald, LEUT G. D. Creedon, LEUT E. E. Cudmore, SBLT G. R. Boyle,  
LEUT M. Muir, LEUT H. Pothoulackis, Mr P. P. Cotter, LEUT D. J. Robinson, SBLT P. W. Jones  
Middle Row: SBLT R. W. Targa, SBLT G. L. Payne, Mr I. H. Greig, SBLT R. A. Overmeyer, Mr N. J. Gillin,  
LEUT M. Addison, LCDR P. R. Hudson  
Front Row: LEUT B. G. Froome, LEUT P. K. Devries, LCDR C. W. Cunningham (OIC JOSC),  
LEUT A. Williams (INSTR), Mr Z. Ahmed*

## JOSC 30

We sent to them a letter,  
It outlines all our aims.  
Full of our credentials,  
Our hobbies and our games.

Weeks later we did follow,  
To meet them face to face.  
The OIC, he met us,  
With a welcome to the place.

The 2IC was there as well,  
At the OIC's request.  
Rumour has it he is here,  
As a reject from John West.

We could analyse the course,  
The things that one remembers.  
But much more interesting,  
Is to dissect all the members.

The senior student is our Phil,  
His years belie the fun.  
That he can have in class,  
Just dreaming up a pun.

And speaking of submariners,  
Derek's a happy soul.  
He taught us to survive,  
By pissing in a hole.

Helen P comes to mind,  
As one lady of this team.  
Whose behaviour is beyond reproach,  
Until she starts to dream.

Civvies too, seem to abound,  
Don't discount their nouse.  
Except if Ian Greig,  
Is about to build your house.

Mike Addison sits there quietly,  
Looking somewhat pale.  
It's because he is a pussier,  
And may well go to jail.

Graeme was a chippy,  
A confident type of chap.  
He doesn't need his lectern,  
Or indeed to wear his cap.

Pat Cotter is a civvy,  
Another in the class.  
Who shouldn't time his talks,  
With a dodgy hour-glass.

Her forte is her nursing,  
As Paula she is known.  
Who will be really happy,  
When her hubby's fully grown.

Rodney is a rugby head,  
Who's played in all the grades.  
He will be so relieved,  
When his haircut fully fades.

Georgina is concerned about,  
Her ranking in the class.  
So off she goes to phone,  
To fog up all the glass.

Some split up into pairs,  
Like goose and chosen gander.  
Check out Kim and Rudy,  
A 'Smoking on verandah.

And like Noah and his ark,  
Some pairs did cause him troubles.  
Like Mark and Eddie found,  
When together playing doubles.

A veritable smorgasbord,  
Of people and of looks.  
Though none compare with Zia,  
And what he does to chooks.

In closing I must say,  
Whilst we've had our fun,  
It's time for us to go,  
Good luck thirty-one.

## JOSC 31

They came in all shapes and sizes; young ones and old; twenty year men and 12 month probationary Lieutenants; the farm girl, two birdies, an ex-greenie turned civvy and the only ex-stoker in the world with a double degree; several old salts, an ex-dole bludger, the Enema Queen, and eccentric spoon tosser and a colour-blind schoolie.

We had schoolies who could write 2000 word minutes on crossing your 'ts', engineers who presented 200 word Service Papers on 'The meaning of life', health officers who couldn't tell ASW from PWD and salties who couldn't tell soliloquises from smegma.

We learnt to rite, tipe, prynt and speke reel goode. So we're now qualified to do staff work, meaning we can say anything for five minutes and write anything for 10 pages.

JOSC wasn't all work. Some went flying, others drove porcelain buses. One had his 'supply' all the way from Perth, others just counted their penguins.

Lastly thanks to the instructors, LEUT Williams - you couldn't meet a nicer American, and LCDR Cunningham - thanks for letting us catch up on the Combat Zulus during your lectures.



JOSC 31/93

*Back Row: LEUT P. Roberts, Mr A. Ketteridge, LEUT A. Forster, SBLT A. Moore, LEUT K. Turner, SBLT F. Waddingham*

*Middle Row: LEUT S. Lee, LEUT S. Monmouth, LEUT S. Thompson, LEUT A. Fowler, Mr G. McNamara, LEUT J. Hogan, Mrs J. Marsh*

*Front Row: SBLT T. Bolitho, LEUT P. Anderson, LEUT A. Williams (CIO JOSC), LCDR C. W. Cunningham (OIC STS), LEUT D. Battison, SBLT S. Lockey*

## JOSC 32

Nineteen junior officers and equivalent civilians joined HMAS CRESWELL on the Sunday evening of 9 August 1993 to undertake the 32nd Junior Officers' Staff Course, under tuition of LCDR Chris Cunningham and LEUT Alan Williams. Those of the course who looked forward to endless partying and Mess dining were soon brought back to the harsh reality as the OIC explained, and explained, and explained just what would be required from participants during the next four weeks.

'Expect not to enjoy your evenings, your days, or your weekends. Instead expect total submersion in a world of dangling participles, subject to verb disagreements, Service papers, Service writing and presentations. Expect to be harangued and publicly humiliated in a daily morning exercise known as strategic briefings, where we (the staff), identify and amplify your shortcomings - and where you (the students) will thank us for lifting you from the mire of inarticulate fools into the utopia which is confident public speaking and presenting.' And so it was!

Even so, the hardy souls that were JOSC still found time for the more social pursuits of life on

course. The sojourn of the 'Clocktower Seven' did not go unnoticed, although many of the late night Wardroom 'exchange of information periods' did (or so we thought).

Frank and Ernie, however, appeared bright eyed and chirpy each morning. Being two of the more outspoken characters on course they could be counted upon to hold and put forward an opinion on anything. Of course, these opinions were rarely different to those of LCDR Cunningham who was the first to recognise the instructional value that could be drawn from these two and their repertoire of 'beauties'. Polite laughter was the order of the day.

All in all, the JOSC was a great opportunity to meet other officers and civilians that one would probably not come into contact with in the normal course of events. The civilian members came through the culture shock of meeting deadlines and punctuality very well, whilst the Service persons gained valuable insight into the importance of the work that is performed by them. Well done to all the Training Staff at RANC and especially the JOSC team.



### JOSC 32/93

*Back Row: SBLT C. R. Wakefield, CHAP E. Burton, LEUT C. Greatrex, Mr C. Broadbent, SBLT S. Bowater, SBLT B. Clements*

*Middle Row: Mr R. Peterlin, LEUT L. Blunden, SBLT D. Brumby, SBLT A. J. Crocker, SBLT J. Goedecke, LEUT P. Naveau, LEUT M. Waddingham, Mr E. Sutunc*

*Front Row: SBLT I. Lait, LEUT J. D. Manning, LEUT A. Williams (CIO JOSC), LCDR C. W. Cunningham (OIC STS), LEUT J. F. Ashley, MIDN R. Beaman, Mr Y. Sawaqed*

## JOSC 33

The OIC of the JOSC, LCDR Cunningham, is often heard to say that students' presentations, 'contain lots of good things'. The same can be said about the JOSC. However, the content of the course is nothing without the most important ingredient: the students.

We came together on Sunday night 19 September 1993. We were a bunch of near illiterate, poorly spoken officers and civilians, who (whom?) couldn't construct a sentence with

good grammar if our lives depended on it. After the four weeks, we were a bunch of English geniuses, ready to critique any piece of writing put in front of us. Our lives have changed forever, reshaped by our tenacious instructors.

The personalities and varied backgrounds of some of the class members can best be described by the class song. It's sung to the tune of, 'Blowing in the wind':

### JOSC COMING TO AN END

*How many notes must a student jot down before they let him go to lunch,  
How many jokes must a 'Rocky' endure before Kim's allowed to go home,  
How many times must the arguments fly before Greg sees the other side.*

*CHORUS - The answer my friend, is JOSC coming to an end, the answer is JOSC coming to an end.*

*How many years has David lived on and when did he last go to sea,  
How many cats will it take for young Kath to see that their ears don't mean a thing,  
And how many years can Aznan sleep before people think he has died.*

#### CHORUS

*How many times can Brett cram his work the night before everything is due,  
How many times can Barrie preach to us before he sees it's only a brief,  
How many deaths will it take for Terry to know that too many OHPs are bad.*

#### CHORUS

*How many times does Col need to be told that people up the back just cannot hear,  
How many cosmos must Sandii read at night before she knows what a man is like,  
How many ovations must Paul get each day before he just flies away.*

#### CHORUS

*How many jokes will it take the whole class to see that Bruce is really funny,  
How much water must Rita drink each day before she 'sits' her life away,  
And how many times must Hank tell us all that to skate-board really is a lot of fun.*

#### CHORUS

*The answer is JOSC coming to an end.*





### JOSC 33/93

*Back Row: LEUT D. W. Laming, SBLT B. A. Oldham, LEUT P. Moggach, Mr D. Stoffels, SBLT N. W. K. Mak, SBLT F. Scott*

*Middle Row: CAPT Aznan, SBLT C. Cornwell, Mr M. Edmestone, CHAP B. Yesberg, LEUT G. Hollis, LEUT R. Garcia, Mr D. Love*

*Front Row: SBLT K. A. R. Bayliss, LEUT B. Legge, LEUT A. C. Williams (CIO JOSC), LCDR C. W. Cunningham (OIC STS), Ms S. Wyatt, LEUT T. O'Connor, SBLT K. E. Wilson*

## JOSC 34

Eighteen students commenced JOSC 34 on 22 November 1993 and, despite the best efforts of the STS instructors, 18 students finished JOSC 34 on 17 December. The students would like to give a vote of thanks to OIC JOCS for allowing us home before Christmas - a nice touch.

Course members were drawn from everywhere, and had a very wide range of naval experience. This proved to make discussion periods very interesting, and sometimes quite volatile - no one seemed to be afraid to voice an opinion on anything. At times the staff were seen heading for their thermonuclear weapon proof offices down the corridor - especially after assignments were marked and returned to students.

JOSC 34 was made up of the following legendary individuals: LEUT Jon 'what is wrong with thinking outside the square' Sparkes; LEUT Rohan 'this is ... ridiculous' Armstrong; LEUT Murray 'aah, but ...' Lindsey; LEUT Peter 'rough tough small ship sailor' Crowley; LEUT Barbara 'I really hate this game' Woodruff; LEUT Derek 'gurgle, gurgle, atishoo' Beames; Chaplain Peter 'bubble on legs' Tinney; LEUT Mick 'let me hit him, just once' Bragg; LEUT Chris 'The Maltese Falcon' Piscopo; LEUT Sion 'pump up the volume' Griffiths; LEUT 'are you still with us Lew?' Gaha; LEUT Andrew 'the quiet achiever' Goldsworthy; LEUT the late Steve Dryden; SBLT John 'just because I'm a subbie' Giffard; and our four braver than brave civilians Russell

'maybe I have missed something here, but ...' Islip, Hugh 'huge blister' Leicester, Dave 'go quietly but carry a big stick' Barber, and Silvia 'I am an engineer' Boschetto. Our less illustrious, but still much appreciated, instructors were LCDR Chris Cunningham - Old Father Time, LEUT Al Williams - the pogo stick, and LEUT Rob Grant - how did you feel up there today? (Much the same as always, thanks Rob).

Working for such long hours on such mind numbing modules as Service writing and logical argument, meant students needed something equally as mindless for relaxation. Enter beach Volleyball. Some sadistic sand sucker invented this game to ruin a good day at the beach. Most people seemed to enjoy falling flat on their faces in the sand. These are the same people who slow down to look at fatal accidents .... If beach volleyball didn't take your fancy, there was always the prelude to Wimbledon - Creswell. No strawberries and cream, but scintillating tennis nevertheless. Some remarkable moments in tennis occurred on those courts - like the time Mick Bragg served the ball and it went in!!!

Many tales could be told of happenings, much money could be made by not telling other tales but threatening to do so. Unfortunately, space precludes much more from being said. The four weeks was mostly fun, mostly hard work, sometimes downright tedious and boring, but always, the people in the classroom made the time worthwhile. Yeah, right ...



### JOSC 34/93

*Back Row: LEUT R. P. Armstrong, LEUT A. T. Goldsworthy, LEUT M. M. Lindsay, Mr H. Leicester, Mr R. Islip  
Middle Row: LEUT P. M. Crowley, LEUT L. P. J. Gaha, Mr D. Barber, LEUT M. D. Bragg, LEUT J. N. Sparks,  
LEUT D. K. Beames, LEUT S. G. Dryden, LEUT C. A. Piscopo, CHAP P. D. Tinney  
Front Row: LEUT D. S. Griffiths, LEUT B. J. Woodruff, LCDR C. W. Cunningham (OIC STS), LEUT R. Grant  
(CRSO 2B), Ms S. Boschetto, SBLT J. C. Giffard  
Absent: LEUT A. C. Williams (CSRO)*

# RESERVE OFFICERS ORIENTATION COURSE 28

24 MAY - 4 JUNE 1993

by Sub Lieutenant Steve Hales

The Reserve Officers Orientation Course is the first training course all Reserve Officers must complete. It was an exciting, busy time with long days and physically challenging.

Instruction was received in many different areas from RAN organisation to Maritime Strategy. Activities undertaken were pistol shooting, survival at sea, helicopter winching, firefighting, weekend expeditions and finally the CRESWELL High Ropes Course.

Coming from such diverse backgrounds as law, dental science, marine engineering, public service, accounting and doctoral student, the course underwent some rude shocks - early morning activities at 0600 was the worst one!

The course had several high points and major achievements. On the pistol range three of the course members qualified as pistol marksmen.

ROOC 28 has a unique place in CRESWELL's history. We were the first course to complete the High Ropes Course. This is a leadership, trust and team building activity which was conducted 10 metres above the ground. Despite grave reservations at the beginning, all the course completed the activities and everyone commended both the instructors and the High Ropes Course designer for an enjoyable day.

A not-so-enjoyable day was spending time sitting in a life raft turning blue with cold for Survival at Sea training.

Socially the course enjoyed the facilities of the Wardroom. A Mess dinner was held and a good time was had by all.

All members of the course learnt something about themselves and the RAN.



*(Left to Right) Back Row: B/LEUT J. F. Pinder,  
B/SBLT G. D. Howship, B/SBLT C. Shaw,  
B/ASLT S. D. Hales  
Front Row: LEUT E. E. Cudmore (Course Officer),  
B/LEUT D. J. Stagg, B/LCDR J. F. O'Grady,  
B/LEUT P. A. Trangmar*

## RESERVE OFFICERS ORIENTATION COURSE 29

### RESERVE OFFICERS LIMP HOME

By Sub Lieutenant Tom Lewis

Reserve Officers Orientation Course 29 gathered nine officers from all around Australia for a two week program at HMAS CRESWELL recently. We gathered survival was the key word when we saw the course outline prepared for us by CIO Lieutenant Andrew Dunlop. Visions of extremely nasty US Marine Drill Instructors swam briefly before our eyes, interspersed with pictures of a life raft filled with nine cold, wet and hungry survivors - we'd all done the preparatory viewing of *An Officer and a Gentleman* and *The Cruel Sea* immediately our commissions came through. Even more daunting were the headings 'Ropes Course', 'Swim Test' and 'EMA'. We retired en masse to the bar, where those of us who knew about such things but forgotten to bring paperwork to prove it set about brooding aloud. We eventually consoled ourselves with a very nice Wardroom roast dinner and the Wine List.

The first real day of our course was similarly depressing. We discovered oceans of gold braid, thoroughly missed the ironing abilities of our husbands, wives and/or ironing ladies, and met PO Dean - he of the perfect drill and perfect parade-ground voice. Coming from six different establishments, we soon discovered we had six different standards of drill. Sub Lieutenant Mark Hanlon was immediately judged the best and adopted as father-figure as soon as we learnt he had been a Reserve sailor for 10 years. After establishing via the five-minute 18" step test that most of us were mostly superbly fit we retired to the Wine and Navy Lists to console ourselves.

Subsequent days confirmed our fears. We met seemingly unbreakable PTIs CPO 'Bones' Sutton, PO Matty Thompson and LS Mark Dobson, who took us on a low level, free-fall parachuting program cunningly disguised as a 'ropes course'. Later the same PTIs thrashed our entire team at 'potika', a game which they'd obviously invented to humiliate human beings not made out of molybdenum steel. Soon we

were discovering other cold hard facts such as that some fish can indeed live in sub-zero temperatures during the swim test, which lacked only vodka to be the world's biggest martini. To divert us from physical traumas we were NQMed, minuted and memoed, and discovered hitherto unheard staff heights in the RAN. Our out of training hours leisure consisted variously of the PTIs' Circuit Training, swimming practice for the non-penguins and homework consisting of JSP(AS) 102 in all its depths. One by one we understudied as OODs. The only respites were the ministrations of the Wardroom stewards (one **medium** banana split please ...), the Blue Room newspapers and the pool table. And the Wine List. The Wardroom, as Commander Brown had told us, was indeed our home. Or refuge.

Our course concluded in a two-day optimistically-named Survival at Sea course - the question mark had been left off so as not to alarm the nervous, though by then nothing fooled us. One by one we were hauled struggling out of the water into life rafts, out of life rafts back into the water, and out of the water up into a helicopter. Without the extra protein from the course dinner we would never have made it.

On a more serious note we all agreed that we gained a great deal from the ROOC course - some bruises and bumps, but a lot of extra knowledge as well. With the integration of the Reserve, we all feel grateful for the knowledge that we have acquired which we hope will make us useful part-time members of the Navy. (Some of us liked our time so much we'll be back soon for NBCD' and so on - but maybe not the Ropes Course...). And finally, we all agreed that we were mightily impressed by the College, and particularly the Staff, who without exception we found dedicated, knowledgeable and extremely helpful. ROOC Course 29 says thanks!



**ROOC 29**

*Back Row (L to R): SBLT G. Swasbrick, LEUT D. Lockwood, LEUT R. Nash, SBLT T. Lewis*

*Front Row (L to R): SBLT J. Glew, SBLT W. Thierry, LEUT J. Bullock, LEUT I. Loku, SBLT M. Hanlon*



**SENIOR SAILORS ENTRY OFFICERS COURSE 22**

*Left to Right:*

*Back Row: SBLT C. Smith, SBLT R. Overmeyer, SBLT R. Targa, LEUT G. Creedon*

*Front Row: SBLT C. Cornwall, SBLT K. McDonald, LEUT P. D. Walsh (Course Officer), SBLT G. Payne, SBLT P. Jones*



**SENIOR SAILORS ENTRY OFFICERS COURSE 23**

*Left to Right:*

*SBLT B. E. Clements, SBLT D. Brumby, SBLT J. W. Goedecke, SBLT S. J. Bowater, SBLT C. R. Wakefield, MIDN R. Beaman*



### ROAC 93

*Back Row (L to R): LEUT P. Hawkins, SBLT P. Myers, MIDN R. Hunt, LEUT S. Venoharan, SBLT P. Smith, LEUT A Surplice, LEUT M. O'Malley*  
*Front Row (L to R): LEUT E. Cudmore (Course Officer), LEUT P. Batty, LEUT J. May, LEUT M. Rigg, LEUT P. Graw, LEUT H. Burchill*



**HMAS CRESWELL  
BASE COMMITMENTS  
AND ACTIVITIES**



*Left to Right: CPOPT I. Sutton, LSPT A. Schofield, POPT M. Thompson, LSPT M. Dobson*

# PHYSICAL TRAINING STAFF REPORT

## CPOPT I. SUTTON

The hard working underpaid PT Staff work long hours in hot and cold arduous conditions to cater for all sporting needs of Trainees, Ship's Company, families and outside organisations at HMAS CRESWELL all year round at a competitive and enjoyable level. CPOPT (Bones) Sutton, POPT Matt Thompson, LSPT Anne-Maree Schofield and LSPT Mark Dobson have had a very successful year in all sport for Ship's Company and Trainees. HMAS CRESWELL has contested and won the following trophies in the Sydney area sports (Navy) competition: Dempster Cup (Rugby); PLATYPUS Trophy (Basketball); ALBATROSS/ NIRIMBA Cup (Hockey); KUTTABUL Plate (Volleyball); and the third division South Coast Hockey Competition was won by combined CRESWELL and ALBATROSS team.

Our runners from CRESWELL achieved excellent results. POSTD Rick Bromley won or was placed well in the following events: first in the Base to Base ALBATROSS; first NSC Cross Country; first RAN vs RN; won the Sussex Inlet

6 km Fun Run; second Shellharbour Fun Run; third Shoalhaven Fun Run; 90th in the City to Surf Fun Run (44,000 contested); and 25th in the Melbourne Marathon (4,500 contested). In the Bonshaw Cup Visitors' Section LSPT Schofield came first in a new record time of 24 minutes 54 seconds.

The CRESWELL High Ropes Course was constructed and completed in May 1993. The aims of the High Ropes Course are to develop teamwork and leadership skills in an adventurous environment. The course is also designed to stretch personal limits both physically and mentally. Since its completion I have seen brave young women and men climb the high ropes course and achieve personal bests in accomplishment, courage and self-esteem. 359 personnel from HMAS CRESWELL, HMAS ALBATROSS, the RAAF, HMAS KUTTABUL, HMAS BRISBANE, ADFA, DUNTRON, Army Units from Queensland have already completed the CRESWELL High Ropes Course.

## HMAS CRESWELL RUGBY 1993

HMAS CRESWELL fielded a rugby team in the 1993 Dempster Cup, Mons Cup and Windsor Cup sevens.

CRESWELL played outstanding rugby in its first year in the Dempster Cup. CRESWELL went through the six preliminary games undefeated and were underdogs in the Grand Final against neighbours and more experienced rivals ALBATROSS. Showing the same guts and

determination that had gotten them to the Grand Final the CRESWELL 15 outplayed and outstayed ALBATROSS and won the Grand Final 8-5.

Best players were Chris Neech, Luke Thomas, Rick McIntyre, Brad Baiton and Terry Jones. A special thank you to Coach Matt Thompson, Manager Terry Imms and CRESWELL's big band of supporters.

### RESULTS FOR YEAR

#### WINDSOR CUP SEVENS

TEAM 1	V's	DARWIN	Won	38-Nil
	V's	WATSON	Drew	19-19 Lost on count back
TEAM 2	V's	HOBART	Won	15-13
	V's	DIVERS	Lost	24-Nil

#### MONS CUP

	V's	WATSON	Won	5-Nil
	V's	CERBERUS	Won	3-Nil
	V's	CANBERRA	Drew	Lost on count back

#### DEMPSTER CUP

	V's	PLATS/WHEN	Won	28-Nil
	V's	KUTTABUL	Won	12-5
	V's	WATSON	Won	21-8
	V's	ALBATROSS	Won	17-11
	V's	PENGUIN	Won	28-Nil
	V's	NIRIMBA	Won	32-Nil
GRAND FINAL	V's	ALBATROSS	Won	8-5







## SAILING

The second half of 1992 was a busy time for the CRESWELL Sailing fraternity with involvement in both major and minor series and culminating in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race.

The season commenced late due to the refit of ALEXANDER OF CRESWELL completing later than expected. Late August saw ALEXANDER involved in TL4 courses in Sydney at Spectacle Island and at the same time passing her preliminary safety checks for category one offshore racing.

Several other Sydney to Jervis Bay/Jervis Bay to Sydney transits were conducted during August to November with both SEAAC and NEOC trainees embarked. November saw ALEXANDER entered into the offshore division of the Defence Force premier sailing event, the ADFSA Regatta. After a challenging week of races, ALEXANDER was one of only two boats to complete the final race of the series; the Bird Island to Botany Bay race. This was contested under extremely blustery northerly winds with high seas resulting in an extremely uncomfortable race with muesli bars being the staple diet for the crew. The final result of the regatta saw ALEXANDER win the S-III trophy and a creditable third in the series.

Mid December heralded the start of the wakup for the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race. Lieutenant Warren-Smith (Skipper), Lieutenant

McHardie (Navigator/Tactician), Lieutenant Dunlop (Watchleader), Warrant Officer Rose (Watchleader) Midshipmen Williamson, Campbell, Skinner, Taylor and Bettenay spent two weeks sailing both within Sydney Harbour and offshore up the East Coast gaining invaluable experience before the race.

Boxing Day saw beautiful weather with a moderate north easterly allowing ALEXANDER a good start and run down the coast neck and neck with our rival from NIRIMBA, LADY PENRYN. LADY PENRYN was lost from our view that first evening and was not sighted again until Hobart.

Heavy weather in Bass Strait made for an uncomfortable couple of days with the boat heavily reefed and very wet. However, the third day was a direct contrast with light winds; ALEXANDER ghosting down the Tasman Coast and up into Storm Bay.

ALEXANDER finally finished under light airs at 0600 after four and a half days at sea and subsequently winning the Oggin Cup for the first Defence Force yacht across the line. However, the greatest pleasure was in crossing the line half a day ahead of LADY PENRYN who had wrenched the Oggin Cup from ALEXANDER the year before. After four days in Hobart the yacht spent 10 days returning to CRESWELL victorious with the Oggin Cup.





# DRAGON BOAT RACE

## LEUT BRYANT

The maritime horizons of Ship's Company at HMAS CRESWELL were broadened somewhat in January of 1993 when a keen crew of 20 teamed up to compete in the Sydney Dragon Boat Festival.

Ten men and ten women manned a dragon boat hired through the Ship's Fund and some swift wheeling and dealing at a Casino Night fund raising event. Chief Petty Officer Sutton acted as sweep and kept the crew's timing, along with drummer Petty Officer Bromley, by a steady 'Stroke, stroke, stroke' yodel.

Balancing the boat in the water was a challenge at first as the team established technique. Soon, however, the CRESWELL SPLASHERS were cutting through the waters of Jervis Bay in true style. The team trained from late January until the big race on 21 March 1993. Training sessions were conducted in the early mornings or at lunch times, depending on the state of the winds at the time.

The CRESWELL SPLASHERS had the opportunity to host an American women's dragon boat team on 11 March 1993. These women had travelled from the United States especially to compete in Sydney and had travelled to Jervis

Bay to experience some of the tourist delights of the area. Some friendly rivalry was whipped up but the experience of the finely tuned US team was undeniable. CRESWELL SPLASHERS were very dubious about the American's technique nevertheless.

The team travelled to Sydney on 20 March and had a quiet (?) night before the race. The day dawned overcast over the Darling Harbour course and some light rain fell all day.

CRESWELL SPLASHERS competed in two heats over the day. Nerves and having to paddle under a bridge which echoed loudly made the first heat a near thing. The times of each heat, however, qualified the team to compete in the non-metropolitan race.

With sweep and drummer hounding the team down the 500 metre course, the CRESWELL SPLASHERS were drawing toward the finish in second place. Within 100 metres of completing the race, the next two boats found hidden reserves of stamina and pipped the team at the post. On their first attempt at dragon boat racing, the CRESWELL SPLASHERS finished a creditable 4th in the final. Here's to an even better result in 1994!



# INTERMESS SPORT REPORT

## POPT THOMPSON

This year once again the Intermess Sports Competition has been hotly contested. As with previous years the degree of skill and athleticism shown by all participants has been nothing short of extraordinary and a credit not only to RANC but the RAN as a whole.

The first combined event of the year was the I/M Canoe Relay. The Bay as usual was a mirror-like surface with hardly a ripple right up until 'post time' when as usual a 20 kt nor'easter blew in and whipped the sea up to a one metre swell. All participants persevered, although at times their canoes resembled Collins submarines. The Wardroom, however, overcame and adapted to the conditions possibly due to their better ship handling skills and won by the proverbial 'country mile', followed distantly by the Seniors and Juniors. At this stage of the competition it looked like the Wardroom were the big improvers on the I/M scene but only time and luck would tell.

The Beach Olympics were the next programmed combined event and as usual proved popular at least with the spectators if not the competitors. Seven events were staged ranging from the hilarious Balloon Relay to the gruelling Ironman event. Going into the Ironman event the J/S on 20 pts narrowly led from the Wardroom on 19 pts with the S/S languishing in 3rd on 14 pts. LSCK Steve Cullican secured the win for the J/S with a great effort to finish 2nd behind the S/S competitor to take the day and record a psychological blow for his Mess. At this point of the competition places and points were as follows: Wardroom on 22 pts - showing early form in the Softball and Canoeing; Juniors on 17 pts - consistent form; and Seniors on 17 pts - hanging in there.

The I/M shoot was as the S/S saw it, 'a mere formality' with a formidable team consisting of CPOQMG Harber, CPOQMG Press, CPOQMG Willmot and POQMG Dean. With two holders of the prestigious X-Rifles Badge, 'put your house on us!' was the boast as they headed for the battle scene. However, they didn't count on LEUT Andy Dunlop or LEUT Terry O'Connor shooting perfect scores and the J/S bring out their secret weapons in the form of two female STDs to shoot for them. Against such adver-

saries how could the S/S be expected to win! Although they did finish in the Medals with a bronze for 3rd. Final results Wardroom 1st, J/S 2nd, and S/S 3rd.

Next came the test of strength over skill and brains, the TUG O WAR. Each Mess was required to have a best of three pulls against the other two messes and after the preliminaries it came down to the S/S and the J/S for the major points. In what can only be described as a titanic battle the J/S triumphed in two straight pulls to take 1st place followed by the S/S and the Wardroom. Points and placings at this stage were: Seniors on 44 pts - after a slow start consolidating in Soccer, Touch and Volleyball; Wardroom on 43 pts - continuing and confident of improving; and Juniors on 33 pts - who may have started out too fast and were now suffering.

Session 1 of the I/M Competition was up for grabs on the final event the Games Night. Games contested were many and varied - Table Tennis, Indoor Bowls, Quoits, Darts, Snooker and Pateka. Each Mess was required to enter four teams of two people. After two hours of strenuous activity, the home ground advantage shone through on the night and Session 1 was claimed by the Seniors. Final standing Session 1: Seniors 56 pts, Wardroom 49 pts, and Juniors 41 pts.

The 2nd session of the Intermess Competition saw the X-Country and Triathlon cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. However the following sports were contested - Indoor Cricket, Pateka, Tennis, Touch Football, Deck Hockey, Indoor Soccer and Softball. Many of these sports were keenly contested especially the Soccer and Hockey as many players will agree. Quite a few senior personnel were seen to be hobbling around for a few days following these events.

The Intermess Golf was the only combined competition played in the 2nd session and was duly won by the Junior Sailors followed by the Wardroom and Seniors. The Juniors team consisted of AB Lesavinics, Mr B. Perrin and Mr G. Perrin. Winners on the day were as follows: 1st Overall - B. Perrin 34; 2nd - PO Trenerry 35; 3rd - LEUT Schroder 36; Longest drive 2nd - LEUT Jones; Longest drive 7th - G. Perrin; NTP

6th - LCDR Kops; NTP 11th - PO Thompson; Best putter - PO Trenerry and G. Perrin; Highest score - LEUT Turner; Best dressed - LCDR Vernon-Rogers; and Etiquette award - CMDR Brown.

The overall standing of the 2nd session finished at: 1st Seniors; 2nd Wardroom; and 3rd Juniors.

The PT Staff would like to thank the following personnel for their assistance and support: LEUT Hickey, PO Musgrove, LS Rolfe and LS Newman for their efforts as Mess Sports Reps; all participating Mess Members for their continued support; and all personnel who offered their services as referees or umpires. Thankyou ball boys! Thankyou linesmen!

## NQM ACHIEVEMENTS RECOGNISED AT CRESWELL

The Naval Training Commander, CDRE P.D. Briggs, AM, CSC, RAN (now RADM) took time out during his brief visit to Training Centre CRESWELL on 19 October 1993 to present a commendation to LEUT Tim Kenny.

LEUT Kenny was commended for his efforts in implementing NQM into training and work practices at TC CRESWELL. Tim has spent two years as the lead NQM facilitator at TC CRESWELL. During this time his achievements have included introducing NQM education programs for CRESWELL Ship's

Company, and developing and delivering instructional packages for initial Officer training.

Tim has spent in excess of four years posted at HMAS CRESWELL and during this time he has worked as the JOSCI Instructor, Training Department Quality Control Officer, and most recently as Development and Evaluation Coordinator within the Training Technology Cell. Tim and his family leave CRESWELL in December 1993 to take up a posting at HMAS STIRLING.





## CHILEAN SAIL TRAINING SHIP ESMERELDA VISIT

As part of officer training within the Chilean Navy all Midshipmen are required to spend six to eight months posted to their Navy's Sail Training Ship ESMERELDA. During their time on board, the ship travels the world teaching the Midshipmen the 'traditional' ways of the sea.

On Saturday 11 September ESMERELDA visited Jervis Bay and HMAS CRESWELL. This was her first port of call after departing Malaysian waters 29 days earlier, and was used by the ship to clear Australian customs and prepare for entry to Sydney Harbour.

To introduce the visiting Midshipmen to the Australian way of life, an invitation was extended by the College for the Chileans to participate in an afternoon of sport and a barbeque. This was accepted and 40 Midshipmen arrived to play soccer and volleyball.

As expected, the volleyball was played with little regard for the outcome. All who played

enjoyed themselves and took the opportunity to get a closer look at some of CRESWELL's native animals. They were amazed!

The soccer game however, was a different matter. As this game is of National importance to many South American nations there was a matter of pride at stake. After an early goal by the Chileans many of the spectators felt the result would be more like a cricket score. The CRESWELL team recognised this and lifted their game accordingly and kept the Chileans at bay. Then much to everyone's delight, midway through the second half, the home side scored an equaliser. The scene was set for a tense finish. With only thirty seconds to play, the visitors scored and grasped victory.

The remainder of the day was spent at the Boat Harbour barbeque eating, drinking and 'spinning warries'.







*Farewell To HMAS BASS*



*Cutting the farewell cake for HMAS BASS from left to right are CPO T. Jones, CAPT B. Adams and LEUT C. McHardie*

## JERVIS BAY PRIMARY SCHOOL - NAVY DAY

Navy Day was celebrated again this year with a visit from the Jervis Bay School to partake in a variety of activities. The school, comprising mostly children of HMAS CRESWELL personnel, Jervis Bay Village and Wreck Bay residents requested that the Ship's Company organise another challenging but educational day.

The children experienced firefighting, survival at sea, first aid techniques, visited the Historical Collection and watched an exciting

demonstration from the Naval Police Dog Section at HMAS ALBATROSS. They were later able to meet the dogs and their trainers and find out first hand how they managed to persuade those dogs to jump through fire hoops, and also discover that they were not as fierce as they seemed during the show. The children also had the opportunity of sitting in a helicopter, and perhaps dreaming one day of being a pilot in the Navy.



*LS Matthews and Police Dog Matt with Troy Staples, Ebony Waine, Jamahl Ardler, Jasmin Brown, Douglas Williams, Jessica Thomas and Angela Yesberg*



*Police dog Josh needing no encouragement from LS Diffey to jump through the fire hoop*



*Getting the feel of a naval helicopter are Aimee Goodacre, Michael Targett, Kylie Juchau, Iain Fitzgerald, Caleb Yesberg, Paul Kops, Brendan Martin, and Nathan Martin*

## SALON CULINAIRE EAST GARDENS 1993

HMAS CRESWELL has continued its tradition of fine food service with an excellent performance at the recent Salon Culinaire held at East Gardens Shopping Centre Pagewood, on 24-27 June 1993.

Overall the team of Chefs were awarded one gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

The team consisted of POCK M.J. Digney, LSCK C. Knight-Barry and LSCK S. Culican.

Team members spent some 200 hours of their own time practising and worked three complete days to ensure all entries were perfectly executed.

Judging of the Salon was done by members of the Australian Olympic Team and the standard was world class.



## FAREWELL TO STY FRANKLIN

At 1307 on Saturday 15 May 1993 the Navy cast off the last line on the Sail Training Yacht FRANKLIN. FRANKLIN sailed from HMAS CRESWELL where she had been based for over 30 years, bound for Sydney and crewed by her new owners, the Army Sailing Club.

FRANKLIN was built by Garden Island shipwright apprentices in 1957. She was brought into service in the RAN in 1959 to be used to train young officers in sea awareness, sea safety, navigation training, teamwork and self confidence. Countless officers and sailors have spent some time on FRANKLIN in their initial introduction into the RAN.

In her 30 years of service to the Navy, FRANKLIN participated in many races and off-shore adventure training expeditions. Her highest placing in a Sydney to Hobart race was ninth over the line in 1963.

FRANKLIN was retired from off-shore events when the newer ALEXANDER of CRESWELL arrived in Jervis Bay. Since that time she has been used in local area events only.

Whilst lost from service in the RAN, FRANKLIN will still be seen on Sydney Harbour and in races. Her new owners have refitted her and renamed her RISING SUN. They plan to enter her into the Sydney to Hobart this year.



## COMMANDER W.S. BRACEGIRDLE, DSC AND 2 BARS, RAN (RTD) 1911-1993

News was received of the sudden death of Commander Warwick Seymour Bracegirdle at his home in England on 14 March 1993.

Bracegirdle was the son of Rear Admiral L.S. Bracegirdle, RAN and entered the RAN College in 1925. He was a keen rugby player as well as an excellent boxer. He passed out from the college in 1928 and was also awarded the King's Medal as the member of his class who demonstrated the best 'gentlemanly behaviour, character, good influence amongst his fellows, and officer like qualities'.

Bracegirdle or more commonly known as 'Brace' specialised as a Gunnery Officer and when war broke out in 1939 he was serving as a Lieutenant in the cruiser HMAS PERTH. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) in 1942 for 'outstanding zeal, patience and cheerfulness, and for setting an example of wholehearted devotion to duty whilst serving in HMAS PERTH. He showed himself to be an Officer of the highest personal courage and determination throughout PERTH's service in the Mediterranean'.

Later in 1942 Bracegirdle joined the cruiser HMAS SHROPSHIRE as a Lieutenant Commander and saw service in the Pacific in operations in New Guinea waters and the

Philippines. He was awarded a bar to his DSC in 1945 'For skill and determination and courage whilst serving in HMAS SHROPSHIRE during the Leyte Gulf operations'. Bracegirdle was also mentioned in Dispatches (MID) twice during the war.

In 1945 he became OIC of the Gunnery School at Flinders Naval Depot (FND) HMAS CERBERUS. Bracegirdle was promoted to the rank of Commander in 1947.

During the Korean War (1950-53) Bracegirdle was in command of the Tribal Class Destroyer HMAS BATAAN. In 1952 he was awarded a second bar to his DSC (comparable to being awarded the decoration three times) 'For outstanding leadership and great devotion to duty ... and for bold handling of his ship when hit by enemy fire'.

The United States Government made him an officer of the Legion of Merit in 1955 for his services in the Korean conflict.

Bracegirdle served at HMAS CARPENTARIA in London from 1954 until 1957 when he resigned from the RAN after 32 years service.

Commander Bracegirdle is survived by his wife, Polly and several children and grandchildren.

## 1958 ENTRY REUNION VISIT TO CRESWELL

On 13 March 1993 members of the 1958 Normal Entry visited CRESWELL as part of their 35th Anniversary.

Thirty-five years previously, 30 sixteen year olds had joined the Naval College. The College had recently returned from Flinders Naval Depot (HMAS CERBERUS) where it had resided since 1930.

A great deal of work was required to bring the College up to the standard required to train junior officers. From 1930 until 1957 the buildings of the College had been leased out to private enterprise and many of these had been utilized as hotels and guest-houses. During this period the buildings and grounds suffered greatly from a lack of maintenance.

The 1958 entry were utilised as work gangs for their first month in the Navy. The golf course required to be cleared of debris and repaired. The swimming pool at the waterfront was silted up and had to be dug out. Finally a cricket pitch was laid on the Quarter Deck, after it had been scythed to remove grass which was some two feet long.

Captain W.J. Dovers, DSC, RAN was the first Commanding Officer of the newly commissioned HMAS CRESWELL. Dovers commonly known as Ming the Merciless or just Ming was a keen cricketer and regularly ordered the Cadet Midshipmen to weed the cricket pitch. One 1958 entry member remarked that extra 'browny

points' could be earned by volunteering to roll the pitch with the heavy concrete roller.

The 1958 entry reunion visited the Wardroom, Chapel, Cerberus House, College Mess, Historical Collection and Gym. In the Gym the shortage of wall bars was noted, only one set remaining whereas in 1958 they had covered several sections of the Gym and were described as 'wall to wall' wall bars.

The Historical Collection was visited and many memories revived, especially as the building was where maths lectures were once taught. Memories of past lecturers, especially the renowned R.F. 'Ras' Berry (who had joined the professional staff in 1941 when the College was located at FND), were revived.

'Ras' Berry was remembered for taking cadets on his infamous excursions to the cattle artificial insemination facility at Berry.

In 1993 four of the 1958 entry were still serving and three attended the Reunion. These were Rear Admiral D.B. Chalmers, Commodore M.B. Forest and Commodore P.T. Purcell. The fourth member, Commodore G.V. Sloper was unable to attend.

Several other members reached high rank in the RAN, including Captain I.E. Pfennigworth, and Commander P.J.S. Usher who was Executive Officer of the College in 1981-83 and who was present at the 25th Anniversary of the College's return to Jervis Bay in 1983.

## MYLES HALLIDAY

### 41 YEARS SERVICE TO THE RAN

Myles Halliday joined the RAN on 13 January 1953 at the age of fifteen, as one of the original intake of boy musicians when the Navy had decided to train their own musicians. He was trained as a trumpeter and a drummer.

After completing the course he was posted to HMAS VENGEANCE for a year overseas to commission the new carrier HMAS MELBOURNE. He was the youngest crew member on the MELBOURNE, where he spent three very busy and eventful years.

In 1958 he was posted to HMAS ALBATROSS. During this posting he married Pamela, and had two sons, Larry and Wayne, both born at Nowra.

Myles was posted as Bandmaster of the HMAS NIRIMBA Apprentice Band in January 1961. During 1964-65 he was posted to HMAS MELBOURNE and HMAS SYDNEY.

In January 1966 he was posted to HMAS CRESWELL to train a Junior Entry Midshipmen drum and bugle band and to teach music to any interested students. He also worked in the Training Department. This was to be an important posting as the family decided that Vincentia was a good place to live, and they bought a house there. In January 1969 he decided that, rather than go back to sea and disturb the family again, he would take a discharge. He then went to work as a hairdresser in Nowra, a skill he learnt during his time at sea. He quickly discovered that this was no way to make a liv-

ing, with one head following another, not to mention screaming children!

A chance meeting with the Director of Studies at CRESWELL, Dr. H.E. Dykes, who indicated that he would be pleased to have Myles back on the staff, led to an appointment as Study Corporal in the Chemistry Laboratory. So in June 1969, he rejoined the Staff at CRESWELL, cramming chemistry and physics with the help and encouragement of Dr. Harold Kemp and LCDR Noyes. He gained accreditation from the University of New South Wales as a laboratory demonstrator, and became the laboratory technician in the Chemistry Department, helping many a student who changed to the Degree course late catch up on their basic knowledge. He will also be remembered by past students as the stand-in for the Reviewing Officer in many Passing Out Parade Rehearsals.

When ADFA opened in 1986, he was offered a job there in the Oceanography Department but his love for Jervis Bay and his commitment to CRESWELL, made Myles decide to remain with the College. It was decided that he would be ideal to set up the Training Resource Centre to cope with the changing role of CRESWELL. On the 26 January 1989 he was awarded the Australia Day Medallion for his service to the College. At the end of December, Myles will take early retirement after a memorable and rewarding career of 41 years to the RAN.







## THE NAVAL PRAYER

O Eternal Lord God, who alone spreadest out the heavens, and rulest the raging of the sea; who has compassed the waters with bounds until day and night come to an end: Be pleased to receive into thy Almighty and most gracious protection the persons of us thy servants, and the Fleet in which we serve.

Preserve us from the dangers of the sea, and from the violence of the enemy; that we may be a safeguard unto our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and her Dominions, and a security for such as pass on the seas upon their lawful occasions; that the inhabitants of our land may in peace and quietness serve thee our God, and that we may return in safety to enjoy the blessings of the land, with the fruits of our labours and with a thankful remembrance of thy mercies to praise and glorify thy holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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