

SEA POWER CENTRE - AUSTRALIA

The Sea Power Centre - Australia (SPC-A) undertakes the study, discussion and the promotion of awareness of maritime issues and strategy within the Royal Australian Navy (RAN), and the Defence and civil communities.

The SPC-A mission entails:

- managing the development of operational and strategic-level RAN doctrine and concepts, and their integration Australian Defence Force (ADF) joint doctrine
- conducting research, studying developments in, and publishing papers on maritime strategy and naval history
- fostering regional and international engagement through conferences, briefings and lectures on maritime affairs and naval history
- developing, preserving and promoting Australia's naval history
- overseeing the education of junior naval officers through the development of curriculum via the Maritime & Strategic Studies Program
- advising Chief of Navy (CN) on RAN ship names and battle honours
- responding to government, department and public enquiries on maritime doctrine, sea power and naval history.

Peter Mitchell Essay Competition

The Peter Mitchell Essay Competition is conducted annually by the SPC-A on behalf of CN. The competition is open to members of Commonwealth navies. Entrants must be of or below commander rank, serving full-time, or as reservists for at least 20 days in the year of the competition close date. Three prizes are awarded: Open Section (\$750), Officers' Section (\$500) and Sailors' Section (\$500).

The 2007 competition winners were:

- Open Section: LCDR Chris Watson, RAN.
- Officers' Section: LCDR Sue Harling, RAN.
- Sailors' Section: WO Simon Kelly (RAN).

The essay topics for the 2008 competition are:

- a. How might navies provide geographical stability ashore to members and their families to ensure they remain in the Service?
- b. Have medium navies concentrated too much on maritime power projection at the expense of sea control?
- c. Many contemporary strategic commentators claim that the role of geography in strategic planning has been diminished by technology, globalisation, and the threat posed by terrorism. Is this a correct assessment?

- d. Military-off-the-shelf or commercial-off-the-shelf. Where is the balance in building future naval capabilities?

The competition rules, information and closing date can be found at www.navy.gov.au/spc/mitchell.html.

RAN Sea Power Conference 2008

The fifth biennial RAN Sea Power Conference was held at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre from 29-31 January 2008. The conference attracted over 800 delegates from across the globe, and explored the broad theme of *Australia and its Maritime Interests: at Home and in the Region*. Its aim was to examine maritime interests in the Indo-Pacific region and their impact on the roles and activities of maritime forces. The conference proceedings will be published by the SPC-A and distributed to all delegates in 2008.



Minister for Defence The Honourable Joel Fitzgibbon MP, the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Procurement The Honourable Greg Combet AM MP, and Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Russ Shalders AO, CSC, RAN conduct a media conference at the Sea Power Conference 2008 at Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour. (RAN)

The Minister of Defence's opening speech is available at www.minister.defence.gov.au/fitzgibbon/speeches.cfm. An audio podcast of the RAN Seapower Conference 2008 may also be found at www.seapower2008.com/media.asp

RAN Reading List

The online version of the *RAN Reading List 2006* is updated regularly, with the next revision planned for May 2008. The reading list is for use by all members of the RAN, as well as others involved or interested in maritime strategy, doctrine, history or navies in general. It can be downloaded from www.navy.gov.au/spc/readinglist/.

Comments, recommendations and reviews are welcome. Please send these to seapower.centre@defence.gov.au.

Review of Australian Maritime Doctrine

The SPC-A has commenced the first review of *Australian Maritime Doctrine: RAN Doctrine 1 - 2000* (AMD), which is the RAN's principal work of doctrine about operations in the maritime environment. It is a guide to understanding what and how the RAN contributes to Australia's national security, and focuses on the strategic rationale for and components of maritime operations. It can be downloaded from www.navy.gov.au/spc/amd/amdintro.html.

Synnot Lectures

The SPC-A coordinates the annual Synnot Lecture series, named in honour of Admiral Sir Anthony Synnot (Chief of Naval Staff 1976-79 and Chief of Defence Force Staff 1979-82).

The 2007 lectures were presented by Dr Gary Weir, Chief Historian at the United States National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, and Dr Eric Grove, Professor of Naval History at the University of Salford.

Dr Weir gave presentations on the link between naval history and the '1000-Ship Navy' concept, the origins of geospatial intelligence, and on various aspects of naval acoustic surveillance and undersea warfare. Dr Grove lectured on the future of the Royal Navy and on sea power in the 20th century.

The 2008 lecture series will be advised in due course.

King-Hall Naval History Conference 2009

The sixth biennial King-Hall Naval History Conference will be held on 30-31 July 2009, with the broad theme of 'The Commonwealth Navies in Peace and War'.

At the 1909 Imperial Conference the British Admiralty proposed that 'a Dominion Government desirous of creating a navy should aim at forming a distinct Fleet Unit; ...one which, while manageable in times of peace, is capable of being used in its component parts in time of war.'

Marking the centenary of this epoch-making event, the SPC-A will be hosting an international conference looking at the formation, growth and subsequent achievements of the various Commonwealth navies.

Calling All Authors & Researchers

The SPC-A supports researchers by providing access to its research collection and advice on historical and contemporary maritime issues. The SPC-A's (non-borrowing) library holds a wealth of naval resources, including a full set of *Navy News*, Navy Lists, Reports of Proceedings and Ship Movement reports. The SPC-A

may also be able to provide desk space to researchers by prior arrangement.

Advice is also available for those people who are considering undertaking tertiary research into maritime security issues, particularly under Australian Defence Organisation sponsorship arrangements, to help frame or refine an appropriate research question. The SPC-A is particularly interested in maintaining contact with tertiary researchers in the Department of Defence, with a view to publishing finished research papers.

The SPC-A is always willing to look at quality manuscripts on historical and contemporary naval and maritime issues. If you are the author of such a paper (of at least 15,000 words), please contact the Deputy Director Research to discuss suitability for publication.

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Semaphore provides a brief overview suitable for the layperson. However, they are researched extensively and pass rigorous scrutiny to ensure that they are factual, interesting and informative.

Issues of *Semaphore* can be downloaded from www.navy.gov.au/spc/semaphore. *Semaphores* published in 2007 will appear in Andrew Forbes (ed), *Australian Maritime Issues 2007: SPC-A Annual*, Papers in Australian Maritime Affairs No. 21.

Working Papers

Working Papers foster debate and discussion on naval and maritime issues relevant to the RAN, ADF and to Australia and the region more generally.

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By Norman Friedman
- No. 2** *Struggling for a Solution: The RAN and the Acquisition of a Surface to Air Missile Capability.*
By Peter Jones and James Goldrick
- No. 3** *Medium Power Strategy Revisited.*
By Richard Hill
- No. 4** *The Development of Naval Strategy in the Asia Pacific Region 1500-2000.* By John Reeve
- No. 5** *Maritime Strategy and Defence of the Archipelagic Inner Arc.* By John Reeve
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- No. 16** *Royal Australian Navy Aerospace Capability 2020-2030.* By Robert Hosick
- No. 17** *The New South Wales Reserve Naval Legal Panel – 40 Years of Service.*
By Members of the Naval Reserve Legal Panel
- No. 18** *Database of RAN Operations 1990-2005.*
By Vanessa Bendle et al
- No. 19** *An Effects-Based Anti-Submarine Warfare Strategy.* By Mark Hammond
- No. 20** *Strength Through Diversity: The Combined Naval Role in Operation Stabilise.*
By David Stevens

Papers in Australian Maritime Affairs

Papers in Australian Maritime Affairs are substantial works by authors undertaking original research into regional naval and maritime issues.

- No. 1** *From Empire Defence to the Long Haul: Post-War Defence Policy and its Impact on Naval Force Structure Planning 1945-1955.*
By Hector Donohue
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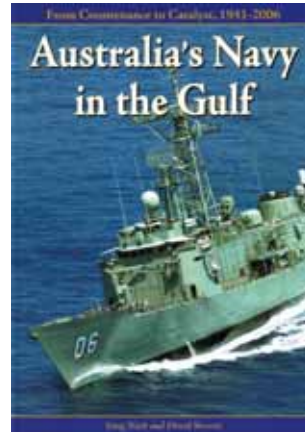


- No. 4** *Australian Carrier Decisions: The Decision to Procure HMA Ships Albatross, Sydney and Melbourne.* By Anthony Wright
- No. 5** *Issues In Regional Maritime Strategy: Papers by Foreign Visiting Military Fellows with the Royal Australian Navy Maritime Studies Program - 1998.* Edited by David Wilson
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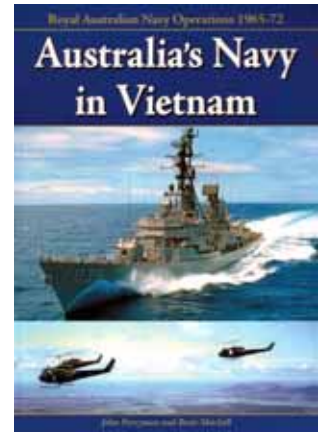
- No. 19** *Australian Maritime Issues 2006: SPC-A Annual.* Edited by Andrew Forbes and Michelle Lovi
- No. 20** *The Russian Pacific Fleet: From the Crimean War to Perestroika.* By Alexey Muraviev

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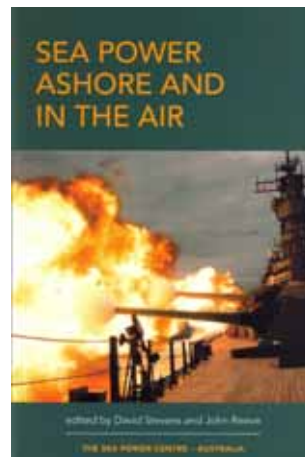
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Australia's Navy in Vietnam: Royal Australian Navy Operations 1965-72
 Edited by John Perryman & Brett Mitchell.
 (contact Topmill Press direct)



Sea Power Ashore and in the Air
 Edited by David Stevens & John Reeve.
 Halstead Press, RRP \$39.95



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