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A Note from the Editors

WOW! I dare say that hardly anyone onboard BALLARAT can believe that it has already been a month since we departed Sydney on 1st March. The work-up schedule has been physically and emotionally tiring for the crew, but now all we have left to do is our Unit Readiness Evaluation (URE) prior to commencing our South East Asian Deployment.

Currently BALLARAT is on track for successfully completing our URE in early April; thanks in no small part to the way that we on BALLARAT band together as a ship's company.

I would like to pass on a big thank-you to our extended BALLARAT family at home for all the emails and parcels that have been pouring in for the ship since we departed Sydney. It really does make a huge impact on the crew's daily lives to receive news, mail and other items from home.

Talking of families... The Shaft editorial staff wish all those loved ones who already have, or are soon to visit the ship when in the West or Overseas have a great time.

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From the Captain's Chair.....

It has been a busy period since last I wrote to you last We have achieved all our tests on the equipment, shot down who knows how many bad guys in aircraft, ships and submarines, dodged fast boats, been through bad weather, refuelled at sea, had a lot of helicopters land on and take off, seen some come, some go, and had to say our farewells now a month ago when we left Sydney. As I write, it is the evening before our Unit Readiness Evaluation. This is an important time for us. It is a time that we have all worked towards to achieve a very special thing. Being known as a crew that is awarded the honour of "Unit Ready" is something that only comes about infrequently for people at sea. The process through which we have to pass to make it to our assessment is tough, tiring and overall ensures we can do what is needed in any conditions or operations. This opportunity doesn't come without cost. That cost has been to have you all support us whilst we conduct our business on great waters. When we achieve this important milestone, it will be also due in no small way to your commitment and support in allowing us to get on with the task by looking after things on our behalf. For that I would like to continue to say "Thank you". It does not go unnoticed. I promised you all a bit of a surprise and it is two edged. On 24 June, one week after we come home, I would like to invite you all to join us for a day at sea in HMAS *Ballarat*. Now I can't do anything about the weather, but I can promise that if it is suitable (the aim here is not to get people seasick) we will proceed outside Sydney heads and see if we can't fire the gun, get the helicopter to come in and a few other fun things to show what we do at sea. Following this we will hold our ships Ball on the Saturday following. It will be a black tie, ball gown affair with all the trimmings. Details will come out shortly. Finally, we now have our own team. Just today I was humbled to welcome the Melbourne Rebels Rugby Club onboard to join with us in affiliation as mutual supporters of one another. The Melbourne Rebels are a new side but like us, they have started from small beginnings, have strong values set and believe strongly in community. That and we are both called the "Rebels" makes sense that we came together. So please, welcome in your team for your ship and show them the greatest support that you have with us. We will be watching from overseas. For now, standby for some great news as we "Defend the Flag".



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Triton Storm I

By LEUT Tony White

Navy's high end war-fighting skills were on display and under the microscope as part of exercise Triton Storm 1/11 in the Jervis Bay Exercise area in the first two weeks of February.



Triton Storm 1 is the first of four major exercises planned to sharpen existing skills and build an integrated war fighting ability between major fleet units and Navy and Air Force's surface and air warfare elements. Key fleet units involved included guided missile frigates HMA Ships Parramatta Ballarat, and Darwin and mine hunters Diamantina and Gascoyne.

Over the course of the exercise implementation of Navy's Signature Behaviour of the Month – "Respecting the contribution of every individual" was effectively varied slightly to "evaluating the performance of every individual and their work units."



HMAS Darwin commenced their "work up" to Unit Readiness Evaluation in the first week of the TS1-11 while HMAS Ballarat spent most of Triton Storm in

work up mode with up to 31 Sea Training Group members onboard on any given day putting critical survival and war fighting skills under the microscope.

In an extension of some of the lessons learnt in permanently multi-crewed vessels such as the APCB's and MHC's, the crew of HMAS Ballarat which moved across with CO CMDR Guy Blackburn from HMAS Stuart in Jul 2010 will complete their Unit Readiness Evaluation over the course of Triton Storm before moving again to HMAS Parramatta.



Also over Triton Storm, air warfare, submarine warfare and naval gunfire support exercises tested crews that in some cases were new to their ships or new to each other. It was the first time that the new AEW and C aircraft (project Wedgetail) participated in exercises and in doing so highlighted the benefit of the reinvigorated Fighter Control stream. COMFLOT will be busy also with COMATG conducting integration with the work up period for Navy's Supporting Arms Coordination Centre made possible a high level exercise integrating Naval gunfire support, along with airborne capability provided by RAAF Hawk aircraft.

Triton Storm 1 included rest days in the form of the annual Sports Day at HMAS Creswell as well as port visits to Devonport and Hobart in support of Navy Week in Tasmania. HMAS Ballarat took the honours in the fleet sports day.





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Navy Week in Tasmania

By LEUT Tony White

The Navy opened their ships and Tasmania opened their arms to welcome three major fleet units as part of Navy Week 2011 in Tasmania earlier this month.

The week commenced with the transmission of a local FM breakfast show from the hangar of HMAS Parramatta as they steamed in company with HMAS Ballarat along the Derwent and into Hobart.



Navy Week also coincided with the Tasmanian Wooden Boat Festival, the Royal Hobart Regatta, the Hobart Cup and Festival in Devonport with some magnificent weather over one of the busiest long weekends of the year in Tasmania.



With nearly every bit of spare accommodation in Hobart fully booked, there were plenty of Tasmanians on hand to visit HMA Ships Ballarat and Parramatta for their open days on 12 February when more than 3500 people took the opportunity for a guided tour of both ships.



An evening reception aboard HMAS Parramatta gave local dignitaries along with current and former RAN members the chance to hear an address from the Fleet Commander, Rear Admiral Stephen Gilmore, that touched not only on Navy's current activities but also the more than two centuries of maritime and naval traditions associated with Tasmania and their ports. It is perhaps this tradition that even today sees Tasmania supply a proportion of RAN recruits at a rate several times that its population would suggest.¹

The week, which concluded with HMAS Ballarat performing a role as flagship for the Royal Hobart Regatta, also included an open day in Devonport aboard HMAS Diamantina, a range of activities with STS Young Endeavour, wet winch demonstrations by HMAS Parramatta's Sea Hawk helicopter before Ballarat, Parramatta and Diamantina sailed for further exercises as part of Triton Storm 1-11.





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LCDR Mark "The Pusser" Cohayne

By LSMT Scott Giffin

From the "Pride of the Fleet is You" days, till the days of \$1.20 goffas, from claiming to have never double dipped the till but still turning up year after year. Lets find out the traits of a true honest sailor.

First up, when, where and why did you join the navy?

I joined up from Salisbury, SA in April 1982. Most of my division weren't even born when I joined and they like to remind me of that fact, I was drawn to the Navy lifestyle by the "Pride of the Fleet" TV ads played in the early 80's. You know, 'You'll be wet, you'll be homesick and frightened; but the pride of the fleet is you"

Everyone has heard the expression Pusser before, but where exactly does that stem from, and what does he/she do?

Pusser originated from the Royal Navy and is slang for a purser. A ship's purser (Supply Officer) is the person on a ship responsible for handling money but in today's Navy it encompasses many other disciplines that support the day to day functioning of the ship such as logistics, administration, stores support, catering, medical administration and hospitality services.

Being a Supply Officer, you would have access to ships credit cards, funds etc, have you ever had the temptation to go buy that new 50' flat screen TV and accidentally charge it to the ships account? (Accidents do happen.)

No temptation here. I have heard a few stories from the old days when a Supply Officer or two got caught with their hand in the till. Many ended their careers serving in

a very different and more unpleasant facility. I have no intention to join them!

Sir, what's the deal with goffas becoming \$1.20? I understand inflation and all, but do you know how annoying it is to carry around 20c pieces? Couldn't we just raise everything else an extra 10c to cover the goffas and just keep them at \$1?

P.S. ABMT Badrock is very upset about the new cigarette prices, maybe a free gift for an upset customer!?

I'll ask the POSTD to hand out tissues to those personnel requiring them!! On a serious note, the profit made from the canteen goes back to the Ship's Company, often used to subsidize events such as a Ship's Ball.

Being a Richard Gere look-alike, you must have a beautiful family, tell us more about them.

Fortunately my children have their mother's looks. I have two children; my eldest daughter has left home and is modelling for Chadwicks in Sydney and is on the cover of this months 'Sydney Bride' magazine. My youngest daughter is still at school and my wife, Sandra, works in the public service. We live on a 2 acre property in Murrumbateman, around 30 minutes drive from Canberra centre, which keeps us busy but the lifestyle is fantastic. Living in the country suits us and our two Weimaraner dogs who love the extra space. We actually don't mind the cold Canberra weather and take every opportunity to get to the snow when we can. It doesn't look that promising this year for me.

The ultimate question sir, Why do you "love it", what keeps bringing you back year after year and what is the most memorable moment of it all.

There are numerous reasons why I continue to serve in the Navy. I like the job variety and having the opportunity to visit so many different countries, but ultimately it's the people that make it such a great place to be.

The best thing about the Navy is the friends you make along the journey and the characters you meet. You can go years without seeing each other and just be best of mates straight up again, no hassles. It is a unique bond that continues on even though most of my closest friends have been out of the Navy for many years.

I have so many great memories of the ship's I have served in and places I have been fortunate enough to visit. The most memorable place I have visited is Aqaba in Jordan. The sights there are spectacular, particularly Petra and Wadi Rum.

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Club's Corner

By LSPT Matty Croese



After sampling some of Club's emails last week we convinced him to become a regular Shaft contributor. Never quite sure what to expect from our exuberant friend in all things Aft Steering; enjoy his first column.

The following letter was found by the Legal Officer who was embarked over the last week. The picture above is an artist's impression of the 'stow-away' in what he was last described wearing. I feel that this should be shared amongst the masses. This is a highly irregular occurrence. I sure you will understand and sympathise.

Dear Mum,

Firstly, I want you to know that I am OK. I know that you are reading this letter now in tears wondering where I am, and what 'they' are making me do. Please wipe those tears from your eyes as I have made this choice myself. I have run away...

As my mother you know me quite well. You raised a great bear and like no other. You dressed me, with a "Devil Wears Prada" attitude. I love my jacket! You taught me

manners, values, courage, and love. I feel that I could sway a female bear, with an open heart and mind. I cannot thank you enough. However well you love me Mum, I have hit a pivotal time in my life where I am unsure of a few things:

- Honey? Do we really like it?
- Is Christopher Robin bear Jesus?
- How come I am afraid of 'Dr Frost'?
- Will the colour and intensity of my fur change with puberty?
- Why does toilet paper get caught in my claws? And why do I use it?? And finally;
- Will I eat out of bins and picnic baskets when I am fully grown?

Mother, these are all questions that I find myself anxious and excited about at the same time. Sometimes when you are not around, I pretend that I have been whisked away by a Chinese circus master who promises me a place in his travelling show. But I always wake up feeling like I have been trapped in a tiny cage of emotion, and human children are running around in circles with a stick running across the bars of my cage. I know this is hard, but bear with me.

I have stumbled across a wise, enthusiastic, charismatic, and responsible human, who has offered to take me travelling beyond the emotional cage I dream about. (In case you are wondering it is not Kurt Russell or Bear Grylls.) With a sense of adventure, a hint of risk, and a chance to grow as a bear. It was hard for me to turn down such a chance. I have always dreamt about what lies beyond the clouds and the stories you used to read me.

Mum, remember U2 sang something about finding what they are looking for, and I want to do the same.

I have been guaranteed safe passage and return, when I have found what 'I am looking for'. I want you to know that this was not an easy decision to make, and I will miss your warmth, wisdom, uniform, and tenderness—but I will not miss your love because it is always with me.

I love you Mum more than you know. I promise I will stay in regular contact and send photos. I'll miss you...

TED xoxoxox

PS. I have made a friend already! He is a giraffe and really healthy. He told me that Facebook (FB) is the easiest way for you to track my adventures, and see my photos. I am sorry I have broken your heart but when I return you will know this was the right thing to do.



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Jack Speak

Top Toasts

(Just so my wife knows, I never reply to Saturday's toast... Honest!)

A toast is a ritual in which a drink is taken as an expression of honor or goodwill. It may be applied to the person or thing so honored, the drink taken, or the verbal expression accompanying the drink.

Like so many of our traditions, the traditional drinking toasts of the RAN are the same as those used by the Royal Navy of old. They are dependant upon the day and as follows:

Sunday	"Absent Friends"
Monday	"Our Ships at Sea"
Tuesday	"Our Men"
Wednesday	"Ourselves" (As no-one else is likely to concern themselves with our welfare!)
Thursday	"A Bloody War or a Sickly Season"
Friday	"A Willing Foe and Sea-Room"
Saturday	"Wives and Sweethearts" (May they never meet!)

Traditionally the words in brackets were understood but unspoken, though often those not toasting would say them in response. Today they are said in jest.

By tradition, these toasts were proposed immediately after the loyal toast on the relevant day of the week. The loyal toast is a salute given to the head of state, and throughout Commonwealth countries the Loyal Toast is most commonly comprised solely of the words "ladies and gentlemen, the Queen."

While most of these toasts are self-explanatory, "a bloody war or a sickly season" refers to the desire and likelihood of being promoted when many people die: during war or sickness.

"A willing foe and sea-room" refers to the naval want for a good fight and being able to present a broad-side.

Unlike the other services the Navy traditionally makes the loyal toast seated. This is due to the evident danger of low deckheads on wooden sailing ships.

Get your Elbows off the Table!

Where Endeavour earns it's own Reward.

One of the most common occasions where you may hear the traditional drinking toasts is at a mess dinner. If in the mess and posed the question: "Have you rounded both capes?", it was to enquire as to why someone has their elbows on the table.

Like in Victorian times, it is considered rude to have one's elbows resting on the table. In the Navy the only allowances are made for those who have rounded either Cape Horn or the Cape of Good Hope.

Only consummate mariners transited those perilous passages, and as such were allowed to rest an elbow on the table for each Cape they had rounded.

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An URGENT Message from DCO

The following is an urgent message passed to us by the Defence Community Organisation – Sydney.

To HMAS BALLARAT families,

DCO Sydney is very interested to hear from any partners of deployed members who reside in the DCO Sydney area which extends from Gosford in the north to Sutherland in the South and as far as Parramatta.

We will be looking at holding a function for families during HMAS BALLARAT deployments and also to establishing coffee groups for partners and parents where there is an interest.

If you are:

- looking for a contact/support group and connecting with other partners or,
- interested in setting up a group using any skills you have,
- interested in attending a family function during the deployment

Please let us know what your ideas are and contact me at DCO Sydney.

Trish Lane, Defence Social Worker.

Email: trish.lane@defence.gov.au or

Ph (02) 9393 3314.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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Top Tips to Stay on Top ... The ADF Financial Services Consumer Council



Who Is The ADF Consumer Council?

The ADF Financial Services Consumer Council (ADFFSCC) is an expert and impartial entity that has been designed to give advice and expertise on all your money issues and queries.

All new joiners to the ADF are now receiving seminars from the ADF Consumer Council in their initial training to help them manage all their financial questions.

The Consumer Council has a stack of great information on their website to assist you at all stages of your career, from the day you join, to buying your first house or car, to even organising your money pre and post deployment.

With the cost of living increasing and the issues that arise from being at sea and not able to follow your spending, it may pay to have a simple, easy to use budget. You can create an adaptable budget that helps you keep track of your spending on the ADF Consumer Councils website. The planner is an interactive experience with the capability of quickly helping you pave your financial security whether you're ashore or at sea.

All members of the ADF work hard for their money, and for the privilege of being able to spend money on themselves and their families. When you find that you have some extra cash, it is important to think carefully about the options available to you, including paying off debt, the purchase of a new car, contributing to superannuation, investing in real estate or shares.

So what to do when you find yourself wondering what to do with your cash? Well the Consumer Councils website has an easy to follow section on "Making your Money Work", which goes through many different areas you might consider spending your money on and provides expert guidance.

The ADF Consumer Council also has a focus on making sure you receive the right advice when you have questions. Good advice from an experienced, well-informed financial adviser can help you save money and become more financially secure. General advice and financial information, that's not personalised for you, can also be extremely useful.

The www.adfconsumer.gov.au can help you

- Use your money more wisely.
- Save for what you really want.
- Manage your loans, insurance, super and retirement saving.

The ADF Consumer Council and the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) want you to be well informed and confident about financial decisions. This website can start you off on the right foot with general tips and explanations.

Remember some key tips for managing your money:

- Decide what you really want, and focus on your most important goals.
- Start saving now: you can start small and increase your savings gradually (they'll grow with interest, too).
- Always check the facts: ask questions and get professional advice. If you aren't comfortable or don't understand, don't go ahead.

Check it all out at www.adfconsumer.gov.au or see the Commanding Officer.....he has all the DVDs from ADFFSCC to assist

Next Edition: RANCCB



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Brian "Compo" Compagnoni

By SBLT Sameera Nilaweera

He has represented both the RAN and ADF Soccer teams, has played against overseas teams as well as in grand finals. And has scored bucket load of goals. No, it's not David Beckham; we are talking to our own Soccer star Brian Compagnoni today.....

So "Compo" tell us, how did it all begin?

I have played First grade since I was 15 until I joined the navy in 2003 both in Sydney comp's & Brisbane (I am now 36). In 2009, until when I was posted back to sea in August 2010 I played first grade again in my local area for Moorebank in the southern district comp. I have had my share of up & downs like any sport person some great times on different tours from sides I have had the chance to play in.



We heard that you have travelled overseas with RAN and ADF teams, tell us how the tours went...

Before posting back on board to HMAS Ballarat in mid Sept 2010 I had the honour of taking part in the first ever tour of New Zealand of the RAN Football team (soccer) from the 4th until the 10th of Sept 2010. In the week when we were there we played a total of 4 games, trained every day, done some sight seeing & even got involved in a bus crash! No one was hurt thankfully.

The person that we hit even had a smile as he had only brought the car a week earlier & his insurance pay out was twice the amount he paid for it! We played in all kind of conditions in the land of the long white cloud. Our first two games were played in very trying conditions as we played on the NZ Navy base ground at Auckland which is close to the harbour (a lot of sea breeze & rain) the next match at the Air force base & the last one on an artificial ground at Harbour stadium. We had a great tour winning all four games in which we competed & the boys were looking forward to playing together soon in our own national carnival from the 30th Oct until the 4th Nov 2010.



So did we (the Navy team) do well in the national carnival?

On the 30th of Oct 2010 the Navy team started off the carnival playing against a very strong Army team which later took out the national title. It was a mid day kick off with the temp in mid thirties, both sides had their chances to score (me hitting the cross bar) but in the end the points were shared as the match ended

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in nil all. I was unable to play for the rest of the carnival as that was the week we had our MSE. So the ship was unable to release me to take any further part.

At the end of the carnival on the Thursday night they had a dinner pick a combine team (ADF). (I was picked in 2009 as well . We played against the NZ Combine team in Sydney and won 2-nil & I scored a cracking goal even if I do say so myself.) The 2010 ADF team was to play in a tournament on the Gold coast from the 7th - 13th Nov 2010, & as the ship had finished the MSE week I had the opportunity to tour with the ADF team if I was selected. As the game against the Army was the only game I played in the tournament my chances didn't look that good, but the stars where on my side & I was picked for the side for the Gold Coast tour (only four navy players were picked for the ADF team.)

And what happened in that tournament?

The tournament on the Gold coast was played at the new home for the Gold Coast AFL team & was set up into two pools with the winner from each pool playing the winner from the other pool for the gold medal match & second placed teams for the Bronze. Now this seems simple to understand unless if you are from Queensland that is, instead of playing each team in "our" pool, we played some teams from "our" pool and then some teams from the "other" pool, totally defeating the point of having pools in the first place! Even though we didn't lose a match we came second in our pool (I'm not sure which "pool" that actually was) due to the amount of goals we scored. In the final game we played for the bronze medal & came away winners. During the tournament I scored 3 goals myself. One of the highlights of the tour was the chance to go behind the scenes of Tiger Island at Dreamworld & patting a baby tiger.

Tell us something interesting that happened to you while touring...

Well, there are few. On the good side, scoring 6 goals in a match and winning the grand final felt pretty good, on the not so good side getting suspended for 7 weeks because of 3 Red cards in a year, and also the time when a spectator ran in to the ground and tried to stab the Ref!

Choose Your Rate, Choose Your Fate!

By LSSTD Lindsay Russell

Welcome back to "Choose Your Rate, Choose Your Fate!" This month we will get to know a little about another three members of Ships Company focusing specifically on the Supply Department.

Name (Nickname) Lincoln Johnson ("Johno")



Rank and Rate Leading Seaman Electronics Technician (LSET)

Years Service 6 and a bit

Posted Onboard October 2010

Posting History HMAS Cerberus, Skills Development West, HMAS Perth, FSU-W, HMAS Ballikpapan, FSU-W, HMAS Watson and HMAS Ballarat

What Your Job Entails Maintain combat systems and Fire Control

Auxiliary Duties Line Handler for Man Overboards, RAS talker and Whole ship cleaning gear issuer I/C

Hobbies / Interests Fishing and X-Box.

Likes Watching all sports except golf.

Dislikes Watching golf.

If you Could Invite Anyone to Dinner... (pick three)

Kate Beckensale, Freddie Mercury and Elmo

You Can Quote Me on That

"Mount 51.....Shoot"



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Name (Nickname) Luke D 'Elton ("D")



Rank and Rate Chief Petty Officer Electronic Technition (CPOET)

Years Service 14 and half

Posted Onboard March 2009

Posting History

HMAS Cerberus (Recruit School & ITT)
 HMAS Kuttabul (one week a FIMA)
 HMAS Brisbane – DDG (The Steel Cat)
 HMAS Anzac (Five Inch Friday)
 HMAS Stirling (MOTU-WA, Anzac Sensors Spec)
 HMAS Perth (Commissioning Crew)
 HMAS Kuttabul (CSEG Phased Array Radar SEG)
 HMAS Stuart (Pirate Hunting)
 HMAS Ballarat (???)

What Your Job Entails I/C Communications & Sensors sections and Weapons Electrical Engineering Department.

Auxiliary Duties Vice President CPO Mess, Jet boat Coxswain and Damage Control Instructor.

Hobbies / Interests Motor bikes (road & dirt), hardcore 4WDiving, camping and eating out.

Likes Good strats, Richmond Tigers, Melbourne Storm and old school runs up-top.

Dislikes People without their ducks in a line (poor strats), Collingwood, Manly and Midshipmen.

If you Could Invite Anyone to Dinner... (pick three)
 Sunnie (my partner), Valantino Rosi and Charlis Theron

You Can Quote Me on That "It is better to be dead and cool then alive and uncool"

Name (Nickname) Lee Kormany



Rank and Rate LEUT SEO (Systems Engineering Officer)

Years Service 16 and half years

Posted Onboard Jan 2011

Posting History HMAS Cerberus, DSTO-Adelaide, FIMA, Morsesby, RMIT, HMAS Cerberus, HMAS Darwin, TUASSC, HMAS Ballarat, FIST, RAAF Williams, Combat Systems Engineering Group and HMAS Ballarat.

What Your Job Entails Perform the role of the ships explosive accounting officer (EAO), Fire Control Officer, Divisional Officer for half the WEE Dept. Technical advice to the WEEO.

Auxiliary Duties Officer of the Day

Hobbies / Interests reading and working as a volunteer for the Australian Breast Feeding organisation.

Likes Spending time with my husband and kids. Eating salt and vinegar chips.

Dislikes People who are all talk and no action.

If you Could Invite Anyone to Dinner... (pick three)
 Billy Slater, Julia Gillard and Mary Patton (founder of the Nursing Mothers Association now known as the Australian Breast Feeding organisation.)

You Can Quote Me on That "It wont happen overnight but it will happen"



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Onboard this Month ...

A Birthday cake was presented to the Commanding Officer when he turned 21 (again?) on 25 March 2011. The crew dug deep, with some even having to endure a second (or third) helping to assist the Boss in "disposing" of the evidence.



Well done to those receiving Hat's and Patches:

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| • LEUT Lord | • AB Cameron |
| • LEUT Kormany | • AB Glover |
| • LEUT Quinn | • AB Hohegger |
| • SBLT Nilaweera | • AB Ilangage |
| • CPO Alston | • AB Kapay |
| • PO Collins | • AB Licence |
| • PO Steward | • AB Nolder |
| • LS Bahr | • AB Schueller |
| • LS Croese | • AB Sear |
| • LS Garstin | • AB Stone |
| • LS Langley | • SMN Buchanan |
| • LS Mathws | • SMN Cox |
| • LS Pickering | • SMN Drew |
| • LS Santos | • SMN Leabres |

Congratulations go out to the following personnel for receiving the following Awards:

- LCDR T. Vo – Presented with his Level 3 Engineering Delegation
- SBLT K. Phelps – Awarded his Bridge Warfare Certificate
- SBLT L. Pugsley - Presented with Australian Active Service Medal with ICAT Clasp
- CPOSN K. Alston – Presented with Afghanistan Medal
- CPOET L. D'Elton – Presented with Afghanistan Medal
- LSBM C. Gamble – Presented with Afghanistan Medal
- LEUT B. Davis – Presented with Certificate of Appreciation for 20 Years Service
- CPOET D. Edgell – Presented with Defence Long Service Medal
- SBLT L. Pugsley – Presented with Australian Defence Medal
- SBLT K. Phelps – Presented with Australian Defence Medal
- ABET B. Sear – Presented with Australian Defence Medal
- ABSTD S. Licence – Presented with Australian Defence Medal
- ABMT J. McDougall – Presented with Australian Defence Medal
- LSET L. Johnson – Presented with his Fire Control Officer Endorsement
- LSBM J. Donald – Presented with Statement of Attainment: Hazardous Substance Safety
- ABBM R. Peterson – Presented with Statement of Attainment: Hazardous Substance Safety

Congratulations to the following personnel who have been recently promoted to the following rank:

- ABBM Rohringer
- ABCSO MacMillan
- ABCSO Wheatley
- ABSN Stewart-Browne