An insight into Persian Gulf operations... Interservice co-operation onboard HMAS SUCCESS recently with an army shooter keeping mine lookout in the bows of the ship while members of 16 Air Defence Regiment man the RBS-70 missiles on the flag deck. The mine lookout is utilising the latest in mine detection systems. SUCCESS has since ended her four and a half months in the Persian Gulf and is now in Singapore, homeward bound. Her replacement is HMAS WESTRALIA. Both are supply ships though WESTRALIA of 40,000 tonnes is the larger and carries more fuel than SUCCESS.

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ADFILLS STAFF

ADFILLS, the Australian Defence Families Information and Liaison Staff has a new staff member in NSW.

Margaret Stapan, the Community Development Officer (CDO) for short, now working in the southern Sydney area, has been appointed to provide a service that focuses on the needs and interests of Defence families.

Like many service families, she too has recently moved to Sydney because of her husband's work.

"I was the CDO for Busselton south before this move and have been working with ADFILLS in Deloraine for over two years," ADFILLS was started because it was felt it is not only easy being family of a serving member.

Some of the aspects of being a Defence family can be difficult are:

1. Having to move regularly
2. Moving away from relatives and the familiarity of your home town
3. Serving member having to comply with conditions of work, training, exercise and overseas
4. Children in different school environments

The role of a CDO said Margaret, "is to talk to families to help them to work out what they want or need, and then assist them to take some action that will help them and other families in their area.

Community Development is about people getting together to work out what issues affect them, and what they can do about these issues."

Margaret is keen to hear from people who have any ideas, suggestions or questions about their area. She says, "She is available to talk to your neighbours or friends about getting together for a chat about your area, and invite me along." By talking to her about their area, by becoming involved in ideas and projects, everyone can work together to help themselves and other Defence families.

Margaret's phone number is (02) 770 0177 and she looks forward to hearing from Defence families.

A call to say, "Hello, what's happening at the moment" is a good start.

Margaret Stapan

At the cheque-handover (L-R) Naval Support Commander RADM Tony Horton, POE C Michael Blankes, Lady Martin and POE Paul Borgas.

Navy personnel and supporters have donated magnificently to a HMASWatsonTrust to raise funds for the Sir David Martin Foundation.

Not only did organizers achieve their initial goal of $2,500. by the end of the event they had a cheque of $4,500 for presentation to Lady Martin, wife of the late Admiral Sir David Martin.

Some 16 prizes were given away, with the proceeds of the many winners involved in donations.

The Chief of Naval Staff has announced the promotion of Naval Engineer, Captain Peter Parcell, to the rank of Commodore.

Vice Admiral M W Hudson said, as present Director General Equipment Projects would take up the appointment of Director General Naval Production on February 6. He will replace CORE Peter Devlinson who is posted as Director General Naval Engineering Requirements in place of CORE Ian Holmes.

Captain Peter Parcell, appointed as Australian Navy as a Cadet Midshipman in 1970 and served as a Midshipman in HMAS Ships QUINIBERNE and MELBOURNE before becoming an electrical engineering officer, reaching the rank of Navy Engineering College, Plymouth, UK.

In 1969 he was awarded the Honourable Degree of Bachelor of Science (Engineering) from London University.

Following training in the USA he was posted to HMAS HOBBART on war service during the ship's second Vietnam deployment. Subsequent postings included instructor in personnel training. Staff, HMAS NUNNA and the staff of the Director of Weapons Engineering at Defence Designs.

In 1972, he returned to the USA on the staff of the Australian Naval Attack, Washington, DC, where he was responsible for his detachment to the US Naval Attack, Washington, DC.

In 1976 he was posted to Garden Island (Dockyard) in the position of Combat Systems Test Coordinator.
Two admirals head the list of 11 RAN personnel recognised in the 1991 Australia Day Honours list.

Rear Admiral K. A. Dodson and Rear Admiral Ian MacDougall (Combine Officers in the Military Division (AO).)

RADM Dodson, currently Maritime Commander, Australia, received his award for service as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Development).

RADM MacDougall, who is to succeed Vice Admiral W. H.浊son as Chief of Naval Staff, was honoured for his service to the RAN as Maritime Commander.

Honoured as Members of the Military Division (AM) were:

- Captain Timothy Harvey Cox, RAN, Chittaway, NSW, for service to the Royal Australian Navy, particularly as Head of the Naval Reserve Implementation Team.
- Lieutenant Andrew Charles Hamilton, RAN, Morwell, ACT, for service to the Royal Australian Navy particularly as Marine Engineering Officer, HMAS DEVENPORT.
- Commander Hector John Downie, RAN, Donkin, ACT, for service to the Australian Defence Force, particularly as Head of the Naval Reserve Implementation Team.
- Lieutenant Andrew Charles Hamilton, RAN, Morwell, ACT, for service to the Royal Australian Navy particularly as Marine Engineering Officer, HMAS DEVENPORT.

- Commodore Leonard Max Selman, RAN, Point Perry, NSW, for service to the Royal Australian Navy, particularly as Chief of Staff Naval Support Command.

Model of the Order in the Military Division (OAM) was awarded to:

- Chief Petty Officer Michael Barry Appleyard, Little Bay, NSW, for service to the Royal Australian Navy as Officer in Charge, Naval Stores, HMAS PARMAATTA.
- Chief Petty Officer Stephen Edward Conroy, Fawkner, NSW, for service to the Royal Australian Navy as Base Technical Officer, HMAS KUT- TABLE.
- Chief Petty Officer Louis Alfred Cripin, Victoria, WA, for service to the Royal Australian Navy as Senior Rating, Chief Petty Officer, HMAS STUART.
- Chief Petty Officer Marc Rich Robinson, Breamlea, Qld, for service to the Royal Australian Navy as Marine Engineering Officer, HMAS TOBERNEVILLE.

SEA KINGS’ MILESTONE

RAN Sea Kings have achieved 30,000 flying hours— a significant event marked by a presentation from the aircraft’s manufacturers, Westland Helicopters, to HMAS SHILDON.

Mr Andrew MacMillan of Westland Helicopters and Mr Frank Marsters of Westland Helicopters — defence sales — congratulated CO HMAS SHILDON, LCDR Terry Gormans, on achieving the result and said, “We’re looking forward to the next 30,000.”

Mr re-equipping with Sea Kings in 1975, HMAS SHILDON has provided ASW protection and training for the Fleet.

Sea Kings have participated in various Kangaroo and Romeo exercises as well as Fleet Concentration Periods and other ASW exercises in Australia.

The achieved 30,000 hours has capped off an extremely eventful 1990 for HMAS SHILDON. The Squadron deployed in HMAS TOBRUK in January for the Bougainville operation.

This was followed by the FCP which was hardly over then a new frontier was found and HMAS SHILDON deployed for emergency relief flood operations.

A successful four aircraft embarkation in HMAS TOBRUK, deployment to HMAS CERBERUS and assistant ASW action kept the Sea King crews busy in the latter part of the year.

Submarines OTWAY and OXLEY have certainly noticed a significant Sea King presence in recent months.

Search and rescue (SAR) is a major secondary role for HMAS SHILDON which has provided recent interest.

Pre-deployment departures to assist COOP BANDICOOT and rescue shipwrecked fishermen 160 nautical miles off Port Stephens have again highlighted the capabilities of the Sea Kings.

CO HMAS SHILDON Terry Gormans with Mr Frank Marsters.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

NAVAL SUPPORT COMMAND

The Department of Defence requires the services of experienced and qualified men and women to fill the following vacancies:

TECHNICAL OFFICER LEVEL 3

$29,800 - $33,810

Naval Aircraft Logistics Section, North Sydney

(3 Positions) Electronic Discipline

The successful applicant will, under general direction, be responsible for the technical management of the RAN’s airborne Communications and Navigation systems submariner warfare (ASW) maintenance policy. This involves ensuring that remotely located workshops are provided with technical guidance, correct procedures and documentation.

Interested applicants should contact Mr D. MacMillen (on 295 8644) Applications must quote S/NAD98/96.

Electronic Discipline

You will require experience in the maintenance of modern digital and analogue electronic systems. An understanding of the functions, employment and support of electronic automatic test equipment (ATE) is desirable. An understanding of the principles of configuration control is desirable.

Interested applicants should contact Mr D. Helyar (on (02) 883 4929) Applications must quote E/NAD1358/G.

Regional Superintendent Naval Armament Engineering, Zeiland

Mechanical/Electrical/Electronic Discipline

Under limited guidance, undertake technical work associated with the embodiment and carriage of systems or equipment on HM ships and submarines. Extensive mechanical or electrical/electronic experience is desirable.

Interested applicants should contact Mr W. Owen (on (02) 883 7076) Applications must quote E/RAN93/3003-96B/G.

Technical Officer Level 2

$25,380 - $29,213

Located at Kingswood

Mechanical Discipline

You will be required to perform design and fabrication of armament, engineering, quality tasks or activities at RANAD Kingswood.

Interested applicants should contact Mr T. Mclnnes on (04) 31 9411. Applications must quote S/RANAD96/G.

Applicants for the above positions must be Australian Citizens.

Qualifications: The successful applicants will possess an Associate Diploma from an Australian TAFE institution, or equivalent qualification (involving overseas qualification), which is appropriate to the job of the position, or relevant experience and training, or successful completion of a competency assessment such as an eligibility test.

*Please note that the salaries indicated may be subject to phasing in. This is negotiable within that range based on experience and qualifications held.

Selection for these positions will be based on the approved selection criteria which will be obtained by telephoning the Contact Officer. Applications should address this selection criteria.

Applications providing a daytime contact telephone number and quoting the relevant reference numbers should be forwarded within two weeks.

Regional Secretary

Department of Defence

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In early December HMAS TOBRUK (CMDR Charles Bisson) sailed into Phuket Harbour for a four day visit. TOBRUK's ship's company was soon off to experience the delights of the renowned island. Phuket town is rather sleepy and has been ousted by the great beaches and nightlife at Patong on the mid west coast which is 40 minutes away by cheap local transport.

Many of the ship's company took advantage of the discount rates offered by hotels in the Patong area which put on social events throughout the stay.

Sport took a bit of a back seat during the stay as the warm weather and clean beaches provided the entertainment for which people were looking. Jet skis and para-sailing were cheap and if the pressure of a day in the sun was getting too much you could always indulge in a massage on the beach before retiring to Patong Road for the night's seafood and entertainment.

The Country Resort Golf Course was well patronised by the ship's team as it was offered a round at half price, including caddie, on what was described as a course that could only be bettered by the Mirage Resort in Queensland.

With the centre tops up and wallets needing a rest TOBRUK then departed for Manila.

A PASSEX was organised for 24 hours commencing 0940 on December 9 with the Royal Malaysian Navy Corvette KD KASTURI (FS 1106). During the evening prior to our RV, a night encounter exercise was conducted.

TOBRUK was to attempt to get within 15 miles of the RV without being detected by KASTURI. With deceptive lighting, TOBRUK managed to close to seven miles of the RV before being detected at short range by KASTURI at 0030.

This was a good start to a hectic PASSEX which included DOWMAN, RASAP, light jacktanks, with crowdecking carried out, screening, NCC general drills and WASP helicopter DLP's with the MM3 air wing which joined near Lumut (their base).

After a boat transfer the following morning to get our crowdeckers back, TOBRUK detached just north of One Furton Bank and entered Singapore Straits and headed for Manila.

TOBRUK arrived in Manila with the Philippine Navy Band on the wharf to welcome us. Behind the band, were the local seacream seawomen and women with TOBRUK T-shirts already printed, soon to be joined by more T-shirts and badges and photos of individuals from the ship's company. These photos were taken as the ship came alongside and were on sale within two hours.

That evening a reception was held on the aft flight deck. It was a reception with a difference. Instead of the ship providing the entertainment a chair of underprivileged street kids sang Christmas carols throughout.

After an enjoyable stay in Manila and no problems TOBRUK sailed for Hong Kong.

On arrival the ship anchored close to the island and 60 of the ship's company went ashore to the LARC's for a tour of the battle sites and ruins of this famous island.

Welcome home ... wife Gayle, daughter Lucinda and son Billy welcome home LS(MC) Bill Kyle when HMAS TOBRUK arrived in Sydney. Picture: SWRFH Jackie Stennett.

LEUT Murray Smith (SCO), given SMGDS Regan a last minute briefing prior to carrying out duties as a "Splash Target Chaser" during gunnery exercises with KD KASTURI — 19 DEC 90.

LEUT Joe Eyres also received a warm welcome from Helen and his 11-month-old daughter Susan. Picture: AMPH Simon Payne.

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Presentation of 1918 fuse

Lieutenant J J Peacock, Clearance Diving Team One, recently attended a Mine Warfare Planning Course for international officers in the United States.

During the course it was established that the current Commander Mine Warfare Command (COMINEWAR-COM), Rear Admiral W W Mathis, USN, served aboard the third USS PEARY.

He is also president of the PEARY association in the USA.

The USS PEARY is the namesake of a ship sunk in Darwin Harbour by Japanese bombers in 1942.

CDT One dived on the wreck of the USS PEARY to recover ordnance in May last year and kept a true state of mind for presentation.

This dive was officially presented to RADM Mathis on behalf of CDT One by RADM J D G MacDougall at a luncheon held in COMINEWAR-COM’s honour.

The USS PEARY was a Clemson Class destroyer commissioned into the USN on October 22, 1942.

The ship had a complement of 196, displaced 1380 tons and was capable of 35 knots on fourFun and White boilers.

USS PEARY’s armament included four 5in, one 3in and 12 21in torpedoes.

She operated as part of DESRON 29, which was deployed to the Asiatic region, in DESDIV 50 with three other destroyers of the same class.

On the morning of February 19, 1942, the same Japanese carrier group that decimated the US Fleet in Pearl Harbour, launched the attack on the city of Darwin.

The PEARY was one of 45 ships in the harbour during the raid.

The ship was sunk in the action with guns still firing, and 80 lives were lost.

Local Darwin divers have recovered large brass shell casings from the wreck which is now nothing more than twisted fragments of metal.

A Japanese salvage company cut the PEARY up for scrap metal.

LCDR R M Crawford presents the mounted fuse to CAPT D Hill USN, for transportation back to Charlotte, South Carolina, on behalf of RADM W W Mathis, USN.

RSL looking for a girl in a million

Authorisation has been given by the Returned Services League of Australia (NSW branch) to again stage the RSL Girl In A Million Quest.

The quest will continue with the Miss RSL Girl in A Million series, Miss RSL Charity Queen and the Miss RSL Youth section with the addition of a new Miss RSL International section.

To qualify for this international section an entrant must be born of ethnic background or descendent from ethnic background other than Australian.

Entrants in the Girl In A Million section, International and Charity sections must be between 18 to 30 years and entrants in the Youth section must be between 16 to 25 years and can be single or married.

In the 1991 quest winners of Girl In A Million, Miss International and Charity Queen will win fabulous overseas holidays to Europe or America and the runner-up will also win great overseas holidays.

All winners and runners-up also receive spending money for their winning trips together with a host of other magnificent prizes.

Further details on conditions of entry can be obtained by writing to the director of Girl in A Million Quest, Mr Arthur W J Smith, Anzac House, 365 Kent Street, Sydney, or by telephoning (02) 299 3412 extension 25.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE

NAVAL SUPPORT COMMAND

The Department of Defence are looking for experienced men and women to apply for the following vacancies:

TECHNICAL OFFICER

Level 4

$34,560-$38,623*

Electronic Discipline

Manager Maintenance Engineering Services, Sydney

The successful applicant will manage a small group of electrical and electronic officers in the area of guided missile systems, missile fire control system TVGC, combat recording, weapon systems interfacing and fire control radars, electronic test equipment.

Interested applicants should contact Mr P German on (02) 946 2396. Applications must quote D/NR/6356/G.

TECHNICAL OFFICER

Level 3

$29,800-$33,810*

Electronic Discipline

Naval Aircraft Logistics Section, North Sydney

Under general direction as to method of approach and requirement, undertake technical work in the various regions of the Division.

To gain a comprehensive understanding of aircraft systems and equipment and as an initial stage, to assist in the compilation of maintenance manuals for the aircraft.

Interested applicants should contact Mr D. Coutchon on (02) 845 4446. Applications must quote D/NR/6355/G.

TECHNICAL OFFICER

Level 2

$25,380-$29,213*

Electronic Discipline

3 Positions

Regional Superintendent Naval Engineering Section, Newport

With technical guidance, perform straight-forward engineering work on engineering systems.

Interested applicants should contact Mr W. Breen on (02) 647 0288. Applications must quote D/NR/6353/G.

Regional Superintendent Naval Engineering Section, Newport

The successful applicant will assist the technical guidance, undertake work relating to the conduct of quality system and record audits at NAS Newport.

Interested applicants should contact Mr P. Mathew on (02) 647 0287. Applications must quote D/NR/6352/G.

Qualifications for the above Technical Officer vacancies:

The successful applicant will possess an Associate Diploma from an Australian TAFE institution, or equivalent qualification (including overseas qualification, which is appropriate to the duties of the position or relevant experience and training; or successful completion of a competency assessment such as an eligibility test.

"Please note that the salary quoted for these vacancies is negotiable within that range depending on qualifications and experience. Applicants for the above positions must be Australian Citizens.

Applications for these positions will be on the approved selection criteria which may be obtained from the relevant Contact Officer.

Applications providing details on contact telephone number and please quote the relevant reference numbers should be forwarded to the following address within two weeks.

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The Royal United Service Institution of NSW has held its first annual dinner since the organisation was authorized to incorporate "royal" in its title.

For more than 100 years the Institution has provided a centre for group studies and individual research into defence topics together with the broadening education of service personnel.

About 90 people attended the celebratory dinner, including special guest His Excellency Rear Admiral Peter Sinclair, Governor of NSW, and Mrs Sinclair.

RADM Sinclair, patron of the institution, was seen here addressing guests at the dinner. Also in the photograph is the institution president, Major General J B Broadbent.

Celebration time for RUSI
Divers join Allies in Gulf

A specialist team of divers has left for the Middle East to help improve the protection available to American and coalition naval ships against mine threats.

The clearance diving team consists of 23 men. Some left Richmond RAAF Base, New South Wales, on January 25, while two were picked up in Perth.

The team had been aware that the enemy may try to lay mines to stop free shipping from reaching the Gulf. Part of the mine threat could be froms already laid or from mines and demolition devices still to be laid.

The team was based in HMAS WESTRAJA, which was moved to other areas as required.

The crew were trained in the use of modern equipment for the task.

The mine threat was a serious consideration for the Gulf Operations Group.

The night broadcast was heard on board the ship.

A boarding party from HMAS STENELLE is on its way to search for an Iraqi vessel.

A VHS film demonstrates its search techniques and the use of its "equipment"

SUCCESS in Seychelles

The Australian Navy's newest ship, HMAS SUCCESS, has been deployed to the Gulf to support the multinational forces in the region.

The ship is expected to be in the region for approximately six months.

The ship's role is to provide logistic support to the forces in the region, including maritime interdiction operations.

The ship is armed with Harpoon missiles and has a crew of approximately 300.

The ship's commander is Commodore John Pardy, who is a seasoned sailor with experience in the Gulf War.

The Garden Island

The Garden Island is a naval base located in Sydney, Australia. The island is home to several naval units, including the Royal Australian Navy's flagship, HMAS Canberra.

The island is also home to the Royal Australian Navy's headquarters, as well as several shore-based facilities.

The island is a hub for naval operations in the region, and is a key location for training and exercises.

The island is also a popular tourist destination, with many visitors coming to see the historic and military significance of the area.

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PLATYPUS to fore in the overhaul of customer service

Customer services are changing towards a more modern alignment with what is happening outside the RAN. PLATYPUS has made a number of developments designed to improve the quality and extent of services to personnel.

Each initiative has been designed to enhance services without detracting from the daily running of the department.

The ultimate goal has been to maintain the effectiveness and efficiency of our support to the squadron and during 1990, the PLATYPUS supply team has been led by Commander Michael Smith.

Food Service Group (FSG) oversees some 250 members of the PLATYPUS supply team and Commander Michael Smith is responsible for over 2500 personnel on the supply ships.

FOOD SERVICES

Food Service Group supplies food to over 2500 personnel on the supply ships.

The FSG is assisted by the squadron supply officer, squadron medical officer and physical training officer as well as a monthly meeting of key personnel.

Responsibility for maintaining high catering standards within each mess of the squadron has been formally accepted by the FSG.

Commanding Officer of the FSG has taken the initiative to give them selves a running start, keeping the customer informed of progress, by attending catering demonstrations and presenting catering seminars at PLATYPUS.

The FSG staff member involved displays by contract to advise customers on new products which might suit their needs.

To complement the sweeping changes of attitudes towards food services the main canteen (function rooms) has undergone some much needed improvements.

New décor, prints, food arrangements,ulado display units and many new features have been given the function room a more appealing environment for the customer.

An indication of customer satisfaction has been the increased sales of alcoholic beverages since the improvements have been in place.

All items have been acquired through service channels and self help programs, with a generous, although understandably limited, budget of 800 from the ship's fund.

Selected customers compliment good service and good service is the aim of all involved in food services.

Squadron support staffs — integration initiatives by the supply and engineering department have addressed the support functions and roles of the squadron.

An emphasis has been placed on the ongoing support for the Oberon squadron at the end of their life.

The innovative management of this issue is known as the "top ten" concept.

To finalize internal procedures, a dedicated team was put together during September with the assistance of a logistics experienced RNKR engineer.

The small team achieved its goals and assisted in the presentation of the "top ten" concept to external authorities.

Offers of support and advice received from that presentation have been encouraging and satisfying.

Dealing with limited space, a review of stores holdings was conducted during late 1989 and early 1990 which led to the presentation of Base Support Space recommendations in August — up to 7,000 line items need to be introduced onto an already full store.

Current space availability does not allow this to physically occur, however this space problem has been addressed in a two-pronged strategy by:

- reviewing items identified as surplus from OBRISS-M accounts;
- reviewing items which may be obsolete using similar techniques and criteria as the NSC (Garden) Inventory Reduction program.

Team (BFT) — the return task force has been supported by RAPFF staff with twenty applications from MCLS (NSC) personnel.

The process is manpower intensive but careful planning has minimized the impact upon customer services.

A series of seminars, along the lines of the catering seminars, was presented to squadron personnel by CPNS "Jack" Lindley to acquaint all personnel with the numerous initiatives underway to improve the quality of service to our customers.

Information retrieval — PLATYPUS currently handles some 25000 transactions a week,/issues of money for all services and personnel matters for a complement of 2500. As an aim is to continually improve customer service further management use for the system are being investigated and the introduction of CD printing alone will ease the work load of clerical staff.

Pay and Financial Management — pay accounts have been kept with three main banks: 1) pay reconciliation, 2) implementation of PMB, 3) implementation of DEFMS.

These have been common throughout the RAN but PLATYPUS has approached them with a slightly different frame.

Flows have increased from 30% to 90%.

Credit for this daily involves CPWTR Leigh Doak (now DSP) and his team who really broke the back of the problem.

The resulting service earned him a Meritorious Commendation while his relief, CPWTR Damecron, and the new team have maintained the improvements.

The implementation of PMB is a widespread change in the pay and accounts office.

A new position was created for the Financial Officer (BFO) thus identifying the importance of having someone solely concerned with the financial side of PMB at PLATYPUS.

The BFO role is to contemplate the challenges to be met and overcome in 1991 — as well as enjoying good company, fine food and chilled atmosphere.

Supply personnel on a "Fantasy Island" tour of Sydney’s Clark Island.

RAPFF staff — POSN's Breeding, LSNS Snippe and RWSN Doanvrisi.

A Reunion of WRRP's is being planned for June 1991.

Organisers are trying to locate as many serving and non-serving members as possible.

If you are interested in attending or can help locate ex-WRRP's please contact —

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In 1990 HMAS PLATYPUS underwent a dynamic year in the area of customer support. Initiatives which were set in place will be of interest and benefit to other ships and establishments. Some of those initiatives have been outlined in this special "Navy News" feature compiled by LEUT White with pictures provided by POPH Martin.
Apprentice Jamie Hamilin has won three major prizes at the latest Passing Out Parade at the RAN’s trade training establishment HMS NIRIMBA.

He was judged ‘best RAN apprentice’ of the ETS category.

He also received the Chief of Naval Staff prize for displaying the most outstanding overall standard among the graduating classes.

And the most prestigious prize — awarded only occasionally — was the Governor General’s prize presented only when an apprentice achieves ‘exceptionally high standard in training achievement and personal development.

Recruit GD Michael MacKenzie received the prize for Best General Duties Recruit.

The Passing Out Parade for the 306th Apprentice Intake, the 48th General Duties Intake and ETC S 14 was reviewed by the Lord Mayor of Sydney, The Right Honourable, Alderman Jeremy Bingham.

**EXPER personnel praised**

**HMAS CERBERUS** reeceived high praise from the Governor of Victoria, who was present to award the passing out certificates.

In a letter to NOCVIC be said, "I am writing to you from Fraser National Park in Victoria, where I have just received a high praise from the Governor of Victoria for your work in the training of personnel.

I would like to commend you on your department and the way in which the behaviour of the recruits is exemplary. The Governor believed that this reflects on the input by the instructors from your training school.

He would be grateful if you could keep us informed of any changes or developments that may be made to the training in the future.

The instructors have impressed us with their dedication and the hours they put in work on the recruits. The Governor was particularly impressed by the obvious love of the job that was shown.

The instructors have been praised by the Governor for their hard work and dedication to the training of personnel. They have been commended for their efforts in ensuring that the training is smooth and effective.

"While they were working at Fraser the recruits were provided with a variety of tasks, some of which were ad-hoc and others that were planned in advance. They completed an extension to a bike rack, constructed a walking track of approximately 10 km and various other projects.

These were all completed with the help of the instructors who provided advice and guidance throughout the project. The instructors were highly commended for their efforts in ensuring that the training was smooth and effective.

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WIFELINE

Happy New Year!

Western Division (Sydney): First event planned for the New Year is a picnic, to be held on Thursday, February 7 at Num- 

nery Reserve, Gordonville beginning at 11.30am.

This is a BYO kids event, as the babysitters will be there.

It's a great chance for the children to get familiar with the unit in a fun environment.

The group's whereabouts within the Reserve will be un- 

signposted.

Try and make it out to this pleasant spot for what promises to be a lovely day (fingers crossed for good weather!)

BYO picnic lunch as well. Please ring BCB on 011372 for further details.

Catharina: The Annual General Meeting of this very active group is to be held on Thursday, February 7 at the RSL Headquarters.

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CSPO’s ‘well done’ for Gulf support

CSPO and his staff have been recognised for their efforts “at home” during HMS DARWIN’s recently completed Gulf deployment.

Our correspondent said CSPO had provided the ship’s company and their families with support and care.

The outstanding care and concern shown by all CSPO staff, and in particular CMDR Jim Faith and Mr Liz Pearce, made them realise that domestic service and problems were treated greatly to ensure a relatively worry-free deployment, he added.

“The support provided by CSPO staff helped considerably in maintaining a high level of morale onboard.

With the knowledge that their families were kept well informed and well cared for by CSPO, the ship’s company were able to concentrate on the difficult tasks at hand.

In appreciation of their invaluable efforts, CMDR Faith and Mr Liz Pearce were presented with a bouquet of flowers in a token of appreciation.

Service families have already made an enormous contribution to improving the planned maintenance support provided by the Defence Housing Authority. More than 94% of families in both the Nowra area and a sample area of south-east Queensland have participated in a pilot study into an innovative approach to gathering information on planned maintenance requirements.

The Project Manager for the HOMECHECK project, Professor Peter Beynon, Head of Architecture of the University of Canberra believes that “the exceptionally good response shows the high level of community spirit among Service families.”

“HOMECHECK” is based on a questionnaire which asks tenants to assess the condition of their homes. The information provided will enable the authority to better plan and budget for long-term maintenance.

The authority believes that tenants are in the best position to assess the overall condition of their homes and the questionnaire was specifically designed for technical persons to complete.

Questions cover the property, floor coverings and lighting and functional aspects such as light fixtures, door or operation of doors and windows.

Tenants are not required to make technical judgments on matters such as structural soundness, or the need to replace electrical wiring.

The pilot was conducted on a sample of homes in Nowra and south-east Queensland and all homes in Nowra on November 1.

The authority employed Service spouses, recruited through the now-cancelled Consultation Group in each area to do and collect the questionnaires.

These researchers sought to sell the benefits of HOMECHECK to their local Defence Community and were greatly encouraged by the positive response from the families they called on.

The results of the pilot showed a set of clear-cut priorities for longer term planned maintenance and enable the authority to more equitably and efficiently allocate its maintenance funds.

HOMECHECK’s long-term benefits

HMAS ADELAIDE

10th Anniversary Ship’s Ball

The XO of HMS DARWIN, LCDR Howard Funnell, presents Mr Liz Pearce with a bouquet of flowers in recognition of the support provided by CSPO during DARWIN’s deployment to the Gulf of Oman. CMDR Jim Faith of CSPO looks on.

CPSO’s ‘well done’ for Gulf support

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1991 Mitsubishi Lancer line-up.

The introduction of 12 valve 1.5 litre carburetor and MFI multi-point fuel in- 

jected motors across the range of fully-equipped Lancer sedans and three- 

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The launch of two unifying GS-R three and five door hatchbacks, powered by a 16 valve DOHC MFI 1.6 litre engine, adds Mitsu-bishi to take a more aggressive stance in the high performance seg-

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The 1991 CB Lancer model range consists of seven three-door hatchbacks, eight five-

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three-door hatchbacks, avail-

able in four specification levels, GL, GLX, SE and GSR.

The larger-engined 16 K 

GS-R hatchbacks, enhanced by an attractive and aerodynamic body style, is expected to account for just over one per cent of total Lancer sales.

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The sporty Lancer CSR five-door model powered by a 1.8 litre DOHC 16-valve engine.

Area personal Services contacts

Area Personal Services organizations can be contacted on the telephone numbers listed below:

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Command Personal Services Office, Hobart Tas (03) 72 2373

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Outside business hours, PSO staff can be contacted by the Duty Area Staff Officer in your state. Numbers will be found in your local telephone directory.

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TWO IN ROW FOR CRESWELL CHIEF

For the second consecutive year CPO Harper has won the open individual section of the Captain Ramsey Cup.

The cup was held at HMS CRESWELL. It consists of a 5 km run, a 15 km cycle followed by a 3 km run. The categories consisted of open individual, veteran individual over 35 years, open team, veteran team and mixed team.

CPO Harper won the open individual 40-44. He was slightly slower than his time of 39.20 in 1995 which is no doubt attributed to his advancing age, the high tide and the thunder storms which occurred halfway into the race. He insinuated not a factor.

Second in the open individual was Middleman Egan (43.03) from the Defence Academy. He did swell despite the borrowed mountain bike. Third was Leading Seaman Callum (3:35). Also for the second year running the senior sailors won the team category (39:29).

The team consisted of Chief Petty Officer Harper, Petty Officer Rath and Petty Officer Lewsey.

The first result team consisted of Leading Seaman Weight, Able Seaman Goodman and Senior Wren Lindsay who finished in 36:10.

Both the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of CRESWELL, led also rate a mention.

Commanding Officer of HMS COONAWARRA, Commander D J Morton, receives the Life Be In It to most active organisation plaque.

COONAWARRA the most active

HMAS COONAWARRA recently entered the Life Be In It Sport for All competition.

This was a race to the Moon against the USN.

To gain a kilometre to the Moon competitors had to complete 30 minutes of exercise.

Departmental sport representatives were called in for an extraordinary sports meeting and were briefed on the rules of the competition.

It was then an inter-departmental race to the Moon.

A week of competition was furious with Shot Put Recovery Station, led by POWR Deb Taylor, setting a fierce pace. During the week it wasn’t unusual to see lawn mowers being pushed at the double around the married quarters and at the old gym it was standing room only.

By the end of the seven day competition the inter-departmental results were

SBS 139.5 km. NCSD 286 km. Supply 295.1 km and EXEC 231.3 km.

By totalling these results and adding scores from dependent and depot civilian staff COONAWARRA totalled just over 2000 km.

The result gained by COONAWARRA was good enough to give it a tie with NORTH’ the prestigious Life Be In It, Sport For All, Northern Territory “Most Active Organisation” 1996.

The Navy shooters, rear: Andy Kerr (BARATRABUS), Ken Melcan (PERTH), Ross Proctor (SSPATTIN), Awesome Sander (COOK), Tarlo Turner (HOBART), Eddy Edwards (HOBART), front: Pheather Martin (PERTH), Swampy March (COOK), Phil Ashcroft (naval captians — HOBART), Buzz Murrad (COOK), Troy Young (PENGUIN).

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HOLIDAY IN NEW ZEALAND

Periodical arrangements are available for RAA serving members and their dependants to use the RNZN holiday centres at Pauanui and Mount Maunganui. Details and application forms are available from Personnel Services Offices.

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Bar • B-B-Que Weekend

Sailor Graduates Rugby Weekend

In early March ADF Rugby Club is conducting a Bar Boys weekend and want graduates to make up a rugby team to play against the present teams as part of their pre-season training.

The weekend would also include a dinner in the COOC Mess and a Bar-B-Cue on Sunday.

Any enquiries contact OFFDT Brad Mackay on (06) 2685111 Ext 6258.
I ZINGARI CRICKET

ALBATROSS has "do•
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"elished" its third semi-

"final in as many weeks
to win the 1991 I Zingari

midweek cricket premiership.
The title was the birds' first

since 1980-81 and their fifth

in the 61-year history of the famous old club,

won in the 1929-30 unpar-

celled season by HMS AUSTRALIA.

After finding the com-

petition rounds in third

place, ALBATROSS elimi-

nated WATSON in the

semi-final, NIRMBA, in the
	

final and trophy defender KUT-

TABUL in last Wednes-

day's grand final at Randwick.

Asked to bat first on a good wicket, KUTTABUL

was never really in the match, crashing to be all out

for a season's low total of 5.

Handicapping Peter Boden

was the only bright light, saving a deficit in beat

before an unfortunate run out.

No other batmen reached double figures a stunned accurate

bowling attack spear-

headed by paceman

and wicket-keeper

who claimed two wic-

ters in his opening over to

finish with 3/12. skipper

returned 3/14 and off-duty

released veteran

kept in with 2/20.

In reply, TROOS lost

key bats Vandenberg and Tony Bailey with the total

just four before Steve Back

(31 not out) and skipper

scored the visitors to


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