HMAS OTAMA, under the command of CMDR M. T. Dunning leaves Sydney Harbour for Fleet Concentration exercises off the NSW coast this week. Picture by ABPH Martin Horan. Submarines in the news, pages 2-3.
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GUN service and has helped the establishment win community service awards in the past.

Our picture, by Joe Murphy, at left, shows one of the thank you's re-emerging from the "pot".

CPO Bill Smith is giving diver Peter Rees a helping hand back into the real atmosphere.

Mr Rees suffered convulsions after repetitive dives at Byron Bay earlier this year.

A student diver, he was flown to Sydney by RAAF Hercules and then transferred to PENGUIN.

After a few hours in the chamber and a cup of tea at PENGUIN hospital Mr Rees was discharged.

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GROUP effort praised in Gloucester Cup victory

A PRAUD day for HMAS HOBART ... the Fleet Commander, RADM Mike Hutton, introduces the Governor General, Sir Ninian Stephen to HOBART Q'V" CPT Nigel Skeate before the presentation of the Gloucester Cup. Mr Ninian made the presentation in Sydney last week -- the fifth time DNC 39 has won the RAN's top efficiency award. Mr Ninian praised the efforts of the ship's company throughout 1982, saying that each man represented a substantial investment in skills and intelligence. He said a ship of HOBART's size and company mentally placed a burden of responsibility on each man. "I don't think many of us outside the Navy realise just how much is required ... the effort of every individual in achieving the desired result of a well run and hence a happy ship," he said. "Very well done." CAPT David Thompson was in command of HOBART during her award-winning 1982 effort.

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The Australian Labor Party would increase RAN submarine numbers and speed up the follow-on destructor project if elected to Government, according to Party spokesman on Defence, Mr Gordon Scholes.

But there would be NO aircraft carrier built.

Mr Scholes was outlining to “Navy News” that the A.L.P. Defence strategy was focused on the Navy’s needs.

He said the A.L.P. would like to see an Australian submarine program starting before the end of the 80s. “We see them as important assets in our strategic defense,” he said. The threat of serious American subs in the area will have to be fully considered.

Mr Scholes said the program would increase submarine numbers and provide for replacement of the Oberon submarines in the mid-90s.

Unless there were compelling reasons, he said, contracts would go to Australian companies.

He said he would provide more submarines and destroyers for employment generation.

CARRIER
“The follow-on destructor program is essential,” he said.

“Tenders are out... I’m not sure when we would get the first but we would aim for the end of the 80s.”

Mr Scholes said an aircraft carrier would be irresis-
tible in the financial sense at present.

“I don’t believe a carrier could be fitted into a budget.

“Even... employing a few hundred serious disputes to the Navy and the options we have now are three times as expensive.”

If the Government were convinced that a carrier was essential, he would look at it.

“However, we have worked on the option of not building a carrier within the 80s.”

The A.L.P. would make every effort to achieve the same outcome by a different means.

TRACKERS
He said the Navy could possibly need some of the other Services or submarines for such purposes.

“Subject to practicability we could see the Trackers back on coastal maintenance,” he said.

On the personnel side, Mr Scholes said an A.L.P. government would make firm commitments on salaries and conditions for servicemen.

He said the A.L.P. would not shoot itself in the foot on Defence pay which would act in the same way as a...
ACE TUNA FISHERMEN

THE HMAS STIRLING-based Attack-class patrol boat HMAS ACUTE has been transferred to the Adelaide Port Division of the Royal Australian Navy Reserve at HMAS STIRLING.

HMAS ACUTE has been named after the former ocean-going whaler, HMAS ACUTE, which was sold for salvage in 1945.

ACUTE joins 'ROCKIES'

THE 142 tonne Attack-class patrol boat HMAS ACUTE has been transferred to the Adelaide Port Division of the Royal Australian Navy Reserve at HMAS STIRLING.

Don't miss the article in NEWS FROM THE WEST, where you can read more about the transfer of ACUTE to the Adelaide Port Division.
Homing in on a submerged enemy...

With the eight of the RAN's 11 new Fremantle class patrol boats—HMAS BENDIGO—due to be launched in Cairns on April 9, the government has announced that surplus Attack class boats HMAS ACUTE and HMAS BOMBARD will be provided to Indonesia.

The announcement was made by Defence Minister, Mr Ian Chaney, at a press conference at the Royal Australian Navy's HMAS Cairns Base on Wednesday afternoon.

Advantages of the category minehunters over conventional vessels include good all-round seakeeping, wide beam, a large deck space for equipment and increased passenger capacity for increased personnel and supplies. They can be used in the extreme conditions of anti-mine warfare, service in the deep blue ocean and in areas difficult to reach with conventional vessels.

By NOEL TANNWELL

The design has been developed by the Naval Design Branch of the Department of Defence.

It is uniquely Australian and has a new approach in world minehunter concepts.

The structure has been refined by computer and field analysts, with assistance from the NSW State government research bodies.

Large underwater explosion trials were conducted during minehunt operations, an extreme shock test program was developed to investigate the impact of the mine and its method.

Testing in the shock environment has been carried out overseas in Australia.

The minesweeping equipment of the vessel can be used and highly manoeuvrable minehunting crews are searching for and detecting them, using a charge placed by a remote control system.

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EDUCATION

PARENTS OR EXECUTIVES?

Being a parent is not easy; being a Naval Parent requires executive-type ability.

One of the first things most naval parents start to think about when a new posting is being arranged is their children's education. They usually fear that their children may not get the change they need to study... and what will happen after the posting is over?

The Navy and your children's education

The Navy does understand that parents face problems when they have to change schools. Although you may want to make your children feel at home wherever you go, colleges and universities often do have useful information about your children's local schools. They will try to help if you need advice.

Also, naval personnel have a good chance of joining organizations which provide educational assistance. The most obvious is the EMT (Educational Management Team) which provides assistance for your children and helps with obligations which need to be met. On your arrival, the EMT will contact the school to provide information about you and your children.

* POSTING PREFERENCE CARDS

The posting procedures try as far as possible to avoid posting a naval station to areas where children have high school problems. Although they do their best to meet the needs of children with special educational needs, the Navy cannot guarantee that there will be no children's special educational needs. Their policy is to provide educational assistance to the child in the school and in the community where he or she resides. They cannot avoid serious referrals unless they are in the community or at the school where they are located and have a better chance of avoiding serious referrals.

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The allowance is payable to the head of the household directly for the most up-to-date and relevant source of information on preferences to the school. This source is usually the local school board or the school district. It may be payable in other special circumstances such as arranging schooling for a handicapped child.

STUDENT EDUCATION EXPENSES

expenses not exceeding £50 per child, paid in conjunction with full-time education under 18 to a school, college, university or training centre to qualify for a rebate. Some of these expenses include:

- Examination fees
- Text books
- School uniform (including sports uniform)
- Ferry to and from school, school transport
- Musical instruments (not piano)
- Lunches, snacks, etc
- Lunches if the child's school does not provide uniform and equipment.

Parents are advised that a tax credit will be obtained from your taxation constitute.

1983 TERM DATES

PRE-SCHOOL

Most states offer pre-school or kindergarten programs for their youngest primary school children. Details of local facilities can be obtained by contacting your local Pre-School or kindergarten.

The Education Officer will provide details on pre-school or kindergarten facilities for the children.

PRESCHOOL 1983

- TASMANIA (PRE-SCHOOL)
- NORTHERN TERRITORY
- VICTORIA
- SOUTH AUSTRALIA
- WESTERN AUSTRALIA

SCHOOL YEAR:

- JANUARY 27, 1983
- Term 1: week 44, 1983
- Term 2: week 24, 1983
- Term 3: week 11, 1983
- Term 4: week 1, 1984

CIVILISING THE SERVICEMAN

The reference for Civilising the Serviceman is DUN (PERS 6-1). The aim of the Training is to facilitate the return to civil life of limited numbers of the NAVY.

All members leaving the service are entitled to the maximum amount of assistance depending upon the length of service.

Intending dischargees should consult their Resettlement Officer for details of their entitlements.

* A 'Navy News' special guide

GRADES IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

Grades in government schools refer to the different levels or stages of education that students go through as they progress through their academic careers. Each grade represents a specific level of education, with higher grades usually indicating more advanced studies. The specific grading system may vary depending on the country or region, but common elements include early childhood education, primary education, secondary education, and tertiary education. In some systems, grades are used to assess student performance, progress, and eligibility for admission to the next level of education. This information is crucial for parents, educators, and students to understand the structure and progression of the educational system.
Chaplains' Corner...

Just a Grain of Rice

There was much excitement in the Indian village.

Early in the morning of the great day, a beggar made his way to the road along which the procession was to pass. Many of the people there already - a good-humoured crowd quite ready to throw a handful of rice into his wooden bowl. "These people give me rice," muttered the beggar as he elicited their sympathy. "Let it be enough to catch the Robin's eye, or he will give me gold."

When it was time for the procession to start, the beggar was surrounded and thousands of men, women and children lined the road, the cheering beggar. Presently the Robin himself came into view riding a beautiful white horse. "My lord!" he shouted, "shouted the beggar, "if you grant me the custom of the sultans, I shall give you gold."

But have you not a beggar to give anything to a Robin rich beyond telling? Angry, disappointed, frustrated, the beggar packed out a large grain of rice, and handed it to the Robin. He knew that the Robin's attendants.

The procession moved on, but still others cheered, the Robin went in the dust trail, seeming too thin, too light. He could have found a piece of gold in this large grain of rice.

"It's enough," he told them, "if we are poor, let us be grateful."

However, if we give up all our sense of love, our lives will be without meaning. The point to someone who is left will be a thank you in the future. The self-centredness of the Robin's character is the store polarised from him, become partly enlarged, and any self-centredness on our part will be the outer shell.

Two weeks ago, a fellow in our town ended a weekend at a drive-in cinema to celebrate the birth of our nation. During the last day of the summer heat, we were glad to have a chance to escape the heat. We spent the afternoon at the drive-in, watching a movie, eating ice cream, and enjoying the fresh air. It was a great way to relax and unwind after a long week at work.

The movie was a classic of its time, with memorable scenes and a great soundtrack. The director did an excellent job of capturing the spirit of the time, and the actors were top-notch. The special effects were also impressive, and the overall production quality was high.

The drive-in was a popular attraction in the area, and there were always long lines at the box office. Despite the heat, the atmosphere was lively and fun, and we all left the theater with a smile on our face and a sense of accomplishment. It was a perfect way to end the summer season.
WHAT IS A CREDIT UNION?

A credit union is formed of a group of people who have got together to help each other out with money; that is to say that if you put your money with them, they loaned out to the same kind of person as you are.

The particular attractions of this kind of co-operative venture are:

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On the other hand, there are higher rates of interest than other modern savings institutions, and the purpose is to encourage people to save money.

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If all this sounds too good to be true, it isn't. There are some of the drawbacks in credit unions that compare to other money shops.

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Likewise if you are posted to Darwin or STILBRIGE you may as well be in another South Wales credit union as a practical, regular one which allows you to take your savings with you any place in the country.

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RICK LONGBOTTOM MADE IT TWO IN SUCCESSION WHEN HE WON THE BOX DIVISION OF THE 1983 RANSA REGATTAS.

RICK, with Nick Knows, represented HMAS CANBERRA in the race and pulled out a victory over the CORRUMBUS team headed by Martin Linley.

Rick and Nick covered the course in 1 hour 23 minutes 12.33 seconds.

The regatta, which was sailed on Saturday, January 29, was sailed at the oldest regularly completed regatta in the world.

Boats and sailors from the Royal Sydney Yacht Club, Royal Sydney Amateur Sailing Club, RANSA, Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Parramatta River Yacht Club and Greenwich Flying Squads competed.

There was also a Navy dinghy division and one of the Command Sailing Center's 12 homes competed in this division.

One only failed to finish.

Each club started their race at individual times on handicap but all had a common finish in Botany Bay.

Halfway through the race the fleet seemed to come under attack, but any danger was short lived.

The RAAF was simply staging a mock attack on Fort Denison to revivify it from foreign hands.

Although it was simply a public relations exercise for the Air Force, the low-flying Mirage fighters provided momentous distraction from the sailing.

SUNSHINE

The weather was perfect for the regatta with bright sunshine and strong breezes.

The overseas provided all competitors with all divisions funnelling into the bay.

Third place in the boys' race went to HMAS HOBART and B. Davidson at the cilder.

Fourth place went to MSNS Henderson of HMAS CUSH, WELL, R.H. to HMAS SWAN (A. Strange) and rich to HMAS WATSON (M. Murray).

The main presentation day for the regatta is later this year but RADM Woolruch presented Rick Longbottom with the Regatta Trophy, donated by RANSA to the winning bosun crew, after the sailing was over.

One consolation for Rick's sailing opponents will be his absence from local competition for the rest of the year. He's off to the U.K. for an enginering course.

ZETLAND AND ZEBRAS IN OPEN SEASON

They belong to sportspersons from the Naval Supply Centre Zealand which has just joined the competition.

Zeland has entered teams in cricket, tennis, squash, waterpolo, volleyball, softball, badminton and tennison.

The entry of a predominately civilian defence organisation into the Naval sport competition has been hailed as possibly the most important step in integration in quite a few years.

Results show the most talented Zealand sailor in the nearly all-girl tennis side. They have been a big hit with opposing teams.

Team members include some uniformed staff and civilian clerks and storemen.

They're planning to get Zealand Zebras uniforms to lock the park.

One Zealand sportsman summed up the feeling at the centre in this verse, ode to Zealand:

When I'm out of bounds, you've got to keep going, for a guardian, I'm giving you an answer, not just a won't.

We can't get no sympathy, yeah, the old folk's helping to get some soul.

We're caring citizens and happy story,

Not bad for integration gives them perhaps.

Who will be presented black and white?

They're not supposed to be seen again.

When I'm out of bounds, you've got to keep going.

Remember, each and every one of you.

DELETE SPARROW, CAN SAVAGE

Atlantic Zebras in netball side.

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NAVY SPORTS SECTION NEWS

FLEET RETURNS TO SWIMMING!
MORE Fleet sport competition and emphasis on team participation is the policy of Fleet Commander, RADM Mike Hudson.

Fleet has held its first swimming titles for many years and, not surprisingly, RADM Hudson and many ship commanding officers were among the competitors.

RADM Hudson had to be content with third placing in the veterans’ event behind CMDR Vaill and COPOX Herb Cooper.

Some 135 swimmers from 11 teams — representing the ships ADELAIDE, STALWART, SWAN, PARRAMATTA, BRISBANE, SUPPLY, COOK, TORENS, CANBERRA, YABBA and Fleet Establishment — competed at the ABM’s new RANswich sports complex.

“We’ve looked through the records but we were not able to trace the last Fleet titles,” said Fleet Sports Officer, WO Lester.

With RADM Hudson’s backing, the swim titles will now become an annual event.

Main emphasis in Team competition was on friendly sports.

Inaugural trophy winner was HMS ADELAIDE, led in the 1983 titles by Commanding Officer, Captain Matt Taylor.

“*They won by some 14 points — not a bad feed for a minimum-man ship,” commented WO Purdie.

The NSW Section of the Naval Association of Australia donated the trophy.

Second in the titles was the destroyer tender HMAS STALWART from the destroyer escort HMAS SWAN.

Despite the emphasis on TEAM, a number of fine individual performances naturally were required.

ADELAIDE won two of the three double-point team events and two of the individual events in the final finals.

PARRAMATTA’s “Olcho” Dickson won with the 50 metres freestyle and the 50 metres butterfly — both in particularly fast times.

Carr of SWAN took both brevetstroke events.


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