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The Sydney-based Australian Defence Credit Union Ltd is clearly the big winner in the 1991/92 Credit Union Performance Survey released by the Australian Institute of Banking and Finance.

Pratt Marwick.

The survey gauges performance of Australia’s largest 50 credit unions, with Australian Defence Credit Union being one of four of the seven performance categories, each fifth in another category.

General Manager of Australian Defence, Mr Alan Brooks, said the survey results had been particularly pleasing for the credit union.

“They are all the more pleasing when compared with the results of a similar survey carried out in 1989,” he said.

“This year we ranked first in four categories (Uninsured), first in Retail on Net Assets (C3), first in Retail on Total Assets (C3) and first in Income on Operating Profit (C6).”

“In addition we were rated fifth best in terms of Income in Producing (55th last year), this last ranking is perhaps the most pleasing because it recognises the efforts which has been made by our staff in the last 12 months.”

“Our Board, comprising service officers and civilians, and all the M.I staff members employed in the 21 branch offices around Australia are committed to providing the very best service,” he said.

Mr Brooks said that Australian Defence Credit Union Ltd was unique among Australian credit unions, because of the support given to our members, the Defence community.

“Our numbers can be all over Australia, or even overseas at times, and yet they still quite rightly expect that we will be able to provide them and their families, who are often in a different location, with a full range of services at any time.”

“We have shown that we are able to do that and this survey is a clear reflection of that,” he said.

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Admiral bowing out after four decades

Australian Defence Force personnel were awarded a two per cent pay rise, effective from December 17, 1992.

The Defence Force Remuneration Tribunal made the award in recognition of productivity improvements after a

After more than 43 years dedicated service to the RAN, the Naval Support Commander, Rear Admiral David Gayle Holthouse, is about to retire. The Federation of Australian Trade Unions said it had received over his current post to Rear Admiral A.L. Hunt (Assistant Chief of Naval Staff - Materiel).

RADM Holthouse joined the Navy as a cadet midshipman in January 1958 at the tender age of 14 and during his long and distinguished career he has held many and varied postings.

An engineering officer, he has served in many ships overseas and in the RAN, included amongst them GLORY and EAGLE, MURMUR (Anzac), QUEENSBOROUGH, SYDNEY, HOBART (Vietnam), ST PETERS and the submarine HMS ANCHORITE.

RADM Holthouse said after 43 years in the RAN he was neither sad nor apparently anxious about leaving the Service.

Reflecting on what he called a most exciting career he said he considered the top jobs in the Navy had always been the non-job going jobs that the best of all have been his present one.

He had a number of charge jobs...and I’ve enjoyed them all very much...more so than the damage that they did in a robust and well built ship was quite astonishing.

“Sadly, we had two of our ship’s company killed and quite a number wounded and that’s a misfortune of war.”

The first and most remarkable thing was the exuberance of the courage but the second was the calm way in which the ship’s company reacted. There was an unbroken stream of controlled excretion certain but we had found the calm efficiency to be impressive.

RADM Holthouse said. He had said already been impressed with the way ship’s company had worked up the ship in Australian waters in preparation for Vietnam.

“You know, the fact that the ship’s company knew they were going into harm’s way made those work-ups much more purposeful and I guess that’s always likely to be true, as was demonstrated again during the work up for the Gulf,” he said.

The Admiral said the role of the Naval Support Command during the Gulf war that was not widely known or understood.

He said he thought the Command “did its job pretty well.”

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Antarctic summer for HODSU

The Hydrographic Office Detached Unit (HODSU) has deployed to Antarctica to conduct hydrographic survey operations at Casey Station during the 1992/93 summer.

HODSU travelled to Casey on Voyage 5 on 30 May 1992, and returned to Hobart on the same vessel in early April 1993. On Voyage 5 via Macquarie Island, Heard Island and Maccarat Island.

The Chief Scientist, Lieutenant Commander (INCL Corporation) "Shogon" Stale is leading the team for his fourth commission deployment south with CPVOR1 "Killer" Koing. Lts C.P. Watkin and LSMTP Vic Barrett making up the small "team".

The unit deployed with a maximum of 17 personnel in the Antarctic Survey Vessel (ASV) NARTIE.

In the tradition of the Hydrographic Service of naming its survey boats after previous Survey ships or boats, the vessel number one, NARTIE; has been named Antarctic Survey Vessel "Wattye" after one of the first Australian National Antarctic Research Expeditions of 1970/71.

At Casey Station the team will continue survey operations commenced in the summer season of 1991/92 with the results providing information for a new edition of AUS CHART 661 "Approaches to Casey".

On the voyage home the team will relocate a bottom mounted tide gauge at Macquarie Island and commence in the summer season of 1992/93 with the results providing information for a new edition of AUS CHART 661 "Approaches to Casey".

The HODSU team standing by to do the departure for the Antarctic.

SCRS introduction underway

Between late October and early December 1992 a Scanning Catgorized Rationalization Study (SCRS) briefing team, comprising Commander Bill Gorman and CPORFT Steve James, travelled 1500 kilometres around the country to give 25 presentations at major bases and establishments.

Presentations were well-received and attendance figures were high with a total audience of over 1400.

Splitting questions followed most presentations.

This kept team members on their toes, but it gave them the opportunity to air questions and issues and address specific matters with the local personnel.

The aim of SCRS is high with many holding the view that change is long overdue.

Many members have expressed their desire to see SCRS succeed and are anxious to get on with the job of introducing the new structure into the Service.

Following Christmas 1992, the team is commencing work in Navy Office to tackle the job of completing the work of Commander Bill Gorman, which was re-placed by Commander Peter Skoyles.

The Implementation Team will consist of:

- Commanding Officer, Chief SCRS, CPORFT Max Stein, CPORMG Mark Carter, CPORMG Simon Boe.
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CERBERUS, HMMSI WATSON and Commo-

New gun facility

Maritime Commander, Australia, Rear Admiral R.A.K. Walls has officially opened the new 76mm gun facility at West Head Grammar School.

With the installation of Defence Regional Support Review in the Victorian Region, the facilities currently performed by NOVIC with have been transferred to the Defence Centre – Melbourne. A new Resident Representative by Navy in the Victorian Region will ensure that the new role is undertaken.

Victoria's presence in the Antarctic Region will not diminish due to the expansion of HMMSI CERBERUS and the integration into the tri-Service Defence Centre organisation.

NIRIMBA WINDING DOWN

After a week of rain, the weather finally cleared for the 11th Apprentice Pas-

Seventh Edition of "Naval History ended with closure of the Office of Naval Officer Commanding Victoria Area.

On July 1, 1991, Commander Greer Martin had become the District Naval Officer Victoria, located on the old Post Office site on the corner of Bay and Rouse Streets Port Melbourne.

The last Naval Officer Commanding Victoria Area, Commander Greer Martin, is also Commanding Officer of the new CERBERUS.

West Head Grammar School.

RADM Walls said, that when he had approved the design, many expectations had been of the opinion that it was a waste of money.

Some locals have been left with the confidence that he had made the right decision.

He said realistic and effective training could not be pro-

The training benefits from this gun would be used by the US Navy and Australian Navy.

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NAVY NEWS, January 29, 1993 (5)
CANBERRA escorted UN strike vessels on IRAQ

The naval incident began during the latest crisis on Iraq but did not fire a shot, according to the Australian Government.

The New Zealand Prime Minister, Sir Robert Muldoon, announced that Australia had been working covertly with the United States to help "accumulate" evidence for a possible war. The negotiations were reportedly "very complex" and "a major undertaking in itself".

In December, the US and its allies began military operations in Iraq, and the situation escalated to the point where Australia was forced to declare war.

The UN was asked to consider taking action, and Australia was one of the countries that supported the idea. However, a series of diplomatic efforts failed to resolve the issue, and the situation remained tense for several months.

On January 16, the UN Security Council voted to impose sanctions against Iraq, and Australia was one of the countries that supported the sanctions. The sanctions were designed to "starve" the regime of Saddam Hussein and force it to disarm.

The situation remained tense, and the United States was preparing to launch a "shock and awe" campaign. Australia was one of the countries that supported the campaign, and its military forces were mobilized and deployed in the region.

On April 15, the United States launched a series of air strikes on Iraq, and the situation escalated to the point where Australia was forced to declare war. The United States was supported by its allies, including Australia, and the campaign was designed to "finish the job".

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SHIPS GAIN NEW CO'S

The replenishment ship HMAS WESTRALIA and the patrol boat HMAS IPSWICH each have new commanding officers.

WESTRALIA farewell outgoing Commanding Officer, Commander Gorden Wellham, in traditional navy style. After 18 months in command of the Navy's largest ship, CMDR Wellham was rowed ashore in a ship's lifeboat.

The ship's company watched the departure and gave three rousing cheers from the RAS deck.

CMDR Wellham has been appointed to the Joint Services Staff Course in Canberra.

WESTRALIA's new Commanding Officer is Commander Bill Garner, who takes over after recently serving as Master Attendant in Sydney. He joined in time to take WESTRALIA to the east coast, where she is undergoing refit in Newcastle then working in the east. Meanwhile, Cairns-based patrol boat IPSWICH, having just completed a successful South-West Pacific visit to the ports of Java and the Loyalty Islands, on arrival back at Cairns received a change of command.

After one year in command, Lieutenant Commander John Battersby handed over the traditional IPSWICH straw bunionstick to Lieutenant Commander Peter Kraus.

CDR Kraus, previously navigator of WESTRALIA, looks forward to keeping the high standards.

BROOM IN NEW HANDS IPSWICH.

RN attachment a 'princely' experience

The Royal Navy Public Relations machine has provided HMAS MORETON Reserve Officer, Lieutenant Sally Bick, with an intensive attachment as part of a Prince of Wales Award for Defence Force Reserves.

LEUT Bick, a 1992 award winner, spent her attachment visiting both regular and Reserve Royal Naval establishments and the Central Office of Information to discuss and observe aspects of Navy public relations.

"The program will prove highly valuable as the Royal Australian Naval Reserve becomes integrated into the permanent naval force," according to LEUT Bick.

"In addition to visiting Reserve headquarters at HMS Naval Base, Portsmouth, under the command of Captain C. Pliv and the Reserve establishment, HMAS NORTHWOOD, I spent time with the public relations officers at Royal Navy Headquarters at Northwood, HMS DRYAD and the Directorate of Public Relations at the Ministry of Defence," she said.

"I also had the opportunity to visit the National Employers Liaison Committee staff which works to build close relationships between employers and the Defence Force Reserves."

"This visit underscored the valuable work that such relationships have in building the image of the role of the Defence Force in our community in general."

"I would particularly like to thank Lieutenant Stephens Lawrenson (Ministry of Defence), Captain Pliv and his staff, Lieutenant Jacqui Clark, (HMS Dryad) and Ms Kelly Freeman at the Central Office of Information for their support during my attachment."

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Three generations over-fly Perth...

The formation of aircraft (above) led by the Senior Naval Officer RAN, Pearce LCDR Mark Jarrett and ably assisted by CPOA George Casey, is a historic gathering of the three aircraft used to train Naval Pilots for more than 30 years. With the exception of the PC-9 all have seen service with the RAN. Unfortunately they could not be in RAN livery for this historic meeting left the three generations of training aircraft.

In the background is the Perth Centennial in King Park and the Narrows Bridge.

Government helps ‘spouses’ group...

The biennial National Conference of the National Consultative Group of Services Spouses NGCSS has been held in Canberra at the National Capital Centre.

The conference addressed a number of issues related to the families of personnel serving in the Defence Force. The conference is sponsored by the Ministry of Defence, the Australian Defence Force and the Australian Defence Force Families Council.

Government helps ‘spouses’ group...

Ten State delegations, representing all areas of Defence, attended the conference which was opened by Eileen Jorga, the newly appointed National Commander.

Over the three days the delegations were addressed by Mr Gordon Blythe, Minister for Defence, Sincerely and Personnel and by a number of speakers from HOADF and the three services.

The delegations were directed to meet PCF Defence General John Baker who was very interested in issues raised by the delegations.

He personally met all the delegates and then addressed them on Peacekeeper commitments, Vietnam Support Operations, Childcare, Family Support Funding and the Defence Housing Authority.

The conference told the minister of the problems the service families were currently facing and he has offered the NGCSS his help to solve many of these.

There were a variety of issues on the agenda for this conference ranging from changes to the tuition and education allowances, to services being provided for families of the peacekeeping forces overseas.

The delegations were hosted for a morning at DHA by the Community Relations Officer, Commander Bob Hoskin. They were addressed by COL Roger Weightman from Defence Housing and he managed from various DHA sections.

The DAS Managing Director Mr Glynis Roger brought the delegations up to date on the Ronaelli Re-uses. The delegations appeared pleased with the re-uses situation at present and all agreed that great improvements had taken place.

RADM Graham Stubington (ACPS) discussed current care service issues such as the Pyram structure, Service Allowance and Family Day Care.

He also reminded the delegation of the Social Security Benefits available to AFP Families. He encouraged delegations to inform families in their areas to apply for benefits to which they are entitled.

Delegate from the People’s Republic of China, Mr Li Ming, was good cheer and invited all the delegations to Canberra in 1993.

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Tactical Trainers' Second Dunne Cup

The Tactical Trainer Building (TTB) has captured the annual Mick Dunne Cup novelty race at HMAS Watson for the second successive year.

The event consists of 13 stages with each team requiring 21 members. TTB was warmed to the big event with earlier inter-departmental games.

A variety of challenges ranged from the gross tug-of-war to boat throwing.

The preliminaries over, all competitors took those places to be sent on their way to the Mick Dunne Cup by Executive Officer, CMDR Ralph Macdonald.

At the official presentations, LSSTD Lynette Wilson, who has excelled in athletics, was proclaimed TTB’s "sportsperson of the year".

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CANBERRA sports wins in Moonlight Marathon

The guided missile frigate HMAS CANBERRA, on stopover in Mombasa, has recorded victories in Rugby and soccer against HNS NOTTINGHAM.

The sport was won by HMAS CANBERRA on November 5th.

The event began at 1800 and throughout the day the sky was overcast. As the night wore on conditions worsened to eventually become a steady downpour.

In the early hours of the morning a strong north westerly sprung up between Spencer and Brooklyn causing waves which, at times, were a metre high.

They may have endangered the safety of paddlers to the race was shortened to end at Spencer.

CNSR Lindsay completed the 106km to Spencer in 11 hours 37 minutes and 46 seconds while LCMR McKenzie finished in 13 hours six minutes and 45 seconds.

It was a night to remember and the $777 raised in sponsorship by the two Staff College cadets went to a very worthy cause.

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They're still horseing around at NIRIMBA

Far from the academic, technical classrooms, but within the hallowed halls, is HMAS NIRIMBA's Horse Club.

Set on 13 hectares of Crown land and opened in 1980 by the CO of the day, the Horse Club has provided many hours of recreational riding for our Navy's sailors.

Indeed, it is the only RAN Riding School in existence.

Membership inevitably leads to mucking out stalls, cleaning, grooming and of course, riding — and most techies come back for more!

Riders of all skill levels have been encouraged to participate for weekly sport and weekend rides.

One class of apprentices even took the horses on Expedit in the Colo Valley.

All five horses have given long and loyal service — most are at least two-hundred!

Sadly, due to NIRIMBA's imminent closure, reduction in trainee numbers for 1993 and decrease in interested riders, the Horse Club is closing and ending a very special era at NIRIMBA.

Four horses, tack and horse float are now for sale, at negotiable terms.

Any interested person should contact LS LT Witter (CRC) on 626 4112.

Staff College crew in Moonlight Marathon

The "Moonlight Marathon" is an annual 111km overnight canoe race (conducted on the Hawkesbury River between Windsor and Brooklyn) to raise money for Multiple Sclerosis.

This year, a total foe 345 teams started, including teams representing the three Services.

Martin Lindsey and Michael McKenzie, from the RAM Staff College, were part of the Navy team, with other horses coming from HMAS NIRIMBA and HMAS CRESSWELL.

Each cadet was supported by a fundraise.

The Staff College pair were well sailed by Paul Webb, Lynne Connolly, Jane Green, Rita Garcia, Patricia Matthews, Wade Green and Mr Jack Blunt.

The "Moonlight Marathon" team, rear (standing): Rita Garcia, Joe Blunt, Paul Webb; right: Lynne Connolly, Jane Green, Michael McKenzie, Wade Green, Martin Lindsey, Patricia Matthews.

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Apparrel Jason Rocker works out on 'Super'
Burrell partners unbeaten

The 1992 Burrell Cup main tennis competition has been won by LEUT Jackson (WATSON) and AEFC Wanta Beach (NIKIMBA).

The early rounds were close with the first semi-final between POKS Pickford and Jackson’s partner CPO Cameron (WELL) up against LSRF Ryan and AB Ashmore (HORSE). The latter pair defeated the first set 6-4 but fought back in the second to go down 7-5.

In the other semi-final Jackson and Wanta played well in the final round, Wanta accounting for ESET Case and LSSTD Crop of HMAS DARWIN 6-0, 6-0.

The final was an interesting match with each partner going for the winner with little stopping the result to be close. In the heat of the battle Jackson and Wanta dominates to win their second consecutive trophy in 1990, 1991, and 1992.

The only match to be described as a clinical win, the runners up were gracious in defeat and paid respect to Jackson’s achievements.

Tony Findlay

STEINMAN WINS WATER BIATHLON

PO Ken Steinman has won the annual HMSI WATSON Biathlon. The 3km swim was won by WATSON and the 12km run was won by WATSON. As usual the weather was hot and windy.

The next event is one of the most anticipated in the swimming season and the Plumbing Biathlon.

Adams new golf champ

Paul Adams, with a 54-hole total of 234, is NAVY’s 1992 national golf champion.

He won by two shots from Pete Gilbert with Phil Hardy another shot away.

They were among 16 NAVY players in a 12-man field at the annual National Services Championships played over two days at Canberra’s Federal Golf Club.

Services champion is ARMY’s Richard Greivelle who returned a 225 to 54 holes.

The field comprised golfers of all ages and was culled from a total of 100 nominations.

Overall service championships were won by RAFE from ARMY and NAVY while results showed NSW fielded the strongest of the four state teams.

R&A’s Golf Association captain, Commander Phil Hardy, said he was pleased with the number of nominations.

“Performance: remain consistent, winning golf for the future of service golf,” he added.

Follow competitors with RAFE’s Peter Waist who entered over each pair 19.

He was disqualified under rule 13.5 which deals with playing out with a ball deemed to be lost.

The unfortunate incident occurred during the second of the 18-hole round.

He has carried a two-under-par overall for the 106 holes played in the last two years.

He deserves much credit for his standard of golf,” said CMDR Hardy.

“However, rules are rules,” he added.

NAVY’s Paul Adams, Peter Waist and Phil Hardy were named in the Australian Services squad for the 1992 regio matches.

Selection was a tribute to Phil Hardy who has been named in every national services squad since their introduction in 1980.

Richard Greivelle succeeded Phil as ADGA captain while Brigadier Neil Horne remains in charge of the NSW team.

Meanwhile, The Naval Golf Association has held its Christmas Golf Day at Narrabeen Rugby League Country Club.

Winners were: scratch, A grade: T Afford (Navy); B grade: C Clark (Cunningham); net: A grade: D Dober; D Gilbert (65); B grade: R Whiter (64).

Representatives from corporate organisations who support the NGA were present including Kel’s Baker from Accert Technologies and Steve Talie from AT&T.

In was won with regulars Scott Hoare and Chris Turner coming second as president and we wish him well in retirement at the end of the month.

CMDR Mike Ward was unanimously accepted as the new president.

An open day in conjunction with an annual general meeting will be held soon to elect new office bearers.

At the halfway point the Wilts Captains meet (D) and the competition ladder stand as follows:

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Cap performance has been excellent with no deserted or forfeited games, mainly because of the enthusiasm of the competition to six months duration.

PEAK TREK

A major Army Alpine Association (AAA) activity in 2003 will be an attempt on Mount Everest in western Nepal, the sixth highest mountain in the world at 8167m.

Nominations to climb the mountain have closed.

In conjunction with the climb, however, the AAA has organised a 16-day trek.

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