The Minister for Defence, Senator Robert Ray, has announced plans to buy two Landing Ship Tanks (LSTs) from the United States Navy to provide both at-sea training for personnel and helicopter support for amphibious operations.

The two ships, to be purchased for a total of $70m, will replace the training ship HMAS JERVIS BAY and the Landing Ship Heavy HMAS TOBRUK. Each will be withdrawn from service.

"The availability of two LSTs from the US at a reasonable price provides us with two extremely flexible ships," he said.

"The two ships, rendered surplus to US requirements, will be better and more representative training ships than HMAS JERVIS BAY.

"They are constructed to military standards, have excellent manoeuvrability and areas which could be converted to classrooms.

"Not only will the RAN have a more effective training capability than that provided by JERVIS BAY, but it will also have the capacity to transport large amounts of Army equipment and personnel, and to support the operation of helicopters."

The LSTs, which currently operate one large helicopter each, would be modified in Australia to operate up to four helicopters.

Each LST displaces 8450 tonnes and is 159 metres long. Both ships are diesel-powered, have a suite of sensors and weapons and can be operated by a crew of about 160 personnel.

Acquisition of the two LSTs will proceed in the first half of 1994, subject to finalising arrangements with the US Government.

The training ship HMAS JERVIS BAY (formerly the Newcastle-built roll-on roll-off passenger-vehicle ship MV Australian Trader) first commissioned into the RAN in 1977 is to be withdrawn from service.

Amphibious LSH HMAS TOBRUK, also built near Newcastle, commissioned in 1981 and will also be withdrawn from service.
Fame has given you, professionally. Obviously Roy Weston has its own background has given you. Without exception, all of these individuals are now earning well above the average industry income and most have gone on to run their own business. The guided missile frigate HMAS MELBOURNE (CMDF Max Hnawcs) has undertaken a successful visit to the City of Melbourne. Australia Cup - Marine Engineering: (1) HMAS DARWIN, (2) HMAS BRIEDEY, and (2) HMAS ASW SYDNEY.

Many Navy personnel in Australia Day awards

Many RAN personnel have been honoured in the Australia Day awards announced on Wednesday, among those recognised were:

Order of Australia, Members in the Military Division (AM):
- Commodore Christopher Alexander RARRIE, Darling Point, outstanding service, particularly as Deputy Maritime Commander and Chief of Staff, Maritime Headquarters. Commendation Michael Thomas DUNN, Dalkeith, ACT, distinguished service, particularly as Director-General Force Development (Air); Captain Kenneth John WARDLE, Jacob, extraordinary dedication and service, particularly as Naval Attache Jakarta.

Modem of the Order of Australia (OAM) Military Division:
- Chief Petty Officer Karoly (Karl) BRENNER, Calwell, ACT, exceptional service, particularly with the Force Communications Unit in support of UNTAC; Chief Petty Officer Ian Joseph PETERS, Clyde, outstanding dedication, particularly in ship operations; Warrant Officer Larry Francis BURGESS, Canberra, exceptional service, particularly in aviation technical training; Warrant Officer Kenneth Desmond SIMMONS, Chinder, Qld, exceptional service, particularly in personnel management.

Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC):
- Commander Robert Stephen ALLEN, Curl Curl, particularly in Supply at Naval Support Command; Warrant Officer Kenneth Wayne WARDLE, Melbourne, particularly in intermediate and depot-level maintenance for avionic equipment at HMAS ALBATROS; Petty Officer Paul Neale FORD, Fremantle, particular service in aviation training and support at Navy Supply Centre Zetland; Lieutenant Commander Raydon Mark EDWARDS, Fremantle, as Commanding Officer of HMAS CANBERRA while deployed in the Red Sea in support of UNSIAC against Iraq; Chief Petty Officer Ellis Malcolm HOGG, Fremantle, particularly in intermediate and depot-level maintenance for avionic equipment, particularly at HMAS ALBATROS; Petty Officer Ian Locket VOWLES, Bulleen, particularly the health and welfare of the company of HMAS BRIEDEY.

MELBOURNE in Melbourne

The guided missile frigate HMAS MELBOURNE (CMDF Max Hnawcs) has undertaken a successful visit to the City of Melbourne. The ship's company participated in a "spectacular social and public relations program", according to our correspondent. The Wardrobe hosted an official cocktail party for 300 guests while the Senior Sailor also hosted a cocktail party in the Wardrobe. Both functions were a great success.

When MELBOURNE, photographed by the VAP, was exchanged with Mr Ted Dickson, a crew member of the original HMAS MELBOURNE. HMAS MELBOURNE was open to visitors on both days of the visit, and a very positive response was shown.

Over 8000 people visited the ship during this opportunity. The ship also hosted two programs from the flight deck during the visit: one for the crew to send cheery messages, and another for various social and entertainment events. The ship's company took the opportunity to play golf on the prestigious golf courses of the Royal Melbourne Golf Club and the Kingston Heath Golf Club.

Invitations were gladly accorded by the ship's company to the many events of the visit, including Derby Day, the Australian Melbourne Cup Championships and the Royal Melbourne Golf Club. All these events were highlighted by the visit.

Invitations were kindly accepted to attend functions hosted by the Premier of Victoria, the Victoria League and the Victorian Harness Racing Association.

The Royal Melbourne company extends its gratitude to the City of Melbourne for its generous welcome and hospitality.
RAN helps douse raging bushfires

While many of us were celebrating Christmas leave in early January more than 400 RAN personnel from the Sydney area were mobilised to provide assistance during the NSW bushfire emergency.

The RAN contribution was part of a Joint ADF Emergency Standing Force (ESF) activated by JQCDE and under the Operational Control of the Land Commander.

The ESF included elements of 1 Combat Engineer Regiment, 8/12 Medium Regiment (artillery), personnel from RAN Australian and 30 military helicopters.

The objective of the ESF was to assist in firefighting support tasks such as preparing firebreaks, back-burning and mopping up so that trained bushfire fighters could be rested or redeployed to other areas.

RAN personnel operated day and night and remained at hours notice to move throughout their deployment.

To control the ADF contribution, which averaged 200 RAN and 200 Army personnel (mopping up to a total of 600 for a short period), the ESF HQ was established at the Roseville State Fire Services Headquarters and manned by both RAN and Army personnel.

For many in the ESF HQ and in the field it was the first exposure to fast fire operations.

Four contingents of 100 personnel were activated during the period January 7-19 and each spent between 2-4 days in the field.

Operating conditions were austere and working conditions difficult and sometimes dangerous (eight minor casualties).

All contingents established an excellent rapport with local communities and civil authorities who were very appreciative of the RAN involvement.

Logistic support was crucial to the operation and Logistic Support Group (RAN) at Port Kembla played a significant role.

Logistic support was also a joint activity and many RAN personnel found their unfamiliarity with territory and servicing of Unimog vehicles, using Swiss HF radios and eating, for at least attempting to eat, challenging.

The first contingent (LCDR A.J.M. Smith) operated in the Grey’s Point and Merri areas and was instrumental in saving several houses in 1980 when strong winds caused the fire to overrun the firebreak it had been attacking.

Later the first contingent moved to the North Shore exercising elderly residents, preparing firebreaks and backburns before returning to units for a well earned rest.

The second contingent (LCDR P.A. Field) and third contingent (LCDR P.J. Gorry) operated in the Blue Mountains preparing sections of a 30km firebreak built to provide protection to towns and villages from Springwood to Mt Wilson.

RAN personnel were employed to good effect in areas unsuitable for bushdozers. Invariably this meant very steep terrain.

The fourth contingent (LCDR A.L.G. Pay) operated in the Currumbin area preparing firebreaks once again in very difficult terrain.

Mr Keating called a halt to proceedings in this area when backburning became ineffective and too dangerous even for Unimogs. For the RAAF Air Operations Officer (LCDR N.V. Cush) it was the running of 30 military helicopters, Shorthorn, Squirrel, Blackhawk, Inquire and Kiowaj conducting water bombing, personnel and stores transport and reconnaissance.

In addition to those in the field and at ESF HQ the bushfire emergency involved many other RAN personnel from the Sydney area.

These included a massive mobilisation of Navy vehicles and drivers as well as RAN chaplains who appeared in the most unexpected places with some working five of their own ships.

HRH Queen Elizabeth II and Other Royal Family

MINISTER’S THANKS

The Acting Minister for Defence, Senator John Faulkner, thanked all members of the RAN assistance team for their efforts.

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TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

The emphasis on quality in education and training and the need to have sound theoretical and practical knowledge of modern marine navigation systems which include operation of GPS and ARPA. Applicants who also possess a good understanding of the operation of modern naval command and control systems will be favourably considered.

The successful candidate, will possess good writing skills and have a sound theoretical and practical knowledge of modern marine navigation systems which include operation of GPS and ARPA.

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The Naval Training Commander, CRESWELL, is offering a reward of $500 to any person who can provide information leading to the recovery of a missing training manual.

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MARITIME NAVIGATION AND RADAR SYSTEMS TRAINING AND DOCUMENTATION OFFICER

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Latest frigate commissioned

By Ross Gillert, Navy Public Affairs, Sydney

For the ship's company of the new guided missile frigate HMAS NEWCASTLE, Wednesday December 8, will long be remembered as the beginning of a special and deep relationship with the citizens of greater Newcastle.

"In a massive welcome similar to the arrival home of the Gulf ships and the celebrations to mark the Navy's 75th Anniversary, HMAS NEWCASTLE set the mood over the following five days for the people of the Hunter region to become part of the naval scene with specially organised town, presentations by ship associations and the adoption of the Waratah Orthopaedic School as the ship's charity," NEWCASTLE's CO, CMDR Rowan Moffitt, said.

"Our arrival into harbour was a scene to be appreciated by all, with thousands of Novaasians lining the foreshores," he added.

Amid all the activity, NEWCASTLE made slow but steady progress through an enveloping spray of five fire tugs and the port dredger. With the Navy band embarked the ship edger closer towards her berth at Lee Nol for the first time.

Dignitaries onboard the FFG, Newcastle's Lord Mayor and Lady Mayor were joined by local dignitaries to welcome home the ship.

Waiting ashore hundreds more locals came to see for themselves the ship's maiden voyage into the port.

The Executive OfficerLCDR Dave Troughton said of the arrival: "This spectacular arrival proved only the precursor of many more shore and ship activities during the ship's first visit, confirming the Hunter community's enthusiasm for the famous Hunter hospitality reputation."

CMDR Moffitt welcomed aboard numerous representatives including the naval Association, RSL, Maritime Museum, City Council and TAFE for the presentation of carafes, a painting of the old paddlewheeler NEWCASTLE and the ship's commissioning cake.

The next day he presented the ship's crest to the Lord Mayor, who officially opened "Hunter Street" and donated a series of books describing the Hunter.

At the same reception shipmates made as first presentation to the Waratah School a $4000 page replacement machine for use by the handicapped children.

Commissioning morning was as bright and brilliant as the previous three days and the commissioning order was read by CMDR Moffitt to begin the annual service.

After formal inspections of the ship by CDF, CNS, Senator Ray and the Lord Mayor a reception was held on the wharfside.

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Nanango Shire honours JTS

Following an invitation extended by Nanango Shire, Telecommunications School (JTS) has exercised its right of "Freedom of Entry".

The parade was held at the town sports oval to accept the right of privilege, followed by a march through the town's main street to the War Memorial.

The proceedings followed the traditional format with "swords drawn, bayonets fixed, flags flying, drums beating and bands playing". JTS, commanded by Squadron Leader Jeni Rengers, was established in 1946 at Caltahar (20 km north of Toowoomba).

The school provides initial and advanced training for specialist signals operators for the Navy, Army and Air Force.

Nanango is located to the north of Crows Nest and the neighbouring shire to Caltahar. JTS has taken great pride in its local community involvement and has been honoured to accept Nanango Shire's generous offer of "Freedom of the Shire".

Parade Host was Colonel Adam Fleisch - Director of Army Aviation (DAAVN), who performed one of his last public duties prior to being dismissed out as DAAVN.

The Nanango Shire Chairman, Mr Reg McCallum, and the Shire Clerk, Mr Ross Hollands, officiated in the granting ceremony.

Special guest included Commodore Kim Pitt (Assistant Director (C), Defence Signals Directorate).

The parade marked a number of firsts in the ADF.

JTS was the first Joint Unit to be granted the Freedom of Entry and, as such, SQUALR Rangers was assisted by members of each of the various parade contingents to lead our parade, our correspondent adds.

The brief ceremony marked a significant milestone in the relocation of the squadron.

The Submarine Squadron's move to the west should be completed by September 1994.

HMCS PLATYPUS will maintain its role as the Submarine East Australian support base until 1998 when it is due to close.

Captain Denis Mole, Commander Australian Submarine Squadron (COMSUBSRBRON) and director Submarine Training (DSMT), has handed over "The Platypus" to Commander John O'Brien formerly Commander Fleet Maintenance.

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CPO Miller has received an Air Vice Marshal’s commendation for his response to a serious motor accident outside No 1 Central Ammunition Depot (ICAMD) RAAF Ochard Hills (near Pearce, NSW).

Although ICAMD is primarily an Air Force establishment, the vital task of guarding and protecting this ammunition store for the use of all three Services is carried out by naval police constables.

It is not often that one of the Air Force’s most distinguished guided weapons is given to a member of the Navy in hours, an exception was made.

The commendation given to CPO Miller was signed by Air Vice Marshal W M Collins and read:

I commend to you the exceptional manner in which you controlled and co-ordinated the emergency response to a motor vehicle accident outside ICAMD RAAF Ochard Hills.

Your decisive and professional actions greatly contributed to the survival of a seriously injured member of the public and ensured the safety and security of valuable Defence assets.

Your performance has brought great credit to you, to No 1 Central Arms Depot, the Royal Australian Air Force and the Australian Defence Force.

Since leaving ICAMD, CPO Miller has been stationed at HMAS ALBATROSS.

He resides at Sanctuary Point near Nowra with his wife Carol and his two children Joshua and Nathan.
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10 (10) NAVY NEWS, January 28, 1994
SORE BEHINDS FOR CHARITY

What do six bruised behinds in far north Queensland have in common with HMAS TORRENS in the west?

The plan went something like this:

While TORRENS planted sail to Townsville to carry the ship’s cycling team planned to ride the distance – for charity.

However, mechanical problems kept the ship in the west.

Sponsorship was already arranged, the local press was waiting and it was for charity, after all.

“The ride will go on!” said the CO in the tradition of “rare flexible”, it did.

So after a total of 20 simultaneous hours in a RAAF C-130 six daring cyclists dragged their bruised and battered behinds (thanks to the C-130’s all too comfortable seating) into Townsville to begin preparations.

A reconnaissance drive of the planned route allowed the team to meet the public who were generously supportive.

It also provided the opportunity to examine the state of the roads and the gradient of the 168 km between the embarkation point and the finish.

The TORRENS cycling team (4) - LS Mark Klepper, LEUT Dave Zander, LS Adam Beveridge, AB Russ Ramsey, AB Raymond Meyers, CP0 Steve Ware, Ross Morrison (Forest Beach Baptist).

SPORTS SECTION

Inaugural tens rugby

The Australian Federal Police Wombats Rugby Club, Sydney, is hosting the inaugural Services Rugby Union Tens Tournament on the weekend February 26 - 27.

The tournament has been organised to promote co-operation and interaction between all Service organisations over a fun game of rugby and the old ball.

There is one catch, the side which wins the tournament will have to accept a cheque for $200 as well as trophies and medals.

There is also a runner up prize of $100.

The weekend will be run for those sides knocked out of the Cup and first prize for the Plate is $500 and a trophy with a runners up prize of $300.

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Navy News, January 28, 1994 (11)
New horizons for Service cricketers

Following in the wake of a successful six-week tour of Singapore and England by a Combined Services cricket team in July and August 1993, the Australian Services Cricket Association has invited the New Zealand Combined Services to compete in the 1994 national inter-Services cricket tour in Melbourne.

The one-day carnival will be held between February 15-17 and will involve, for the first time, the Kiwis competing against each Service.

At the conclusion an Australian Combined Services side will be selected to play a one-day match and a two-day "Test" against the visitors in Melbourne the following week.

With the retirement of several players at the end of the English tour, competition will be strong for selection in the Combined Services side to take on the New Zealanders.

For the player's minds will be not only to uphold the success enjoyed by the Australian Combined Services team which toured NZ in 1990 and England last year.

For the latter, it was the first Combined Services cricket tour of England.

Of the 16 one-day matches scheduled against several county XI clubs, Service XI and invitation XI, inclement weather caused these games to be abandoned. Overall, the Combined Services recorded five wins and three draws and five losses.

Prior to the team's departure, a dinner was held in its honour at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Overseas

For the Navy personnel involved, it marked the realisation of a dream and a chance to proudly represent the ADF in overseas competition.

Selected were LCDR Mark Campbell (captain of the team), LCDR Neil Coulch, LCDR Mark Harling, LEUT Malcolm Hamilton (vice-captain), LS Barry Morley and LS Rod Thrall.

The team enjoyed many highlights including meeting HRH Prince Phillip and former England Test captain Sir Colin Cowdrey.

The hospitality enjoyed wherever the team ventured was superb.

With the support of VADMacDougall, coverage of the tour was ensured by the Navy PR personnel to ensure that proper historical recognition was accorded.

The Navy representatives distinguished themselves at various times during the tour.

Following up on a stubborn tail end of 35 runs against a Saxess CCC second XI at Hove, Barry Morley was named man of the match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Sailing quinella for RAN yachts

Navy sail training yachts Charlotte of the Bells, skippered by POMTH Ken Moody, and Scarborough of Cerberus, skippered by LCDR Alan Watson, gained first and second places respectively in performance handicap in the gruelling Melbourne to Hobart ocean yacht race.

The withdrawal of 16 of the 25 entries during the race was a testimony to the tough conditions encountered and the preparation and determination required just to complete the race.

The Melbourne to Hobart race was preceded by the Cup of the Bay race in Port Phillip on Boxing Day, held in gale force conditions.

By mid-morning of race day the weather had not shown any signs of abating and conditions in the rip, at the entrance to Port Phillip, through which the yachts pass within 30 minutes of the start, were treacherous.

As a consequence the race start was delayed for 24 hours, the only postponement in its 22-year history.

After settling into a course close hauled on a starboard tack Bass Strait was crossed without incident for Charlotte of the Bells but with devastating effect on the rest of the field which dimmed many yachts which went too tough on crew and gear and withdrew to limp home.

On the second day the rugged north west coast of Tasmania welcomed relief from the monotony of Bass Strait.

Thursday evening (third day) brought a change of course to follow the west wind and, combined with a wind shift towards the south west, allowed spinnakers to be used for the first time.

Throughout the race the Navy yachts were engaged in a tussle of their own as both strove to lead the other.

Despite clearing the rip first, Charlotte could not match the early speed of Scarborough and dropped behind, but with the crew determined to sail hard and close to the wind during the Tuesday night passage.

Determination paid off as the morning position schedule brought the news that Scarborough had not sailed as high as Charlotte and would need a longer tack to regain the championship lead.

Charlotte stayed in front of Scarborough for the entire race, stretching the lead to some eight miles by the last day, to finish an hour ahead.

A memorable and bonus welcome awaited the two Navy yachts as they crossed in Hobart late on New Year's Eve.

The crew of the handicap winner being particularly elated when given the news that the new champion had not sailed as high as Charlotte and would need a longer tack to regain the championship lead.

Charlotte of the Bells skippered by ably

Death of POMTH Moody

Patty Officer Moody died suddenly on Tuesday, January 18, while working onboard her yacht in Hobart. A memorial service was held in St Mark's Chapel HMAS CERBERUS on Monday, January 24. The funeral in Hobart the next day was conducted by Chaplain Michael Delaney of HMAT LYN.On January 18, while working onboard her yacht in Hobart, the news of her death was announced by Chaplain Michael Delaney of HMAT LYN.

Paul Adams.

Golfer retains crown

Paul Adams has retained his title as NAVY's best golfer.

In the National Combined Services' golf titles at Federal Golf Club (ACT), Paul took the Navy honours by four shots from Peter Simpson.

Peter was Navy NSW Champion and the national title eluded him on the eve of his departure from the RAN.

RAAF dominated the singles and teams events at the 1993 national titles which attracted 119 starters from all over Australia.

CPL John Bryant (Williams) has won the new Australian Defence Force golf champions.

He shot a three-round total of 398 to win the NAVY/RAAF contender F/LT Peter Shay by four shots and Paul Adams by six.

The Navy challenger beat F/LT Peter Shay's bogey on the par-five 17th off by a double-bogey putt on the 15th.

Paul's total was four better than the score which gave him the title at the 1992 championships.

The Navy won the matches trophy for top 10 scores from ARMY and NAVY.

The interstate trophy was won by ACT from NSW, Queensland, SA/NYT and Victoria.

Individual NAVY scores included Adams (handicap 2) with 143, 72 and 54 holes (set 227), Simpson (5) 234 (219), two-time national champion Mark Lewis (2) 242 (236), Peter Gilbert (9) 244 (235), John Rushby (4) 249 (237), Steve Cottam (8) 252 (228), Ron Tanner (11) 252 (219), Phil Barling (6) 260 (236), Aaron Richardson (10) 260 (230) - Greg Stephenson (9) 262 (233), Mike Ward (7) 263 (242), John Stover (10) 263 (247), David Nichols (9) 266 (239), Jason Lim (9) 268 (283) and Garrie Relly (6) 272 (245).