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Australian Navy Cadets National Newsletter
March 2004

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Deadlines for 'Onboard' are the 15th of the month and contributions may be sent to the Facilitator at:

Lea.T@bigpond.com

From next month the format of the Newsletter is changing to reflect corporate identity.



AT THE HELM

FROM THE CAPTAIN

SIGNATURE BLOCK PROTOCOLS

Basically there are only two to worry about - leaving 5 lines between end of text and start of signature block.

1. Signature Block for external correspondence:-

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Midshipman, ANC
Director Shore Support

Noting initials/surname are presented capitals/bold. Rank/appointment are not abbreviated, as the recipient may not be familiar with Service ranks/abbreviations.

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MIDN, ANC
DSS

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3. Address/contact details follow, separated by one line from signature block, as below:-

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4. Date follows separated by one line from the contact details. (Dates may be abbreviated in internal correspondence).

08 March 2004

5. For those of you with access, ADFP 102 as amended 05 Nov 02, refers.

From the CAPTAIN'S Table:

Limited supplies of the Tri-fold ANC recruiting brochures, ANC A4 letterhead stationery and presentation folders (empty), are available.

Please direct requests for the above to CPORS L.G. Michael on 08 93112511 or lynton.michael@defence.gov.au or fax 08 93112578.

Wishing you all a happy Easter.

CAPT. G.F. Reeves ANC
National Commander

From CHIEF OF STAFF - OPERATIONS

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The National Conference is being conducted at Keswick Barracks in Adelaide 26-28 Mar 04.

The program includes meetings of the Senior Management Team, National and Area Training Staff, National Cadet MIDN Council and Admin & HR.

The Conference will be addressed by the new DGNTF, CDRE Tripovich, LNA SA, CMDR Atkinson and the new DG, AVM Dunlop, DDG Cadets, Kim Isaacs as well as DANCO, CMDR Abraham-James.

Presentations will include IT; Human Relations-including SO/CO Support Programs/Appointment Process, Performance Appraisal and results of National Survey on Additional Staff Ranks; Operating Manuals; ABR 5128 & Launch; National MIDN's Council; Policy Management; Behaviour Policy; Merchandising and Uniform; Insurance; Unit Support Committees; Training Matters-including Staff Training, Program Delivery and MIDN ANC Course; Agenda Items, International Program; OHS and the Firearms Policy.

Matters on the Agenda include:
ABR 5127;
Insurance-Third Party;
Public Liability Insurance;
Unit Support Committees

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National/State/Unit Incorporation;
Pay and Allowances; and
Responsibility/Authority Senior Officer.

The Conference will conclude around 1230 Sunday
28 Mar 04.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR INFO TECH

Cadet Online Administration System

What's in it for me?

Ok so you've heard the hype...we're moving to an online administration system.

But why do we need to do that and how will it affect me and the way I work in the ANC?

First of all COAS is designed to give ANC units and AHQs the opportunity to improve the efficiency of their administration processes to allow more supervision time with Cadets and allow better management of the ANC.

It will improve our overall effectiveness by:

- Assisting as an enabler for the delivery of other elements of the Cadet Enhancement Program.
- Allow more time for the core business of Cadet Training
- Providing better reporting for compliance - how are \$s being spent
- Streamlining administrative processes
- Delivering better outcomes for government through improved information and management
- Delivering streamlined processes across the ANC & ADFC

It will also result in risk reduction by

- Improving accountability
- Enabling the ANC to have a better understanding of compliance - eg OH&S

Two things that COAS will NOT do:

1. COAS will not replace people...it will reduce the amount of time staff spend on administrative tasks
2. COAS will not affect the structure of the ANC...it will fit into our existing organisational

structures and enable us to manage our tasks more effectively

The creation of COAS is still not guaranteed and unlike the AAC and AAFC we don't have an existing technology based administration system. It is therefore very important that the ANC supports the DDFC in their endeavors to help us achieve the benefits that COAS has the capability to deliver.

CadetNet Infrastructure Audit

The CadetNet Infrastructure Audit has been running since 28 Jan 04 and aims to contact every owner of a CadetNet PC System by phone to ascertain it's status, primarily to identify installation or other issues which have delayed implementation.

There has been over 1400 phone calls to date in an attempt to complete the audit. There are 577 CadetNet PC systems of which 426 have been audited.

If you think your Unit has not been audited (by phone call) then I would appreciate you contacting the CadetNet Help Desk (see below) to provide them with current contact information and allow them to complete the audit.

They will then begin to address the issues identified in the audit in an attempt to have every Unit "Get Connected".

We are very aware of the issues we *had* with the Optus dial up account. All issues around this have been resolved with Optus and we now consider it to be a reliable connection. All CadetNet PC Systems should be set to use the provided Optus Account via the '0198 331331' national digital number.

For assistance with this please contact the CadetNet Help Desk.

CadetNet Help Desk

The DDFC provides a Help Desk to assist with any challenges users have with the CadetNet Systems.

The primary way to contact the Help Desk is:

- Email: helpdesk@ddfc.cadetnet.gov.au
- Phone: (02) 6266 8865

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- Fax: (02) 6266 8966

We can fix your CadetNet problems; we just need to know you have them...

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OVERSEAS LIAISON

URGENT LAST MINUTE REMINDER TO ALL:

The International Cadet Exchange programme for 2004 is almost finalised.

All nominations should have been received by March 23.

There are still vacancies for Canada, USA, Hong Kong, Korea, Holland and England.

Those last minute nominations must be forwarded to LCDR Gardiner, PO Box 1210, Bunbury WA 6231 immediately to be considered for inclusion in this years programme. Nominations must include a recommendation from your commanding officer.

International Cadet Exchange - Singapore

May 28 - June 11, 2004

One Officer and 4 cadets.

Activities include: M16 train/fire

Damage control training.

River crossing - improvised rafting

Visit to Zoo , downtown shopping, heritage trail.

Nominations close April 23 and must be sent to DDOL, PO Box 1210, Bunbury WA 6231.

Nomination forms will be forwarded to Senior Officers, electronically. Cost will vary depending on which state but expect between \$800 - \$1000 which includes taxes and travel insurance.

BULLETIN BOARD LAUNCH



The Honourable Fran Bailey MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Defence, invites you, your Cadets and Staff to participate in an on-line interactive Bulletin Board with the Chief of the Defence Force, General Peter Cosgrove AC MC, during National Youth Week 29 March – 2 April 2004.

Don't miss this great opportunity to get registered, have questions answered by General Peter Cosgrove AC MC and generate discussion among the Cadet Community.

HOW TO REGISTER

- Step 1. You need to be registered in the CadetNet System. Fill out the attached details and return them to the CadetNet Helpdesk. (If you are already registered in the CadetNet Management Console you don't need to do this).
- Step 2. You will then receive information on how to enter the Cadets and Staff at your unit into the system.
- Step 3. You will be sent instructions on how to best utilise the Bulletin Boards.

Please do not delay in giving your Cadets and Staff the opportunity to get connected and communicate with the CDF along with discovering the vast Cadet Community across Australia.

Surname:

First Name:

Rank:

Unit:

State:

Postcode:

Defence Employee number - (Staff only):

Service Number:

Cadet Number - (AAFCAAC Cadets):

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ANC LOGISTICS SUPPORT CELL

INFORMATION UPDATE

ANC SRI's

Due to a communication error the SRI's will not be available till mid Apr 2004. Once I get the stock codes I will ask for Units to put in their orders again.

RATION PACKS

On the 05 Apr the LSC will be putting in a bid for funds so the ANC can draw down Ration Packs. All CO's & SO's that haven't given the LSC their envisaged requirements must get them in so we can work out a funding bid for them.

CADET WO & CPO BADGES

There is a supply problem with them at the moment and I don't expect supply till the end of Apr 2004.

ANC TALLY BANDS

We are out of the new tally bands and awaiting DMO to purchase some more. Date of delivery is unknown as yet.

CWD/AWD

CWD stands for Casual Working Dress. This replaces the AWD's. The CWD is a RAAF form of uniform and are an interim uniform till Navy decides on the AWD replacement.

ABR 5128

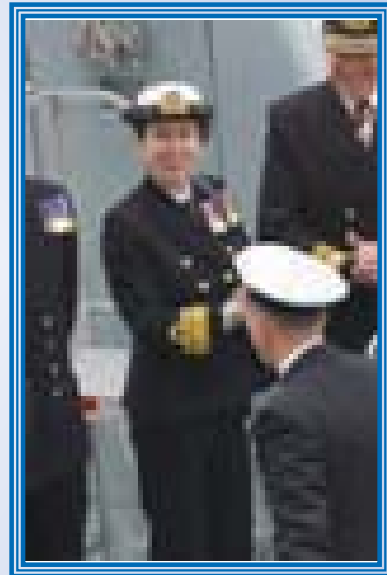
The 5128 is being launched at the National Conference. Once the LSC gets a hard copy after the launch each Unit will receive five copies. It is not certain if the LSC will be able to provide binders for them.

Walter Molyneux
National ANC Logistics Officer

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



From the OLO - Some pics of the UK Cadets who travelled from Portsmouth to London and back on HMS ARK ROYAL and which involved lots of PR and a visit from HRH Princess Anne - part of the RN initiative to promote their Cadets.



UPCOMING ASSOCIATED EVENTS

NATIONAL NAVAL REUNION 01-08 AUG 2004

**NATIONAL NAVAL REUNION 2004
MEDIA LAUNCH
GARDEN ISLAND DOCKYARD
SYDNEY NSW AUSTRALIA
22 February 2004**

Over 50 people, including six representatives of the Australian Navy Cadets, attended the Media Launch of National Naval Reunion 2004 at Fleet Base East, Garden Island Naval Dockyard, Sydney, Australia on Sunday 22 February 2004.

National Naval Reunion 2004 (NNR2004) is a celebration of Naval service and all members of the Naval Family, including past and present Sea/Naval Cadets, are invited to participate in this once in a lifetime event. Centred on Wharf 8, Darling Harbour, Sydney, over the period 01-08 August, NNR2004 will include a series of social and entertainment events, culminating in a massed march through the streets of Sydney, with a Salute at the Sydney Town Hall and a Remembrance Service in Hyde Park at the end of the march. Throughout the week a series of Ship and Association Reunions will be held at various locations in Sydney, and Associations and Groups are encouraged to organise representative Reunion functions.

Significant International interest has been generated, and Cadet Units from the US Naval Sea Cadets and the UK Sea Cadet Corps have expressed interest in attending and NNR2004 is being advertised on the International Sea Cadet Association Website, as well as North American and European Sea Cadet Sites. Former members, both Cadet and Staff, of the Australian Sea Cadet Corps, Naval Reserve Cadets and current and former Australian Navy Cadet members are encouraged to participate and form a Cadet Reunion Committee to co-ordinate and organise a contingent to participate.

It is expected that over 50,000 current and former members of the Naval Family will participate in the event, with registrations already being received from Australian and overseas participants. Harvey

World Travel, a major sponsor of the event, and Official Registration Agent, is accepting registrations at any one of its offices in Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

For more information:

Visit: www.nationalnavalreunion2004.org.au

Call: 1800 065 105

Contact: CMDR Andrew Tuft OAM, ANC:

Email:

marketing@nationalnavalreunion2004.org.au



The Chairman, Mr Ray Garlin (left) and Director, CMDR Andrew Tuft OAM ANC (right), of NNR2004 with Australian Navy Cadets at the Media Launch of the National Naval Reunion at Fleet Base East, Sydney on 22 Feb 04

AREA DITS & PICS - QLD

SUB UNITS AND DIVISIONS IN QUEENSLAND

Since the concept of Sub Units and Divisions has emerged in Queensland we have seen a substantial growth in the Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) development. Its added profile now allows us to reach out to untouched areas of the community that lacked youth organisations like that of the ANC. As a result we are now able to provide the broader community with the opportunity of joining one of the leaders in youth training in Australia.

We are pleased to announce that in Queensland thus far, we have seen the inception of six Sub Units and three Divisions and certainly more on the way. This will no doubt assist with the ever-increasing growth of the Brisbane Metropolitan area and Queensland in general.

To date Sub Units have been established in Cooktown and Magnetic Island. These have found to be the answer for our Northern region, giving the young people in that area something to do and be a part of. Also working hard is SU (Sub Unit) MARYBOROUGH which resides on the Central coast and is under the guiding hands of TS KRAIT at Hervey Bay. The enthusiastic Cadets and Staff of Maryborough will surely see them on the way to achieving the status of Training Ship.

It would appear that the Units in the Sunshine Coast Cooloola region are making use of the fun and the sun and are very much on their way to becoming Training Ships. SU GYMPIE (QUIBERON) is working very hard with its modest crew and is helping a great deal with the ANC's development in this region by providing a division in Tin Can Bay. SU NOOSA (SHEEHAN) is looking very close at recognition and will hopefully attain this in the not too distant future. This is surely attributed to its dedicated Unit Support Volunteers and good community encouragement. Both these units are being ably assisted and navigated by TS ONSLOW in Caloundra.

Training Ship Paluma at Stafford on the north side of Brisbane has added a Division at Shorncliffe who are running out of her sail-training centre. This has proved to be what the youth of the area required as

the numbers in the Division have increased favorably.

Our most recent Sub Units are in Ipswich, which is located 30 minutes west of Brisbane and Toowoomba, which is another 40 minutes west of Ipswich. Both Sub Units have seen on average 25-30 Cadets parading, which is not bad considering that the nearest water for seafaring activities is 35-50 minutes away. This has seen the Staff relying on the basis of ANC training, imagination and fun. The Ipswich Sub Unit is under the command of TS GAYUNDAH and, TS NORFOLK which also has a Division in Redland Bay is supporting the Toowoomba Sub Unit.

Staff training is also a major part of developing this program and will be stepped up with the transfer of SBLT Phil Broxham ANC to take on the role as SOAT with the retirement of LEUT Leonie Jamieson ANC.

The Sub Units and Divisions program has had an outstanding success due to the hard work of LCDR Joyce Kennedy, and the support of CMDR Peter Gould, immediate former SO QLD. I also attribute its success to the new Staff that have volunteered to get it all underway and like all of us had to learn to adjust. I also feel we should pay tribute to the Cadets and Unit Support Volunteers who have joined the ANC at Sub Unit level, and have had to parade out of some very ordinary premises with no training aids, or uniforms to assist them. Nevertheless they still keep rolling up week after week.

BRAVO ZULU to you all!

Ron Thorne LEUT ANC
Program & Development Officer QLD

AREA DITS & PICS - Tasmania

WOODEN BOATS FESTIVAL & GREAT WHALER ADVENTURE FEBRUARY 2005

We are now ONLY 11 months away from lift off if we are to partake in the 'Sailing Raid', 'Tasmanian Wooden Boat Festival' and the 'Great Whaler Adventure'.

SOME BACKGROUND

TS MERSEY's Whaler has been undergoing extensive restoration at the Shipwrights Point Wooden Boat School. She is now at the stage where she needs to be painted inside and out and she should hit the water again in June 04. She will be 'better than new' thanks to the efforts of the students at the school who have volunteered much of their own time to restoring what is one of only two (there is one other in the Spectacle Island museum in Sydney) 27 footers. I'm hoping that we will relaunch her with much fanfare/publicity in June before the students complete their course. I imagine the Cadet Band and a Guard from TS DERWENT, some blank volleys and any other noise and excitement that we can make. This event will be covered by press and TV! Once back in service we will have just seven months to train up Cadets so that they can, under staff supervision, safely and competently sail and row the vessel.

THE SAILING RAID

This event, yet to be officially launched, is the initiative of, among others, the Tasmanian Living Boat Trust. It will take place in the week leading up to the Tasmanian Wooden Boat Festival. The concept is that a group of wooden boats (our Whaler, 14 foot skiffs and TS HAWKESBURY's 75 footer) will spend the week sailing up the D'Entrecasteau Channel to Hobart. Each day will take the group to a different location where the local population will provide entertainment and enjoy the company of the sailors. During this week it is proposed that different groups of Cadets will be transferred to the Huon area by mini bus from Anglesea Barracks. LEUT Pat Marsh ANC is voyaging to Tasmania in a 75 foot timber ketch, using Cadets as crew. His plan is to arrive in the Channel area in time for the Raid, remain at the Wooden Boat Festival (directing Cadet events as described below) and then support the return of the Whaler up the East Coast to Devonport.

Accommodation during the Raid could either be in support vessels accompanying the Raid or ashore either in Hobart (perhaps billeted out in the case of interstate Cadets or at the Cadet Unit TS DERWENT). There will be a requirement for rescue craft to accompany the Raid so those of you not that keen on sailing will have the opportunity to coxswain powerboats (good chance for the Cadets to really test their skills).

TASMANIAN WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL

Once in Hobart the Cadet vessels will form part of the Festival. Cadet involvement is soon to be discussed with the organisers, however, early indications/ideas are that the Cadets could perform a Beat to Quarters and Ceremonial Sunset (Cadet Band and Guard) at the opening dinner. Other activities could include Brickwoods Fieldgun Run (Roger Sly), Jackstay Transfer across Constitution Dock, Semaphore and Flashing Light Displays (Viv Russell). Sailing and Rowing events will be very much the order of the day for this Festival so there should be plenty of exciting things for the Cadets to be involved in. Pat Marsh has some period costumes that will be available. Please, if you have any ideas along this line let me know - regardless of how impossible you think it will be to get off the ground - we need to excite the Cadets!!!

THE GREAT WHALER ADVENTURE

On completion of the Festival it is proposed to sail the Whaler up the East Coast and return it to its home at TS MERSEY on the Mersey River, Devonport. In addition to Pat Marsh and his 75 footer there will be Dive Team 10's RIB, two local 40 foot seagoing yachts and a shore support group. The plan is to sail by day and make camp ashore of an evening (in very settled weather we may sail overnight). The yachts will be used to feed and sleep replacement Whaler crews and the RIB will be used as an immediate response rescue boat. Availability of Cadets will be an issue as I understand that school goes back around this time.

WHAT WE NEED TO DO!!!

Time is really pressing. I'm meeting with the

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Wooden Boat folk in a couple of days to discuss the Cadet possibilities there. I really must have a group (I'm thinking one adult from each Tasmanian Unit) of people who are excited about this and are prepared to assist in the myriad of tasks that are building up. I would like acknowledgement from each Tasmanian Unit with a POC of a suitable assistant by COB 15 Apr 04.

Once I have some names I will organise a get together and we will run from there. That ONLY LEAVES US TEN MONTHS TO PULL THIS TOGETHER.

If we do not have the numbers here in Tassie we could supplement with interstate Cadets.

EVERYONE!

These ideas are only mine. I'm sure that some of you have some ideas and input that you would like to share. Please, let's hear from you at this email address below.

Many Thanks.

Richard Catt
CLO TAS AREA

email: Richard.Catt@defence.gov.au

Mainland Units/Personnel, with the time and resources if interested and available, must register their interest in the first instance with their respective Chains-of-Command (Commanding Officers & Senior Officers) as action addressees.

The Naval Historian

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Historical Highlights - a series by LEUT Tom Lewis
- Royal Australian Naval College, Jervis Bay

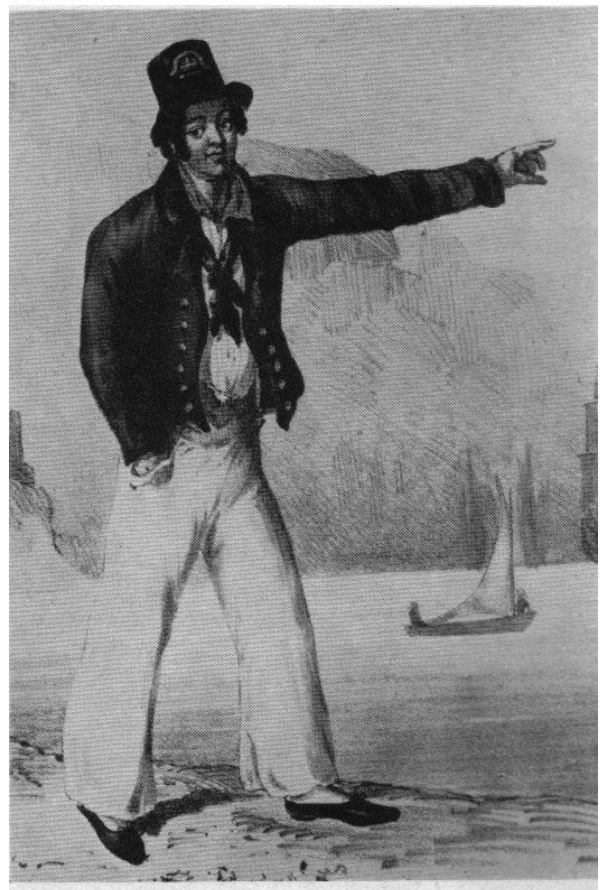
The Hats of the Navy

The origins of sailors' hats have had a long and rich history. The circular cap of today has been through many variations, as have officers' hats.

A degree of uniformity amongst sailors' clothing was not noted within the British Navy of Queen Elizabeth I's time. It was not until 1748 that some regulation seems to have come into firm existence. Before that date there were indeed stocks of clothes which sailors could buy, usually arranged by one of the ship's officers through a private contractor. In these navies of yesteryear it was a sailor's task to outfit himself with clothing, often purchased from a ship's "slops" chest - a container of secondhand clothing named after the "slops" or wide breeches many men wore.

The first sailors' hats seem to have been "thrum caps". This was a cap made out of a woolen material with a long shaggy nap resembling fur. A 1706 contract with a London clothing merchant to outfit sailors listed: "Leather capps faced with Red Cotton and lined with black lined at the rate of one shilling and twopence each". Around the year 1740 sailors were wearing a wide-brimmed hat made out of a tarred sailcloth, and from this come the nickname "tarpaulin" which eventually became "Jack Tar". In the RN and the RAN this has eventually become "Jack" to describe any sailor. The sailor's pigtail - the longer the better - was also a fashion of the mid 1700s. Many men wore the pigtail up on top of their head, only displaying the full length of it on special occasions such as Sundays. Officers' hats seem at first to have been a tricorne - or three cornered - hat which was universal wear for gentlemen in the 1600s and beyond. This was often adorned with a cockade and gold lace. Again however, it was a matter of convention rather than Admiralty orders which were responsible for this uniformity. Perhaps there is an echo of this hat in those that have been worn by females in navies in the 20th century, which also have corners and turned up brims.

For a time in the 1700s sailors imitated their officers a little in converting their headgear, at least when ashore, into a tricorne hat by tacking the brim in three places to the crown. This practice was discarded towards the end of the century, with a low-crowned hat with a narrow brim being worn.



Sailor's hat around mid-1700s

Around 1795 officers' hats went through a transformation too. Gold lace became confined to flag officers in both dress and undress uniforms; captains wore it only in full dress. Three three-cornered hats became two cornered. It was at first worn 'athwartships' by all, but this soon became the prerogative of flag-officers, and others wore the hat fore and aft. A casual attitude towards uniform wearing and in particular variations on them caused Admiral John Jervis to issue an order in 1797 complaining of "having seen several officers of the Fleet on shore, dressed like shop keepers in coloured cloaths, and others in round hats with their uniforms in violation of the late order".

By halfway through the Napoleonic wars the sailors' formal hat - if he had one - had become made either of leather or japanned canvas. Otherwise headgear varied between a simple cloth, often tied to keep sweat out of the eyes, to the straw hat, particularly affected by those who had been to the West Indies. By the middle of the 19th century this hat had reached a universal acceptance, and the crown of the hat had become considerably higher, with sailors decorating the crown with badges obtained from various landfalls. Meanwhile officers had adopted a blue cap with a gold band for use as a less formal hat. Unofficial at first,

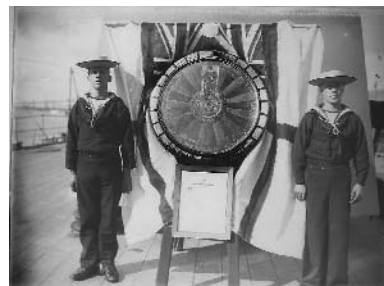
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the new cap in time became general undress headgear, although the black "top" hat was also occasionally seen. The cocked hat, which had been worn by some warrant officers and midshipmen, was replaced by this tall black hat for both ranks.

The addition of badges to the seaman's hat was enhanced in the middle of the century by the custom of painting the ship's name on the hat too. This was done in a variety of styles, the more ornate the better, so hats quickly saw the addition of scrolls, flourishes, flowers and so on, depending on the ability of the wearer, or the amount he could pay someone of artistic ability to decorate his hat.

The officers, not to be outdone, saw a black band authorised for their caps in 1856, with the first formal appearance of the cap badge at the same time: "...a crown embroidered in gold and silver and a silver anchor, surrounded by laurel branches". This seems to have followed a badge introduced into service by the officers of HMS QUEEN ten years earlier. The patent leather peak appeared, and a row of gold embroidery was authorised for commander and captain, although this was changed to resemble oak leaves a few years later. The officers also still had their cocked hats, which were kept for formal occasions and for proceeding ashore.



RN sailors in hats circa 1905

In 1857 the sailors' hats were brought under a measure of control, with its official shape described as being "similar in shape to that of a naval officer but without a peak". It was to have a black ribbon encircling it. Commander Philip R. Sharpe of Waterwitch had adopted gilt wire lettering for his ship's company some time previously, and he pressured the Admiralty to adopt it across the Navy. As the handpainted ships' names were unsightly they were no doubt happy to follow the Commander's idea. Sennit, or straw hats - named for the type of flat braided weave - persisted for some time, but were eventually discarded in 1921. In Australia, sennit (sometimes spelt sennet) hats can be seen in early photos of the men of the original RAN fleet: for example, in a photograph at Spectacle Island depicting members of HMAS AUSTRALIA (I).

White linen cap covers were introduced for RN officers' hats, to be worn in hot weather. The white helmet for tropical use also came into being late in the 19th century, but for all intents and purposes, the modern style of our hats today had been arrived at. Black and white caps were in use within the RAN, but later gave way to the sole white cap for officers, probably as a cost-cutting measure. It only remained for the cocked hat to disappear, and this, it seems, occurred just before WWII. All such hats, the heavy gold bullion epaulettes then in use, and swords were landed from the ships of the RAN, which were then storing for the forthcoming combat. After WWII ended, those particular parts of the uniform were abandoned.

Today the baseball cap, with the ship's names written on the front, has become casual - albeit a never formalised - piece of headgear aboard ship. The sailor's round hats are retained for formal wear, and we have seen the introduction of the legionnaire-style cap. The introduction of the Akubra-style hat at the same time - in late 1991 - has brought a distinct Australian style to RAN members' headgear.

Acknowledgement is made to:

Mr John Gill, Staff Officer (RAN Uniforms) for his assistance in research.

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