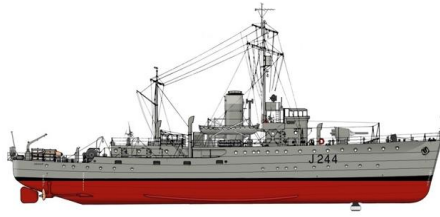


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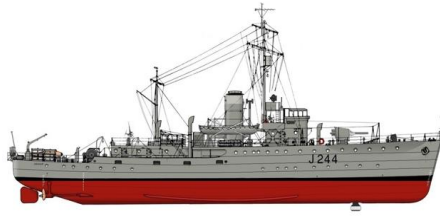
This is the first occasional newsletter of the goings on aboard the museum ship HMAS Castlemaine. In this issue we focus on preparations for our upcoming 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the event itself.

The vessel needed to be 'Shipshape and Bristol Fashion' for the 9<sup>th</sup> October. Alongside the physical work of sprucing the old girl up is the organising of the event. Thanks must go to your committee for this with special mention going to Dennis Gale our President and Secretary Dick Budzienny.

Volunteer Martin is using our (his) new scaffolding to undertake some much needed work to the front of the bridge. This work includes waterproofing the bridge windows and painting. The scaffolding was purchased with a grant from the Commonwealth Volunteers Grant Scheme through the office of our federal member Tim Watts.



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Painting is ongoing all year round and in the next photo we see Dennis giving the hull a touch up.

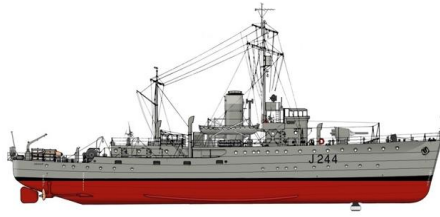


An awning on the starboard side was in need of some TLC so it was decided to replace it with a temporary one until the new one gets made. Jimmy and his crew of willing destroyers and erectors, Andrew & Noel, took on the job.





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Meanwhile down in the engine room Geoff has been busy painting whilst his willing apprentice Mick has been polishing anything and everything brass.

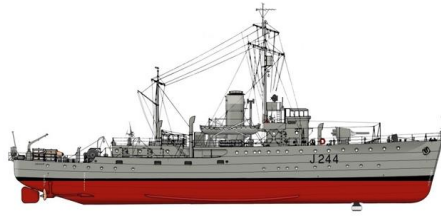


Apart from the Gardner & Southern Cross diesels all other machinery is run on compressed air. This machinery is all operational and needs to be run regularly. Geoff is seen trying to coax the windless into action.





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The 9<sup>th</sup> October arrived and the weather gods smiled on us. The day of our celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the commissioning of HMAS Castlemaine in 1942. In conjunction with the RAN, through our patron Commodore Greg Yorke, and with the support of the Hobsons Bay City Council the day became a defacto Victorian Navy Day 2022.

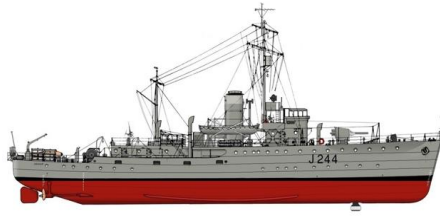
The old girl had to be 'dressed' for the occasion and she came up pretty well.



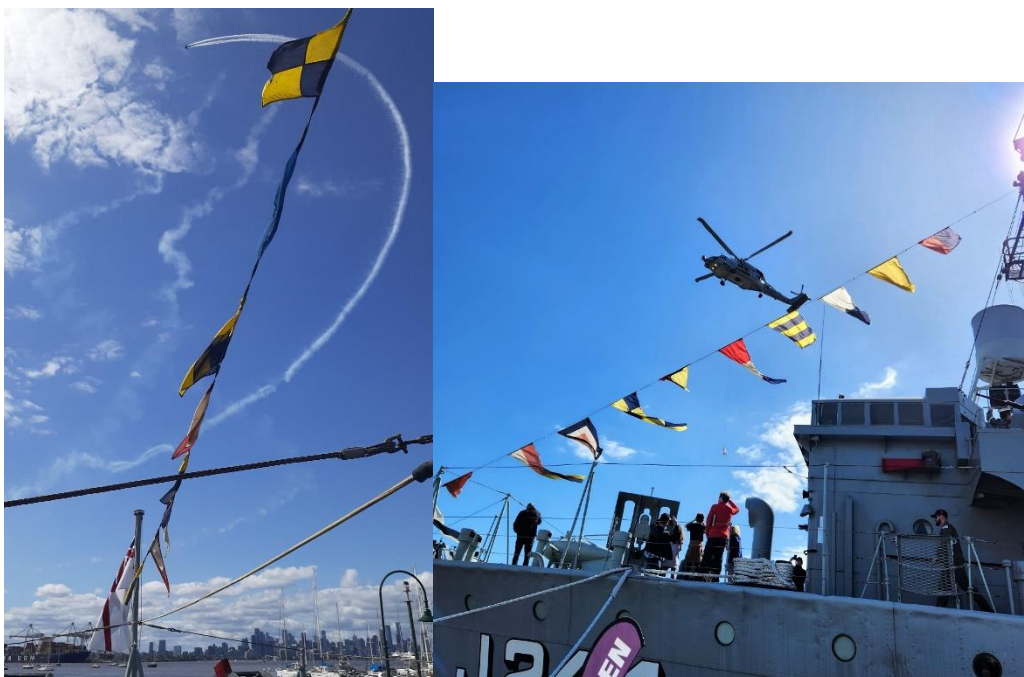
On Commonwealth reserve Williamstown there were a number of happenings organised by the Navy. Naval Cadets, Navy recruiting and performances by the Navy band.



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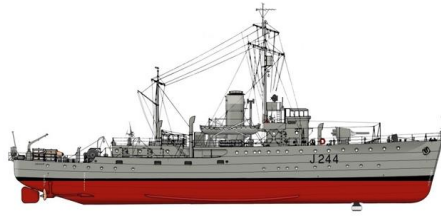


Also entertaining the crowds was a display of aerobatics by a plane from the RAAF Roulettes and a Navy helicopter provided a glimpse of how a rescue at sea would be performed.





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At 4pm we welcomed on board our invited guests for a look around and a chat before heading down the pier to the RYCV for the official reception. This included drinks, food you can hold in one hand AND speeches.

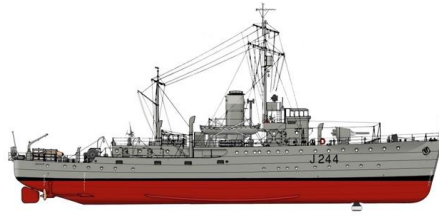


Above you will see Bob and Jim manning the gangway.



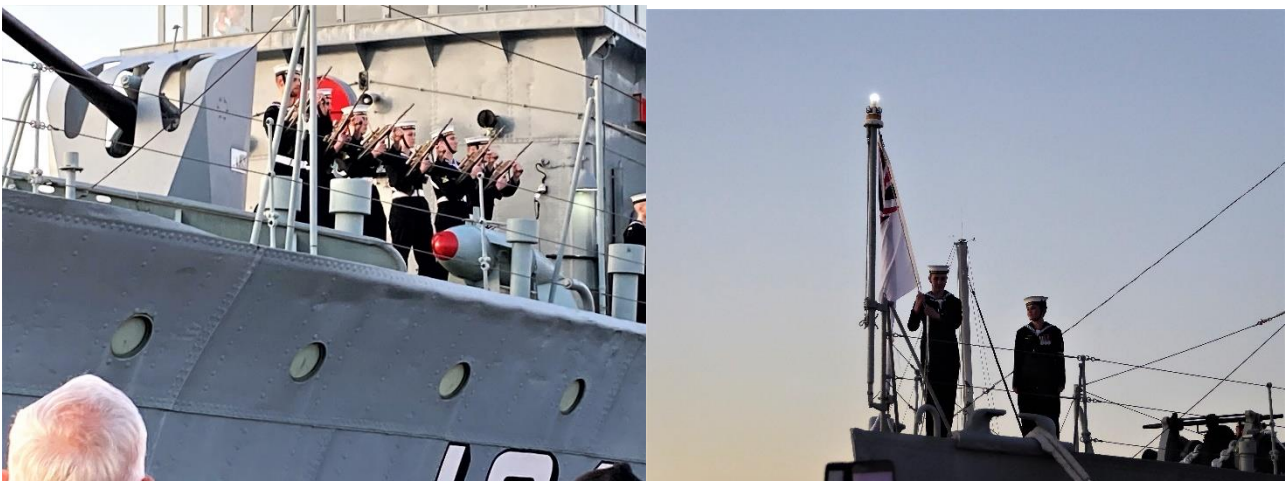
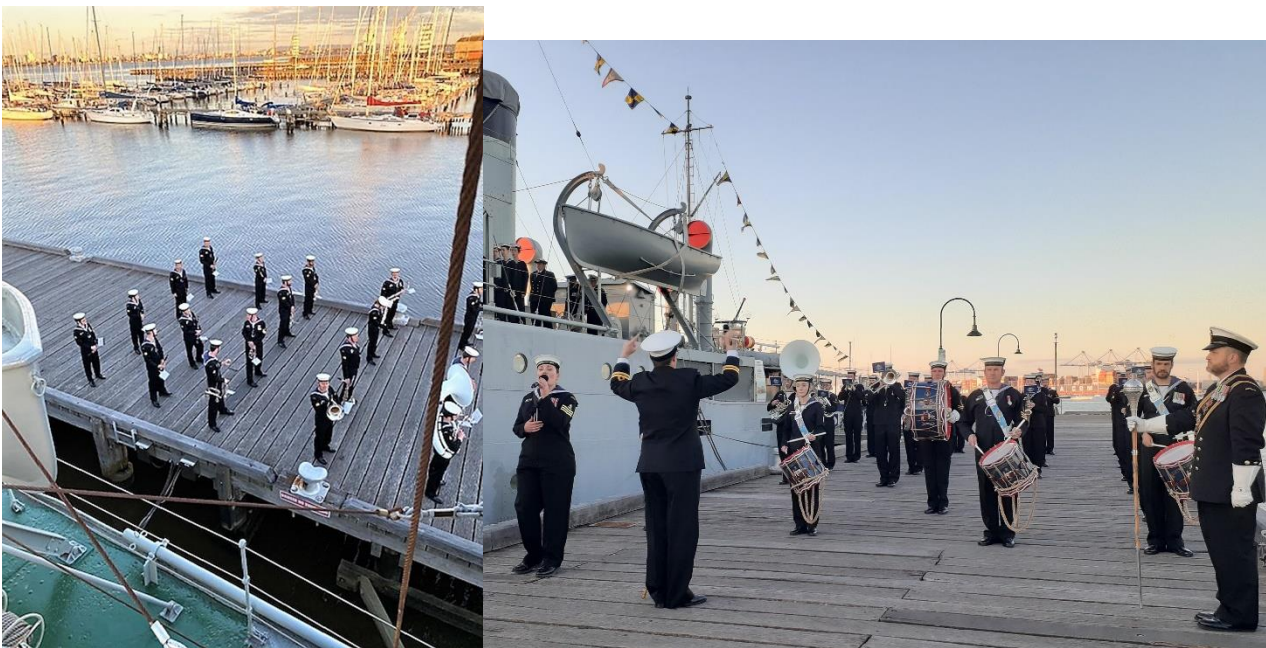
L to R – Dennis Gale our President, Peter Hemphill mayor Hobsons Bay, Commodore Greg Yorke one of our three patrons

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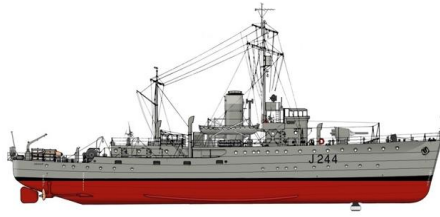
After the reception we all repaired to Gem Pier to watch the Ceremonial Sunset performed by the RAN. This involved the Navy Band on the pier and sailors on the forecastle of the ship. For those of you who are not certain of the meaning and tradition of the 'Sunset' ceremony please see <https://www.navy.gov.au/history/tradition/tradition-colours-and-sunset>

Some photos of the ceremony.





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After a hard and successful day our ship rests.

These are just a few of the photos taken on the day and kindly donated to the ship by Dot Lapham, Mike Harrington, Mick Newington, Martin Woodhead, Jim Johnson, Rob Tainton and Bob Pearson.

I hope you enjoyed the first edition of the HMAS Castlemaine newsletter just don't expect as many photos next time!

Cheers

Bob