

RAN "ROYAL" Centenary Year - 2011

VADM Sir W.R. Creswell KCMG KBE RAN

Memorial Restoration

and

Creswell Bust Presentation on

(New Date) **Monday 5th September 2011**



1938 - The Navy League in Victoria celebrated the life of VADM Sir W.R. Creswell KCMG KBE RAN by erecting an Admiral Creswell Memorial in the Catani Gardens, St Kilda foreshore, fronting Hobson's bay.

2011 - The Navy League considered the restoration of this Creswell Memorial must be part of Victoria's celebration of the RAN's "Royal" Centenary Year 2011.

The Victoria Division Navy League of Australia formed a Sub-Committee for the Creswell Monument Restoration comprising –

- Mrs Rosemary Creswell (*VADM Sir Roy Dowling's dau*)
- Mrs Elizabeth Sevier (*VADM Sir W.R.Creswell's gdau*)
- Rear Admiral John Lord AM RAN (*NLA Victoria Division*)
- Commodore Jim Dickson AM RAN
- Commander John M Wilkins RFD* (*State President NLA*)
- Commander Graham Harris RFD RANR (*Federal President NLA*)
- Prof Richard Divall AO OBE
- Doug Jenkin (*Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron - NLA Victoria Division*).

Two Silicon bronze Creswell bust casts have been cast by the Meridian Foundry in Fitzroy using the artist's original 1938 plaster bust held by HMAS *Creswell*. Private donations and wonderful support by the *Vera Moore Foundation* ensuring our Navy's Centenary project's success.



The two RAN "Royal" Centenary Year 2011 "Creswell" projects are -

- The restoration & unveiling of the restored Creswell Memorial.
- A Creswell bronze bust gifted to HMAS *Creswell*, as Victoria's contribution to the RAN's "Royal" Centenary year 2011. The Chief of Navy VADM R. Griggs AM CSC RAN will receive the presentation at the RAN's "Royal" Centenary Reception, Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron Harbour Room on Monday 5th September 2011 together with Naval personnel from HMAs Cerberus.



- Attendance at the Monday 5th September 2011 unveiling of the restored Admiral Creswell Memorial on the St Kilda foreshore at 2.30pm is for all who wish to attend.**
- The RAN "Royal" Centenary Year Reception, that follows the unveiling, will be held in the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron "Harbour Room" from 2.45pm-4pm for invited guests who return the RSVP slip below.**

Join our celebration of the RAN Centenary at the Reception by filling in the attached form (for catering purposes), indicating you wish to attend the Reception. Please note posting in this completed form allows you to attend except where we advise you that you request has exceeded the numbers we can accommodate.

CMDR *John M. Wilkins* RFD*

President, Victoria Division Navy League of Australia

RSVP - Friday 26th August 2011.

BOOK EARLY to ensure your place at the Centenary Reception

To NLA Victoria Division:P.O. Box 2340 Mounmt Waverley 3149 (Email:ausnavyleague@me.com)

I wish to attend the "Naval Centenary Reception" at the Royal Melbourne Yacht Squadron Harbour Room from 2.45pm - 4.00pm on Monday 5th September 2011. Invitations will be notified for admission to the RAN "Royal" Centenary Year Celebration.



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