



ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY RUGBY UNION

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Picture – RANRU National Men's Champions 2019 - ADF Rugby Championships (Canberra)

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Message from the President

Welcome to our first 'revamped' rolling Navy Rugby updates for all our passionate rugby supporters. I hope you enjoy the easy read format and we look forward to shaping it further as we move forward. The more we can connect, the more we can share, contribute to and benefit from the vitality of this wonderful game while paving the way for rugby union to remain the premier sport in Navy. Navy Rugby has been apart of Navy's rich fabric for over 100 years!

Despite the obvious impact of COVID on our rugby this year, I am very proud of the hard working RANRU Executive and Committee / Ops Team who have continued to progress so many 'back of house' opportunities to support our Association. In particular, the significant headway achieved with our Navy Old Salts organisation, Sydney Grassroots Development Camp and the forthcoming Fleet v Establishment fixture, amidst a very deliberate safe 'resumption of Navy sport' in a COVID environment. We remain agile in our planning and ready to ramp up our 2021 activities commensurate with the current climate. It was great to see so many local Navy players (women and men, current and former) take to the field for the ADF Rugby Day at RMC - Duntroon recently and the Development Day - so much talent. I also encourage everyone to look towards season 2021 and where you might contribute to Navy Rugby – champion your unit rugby team, play for a local club, look to supporting roles like manager, medical or coaching, or get behind the Navy Old Salts community.

Finally, I would like to thank our loyal sponsors who have stuck with us over this challenging year and recognize the unique principles and values that underpin rugby and RANRU. In particular our enduring Principal Sponsor – Nova Systems.

Yours in Rugby

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Meet your Executive Committee



In 2020 we welcomed some new Executive Committee members. We also had two major changes and said goodbye to our Secretary (LS Lola Uluikavoro) and our Women's Player representative (AB Tika Yeend) who both proceeded on Maternity Leave. Congratulations ladies, and we hope to see you back soon!

Keep an eye out for the call to submit your Expression of Interest for the December 2020 AGM to be part of the Executive Committee



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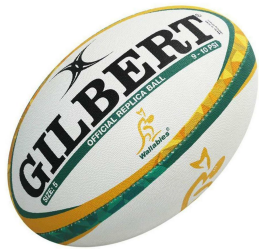
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Introducing the Operations Team



COACHING TEAM

Men:

LEUT Jason Harrington

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PO Phil Lawrence

Women:

LEUT Rob Drinkwater

PO Nikki Palmer

Men's Colts:

CMDR Michael 'Hugo' Porter

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Men:

LCDR Dixie Lee

Women:

WO Damian Clayton

Colts:

LEUT Will Halaufia

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Old Salts

G'Day all. Many of you will be aware of the reinvigoration of the Old Salts both as a team and an organisation.

As an organisation the Old Salts is entirely inclusive and includes the intent to develop a women's team. More than that though, Old Salts now have a purpose beyond the playing field. Late last year a bunch of us (Chris Smith, Brett Quinn, John Oakes and Corey McPherson and myself, got together to see what we could do to put the RAN Old Salts back on the map.

Besides playing, we are developing an organisation that is inclusive to of all Navy Rugby players, men and women and not just those that made the National side, but the Rugby family writ large, and their families also. We have co-opted three fine ladies to the Committee already with Ashley Payne, Tania Oberg and former RANRU Pres Liz Rushbrook, all three Old Salts in their own right, and a very welcome addition to the organisation.

The aim here is, to ensure those leaving the Service know they have contacts all over Australia that will stand ready to assist individuals and families with contacts they are able to check in with, or reach out to whenever the y feel the need to talk to someone, or the need is felt.

We will be holding events as we go to bring the Navy Rugby family together whenever we are able; such as the ADFRU Gala day in Canberra recently and the Barefoot bowls up in Queensland, with very welcome assistance provided by DVA.

We are in the crawl stage at the moment, with the 'walk' stage not too far away. Our information is sent out on email and is also copied out on our Facebook page.

Email contact Glen Green (Glenn Green <ozgreen@bigpond.com> or Chris Smith Shark Smith (ssharkson@yahoo.com). Alternatively, go to the Facebook - RAN Old Salts - page and answer a couple of questions and the 'doorkeepers' will let you in!

Also just like to mention 'Rugby Ron' Giveen's RANRU Historical Collection, also on Facebook, where you can check out old photographs and even tag yourself if you go back as far as some of the photographs.

Finally, those that have ordered the OS retro Rugby jersey, I have just been advised they will be arriving around 11 Dec The perfect Christmas jumper! I will post them out once payment is made. Mike H



1997



2002



2003

2020

Navy makes solid dent on rugby union national squad

Six of Navy's finest players have been selected in the 1996 Australian Services Rugby Union (ASRU) squad.

The players, chosen following the national inter-service carnival in Canberra and Sydney, are:

LEUT Nick Stoker (MHQ), SBLT Peter Kealy (HMAS WATSON), PO Michael Vidulich (HMAS CAIRNS), AB Shane Dickson (HMAS TORRENS), LS John East (HMAS KUTTABUL) and AB Shane Farley (HMAS WATERHEVEN).

Sport

ASRU has already played against NSW Suburban at Sydney's Victoria Barracks and Queensland Country at Ballunore as the curtain-raiser to the Australia versus Wales Test. The team will play the Royal Fijian Military Forces at Victoria Barracks on June 26 and NSW Country at Victoria Barracks on August 4.

The six were selected despite Navy not faring well in the national inter-service carnival.

Army continued its winning run during the series and retained the Caldwell Cup by swamping Navy 51-15 in Canberra and then beating RAAF 31-nil in Sydney.

Navy also lost to RAAF 22-nil in Sydney but the side was depleted with injuries to key players.

In the game against Army in Canberra Navy led 9-7 midway through the first half and at the

half-time scored two quick tries (one converted) in the final 20 minutes of the second stanza to run out 22-nil victors.

However, in the second half Army got right on top and ran away with the match.

In the match against the RAAF the airmen always looked in control and after leading 10-nil at

Others to stand out during the series were the other breakaway LEUT Warren Latham and centres Scott Gallon and Shane Farley.

A first was created this year with two women's teams - one civilian and one military - competing in the carnival. The match provided some excellent attacking football and one standing defence with the civilian team, which contained the Australian women's captain, winning 27-22.



• LSPT Vanessa Dickson (wearing headband) secures the first half and at the

1996



2020

Revised Program 2020



GRASSROOTS PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

- **Date:** Fri 30 Oct 20
- **Location:** Randwick Barracks
- **Time:** 0830-1230
- **Who:** Men and Women, new and experienced players
- **What:** Briefs, skills, social
- **VIPS:**
 - NSW Waratah Women Head Coach – Campbell Aitken
 - Randwick Head Coach and former Wallaby – Morgan Turinui
 - Former Wallaby and former Wallabies Forwards Coach - Andrew Blades
 - Former Western Force and Waratah – James Hilderbrand

GAMES

ACT ADFRU Vets v ACT Vets

- Hosted by RANRU Old Salts
- **Date:** 24 Oct 2020
- **Location:** Portsea Oval, RMC Canberra
- **Time:** Kick off 1245h

FLEET V ESTABLISHMENTS

- **Date:** Friday 13 Nov 2020
- **Location:** Randwick Barracks
- **Time:** 0730-1400

Notional Program 2021 (COVID dependent)

Old Windsor Sevens

- March 2021

Mons Cup

- March / April 2021

Cairns ANZAC Day Match

- April 2021

ADF Rugby Union Championship

- May 2021 – Canberra

Deliberate Planning:

- Shelford-Stokes Shield (in Aus) – Oct 2021 (in lieu of CNRC 21)
- Women's International Tour – France Q3/Q4 2021 "The Admiral's Trophy"
- Colts Domestic Program
- RAN hosted Commonwealth Navies Rugby Championship – May 22 (in lieu of Oct 21 due COVID)



Colts 2011



Mons Cup 2017



Singapore 2015



Coming Soon...

Website Launch:

Royal Australian Navy Rugby Union will launch our unclassified website in November 2020 in line with the Fleet v Establishments game. The website will house event details, historical records, our merchandise store and plenty of other information.

Membership Database:

RANRU is currently building our member database. Members will include players (current and former) and supporters – everyone! The membership is NOT financial and will be facilitated through the Team App. Keep an eye out.

Merchandise:

Navy Rugby Merchandise will soon be finalised with Paladin. It will be available and warehoused via the Paladin online store. Items will include grey cotton shirt and RANRU hoodie to begin with.

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