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Next Meeting
NAVAL
ASSOCIATION HQ
Cnr Chapman RD &
West Parade
East Perth
Date: 16th December
2003
Time: 1100

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Patron: Rear Admiral Philip Kennedy,
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ANZAC FRIGATES (FFH)

Eight Anzac Class frigates are being constructed in Australia as part of the overall plan to upgrade the Royal Australian Navy in the 1990s and as replacements for the now-decommissioned River Class



destroyer escorts. A further two ships of the class have been built for the Royal New Zealand Navy.

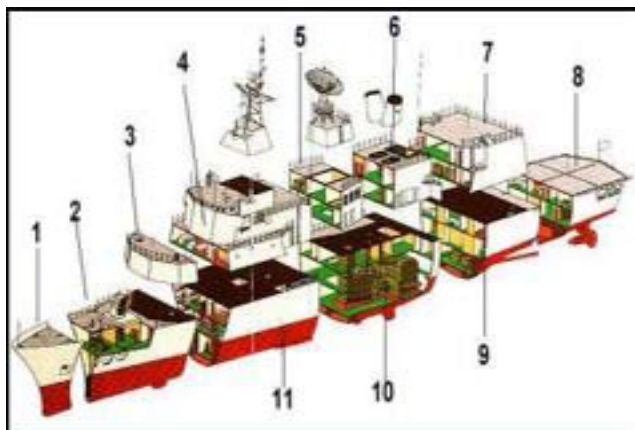
Selected in 1989, the Anzac ship is based on the German Meko 200 frigate design. Modular construction methods are employed with sections for the ships fabricated in three locations - Williamstown in Victoria, Newcastle in New South Wales and Whangarei in New Zealand - prior to final assembly at Williamstown, Victoria.

HMAS ANZAC, the lead ship, entered service in 1996 with follow-on vessels to be delivered at the rate of approximately one per year. A "combined diesel or gas" (CODOG) propulsion plant enables the ship to sustain speeds of

27 knots and allows an operational range in excess of 6,000 nautical miles.

Each Anzac frigate is fitted with an advanced package of air surveillance radars, omni-directional hull mounted sonar and electronic support systems which interface with a state-of-the-art combat data system.

The ships' main armament comprises one five inch (127 mm) gun capable of firing 20 rounds per minute, ship launched torpedoes and a MK 41 vertical launch system for the Sea Sparrow point defence missile. A helicopter is embarked to enhance anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare capabilities, initially an S-70B-2 Seahawk will be carried by ANZAC, however this will be replaced in due course by a new type of intermediate helicopter



equipped for surveillance and maritime strike.

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Mr Peter Flockhart CD would like to make known to all our members that he is available to assist with witnessing documents.

Please phone to arrange a suitable time.

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9th February 2004 - Mail out date—copies should arrive within the next three days

17th February 2004 - Next Meeting

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MODULAR DESIGN TECHNIQUE

The unique characteristic of this class is its modular design. Blohm + Voss has patented a functional-unit concept of fitting variable weapon, sensor and electronic equipment (plus other ship systems) in modular, standardized containers and pallets.

The ship is designed so that it remains open during construction. This gives access routes that allow rapid installation of equipment.

The same characteristics dramatically reduces time and cost of the removal and replacement of equipment in subsequent refits

and modernizations.

Legend

1. Module M6 - Paint store. Rope Store
2. Module M5 - 127mm Gun Turret, Magazine, Spherion Anti Submarine Sonar, Ventilation module
3. Module A6 - Missile Decoy (chaff launchers), Chart House, RAS Store.
4. Module A5 - Bridge, Ops Room, Electronic Compartments, Fire Control System, Officers Accom.
5. Module A4 - Radar Compartments, Air Intakes, Diving Store
6. Module A3 - Exhaust

- Uptakes, Sea Sparrow anti-aircraft missile, RAS Store.
7. Modules A1 & A2 - Hangar, Helo Maintenance Workshops, Torpedo Stowage
 8. Module M1 - Flight Deck, Dining Rooms, Storerooms, Quarterdeck, Helo Fuel
 9. Module M2 - Galley, Accommodation, Diesel Generators, Fuel Tanks
 10. Module M3 - LM2500 Gas Turbine, MTU 12V Diesel Engine, Cross Connecting Gearbox, Stabilizers, Fuel Tanks.
 11. Module M4 - Accommodation, Diesel Generators, Storerooms, Fuel Tanks

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VLSVA (WA BRANCH) HELD 21st OCTOBER 2003 AT THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION, EAST PERTH

Unfortunately the quality of sound on the tape wasn't good.

Attending: As listed in Attendance book. 31 members signed A/book.

The President, Peter Flockhart, opened the meeting at 1115 and proposed a toast to "Absent friends".

The V.Pres then recited "The ODE".

The Pres. welcomed members and called for Apologies. These were registered in A/book.

The Pres. welcomed new members and visitors. Norm Whitburn Frank Brown...(tape indistinct)...

The Pres. called for a motion to suspend Standing Orders for the confirmation of Mr Ron Tuckwell as Secretary.

Moved Alan Myers Sec. Len Yagmich CARRIED

Pres call for a motion "That Mr Ron Tuckwell be confirmed as SECRETARY of VLSVA

Moved George Donachie. Sec. Patrick Peard CARRIED

The Pres then welcomed Ron Tuckwell as SECRETARY of VLSVA to which Ron replied.

Standing Orders were then resumed on a Motion from (Butch..?...). Sec Len Yagmich... CARRIED

Secretary read MINUTES of GENERAL Meeting held 19

Aug 2003, for the benefit of new members.

Prior to confirming Minutes, the Pres explained his statement of "no big deal" as to membership. He apologized for any member who may have taken offence.

The Pres read a letter written to the Committee of the Australian Navy in Vietnam Welfare Assoc. regarding an outstanding account of \$400. The letter, it seems, was ignored in that there has been no payment or reply. The Committee decision is that the matter should be resolved amicably. V.Pres Toby Quinn put a motion to the floor that as the VLSVA is going from strength to strength, the matter be completely ignored and the debt written off. Sec Vic Boreham. George Dunnachie asked for confirmation that the letter would be received. The Pres informed the meeting that the letter would be sent to ALL Committee members of the Welfare Assoc by registered mail. Motion was carried unanimously.

Len Yagmich on a point of order asked that the minutes as read be accepted.

That the Minutes be accepted as read. Proposed Len Yagmich Sec. Arthur Faulkes. CARRIED.

BUSINESS ARISING: The Pres has sent Email to the Chairman of the Welfare Assoc to say the books that he had control over were ready for AUDIT, but the expense of \$500 for accountant to go through them was way too heavy

and suggested two members from each Assoc should check books. No reply has yet been received.

The VLSVA was represented at the recent MALAY BORNEO fixture and 'Woody' Woodford expressed a 'thank you' for support.

FAL card: The Pres explained that no action had been taken as yet. However, he would take the matter in hand before the next meeting. The Treasurer informed the meeting that the FAL card was pursued at a previous time but no action was taken because "it was not his idea". FAL required a letter from the President of VLSVA at that time and believed that all members would be eligible. The Treasurer gave the opinion that it was not really any cheaper. Only if buying in bulk. The Pres informed members that to satisfy all members, we would go thru the exercise again and report at the next meeting exactly how the land lies.

LAPEL BADGES: A Life member of the Victorian Assoc Mr. Tom Fischer showed members his "Life Membership" badge. Vic Boreham informed the meeting he had a badge and believed it originated in Victoria. The Pres indicated that members would be fully informed of further developments.

SECRETARY REPORT: No report due to absence.