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# **AUSTRALIAN NAVY SHIP** PUT INTO DRY DOCK INDEFINITELY

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HMAS Italdoo in dry dock

Sydney, May 7th, 2017

One of Australia's largest military ships, recently purchased by the Royal Australian Navy, has been placed in dry dock indefinitely until it can be discovered why it won't work and also, why it keeps sinking.

The Navy department spent just over \$1.5 billion on the ship less than 2 years ago, only to find that the engine was broken.

The ship, which was purchased from Aldi, has already run out of warranty and has senior defense officials scurrying for cover, as it has been revealed that the navy decided not to get an extended warranty when they purchased the ship, along with its sister ship, HMAS Wattzitsname.

Australian naval engineers have been trolling through instruction manuals that came with the ships, but unfortunately, none of them can translate Spanish.

Although the navy is being tightlipped about the trouble, it's believed that one of the problems involves some of the giant elastic bands used to turn the turbines.

### **AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL** POLICE ALMOST BROKE

Canberra - May 18th, 2017

A newly released Federal Police report has caused some consternation to senior manage-

ment of the AFP, after it was alleged that there was not enough money left to go around within the force after the managerial barbeques and Christmas functions, often held on a weekly basis, leaving funds well short for field operations.

Federal police officers recently exposed problems regarding the inability for police pursuits when encountering dangerous criminals. It has been alleged that the AFP has no cars to pursue criminals during their get-aways.

A senior AFP official has countered these claims as being just a lot of 'hogwash' and designed to cause upset within the department.

"Our officers have all been issued with Opal cards and can use all government transport, free of charge, when pursuing the criminal element" he said. "There are also plenty of taxis out their that our men can make use of".

In the meantime, Australia Post has offered the AFP a loan of their Honda 'Postie' bikes while Australia Post switches over to Electric Assist push-bikes. The AFP and ASIO have said that they are seriously considering this offer for both, their police and our spies.

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SOLUTIONS.

1 - With the great Chinese migration to the West Coast following the Civil War rose intense racist hatred which burst forth in riots against these hapless Orientals. In one such case in Denver. Colorado thugs attacked many of them in Chinatown, beating them ferociously and cutting off their pigtails. In Missoula, Montana, cowboys were known to chase the Chinese through the streets and when they caught them, they would tie them up, cut their pigtails, strip them naked and often, shoot off their toes and fingers.

2 - In 1855, Los Angeles, California was a rough cow town, which averaged a murder a day. In one instance, the city's mayor resigned his position so that he could head a lynch mob, which stormed the jail to remove and then hang an inmate. When the inmate objected to being hanged by Mexicans, the Americans in the crowd took the rope and did it.

3 - In 1881 Helen Hunt Jackson published A Century of Dishonor, the first detailed examination of the federal government's treatment of Native Americans in the West. Her findings shocked the nation with proof that empty promises, broken treaties and brutality helped pave the way for white pioneers.

The Dry Gulch Gazette wishes to advise that any articles printed in this newspaper are not necessarily the opinion of the paper, its staff or associates. In fact, we're stuffed if we know how this stuff gets printed in here.

### BEHIND THE HEADLINES

### HMAS Adelaide dry-docked as Defence struggles to fix billion-dollar military ship

One of the Royal Australian Navy's largest warships, HMAS Adelaide, has been dry-docked as naval engineers scramble to fix engine problems with the \$1.5-billion vessel.

It is still unknown how long it will take to repair the Landing Helicopter Dock (LHD), which was only commissioned into service 18 months ago.

HMAS Adelaide's sister ship HMAS Canberra also remains out of action, berthed at Sydney's Garden Island Naval base.

"You don't expect it when it's a few years old. This is capability that we should be confident that we got the specifications right and it should be operational," said David Smith from Professionals Australia, a union representing scientists and engineers in Defence.

"It's incredibly significant given the billions of dollars we're investing in naval capability."

In March, the ABC revealed HMAS Canberra and HMAS Adelaide had been sent to Garden Island after problems were identified with their propulsion systems.

Defence is giving few details on the progress of the investigation and repair work.

"During first-of-class flight trials, Defence identified an emergent issue with the propulsion systems of HMAS Canberra. HMAS Adelaide was also inspected and there are indications of a similar issue," the Defence Department said in a statement.

"Defence has adopted a deliberate and disciplined approach to resolve this problem early in the ships' life.

"Defence engineers are working with Navantia, BAE Australia and Siemens to determine the nature of the issue, investigate the causes, and develop a repair strategy."

The department said as a prudent measure it was determining the availability of potential spare parts, but it was "still too early to determine the extent of this emergent work".

Some Defence insiders fear the engine issues on both ships will not be resolved before next month's Talisman Sabre military exercises with the United States, but the department is refusing to speculate.

"Until the investigation has been completed and the scope of the required work is known, Defence is not in a position to answer questions around cost, liability, parts availability, time frames, and impacts on future exercises," one insider said.

"HMAS Canberra and HMAS Adelaide are scheduled to receive final operating capability at the end of this year."

## Police feared extremists slipping through counter-terrorism program, FOI documents reveal

A flagship Federal Government counter-terrorism program did not have a car or enough psychologists, and police feared extremists would slip through because of limited funding from states and territories.

The Australian Federal Police Diversion Team is tasked with intercepting homegrown extremists and turning them away from terrorism.

But a series of internal reports — obtained by the ABC under freedom of information — show key resources were missing around two years after its funding was announced.

Until June 2016, the sole employee in Sydney was prevented from meeting with radicals because they did not have a car.