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RARE FIND

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Recently, the Australian Hydrographic Office came across an historical find in its survey records, the last known hand-coloured fairchart produced on linen-back paper by the Navy's surveyors prior to the introduction of film-based storage mediums.

Coincidentally, the 'artist' on the original survey fairchart of Victoria Bay, PNG is a Staff Officer at the Wollongong-based office. CMDR Alan Regan, RFD, RANR hand drew and water-coloured the original in late 1967 when an Acting/SBLT in HMAS MORESBY.



Caption Photo 1

Shows CAPT Bruce Kafer, RAN and CMDR Alan Regan, RFD, RANR discussing the 'find'.



Caption Photo 2

Shows CAPT Bruce Kafer, RAN and CMDR Alan Regan, RFD, RANR holding the hand-coloured fairchart produced by CMDR Regan when an Acting/SBLT in 1967.

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