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Last survivor of HMAS Canberra (I) laid to rest



Members of HMA Ships Canberra, Penguin and Cerberus bearing the coffin of Leading Stoker Des Jones at his the funeral at Mulwala Lawn Cemetery, Victoria on Friday 15 August 2025. Des Jones was the last living survivor of HMAS Can-

berra's loss, sunk in WWII during the Battle of Savo Island in which 84 crew members were killed or died of wounds as a result of the battle

Photo: Defence

Events coming up

- 2 Sep Last Post Ceremony AWM 80th Anniversary End of WWII
- 3 Sep Battle for Australia Memorial Service AWM 100
- 7 Sep Father's Day
- 9 Oct Last Post Ceremony AWM SBLT Neville Faulks RAN HMS *Implacable*
- 19 Nov Last Post Ceremony HMAS *Sydney* Stoker Eric Beatie



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General Meetings Dates and Locations Programme

2025

4 Sep Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
2 Oct Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
6 Nov Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330

2026

5 Feb Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
5 Mar Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
5 Mar AGM Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1430
2 Apr Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
7 May Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330

Tables are normally booked for drinks and lunch in the host club from 1200 prior to the meeting.

Daylight Saving 2025-2026

Daylight Saving Time (DST) in Australia begins on the first Sunday in October (**5 October 2025**) at 2:00 am, when clocks are put forward one hour to 3.00am.

DST ends on the first Sunday in April (**5 April 2026**) at 3:00 am, when clocks are put back one hour to 2.00 am.

DST is observed in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Tasmania, and the Australian Capital Territory,

DST is not observed in Queensland, Western Australia, or in the Northern Territory.

At sea

If I remember correctly, on implementation of DST the Middle and Morning watches are each shortened by 30 minutes.

When returning to the normal time zone the dog watches are lengthened by 30 minutes each.

Cheers Editor

**Committee meeting
Eastlakes Gungahlin
1100 Thursday 4 September 2025**

102 Years of Des Remembered

SHEPPARTON News

Reported by

Emma Prior

20 August 2025



Captain David McPherson RAN Commanding Officer HMAS Canberra (III) and CPO Peta Welldon hold Leading Stoker Des Jones' medals and floral tribute at the foot of his grave while the Coffin Bearers remove the White Ensign from his coffin

Photo: Defence

Well-known Yarrowonga resident and WWII Navy veteran, 102-year-old Des Jones has been remembered as a laid back man, brave Navy stoker, husband, father, sportsman, volunteer and elder statesman.

Mr Jones, who passed away on July 31, was commemorated with a graveside service on August 15 by Navy chaplain David Hastie RAN with the Commanding Officer HMAS Canberra Captain David McPherson RAN reading a naval ode as well as presenting navy pins to Des' grandchildren.

Part of his eulogy, shared by 'adopted granddaughter' Laura Stahl, president of the HMAS Canberra and Shropshire Association Chris Johnson and Des' Yarrowonga best mate John Bastin follows.

Extracts from the Eulogy

Desmond Grieve Jones was born on May 4, 1923, in Brunswick to Maude and Walter Jones.

"Des enlisted in the Royal Australian Navy on January 30, 1941, for wartime service. He had apparently spent some earlier time in the Army and had the good sense clearly to join the Senior Service as the Army was not for him.

"Enlisting at HMAS Lonsdale in Victoria officially as W1967, at the tender age of 17 ½, he became a Stoker 3rd Class and undertook his basic training in seamanship at HMAS Cerberus.

"On his 18th birthday in May 1941, he was promoted to Stoker 2nd Class and he continued at Cerberus until July 28, 1941. When the drafting's to sea came at the end of their initial training, Des was to go to HMAS Sydney.

"For some unknown reason, this never occurred, which was fortunate, as things for all of us, would have been very different if he had joined Sydney.

"Des instead was drafted to the Kent Class, County Cruiser HMAS Canberra which had just been as-

signed back to Australian waters operating around the western and southern coasts.

"Upon Des joining, Canberra resumed those operations until Japan entered the war in December 1941.

"On his 19th birthday in May 1942, Des was promoted to the rate of Stoker. Both Des and Canberra were present in Sydney Harbour during the Japanese midget submarine attack on May 31 – June 1, 1942.

"As August 8 became August 9, Stoker Jones, below decks in Canberra had just finished his watch in the boiler room and had cleaned himself up to join the fire party in the sick bay flat.

"It was a dark, cloudy night, pitch black with short sharp rain showers. Planes were heard in the darkness overhead.

"Des recalls a torpedo hit Canberra amidships in the boiler room, where he had been on duty less than two hours before, immediately killing four Stokers, one Petty Officer and completely disabling Canberra.

"Des recalls 'the Japanese continued to fire upon us, we could not fire back as we had no steam to operate the gun turrets and had no pumps to fight the fire. We just had to take cover and take it'.

"Des and a shipmate went to the low side of the ship and saw a Carly float in the water about 100 yards from them.

"It had proved to be a long night, Des was picked up by a US Navy ship.

"Survivors leave then ensured for Des upon his return home to Australia, but this was total war and he wasn't idle for long. Back at HMAS Cerberus, Des was spotted. Consequently Des was one of the 60 in the initial draft to Shropshire.

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"Des served four tours of duty in HMAS Shropshire that included two Battle Tours. Des and Shroppie were together for the Arawe and Cape Gloucester campaigns in late 1943 and retook the Admiralty Islands and Hollandia in early 1944.

"Des and Shropshire were back in Sydney undergoing a refit and maintenance in preparation for sailing for her fifth tour of duty when Des was drafted ashore on June 30, 1944, just prior to Shropshire's sailing, to HMAS Melville in Darwin.

"Des would see out the rest of the war in and around the port of Darwin in various roles.

"Des was rated Acting Leading Stoker in Melville on November 1, 1944.

"In October 1945, Des was back in Victoria at HMAS Lonsdale where he was made Leading Stoker and later spent some time aboard HMAS Quiberon and HMAS Lachlan.

"Des was demobilised on July 24, 1946 at the age of 23.

In 2022, Des, Alan and myself (John Bastin) attended the 80th anniversary of the loss of the Canberra at Garden Island in Sydney and also Canberra.

"The sight of Des the Stoker and Admiral Guy Griffiths, also in his 99th year, chatting and swapping stories of their experiences epitomised the comradeship shared by all veterans.

"It was a great road trip and Des shared many stories of his vast experiences and adventures over a century of living.

"Des loved these events and started planning the next trip, usually the day after we got home.

"Our trip to Canberra for the Freedom of Entry Parade was a wonderful event and Des took on rockstar status, 101 years old rubbing shoulders with politicians, dignitaries, Navy hierarchy and living

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Above: Des Jones lays a wreath at the memorial service held at the HMAS Canberra Memorial, Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra on 9 August 2022 marking the 80th anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Canberra I

Canberra Photos NAA ACT Section

Right: (l-r) Mr Des Jones and Chris Johnson after completion of the 80th anniversary of the loss of HMAS Canberra, held at Garden Island, Sydney.

Photo: Defence

Below: Des with three previous COs of HMAS Canberra (l-r) Captain Ashley Papp, CSC, RAN, ; Rear Admiral Chris Smith, CSM, RAN, ; Mr Des Jones and Commodore Raymond Leggett, AM, CSC, RAN at the memorial service held at the HMAS Canberra Memorial, Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra



Right: Sir Peter Cosgrove leads Des from the 2025 Anzac Tribute Sydney Opera House together with War Widow Marguerite Ryan.

Photo by Giovanni Portelli



Left: 102-year-old Yarrowonga resident, WWII Navy Veteran Des Jones assisted by 'adopted granddaughter' Laura Stahl meet Sir Peter Cosgrove with Navy Widow Marguerite Ryan looking on at the Anzac Tribute Reception at NSW Parliament House in April this year.

Photo: Giovanni Portelli

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relatives of HMAS Canberra sailors was memorable.

"In April this year, Des was invited by former Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove to attend the Anzac Day eve Sunset Tribute at the Opera House.

"Des, Laura and Brent made the trip where his spirit and determination shone through. Des even backed up the next day, Anzac Day and lead The Canberra Shropshire Association march through Sydney City, doing selfies with his new besties Normie Rowe and Little Pattie."

"He was optimistic to the end."

Tributes flow for Des

Former Governor-General of Australia Sir Peter Cosgrove, who wheeled Des into the 2025 Anzac Tribute at the Sydney Opera House, shared his condolences and respect for the bravery displayed by Des in his time in the Navy.

"I give a final salute to Des Jones," Sir Cosgrove said.

"Des being the last survivor of HMAS Canberra, it was a great honour to welcome him as the WWII

Navy Veteran of Honour at this year's Anzac Tribute at the Sydney Opera House.

"As a resident of Yarrowonga, Des in fact travelled to Sydney from Victoria twice in recent months, once for the Anzac tribute and again a month later for the Anzac tribute reception held at NSW Parliament House.

"Des was a wonderful Australian and his life and service to our nation will never be forgotten."

The Kent Class Cruiser that was to become HMAS Canberra was

laid down 100 Years ago;

on 9 September 1925 ;

launched on 31 May 1927;

commissioned 9 July 1928

Navy Facts Sheet - Base Development

STAY ONBOARD

PEOPLE FIRST

Setting the foundation for sustained growth

Workplace Experience

Base redevelopment-
accommodation options

Navy Infrastructure is working with Security and Estate Group nationwide to rationalise, refurbish and where possible, deliver new, modern transit, training and permanent Living-In Accommodation.

Benefits

- Living-In Accommodation across our bases and establishments is rationalised, modern, and suitable for Navy People.
- Sufficient Living-In Accommodation exists on base or close to where Navy People work.
- Living-In Accommodation and associated welfare and well-being facilities are of a standard where Navy People preference this accommodation over other options

Next Steps

- HMAS Cerberus redevelopment — due practical completion mid-2023.
- HMAS Creswell new Living-In Accommodation due for completion in mid-2023.

- HMAS Watson redevelopment — due practical completion April 2026.
- Capability projects across the country — ongoing
 - ◇ Improved workforce amenity at HMAS Albatross as part of SEA9100 and SEA129-5 for logistics helicopters and un-crewed aerial aircraft.
 - ◇ Further improved workforce amenity with combined HMAS Albatross Redevelopment. Planning due to commence in 2029.

Defence Workforce Growth Initiatives — planning commenced early 2022 for delivery 2025-2035.

More Information

Navy infrastructure works in close partnership with Shore Force in Fleet Command and particularly with the Security and Estate Group. They also have a level of engagement with external bodies including other Defence Groups, Industry and States/Territories

Status: Work Underway Lead: Head Navy Capability

TARGETING
All Navy Personnel

WHEN
2023-2035

YOU GET
Rationalised, refurbished or
where possible, new
modern accommodation

Naval Ship Building agreement with Austal at Henderson WA



On 28 August 2025, the Strategic Shipbuilding Agreement between Defence and Austal Defence Australia was signed at the Navy Capability Centre in Henderson, Western Australia. Head Patrol Boats and Specialist Ships, RADM Michael Houghton signed the Agreement on behalf of the Commonwealth. The Austal representative Paddy Gregg – Austal Chief Executive Officer signed the Agreement on behalf of Austal

This is a significant milestone in the Henderson Consolidation Program, as the Strategic Shipbuilding Agreement will facilitate continuous naval shipbuilding by consolidating industry at Henderson around the Strategic Shipbuilder, delivering on key priorities outlined in the 2024 National Defence Strategy

ACH *Esmeralda* visits Sydney

Esmeralda is one of the largest and oldest tall-ships in the world, pulling into Sydney as the seventh port on her voyage, having previously visited Jakarta, Indonesia. She has now departed Sydney for Papeete, a French-Polynesian island in the Pacific Ocean.

Navy weapons electrical engineering officer Lieutenant Planck joined the vessel in Japan with representatives of other navies for her journey to Australia. He said he loved the experience, even if it took time to adjust.

"I didn't speak any Spanish when I joined. I picked up a little bit, but thankfully, they spoke a lot of English. It made life easier," Lieutenant Planck said. "It was nothing like I'd ever done before. It was so special to be able to get involved with so many other countries."

The Australian and Chilean navies have a strong relationship dating back 80 years. Recently the RAN sold two former Adelaide-class frigates, HMA Ships *Melbourne* and *Newcastle*, to the Armada de Chile (ACH) and the ACH has also participated with the RAN on a number of exercises, such as Exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC).

In Sydney, the crew hosted a number of ship tours and engagements at their berth in Woolloomooloo.

Commander of the Australian Fleet Rear Admiral Christopher Smith met ACH Chief of the General Staff of the Navy Vice Admiral Raúl Zamorano Gofí. This was Vice Admiral Zamorano's first navy-to-navy talk with the RAN since assuming the role in 2023, stating that 'It was so special to be able to get involved with so many other countries.'

Esmeralda remains a beacon for international relations for Chile and a cornerstone of their training capability.

For Lieutenant Planck, the journey followed in the footsteps of his close colleague and fellow New Entry Officers Course (NEOC) graduate, Lieutenant Jacqui Dendle, who completed a similar voyage on the same vessel six years earlier. In 2019, then-midshipman Dendle was selected from the NEOC 60 cohort of 162 graduates for her outstanding performance throughout the course. Shortly after graduation, she deployed for five months in *Esmeralda* from July 9 to December 7, 2019.

Lieutenant Dendle's voyage was a sweeping trans-Pacific and Asian tour, taking in China, Hawaii, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, French Polynesia and New Zealand. Her experience provided a unique perspective on the global role of navies in fostering international partnerships.



Crowds line the wharf to welcome Armada de Chile vessel Training Ship *Esmeralda* as she enters Fleet Base East, Sydney, New South Wales.

Photo LSIS Lauren Pugsley

"My time in *Esmeralda* is a very special memory that will last a lifetime and to now share that bond with Harry (Lieutenant Planck) means the world to me," Lieutenant Dendle said. "I am very thankful for the opportunity and the enduring friendships made."

In 2024, Lieutenant Planck was awarded the King's Gold Medal for exemplary conduct, performance of duty and achievement during officer training.. First awarded in 1916, it is one of the Navy's oldest and most prestigious awards. As a result, Lieutenant Planck was selected to represent the RAN on board *Esmeralda*.

He joined the ship on June 14 in Japan, and the four-masted barquentine has taken him through key international ports, including Osaka, Shanghai and Jakarta, before returning him to Sydney on August 12.

"This has been one of the most enriching experiences of my naval career," Lieutenant Planck said. "Sailing on *Esmeralda* is more than just a deployment. It is a chance to establish lifelong friendships with guests from many other navies, and knowing that Jacqui stood on these decks years ago makes it even more meaningful."

Esmeralda is a four masted Barquentine

Keel laid	1946
Launched	12 May 1953
Length	113 m
Beam	13.11m
Speed	13 knots on motor 17 knots under sail
Crew	300 plus 90 trainees
Originally she was a four masted topsail schooner	

Royal Navy's Hydrographic eXploitation Group (HXG)



The Royal Navy's new-look (above) specialist survey teams are ready to use enhanced capabilities to support the Senior Service's global mission after completing several years of transformation.

That information can directly impact operations, increasing littoral access and manoeuvre, understanding of the environment or help cartographers redraw charts of the oceans with greater accuracy for the safety and benefit of all seafarers.

After many years merged with the Royal Navy's meteorological experts as the Fleet Hydrographic and Meteorological Unit, the two branches have now parted company.

In their place, two new units: one dedicated to surveying and hydrography, the other to all things meteorological, hence the Hydrographic eXploitation and the Metoc Information Warfare Groups (HXG and MIWG respectively).

The separation is part of a broader transformation of survey/hydrographic operations which is shifting the Navy away from traditional survey ships such as HMS Echo and Enterprise in favour of small rapidly deployable teams, autonomous systems, and 11 and 15-metre Vahana survey motor boats for sustained, detailed work.

After months of training and making use of the panoply of new kit, the HXG is now at full operational capability - able to support front-line operations and conduct hydrographic missions wherever needed - prompting a roll-out of its craft and equipment at Morice Yard in Devonport Naval Base.

Aside from the Vahanas, which are capable of conducting detailed hydrographic surveys using multi-beam echo-sounders, HXG can call upon a number of state-of-the-art Autonomous Underwater Vehicles (AUVs) which can efficiently and precisely carry out surveys of the seabed for charting and wider defence purposes.

The arrival and deployment of the new capabilities on show today is a game changer and, alongside pending developments in larger autonomous platforms - under the Future Military Data Gathering programme - makes for an exciting future for the Hydrographic Exploitation Group.

Royal Navy

Right: 11m Survey Motor Boat conducting surveys in Portsmouth Harbour

(Photo: Portsmouth Proud).



Minutes General Meeting –7 August 2025

NAA ACT Minutes (ACT Section)

Date: August 7th, 2025

Location: Eastlakes Club - Gungahlin

Attendees: (Committee Members) D Manolas, A McGown, A O'Neill, D Rush, P Cooke-Russell and D Lyons - as well as: P Cullinan, T Vickers, H Beardsell and Visitors: L Bearsell, D McGown, S Lyons and L Cullinan.

Apologies: J Small, M Hardwick, H Millward, J Slaats, K Reid-Smith, P Gribble, B Joce, J Wolford, G Quinn

Chair: David Manolis (President)

1. Opening and Welcomes

- Meeting declared open with the reading of the Odes.
- Special welcome was extended to Peter and Lynn, acknowledging their recent return to the NAA.

2. Birthdays

Members on the Birthday List for August were congratulated – J Slaats, J Quick, T Selby and O Jurd. Special mention was made of P Cullinan whose birthday was not mentioned for July.

2. Items from Bosun's Call (ACT) Newsletter

- General Meeting Dates.
- King's Crown approved for updated RAN Badge.
- Veterans can now earn more before pensions are affected.
- Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025.
- Multinational Task Group Sea Power Display.
- UK Carrier Group arrives in Darwin.
- ACT Section Social Calendar.

3. Minutes from Previous Meeting

As last month was the Christmas in July lunch, there was no meeting and no minutes

4. Committee Member Reports

President (David):

Event Details for HMAS *Canberra* Memorial Service (8 August 2025)

- **Location:** HMAS *Canberra* Memorial – Kings Park.
- **Schedule:**
 - ◇ First group (Harman) to arrive at 8:00 am

◇ President to arrive at 8:30 am

◇ A. O'Neil to arrive at 9:00 am

◇ Guests to arrive by 10:30 am

◇ VIP seating and name tags arranged

• **VIP and Key Attendees:**

- ◇ Chief of Navy attending (rare and prestigious)
- ◇ 20 midshipmen from ADFA expected
- ◇ Invitations: Air Force (awaiting confirmation), Royal Navy (RN) / Royal Marines (confirmed: Lt Col Ollie Gray), US Navy (in recognition of Battle of Savo Island and support to HMAS *Canberra* casualties), Kiwis (unable to attend), Canadians (awaiting confirmation)
- ◇ Wreath layers: Minister Suzanne Orr (Seniors & Veterans, ACT) representing the Chief Minister, RAAF Association President Ernie Walsh, Navy Women & WRANS, A. McGown for the NAA ACT, others as required
- ◇ Notable guests hoped for: Mrs Gini Hole (family link to HMAS *Canberra I*), Mrs. Vicki Coates (naming lady for HMAS *Canberra III*)
- ◇ RAN Band quintet + vocalist LS Tracy Kennedy (to perform four verses of Naval Hymn and first verse of national anthem)
- ◇ Navy and Defence photographers to cover the event
- ◇ Catafalque party (Petty Officer PTI) from HMAS Harman
- ◇ Traffic control/signage newly required by NCA; instructions for parking and event access provided
- ◇ **Help Requested:** All available members encouraged to assist with setup and managing visitors.
- ◇ **Event Content:** Focused, concise commemoration (not in-depth naval or battle history), acknowledgment of direct HMAS *Canberra* links, recognition of non-Australian allies in the battle

Vice President (Alex)

- Upcoming **Last Post ceremonies:**
 - ◇ 2nd September (Tuesday): End of World War II in the Pacific ceremony.
 - ◇ 26th December (Friday): Able Seaman from HMAS Parramatta remembered.
 - ◇ Volunteers requested for participation.
- **KOC (Kindred Organisations Committee) Update:**
 - ◇ Recent meeting attended; topics included:
 - ◇ DVA's new 3-week convalescent care addition to respite care (available to all eligible veterans post-December 2024).
 - ◇ **Legacy Week:** Runs 31st August – 7th September 2025.

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- ◇ ACT Government prevailed in Human Rights Commission case, preserving the right to include prayers/hymns in Anzac Day commemorations.
- ◇ **Veterans Health Week:** Scheduled for October 2025. Grants open soon; previous practice of alternating application of grant for events with HMAS *Sydney* Association dropped, current practice is yearly participation in events organised by HMAS *Sydney* Association (typically includes a lunch and exercise at Duntroon Golf Course).

Secretary (Darren)

Website and Database Update

- Significant issues with the national membership database identified, with some data up to 8 years out of date.
- **Current Actions:**
 - ◇ Darren and two assistants are updating the database to bring member details up to date. Database has been copied from website and worked on offline as website had crashed three times in one week recently.
 - ◇ Administrative access has been withdrawn from all but the updating group to prevent inconsistencies.
 - ◇ Members can view their records but are asked not to make changes themselves; updates should be sent directly to Darren.

Treasurer (Alaric)

- **Canberra Memorial Service Funding:**
 - ◇ Unexpected cost increases this year due to National Capital Authority (NCA) requirements (traffic control, signage).
 - ◇ Previous funding from defunct HMAS *Canberra* Association no longer sufficient; this year's overages covered through President's efforts and NCA additional support.
 - ◇ Plan to apply for a **\$1,500 DVA grant** annually from 2026 to stabilize finances and cover ongoing memorial service costs.
 - ◇ Funding to cover wreaths, car parking, traffic control, handouts.
 - ◇ Historical overview: Association has managed the HMAS *Canberra* Memorial since the 1980s, after taking over from the RAN Historic Society.

Membership Registrar (report given by Darren as Peter had to leave early)

- **Current Numbers:** 46 financial members, 6 unfinancial, 52 total.
- **Database Discrepancy:** Online database

(uncorrected) lists 113; hence, the current clean-up.

- **Honorary Memberships:** 9 Honorary, 1 Club, 3 Honorary Life members.

Welfare (Alex)

- Those unwell acknowledged, particularly **Bev (Social Secretary)**, who was recently hospitalized again.
- Joe Slats is recovering from an injury (cut his hand, requiring stitches).
- Flowers previously sent to Bev were appreciated. Proposal accepted to send another bouquet to Bev's home following her extended hospitalization (to be coordinated after the meeting).
- Welfare Officer Alex to coordinate and continue regular check-ins with members in need.5. Social and Special Events

Social Calendar

- Page 13 of Bosun's Call contains details of upcoming events.
- Recap of recent Christmas in July (July 2025).

5. General Business

Peter & Lynn expressed appreciation for group support; reassured by the President that the association will continue to offer support regardless of their ability to attend meetings and that the Association motto is, after all "Once Navy, Always Navy".

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- 6 Raffle draw conducted at conclusion of meeting.

Darren Rush

Secretary

ACT Section NAA

7 August 2025

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

\$40 for 2026

Action to renew membership for 2026 can now undertaken in a number of different ways. The following, in order of preference for the Treasurer, are listed below, but any of them can be utilised.

The use of e-banking provides for ease of payment and your bank records act as your receipt. The annual subscription for 2026 is \$40

1. **Direct transfer of funds to the NAA (ACT Section).** Using e-bank facilities, transfer funds to Naval Association of Australia –ACT Section Account **BSB: 633 000 . Account Number 162 834 097** *Please ensure you have identified yourself as the payer in order that the Treasurer can correctly credit your payment.*
2. Payment using the mail system. Please do not send cash through the mail system. Cheques can be forwarded to Membership Registrar, 4 McEachern Crescent, MELBA ACT 2615. Receipts will NOT be mailed to payers.
3. Direct payment to Treasurer. The Treasurer will gladly accept cheques or cash from members at General Meetings. A receipt will be given to payers.

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED ANY OF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS SUCH AS HOME ADDRESS, E-MAIL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS PLEASE ADVISE THE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR.

Social Program

Fish 'n Chips is on the program, Snapper has reopened . Sun will shine.

2025

18 Sep Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
16 Oct Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
20 Nov Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
4 Dec Christmas Lunch

2026

16 Jan Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
19 Feb Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
19 Mar Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
16 Apr Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200

Bev Joce

Social Secretary

DVA CONTACTS

Information on health services may be obtained from DVA. The contact numbers for health care providers requiring further information or prior financial authorisation for all States & Territories are listed below:

PHONE NUMBER:

Telephone:
[1800 VETERAN \(1800 838 372\)](tel:1800VETERAN)

International callers:

[+61 2 6289 1133](tel:+61262891133)

POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES: D

Health Approvals & Home Care Section Department of Veterans' Affairs
GPO Box 9998
BRISBANE QLD 4001

DVA WEBSITE:

<http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/allied-healthprofessionals>

DVA email for prior financial authorisation:
health.approval@dva.gov.au

The appropriate prior approval request form can be found at: <https://www.dva.gov.au/providers/servicesrequiring-prior-approval>

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

For information about claims for payment visit:
www.dva.gov.au/providers/how-claim



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**A Happy Birthday to you
September 2025**

Mike Hardwick
Bob Kendall
Steve Youll
John Combe
Harry Beardsell
Mike Taylor
Ian Holmes

Legal Aid for Veterans

Have you or your partner:

- Served in the Australian Defence Force?
- Served overseas in a Australian Government sponsored Peacekeeping role?
- Have a medical condition related to this service?

Legal Aid ACT can help veterans and their partners seek entitlements and lodge claims with The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA).

We can help you with:

- Rights and entitlements under Commonwealth laws relating to veterans and families
- Completing claim forms, questionnaires and writing statements in support of claims
- Your dealings with DVA and, if necessary, review tribunals.

Legal Aid ACT advice services are free, confidential and independent of the DVA and Department of Defence



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