



The Bosun's Call



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Once Navy, Always Navy

February 2021

NUSHIP *Supply* enters harbour



The Royal Australian Navy's new auxiliary oiler replenishment ship, NUSHIP *Supply*, has arrived at its homeport of Garden Island, Sydney.

It is one of two new auxiliary oiler replenishments that will provide combat and logistics support to the Royal Australian Navy's fleet.

Supply is the second RAN ship to carry the name and the first Navy vessel to be equipped with the newest generation of Saab Australia's 9LV Combat Management System

Commanding Officer NUSHIP *Supply* Captain Ben Hissink said the arrival of the ship in her homeport initiated the last stages of her journey to commissioning and represented an important milestone for the Navy and the crew.

"*Supply* is part of the largest regeneration of the Royal Australian Navy since World War II, as outlined in the Australian Government's Naval Shipbuilding Plan," Captain Hissink said.

"*Supply* represents the beginning of a new capability for the Royal Australian Navy, which will extend the endurance and operational range of Australia's entire naval fleet, while also supporting air, surface and sub-surface naval warfare."

Due to commission into service later this year, *Supply* and her sister ship NUSHIP *Stalwart* will carry

fuel, dry cargo, water, food, ammunition, equipment and spare parts to provide operational support to deployed naval or combat forces based far from ports for long periods.

In addition to replenishment, the vessels can be used to combat against environmental pollution at sea, provide logistics support to the joint force and partner navies and to support humanitarian and disaster relief operations.

"Our 170-strong crew have been preparing for the ship's arrival for many months now and are excited to have her home to begin the final stages in preparation for commissioning and actively supporting the fleet," Captain Hissink said.

"We look forward to continued liaison with the Defence industry which supports not only *Supply*, but the entire Navy, in building, maintaining and projecting a force that meets current regional maritime needs."

Supply was sailed into port by Teekay Shipping Australia and NUSHIP *Supply's* crew and welcomed by Commander Australian Fleet Rear Admiral Mark Hammond and Commander Surface Force Commodore David Mann.

From RAN Website

Events coming up

29 Jan Last Post Ceremony CAPT Frank Getting RAN HMAS Canberra Alex McGown to lay wreath
18 Feb Fish 'n Chips Snapper at CYC 1200



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General Meetings Dates and Locations Programme

If the pandemic restrictions are not recycled the following program is to be followed:

2021

4 Feb Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
4 Mar Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
AGM immediately afterwards	
1 Apr Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
6 May Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
3 Jun Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
5 Aug Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
2 Sep Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
7 Oct Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
4 Nov Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330

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

If you need assistance getting to the meeting and/or functions, call Alan Masters on 6281 5630 who will try to organise transport for you.

President's Message

Shipmates,

With the Christmas and New Year festive season astern of us, we can each reflect on those aspects that brought us great joy and that which we wish had been possible. There are still aspects of life we wish were different but there are developments that in themselves, give us cause to be optimistic. So, let us do that and may we all enjoy each other's company in our NAA Section here in the ACT.

We are so very fortunate to have found somewhere to gather for our meetings and social get-togethers following the closure of the club in Kaleen. For those who have not yet visited the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club, please come along to our first meeting for 2021, on Thursday 04 Feb 21. We have made some changes to how we conduct our meetings and now have segments where we explore our shared naval heritage, language and folk-lore, which I very much hope you will enjoy! It is fun and seeing each other does wonders for your wellbeing in the current 'social climate'!

Your Committee is back on-deck, all hands are turned to and the course for 2021 is being set so have your say as to what we might do and where we might go; where are the best rabbit runs?

All aboard, let go forrard, let go aft!

Yours aye,

David Manolas

Vale

Hugh Stevenson

12 March 1934 — 31 December 2020

**Committee meeting
East Lakes Gungahlin
1100 Thursday 4 Feb 2021**

Preparation underway to build new frigates



An artist's impression of the Hunter-class frigate

“Nine of the world’s most advanced anti-submarine warfare frigates will be constructed in Australia and the prototyping phase marks the beginning of a decades-long program that will be the cornerstone of continuous naval shipbuilding in Australia,” Ms Lutz said.

“The Osborne shipyard is a world-leading shipyard, which will enable Australian industry do its job constructing this advanced fleet of frigates for the nation.

“Raising the capability of Australia’s shipbuilding industry is central to the National Naval Shipbuilding Enterprise as we continue to develop a truly sovereign maritime industrial base.”

Prototyping is underway at the Osborne shipyard in Adelaide in preparation for work to start on Navy's Hunter-class frigates.

Defence's Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group's first assistant secretary ships Sheryl Lutz said five prototype blocks would be built in the prototyping phase to test the shipyard's production systems, develop the facilities and ensure the workforce was trained and ready to build the Hunter-class frigates.

Ms Lutz said the prototyping phase of the Hunter-class frigate program would end in 2023.

“The actual construction phase of the Hunter program is scheduled to commence by the end of 2022, with prime contractor BAE Systems Maritime Australia, a subsidiary of BAE Systems, already supporting Australian jobs,” Ms Lutz said.

The Hunter-class program will be the cornerstone of the Federal Government’s \$183b Naval Shipbuilding Plan, which will see more than 70 naval vessels built in Australia.

Class overview	
Builders:	BAE Systems Australia ASC Shipbuilding Pty Ltd
Operators:	Royal Australian Navy
Preceded by:	Anzac class
Cost:	A\$35 billion (2018) ^[1] for 9 units (est.) A\$3.9 billion (2018) per unit (est.)
Built:	From 2020
In commission:	From 2027
Planned:	9
General characteristics	
Type:	Frigate
Displacement:	8,800 t (8,700 long tons; 9,700 short tons) full load displacement
Length:	149.9 m (492 ft)
Beam:	20.8 m (68 ft) ^[2]
Propulsion:	CODLOG configuration 1 × Rolls-Royce MT30 gas turbine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 × MTU Type 20V 4000 M53B high-speed diesel generators • 2 × electric motors
Speed:	27+ knots
Range:	7,000 nautical miles (13,000 km; 8,100 mi) in electric motor drive ^[3]
Complement:	180 personnel, with accommodation for 208

Sensors and processing systems:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Command & Control: Aegis combat system^[4] Saab 9LV tactical interface • Surveillance & Weapon Sensors: CEA Technologies CEAFA2 phased array radar • Underwater Warfare Systems Ultra S2150 hull-mounted sonar Thales Sonar 2087 towed array and variable depth sonar
Electronic warfare	Nulka decoy launchers
Armament:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missiles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x 4-canister advanced anti-ship missiles 32 Mark 41 Vertical Launch System firing: RIM-66 Standard 2 RIM-162 ESSM • Torpedoes: MU90 Impact torpedoes^[3] • Guns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 × 5-inch 54 calibre Mark 45 Mod 4 dual purpose gun • 2 × 30mm short-range gun systems 2 × 20mm Phalanx CIWS
Aircraft carried:	1 × MH-60R 'Romeo' Seahawk armed with: 2 × Mk 54 MAKO Torpedo 4 × AGM-114 Hellfire ^[5]

Text from RAN Website Derails from Wikipedia

Operation Fiji Assist

Australian sailors embarked on a Christmas eve humanitarian mission to help thousands of people in cyclone-struck Fiji.

HMAS *Adelaide* left Brisbane on Thursday as the Federal government provides \$4.5 million to help the island neighbour recover from category five Tropical Cyclone Yasa.

The system was one of the strongest cyclones recorded in the Pacific, and made landfall on the northern island of Vanua Levu in December 2020

It brought torrential rain and gusts up to 345km/h to the archipelago, which was already ravaged by Tropical Cyclone Harold in April.

The homes of thousands of Fijians, along with schools and other infrastructure were damaged or destroyed.

At least four people were killed.

HMAS *Adelaide* will carry personnel and equipment to complement the efforts of the Fijian government, Defence Minister Linda Reynolds said.

“Members from the Australian Army’s 6th Engineering Support Regiment from Brisbane will assist Fijian authorities to clear debris, and repair critical infrastructure and schools,” she added.

The relief package included supplies such as building materials, tents, medical supplies, solar lighting and hygiene kits, education supplies and support for organisations and the Fiji Red Cross to aid their work with affected communities.

In the immediate aftermath of the cyclone Australia sent emergency humanitarian supplies to Fiji on two RAAF C-17A Globemaster flights.

The RAAF also conducted two aerial assessment missions to obtain an early picture of the scale of damage caused by Yasa in remote locations.

Aerial assessment showed that Bua province on the northern island of Vanua Levu suffered 70 per cent damage and destruction, while the small island of Kia was completely destroyed, Fiji Red Cross Director General Ilisapeci Rokotunidau said.



A Royal Australian Navy Landing Craft carrying disaster relief supplies docks at Bekana Jetty in Vanua Levu, Fiji, during Operation Fiji Assist.

“It’s like a ground zero, there’s nothing left,” Ms Rokotunidau told Reuters.

While the largest island of Viti Levu, where about three-quarters of Fijians live, was spared the worst, Vanua Levu and other small islands were in dire need of fresh water and shelter.

Disrupted communications and poor weather were hampering the damage assessment effort but Red Cross volunteers were assisting those in need, Ms Rokotunidau said.

There were concerns about the spread of diseases. Foreign Affairs Minister Marise Payne said leftover aid sent to Fiji in the aftermath of Tropical Cyclone Harold in April was also used to help meet the immediate needs of those affected by Yasa.

-AAP 23 Dec 20 (Tense has been altered in part)



Above: Australian Army soldiers and equipment from 6th, 7th, 16th and 17th Brigade wait to board HMAS Adelaide at the Port of Brisbane before they deploy to Fiji and provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief after the devastating Cyclone Yasa.



Left: HMAS Adelaide at Kings Wharf in Suva, Fiji, during Operation Fiji Assist.

Operation Fiji Assist - Return of ADF Contingent

19 January 2021

Joint media release

- **Senator the Hon Marise Payne, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Women**
- **Senator the Hon Zed Seselja, Minister for International Development and the Pacific**

HMAS *Adelaide* and her crew will begin their return to Australia tomorrow marking the completion of a three-week recovery operation in Fiji following Tropical Cyclone Yasa.

Members from HMAS *Adelaide*, the Australian Army's 6th Engineer Support Regiment and 5th Aviation Regiment, have been working in partnership with Fijian authorities to clear debris, and repair critical infrastructure following the devastating category five cyclone.

This included repairing the Galoa Primary School, with students and teachers returning this week to a newly reconstructed classroom, complete with desks, chairs and school supplies.

Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Marise Payne said the Australian Government will continue to work hand in hand with our Fijian vuvale to support ongoing recovery efforts.

"Australia is proud to contribute to the Government of Fiji's swift and effective response to Tropical Cyclone Yasa," Minister Payne said.

"After the trauma they have suffered in the aftermath of TC Yasa, it is wonderful to see teachers and students back in the classroom for the new school year.

"I thank Fiji's Military Forces and Australian Defence Force personnel for their hard work, especially over the Christmas/New year period, when many were separated from their own families."

In addition to Galoa Primary School, another 32 schools were refurbished or temporarily restored, with Australian support in the form of aid and logistical assistance.

Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC, said the ADF had made a meaningful contribution to Fiji in supporting the Republic of Fiji Military Forces (RFMF).

"The ADF has spent several weeks working with our Fijian vuvale to reconstruct the Galoa Primary School and has also delivered stores, temporary classroom tents, furnishings and supplies for other schools in the affected Northern Division," Minister Reynolds said.

"The reach of the amphibious and rotary wing capabilities operating from HMAS *Adelaide* was key to meeting the needs of those affected by the cyclone in outlying areas.

"This week also marks one year since the RFMF's Bula Force arrived in Australia to assist us in responding to the Black Summer Bushfires. The AD-



**Minister for Defence
Senator Linda Reynolds CSC**

Linda Reynolds was sworn in as the Minister for Defence on 29 May 2019. Linda served for 29 years in the Australian Army as a Reserve Officer in a wide range of part and full time appointments. She was the first woman in the Australian Army Reserves to be promoted to the rank of Brigadier and was awarded the Conspicuous Service Cross.

F's rapid response over Christmas represents the spirit of our vuvale partnership and is reminiscent of the teamwork we saw between the two forces in 2020."

Minister for International Development and the Pacific, Senator the Hon Zed Seselja, said 165 tonnes of aid was distributed across the cyclone affected area including 918,000 litres of water.

"The combined efforts of the ADF and RFMF has been a great testament to the strength of our partnership, as we continue to meet challenges together," Minister Seselja said.

Adelaide remains Australia's high-readiness vessel for responding to natural disasters in the region and will resupply in Australia to ensure preparedness for any future events.

Imagery is available at: <https://images.defence.gov.au/s20204061>

Footage is available at: https://innovatehub.sharepoint.com/:f/s/mediahub/EhKej7IKTo5Lhrm-Sar_Ds_cBMlopuM_GpmgmlcmmsvXx5Rw?e=415A7h

'Vuvale' is the word in the Fijian language for 'family' - in every respect; it means 'my home is your home'. Drawing from this deep-seated sense of belonging, Fiji and Australia aspire through this Vuvale Partnership to a new era of elevated cooperation, consultation and friendship between our two nations. Australia and Fiji are natural partners. DFAT

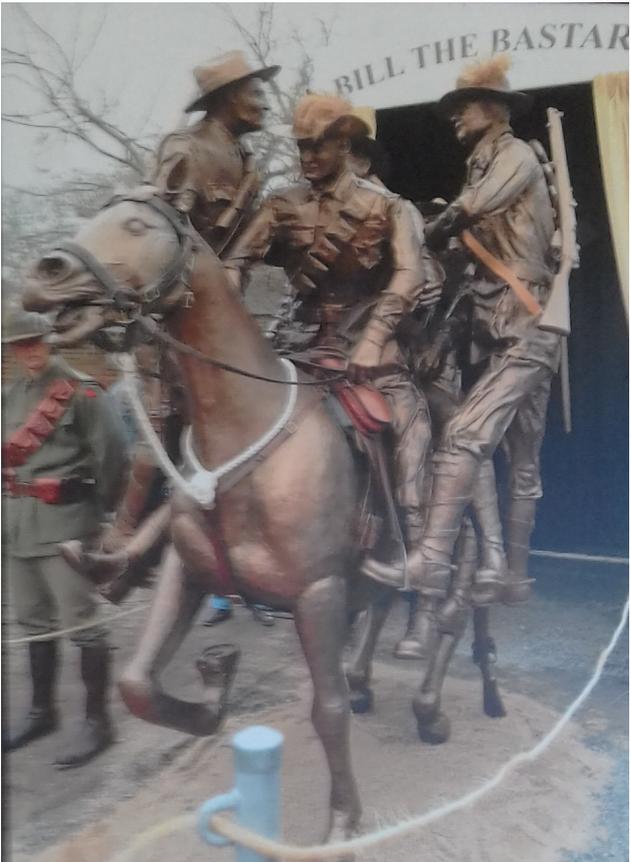
Bus Trip 9 December 2020

On 9 December 2020 we chartered a bus for a trip to Junee via Harden/Murrumburrah. About 40 members and friends filled the bus and it was a refreshing sight to see the country green again after the dryness experienced over earlier bus trips. The stop at Murrumburrah was to see the newly completed bronze sculpture of Bill the Bastard carrying five soldiers of the Australian Light horse Brigade to relative safety.

Bill the Bastard, a 17 hand high stallion serving in the Middle Eastern theatre of the WWI, was notorious for his unrelenting stubbornness, endurance and courage. Bill became a legend at the Battle of Romani, where he and Major Michael Shanahan rescued four Tasmanian troops from certain death on the battlefield

Sculptor Carl Valerius is honouring Bill and Major Shanahan's legacy with a true to scale statue depicting their rescue effort during the battle, in which Major Shanahan lost his left leg. Major Shanahan was the only rider normally accepted by Bill.

After a lunch at the Junee RSL we visited the Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory.



Unfortunately a close inspection of the licorice and chocolate coating facilities was hampered by the COVID 19 precautions, but the shop and bistro were open to us all.

The factory is located at the restored Junee Flour Mill, a historically rich landmark in the rural township of Junee, New South Wales. The Factory produces a rapidly growing range of innovative, certified organic confectionaries increasingly being found in shops around Australia and overseas. It is operated by Green Grove Organics, a family operated farm based enterprise that has been practicing organic farming since 1962.

Our thanks to Tiger Lyons for his work in organising the trip and running a searching quiz in between stops along the road.



**World War II Commemoration
Medallion**



Doug Blake receives his WWII Certificate from David Manolas, National and ACT Section President, on 3 Dec 20

Doug joined the RANR as an Ordinary Seaman on 17 February 1943 and was promoted to Midshipman on 11 October 1943. He joined HMAS Cowra on 3 December 1943. He was promoted to Acting Sub Lieutenant on 25 April 1945. He was demobilised on 11 October 1945 and joined the RANVR on 16 January 1950. Promoted to Lieutenant on 4 August 1952 rising to Commander RANVR on 31 December 1968. He transferred to the RANR in July 1973.

In his civilian life he was on the Parliamentary Staff of the Commonwealth government. Whilst there he assisted the PNG government establishment, was a keen Rugby Union referee and Clerk of the House of Representatives, retiring in May 1985. He also had a short period of exchange in the British House of Commons staff.

**2021 Annual General Meeting
4 March 2021**

The 2021 AGM will be held on 4 March 2021 at the Eastlakes Football Club, Gungahlin commencing at approximately 1430 immediately after the closing of the General; Meeting programmed for that day commencing at 1330. after lunch.

AGM Agenda

Minutes of the 2020 AGM were published in the April 2020 Bosun's Call

The agenda for the 2021 AGM is as follows.

MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the 75th AGM

BUSINESS ARISING

Business arising from the minutes of the 75th AGM

REPORTS

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Registrar
- Social
- Welfare

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Election of Honorary Members for 2021
- Appointment of Auditor

Election of Office Bearers for 2021

Date of 77th Annual General Meeting
March 2022

Alan Masters

Secretary



Poets' Corner

In March 1970 I was entertained ashore to dinner and drinks - a 'run ashore'- in the Wanchai night-life district of Hong Kong, by the Officers of HMS GALATEA, the last British warship in which I served prior to my resignation from the Royal Navy becoming effective in September that year. At five o'clock on the morning of 12 March 1970 I returned on board and wrote a thank-you note, which I pinned to the wardroom notice board. I flew back to the U.K. later that day. A friend retrieved the original sheet of GALATEA note paper and returned it to me as a keepsake. Sandy joined the RAN on 13 November 1970.

THANK YOU, AND GOODBYE

Many thanks for the great run in Wanchai,
For the meal, which distended my paunch. I
Had whisky galore -
Had I had one drink more
You could light the touch paper and launch I.

The boys all looked after me nobly -
Pat, John, Chris, Tim and Uncle Tom Cobleigh.
They entertained well,
But the star, I could tell,
Was old Jim, with that wild *paso doble*.

When I'm gone, and it's soon now I go,
If ever my spirits run low,
When I'm back there with FOST
And feel rather lost,
I'll remember this run, and the glow.

Sandy (Jim) Sandison

FOST - Flag Officer Sea Training Portland Naval Base, UK

Satnav – A new *(circa 2016) poem by Pam Ayres

I have a little Satnav, it sits there in my car.
A Satnav is a driver's friend it tells you where you are.
I have a little Satnav, I've had it all my life.
It's better than the normal ones, my Satnav is my wife.

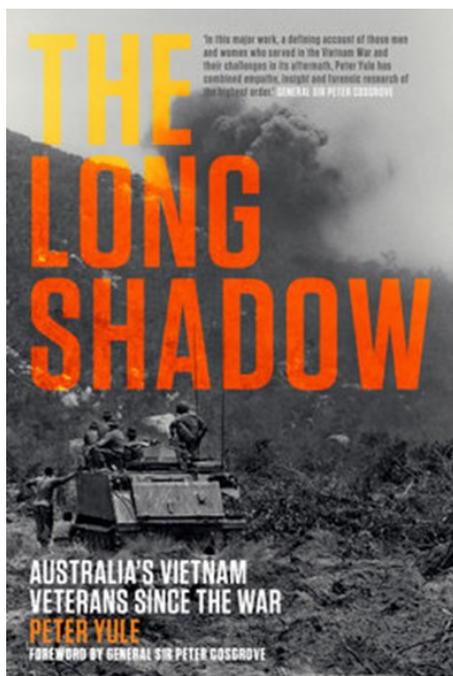
It gives me full instructions, especially how to drive
"It's sixty miles an hour", it says, "You're doing sixty five".
It tells me when to stop and start, and when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever, safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red, and when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively, just when to intervene.
It lists the vehicles just in front, and all those to the rear.
And taking this into account, it specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver, has so helpful a device.
For when we leave and lock the car, it still gives its advice.
It fills me up with counselling, each journey's pretty fraught.
So why don't I exchange it, and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house, makes sure I'm properly fed.
It washes all my shirts and things, and keeps me warm in bed!
Despite all these advantages, and my tendency to scoff,
I only wish that now and then, I could turn the bugger off...





The medical and psychological legacies of the Vietnam War are major and continuing issues for veterans, their families and the community, yet the facts about the impact of Agent Orange, post-traumatic stress disorder and other long-term health aspects are little understood.

The Long Shadow sets the record straight about the health of Vietnam veterans and reveals a more detailed and complex picture.

Profiling the stories of the veterans themselves, this comprehensive and authoritative book is a pioneering work of history on the aftermath of war. It takes a broad approach to the medical legacies, exploring the post-war experiences of Vietnam veterans, the evolution and development of the repatriation system in the post-Vietnam decades and the evolving medical understanding of veterans' health issues.

Peter Yule is a Research Fellow of the School of Historical and Philosophical Studies at the University of Melbourne. He has published over 20 books on Australian military, medical, and economic history, including histories of the Collins Class submarine project, Australian National Airways, and the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne.

Hard cover, 688 pages, photographs.

AWM comments

"These poor guys sacrificed their lives, lost friends in battle, and people back here [said], you know, it was all a mistake and you shouldn't have been here," Dr Yule said.

"And of course, we lost the war."

Australian War Memorial director Matt Anderson said the new book demystifies the experience of Vietnam veterans.

"This medical history lays to rest some of the misconceptions and establishes for the first time an accurate picture of the health of Vietnam veterans," Mr Anderson said.

"Many veterans believe that their service and sacrifice were never properly recognised and that their

CANBERRA TIMES 28 OCTOBER 2020

New book *The Long Shadow* by Dr Peter Yule highlights the medical legacy of the Vietnam War

Julia Kanapathippillai

For many Vietnam War veterans, they have continued to fight other battles long after the war ended; battling stigma, physical and mental health issues and a quest to be listened to and believed.

A new book commissioned by the Australian War Memorial sheds a light on the ongoing challenges faced by Vietnam War veterans.

The Long Shadow: Australia's Vietnam Veterans Since the War is the result of four years worth of research by author Dr Peter Yule, a research fellow at the University of Melbourne's School of Historical and Philosophical Studies. The AWM was able to fund the research and publication through a bequest.

The book is informed by interviews Dr Yule had with veterans themselves. It focuses primarily on health challenges faced by Vietnam veterans, including the effects of biological weapons such as Agent Orange, and mental illness including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

"PTSD as a psychiatric diagnosis arose out of the treatment of Vietnam veterans," Dr Yule said.

"There was nothing to explain war trauma in any way at all so kids [returned] home from the war clearly traumatised ... but psychiatrists had no way of dealing with them, they didn't understand what the issues were."

Dr Paul Yule's new book delves into the lives of Vietnam veterans after the war. Picture: Supplied

Dr Yule said the focus on post-war experiences of veterans offers a different perspective to the majority of history books which focus on events during wartime.

"The critical thing is that Vietnam was different - it more or less had a lasting effect on the lives of the people who [fought]," Dr Yule said.

"Vietnam veterans face different challenges than veterans of earlier wars."

Dr Yule said unlike Veterans from WW1 and WW2, Vietnam veterans did not have a victorious return to adoring civilians in Australia, with veterans baring the brunt of the backlash against Australia's decision to go to war.

health problems were ignored, trivialised or denied altogether." This book provides a way to share those experiences from a veteran perspective."

Dr Yule said after four years of research he was struck by the strength and camaraderie of the veterans he interviewed, and has been touched by the early feedback he has received from veterans.

"I have nothing but admiration for them. They went through hell and most of them have been severely damaged," he said.

"They get on with it to the best of their ability."

**NAA ACT Section
Nomination Form
2021 Committee Elections**

Position

Nominee

Proposer: Name (Block Letters)

Signature

Seconder: Name (Block Letters)

Signature.....

Date:.....

Endorsement by Nominee

Nominations are to be delivered to

The Secretary, s
NAA ACT Section

not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting to take place; ie by 1.30 pm Thursday 25 February 2020

**Subscription and Records Update 2021
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Surname.....

Given Names

Signature

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Social Program

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

18 Feb	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
18 Mar	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
13 Apr	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
17 Jun	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
1 Jul	Christmas Lunch in July
13 Jul	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
19 Aug	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
16 Sep	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
19 Oct	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
18 Nov	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
2 Dec	Christmas /New Year Lunch
16 Dec	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200

Late Feb Bus trip and Lunch to and on Clyde River respectively and a port call to Nelligan.

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:

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Health Approvals & Home Care Section department of Veterans' Affairs

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DVA WEBSITE:

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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 in February 2021

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|----|---------------------|
| 7 | John Crawley |
| 9 | Robert MacDonnell |
| 10 | Ray Lawton |
| 13 | Frank Shugg |
| 14 | Dean Da Costa |
| 16 | Chris Woods |
| 21 | Peter Cooke-Russell |
| 27 | Michael Doyle |



Left; HMA Ships Hobart, Brisbane and Sydney sail in formation through the Eastern Australian Exercise Area off the coast of New South Wales.

HMA Ships *Hobart*, *Brisbane* and *Sydney* have exercised together for the first time, setting the standard for blue water combat capability in our region.



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