



The Bosun's Call



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Once Navy, Always Navy

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November 2020—NAA 100th Anniversary

One evening in 1920 in the vicinity of Young and Jacksons Hotel on the corner of Flinders and Swanson Street, Melbourne, an ex-navalman out for a stroll with his wife spotted a former shipmate on point duty as a policeman.

From this chance meeting they decided to get together again with as many old shipmates as possible in the near future.

This led to a "Smoko" in May 1920 in the old Manchester Unity Hall in Swanson Street attended by about 100 ex-Navalmen who agreed to form the "Ex-Navalmen's Association", which was inaugurated in November 1920.

In 1922 the Association amalgamated with the China Naval Contingent Association whose members had seen service during the Boxer Rebellion of 1900 - one of the then oldest such organisations in Australia. The China Naval Contingent Association was formed in 1900 and as it amalgamated with the NAA, it could be said that the origin of the NAA goes back to 1900.

In 1925 the NSW Section was formed in Sydney, and in 1947 approval was given to NSW to form sub-sections in other areas throughout the State. In 1960 the Associations name was changed to "The Naval Association of Australia" to better reflect its aims and to reflect a membership that included both serving and ex-naval persons.

From its beginning the Association was devel-



"Chloe" mainstay of the Young and Jackson's attraction to generations of sailors disembarking from the Crib Point Flyer. To see Chloe's back, look at the second window from the left on the first floor of the above photograph



oped as a self help organisation with the main objective being to "Unite former and serving Naval Personnel for the purpose of mutual benefit", and it adopted the motto, "Each for All and All for Each and later "Once Navy—Always Navy".

The NAA's longevity is attributed to the fact that it is not a single issue organisation and has provided a sound social background for primarily ex naval people to get together and enjoy each others company. The NAA has taken up single issues during its life. One being to form and lead a Joint Committee to resolve the anomalies arising from naval service in the Far East Strategic Reserve during the Malayan Emergency 1956 to 1960. This Joint Committee achieved its objective in 2000 by gaining recognition of naval service in the Malayan Emergency to count towards entitlements under the Veterans' Entitlement Act 1986, thus achieving equity with the members of the Australian Army and the Royal Australian Air Force who had enjoyed these benefits from the time of their service in that theatre of operations.

Events coming up

- 27 Oct Last Post Ceremony CPO DM Viney HMAS Perth Alex Mcgown to lay the NAA wreath
- 5 Nov General Meeting East Lakes Football Club Gungahlin 1330 Lunch at 1200
- 19 Nov Last Post Ceremony LSTD Walter Bettinson HMAS Sydney
- 3 Dec Christmas Lunch



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General Meetings Dates and Locations Programme

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

5 Nov Eastlakes Club Gungahlin 2021	1330
4 Feb Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
4 Mar Eastlakes Club Gungahlin AGM immediately afterwards	1330
1 Apr 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 Note

Shipmates,

Since I last spoke with you, I have attended the WRANS – Naval Women's Association Commemorative Service at HMAS *Harman* and Alex has participated in a Last Post Ceremony at the AWM. We should not forget another commemorative date in October, the 21st – *Trafalgar Day*, wherein Nelson's great victory must surely be seen to have afforded the New South Wales Colony a degree of security as a consequence of on-going British Seapower.

As November approaches, we can see Remembrance Day and our NAA Centenary Wreath Laying Service coming into view. Advice is being sought from the AWM as to the nature and scope of the Remembrance Day Service so that we will know how many of our Members can attend. We are also awaiting confirmation as to how many of our Members will be able to participate in the wreath laying service. As I am sure you all appreciate, the COVID-19 situation is still a cause for concern where gatherings are envisaged, hence the need to seek clarification.

I very much hope as many of our Section as can attend our forthcoming Lunch at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Sports Club on Thursday 05 November 2020, will be present for the presentation of WWII Commemorative Medallions to eligible recipients.

Looking forward as always to seeing you all soon,

Yours aye,

David Manolas

President
NAA ACT Section

Government Interim Response to the Report of the Productivity Commission *A Better Way to Support Veterans*

DVA Foreward to the Interim Report

I welcome the Productivity Commission's report, *A Better Way to Support Veterans* ("the report") and thank the Commission for its diligence and thoroughness in undertaking its inquiry. I especially acknowledge the many submissions from veterans, their families and ex-service and other organisations.

The Government has considered the findings and recommendations of the Productivity Commission in detail and provides this interim Government response. The Productivity Commission report provides a comprehensive review of the veteran support system. It found that, while Australians can be proud of the support system we have, after a century of providing support and services to veterans and their families, there is a case for major reform.

The report outlines recommendations and findings to deliver substantial and enduring reforms, to ensure crucial support for veterans and their families can continue for the next 100 years. The Government believes that major reforms, particularly of the legislative framework and involving entitlements for veterans and their families, must be carefully assessed and incrementally implemented.

The Productivity Commission recognised that Australia needs its own unique and dedicated veteran support system. The Government agrees with the Productivity Commission's view that the system needs to move from a predominant focus on the illness or impairment of veterans, to a model that supports the lifetime wellbeing of serving and ex-serving members and their families, a shift that has been underway for several years.

The Government's approach to reform of the veteran support system, in particular in relation to legislation, will be evolutionary and we will pursue sensible elements of the Commission's legislative harmonisation plan over time.

The Productivity Commission recognised the efforts made so far with the transformation activities in the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), and in the efforts made by Defence to trial injury prevention measures for those serving, to share information with DVA early, and to engage with the families of serving personnel. The Commission supported the continuation of these initiatives, including Veteran Centric Reform (VCR) in DVA, through to completion.

The Government reiterates its commitment to VCR as the primary vehicle for reform and has funded the first four years of this crucial transformation program.

This response outlines the Government's position on the report, focussing on those recommendations that will be funded in Budget 2020-21, those that



are already implemented, or are being progressed, and those that will be implemented.

There are some recommendations that the Government has decided not to implement. In response to strongly expressed veteran community concerns regarding the Productivity Commission's recommendations to change Gold Card eligibility, the Government is providing assurance to current serving ADF personnel, veterans and their families that those proposals will not be taken forward.

While significant economic challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic must be managed through this Budget process, the Government is continuing to invest in key veterans' services. As part of the 2020-21 Budget the Government has announced a targeted package of initiatives that will assist veterans and their families to maintain their wellbeing, support good mental health outcomes, transition successfully to civilian life, including to find meaningful employment, and help them to navigate the challenges of COVID-19 and recover strongly post-pandemic. This veteran specific package complements and builds upon the existing government commitments to support the mental health and wellbeing of all Australians, including veterans, through the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is a strong focus in this package of support for veterans transitioning from the ADF into the civilian community and on support that will assist veterans seeking to start their own business. The Government is focused on assisting veterans to find meaningful employment and contribute to economic recovery.

The Government has agreed to the Commission's recommendation to establish a Joint Transition Authority led by Defence that will improve the integration, synchronisation and assurance across Gov-

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Government Interim Response to the Report of the Productivity Commission

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ernment of the transition of ADF members to civilian life. The JTA will take a whole of system approach to transition to better support transitioning ADF members and their families.

In recognition of the risks associated with the potential impact of the pandemic on the mental health outcomes of our veteran community, there are measures in the package that offer additional support to veterans and their families to ensure they are supported to build and maintain good mental health during this challenging time.

Addressing the tragedy of suicide is a national priority and an issue of vital importance to the Government. In addition to the Government's commitment to the establishment of a National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention and the recent appointment of Ms Gwen Cherne as the inaugural Veteran Family Advocate, I announce measures to increase the fees paid by DVA to mental health providers to deliver mental health care for veterans from February 2021. I also announce measures to expand services provided by Open Arms – Veterans and Families Counselling and the Coordinated Veterans' Care Program, and to maintain DVA's service delivery levels and responsiveness for veterans who are waiting for decisions on their claims.

The ADF has faced an unprecedented operational tempo and deployment complexity, both internationally and domestically over several years and, in light of the *2020 Defence Strategic Update* and *2020 Force Structure Plan*, this is anticipated to continue. It is therefore critical that DVA's information sharing capability and connectivity with Defence is enhanced. I recently announced the appointment of Major General Stuart Smith AO DSC (Ret'd) to the Repatriation Commission to progress this work. This will allow both agencies to understand better the wellbeing of our current and ex-serving members, to improve care for vet-

erans and families with complex circumstances, and to mitigate risk factors for veteran suicide.

DVA has been undergoing a significant transformation over the last three years, but there is still room for further improvement. The Government will use the Productivity Commission's report to guide and inform future reform efforts and will provide a final response in next year's Budget. The Government will also respond to the *Veterans' Advocacy and Support Services Scoping Study* report and the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade *Inquiry into transition from the Australian Defence Force (ADF)* report, in the 2021-22 Budget context.

In making these commitments, the Government acknowledges and recognises the unique nature and importance of military service, which is fundamental to the delivery of comprehensive care, benefits and support services to Australia's veterans and their families. In return for their service, the best possible system is owed to all of Australia's current and future military veterans and their families.

The intent of those who have designed and administered veteran support has always been to make this system the best it can be; and we will continue that effort and commitment.

For what they have done, this we will do.



DARREN CHESTER
Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Minister for Defence Personnel

Key features of the Government Interim Response

The Government releases this interim response to the Commission's report, which also encompasses the Government's response to the Independent Review into the Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) payment conducted by Mr David Tune AO PSM in 2019.

In this 2020-21 Budget, the Government provides a package of initiatives to support our veterans and their families with the following key features (dollars figures over four years):

- \$94.3 million for mental health, social worker and community nursing provider fee increases and simplification, to improve mental health outcomes for veterans and ensure

older vulnerable veterans are well supported in the community, as well as providing funding for psychiatry training in military and veteran mental health (Recommendation 16.3);

- \$5.0 million to support mental health in the veteran community and address the rate of veteran suicide, especially in regional and remote areas, with the expansion of Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling services (Recommendation 17.2);
- \$2.4 million to expand eligibility for the Coordinated Veterans' Care Program to White Card holders with chronic mental health conditions (Recommendation 16.1);

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Further Economic Support Payments

The Australian Government is providing two additional Economic Support Payments to continue its support of the Australian community through the coronavirus pandemic.

21 October 2020

As part of the 2020–21 Budget, the Australian Government is providing two additional Economic Support Payments to continue its support of the Australian community through the coronavirus pandemic.

The one-off payments of \$250 each will be automatically paid to around 5 million eligible Australians from 30 November 2020 (with a test date of 27 November 2020) and 1 March 2021 (with a test date of 26 February 2020). There is no need to lodge a claim.

Eligible veterans and family members who reside in Australia and receive certain DVA benefits on the test dates will receive the payments to assist with essential living expenses and help them through this uncertain time, particularly in the lead up to the festive season. The eligible DVA benefits are:

- Service Pension, Partner Service Pension, Income Support Supplement or Veteran Payment

- Disability Pension (separate to the \$6.20 fortnightly payment)
- Special Rate Disability Pension
- Permanent Impairment compensation (including lump sum payments taken in the past)
- War Widow(er)'s Pension or Wholly Dependent Partner payment
- Gold Cards, Commonwealth Seniors Health Cards and Pensioner Concession Cards
- Age Pension paid by DVA

The additional payments build on support the Australian Government has provided to the veteran community, which so far includes one-off payments of \$750 in March and July 2020, reduced deeming rates for income support payments, the Coronavirus Supplement paid to financially support eligible children of veterans through their studies, and support through the JobKeeper payment helping to keep veterans and their families in paid employment.

For more information, visit the [Department of Social Services website](#)

Key features of the Government Interim Response

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- \$6.0 for million for a range of veteran employment initiatives to increase support and opportunities for civilian employment, including a focus on self-employment;
- \$59.8 million to support the need for a sustainable and properly resourced DVA, providing funds for the Department to maintain service delivery levels and current claims processing capacity to 30 June 2021;
- \$17.7 million for the creation of a Joint Transition Authority within Defence (Recommendation 7.1) to improve the transition support for ADF members and to enhance outcomes for ADF members and their families in their transition to civilian life; and
- \$25.9 million to provide additional financial support in the form of rent assistance to TPI Pension and other Disability Pension recipients who also receive an income support payment and pay private rent. The recommendation would see the payment arrangements simplified, removing the need for the Defence Force Income Support Allowance, in response to the Independent Review into the TPI Payment.

In addition, the Government reaffirms its commitment to a stand-alone DVA and has already funded the first four years of the multi-year VCR transformation program. This program is improving the design and accessibility of DVA's services and supports for veterans and their families.

In response to concerns raised by the veteran community, the Government will not implement Recommendations 16.4 and 16.5 that proposed limitations on future eligibility for the Gold Card and restrict extensions of the Gold Card to new groups.

The Government will also not implement Recommendation 11.2 that proposes an annual premium be levied on Defence. Instead, the Government has announced Stage 1 funding of \$0.5 million for the development of a platform to bring together Defence and DVA de-identified data in one place to build a better understanding of the cost of service injuries and to inform prevention strategies without impacting on capability.

Website address

<https://www.dva.gov.au/about-us/overview/reporting/reviews-and-reports/productivity-commission-inquiry-system-compensation>

Pension Rates as set at 20 September 2020 to 31 December 2020

Friday, 20 September 2020

Veteran pension payments will remain as set in March 2020. No advice has been received from DVA to indicate the indexation process at this point in time.

The pension rates were effective from pension payday 9 April 2020.

The table below highlights the current fortnightly rates.

These are the maximum rates of payment and include any Energy Supplement payable.

Pensions are normally indexed twice a year in March and September. For a full list of pension rates, please [visit the DVA website](#) or call [133 254](#) or [1800 555 254](#) from regional Australia.

Service pension fortnightly rate changes

Service pension	Previous rate (fortnightly)	Current rate (fortnightly)	Change (fortnightly)
Single person	\$944.30	\$944.30	\$0.00
Couples (each)	\$711.80	\$711.80	\$0.00
Single person – transitional	\$789.30	\$789.30	\$0.00
Couples (each) – transitional	\$636.80	\$636.80	\$0.00

War widows fortnightly rate changes

War widows	Previous rate (fortnightly)	Current rate (fortnightly)	Change (fortnightly)
War widow(er)'s pension	\$960.40	\$960.40	\$0.00
Income support supplement	\$284.20	\$284.20	\$0.00

Disability pension fortnightly rate changes

Disability pension	Previous rate (fortnightly)	Current rate (fortnightly)	Change (fortnightly)
T&PI (Special rate)	\$1,451.80	\$1,451.80	\$0.00
Intermediate rate	\$ 985.80	\$ 985.80	\$0.00
EDA	\$ 802.30	\$ 802.30	\$0.00
100 per cent	\$ 516.20	\$ 516.20	\$0.00
10 per cent	\$ 58.55	\$ 58.55	\$0.00

Veteran payment fortnightly rate changes

Veteran payment	Previous rate (fortnightly)	Current rate (fortnightly)	Change (fortnightly)
Single person	\$1,021.80	\$1,021.80	\$0.00
Couples (each)	\$ 796.30	\$ 796.30	\$0.00

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Open Arms — Veterans and Families Counselling provides support for current and ex-serving ADF personnel and their families. Free and confidential help is available 24/7. Phone [1800 011 046](tel:1800011046) (international: +61 1800 011 046 or +61 8 8241 4546) or visit www.OpenArms.gov.au

Navy's Maritime Trade Operations Element gains Battle-worthiness Certification

In recognition of their mission readiness status, the Maritime Trade Operations Element recently gained their inaugural Battle-worthiness Certification.

Maritime Trade Operations (MTO) Team One successfully demonstrated its mission readiness, this being the team's operational response capability, during Exercise VITAL PROSPECT 20.

Located in Queensland at HMAS *Moreton*, Maritime Trade Operations are an established lodger unit that provide a nationwide capability and significant interface between the Australian Defence Force and civil maritime industry.

The Maritime Trade Operations capability is utilised across the full spectrum of maritime military operations, from pre-contingency shaping through to high end warfare.

Navy's expertise in the commercial maritime industry and shipping sector is provided by the niche skill sets of Maritime Trade Operations that does not reside elsewhere within Navy.

Battle-worthiness is the highest level of readiness certification in the Royal Australian Navy, and the recent achievement by the Maritime Trade Operations Element was recognised with the certification presentation by Captain John Cowan (Maritime Observer Training Team) in a small ceremony at *Moreton*.

"During the exercise the Maritime Trade Operations Element was able to bring a different viewpoint and approached challenges with a different perspective.

"The team fitted in seamlessly adding great value throughout, it is good to see Navy's Maritime Component Command Element capability augmented by the effective use of the Maritime Trade Operations capability," Captain Cowan said.

For the Maritime Trade Operations Team One Operations Officer Lieutenant Commander Rick Christensen, this was an important achievement for the future of the Maritime Trade Operations capability's operational response component.



Captain John Cowan with Lieutenant Commander Christensen holding the Maritime Trade Operations Element Battle-worthiness Certification.

"The way our team performed and interlaced under challenging circumstances was great, I look forward to broader MTO employment in future exercises," Lieutenant Commander Christensen said.

Director Maritime Trade Operations Team One Captain Michael Beard was proud of the team's achievements and this inaugural recognition for Maritime Trade Operations team one.

"This is the first time the MTO Element has attempted a Battle-worthiness Certification, it is good to know Maritime Trade Operations Team one can now confidently support contingency operations with the delivery of the Maritime Trade Operations effect through a fully certified operational team," Captain Michael Beard said.

"Moving forward, Maritime Trade Operations Team one now maintains an established presence at *Moreton*, with the Operations Officer position forming the capability's point of contact.

"This inaugural certification outcome is significant in a warfighting sense, particularly in terms of Maritime Trade Operations Team one continuing to meet its Chief of Navy's Preparedness Directive obligations and in helping deliver Plan Pelorus outcomes."

Published on 19 October 2020 SBLT Nancy Cotton (author),

Chloe:

The location of the Young and Jackson's painting of Chloe was checked out by the NAA National Council in 2017 when it had dinner in Young and Jackson's. She was hung in a lounge on the first floor and completely covered a window. On leaving the hotel later that evening and waiting to catch a tram back to our accommodation in Spencer Street you could see the window and the back of the painting from the tram stop in Flinders Street.

Editor

The Running (Cinder) Track in HMAS Cerberus (FND)

The photograph of LSPTI Pope checking times reveals the change in the running track at HMAS Cerberus since 1956 when it was a part of the sporting facilities integral to the Royal Australian Naval College (RANC) (re-established in HMAS Creswell in 1958).

The cinder track, as it was known then, was one of the few that existed in Victoria prior to the 1956 Olympic Games held in Melbourne.

Franz Stampf visited the RANC in 1955 giving coaching lessons on the cinder track to the Cadet Midshipmen. Two of the College staff also attended lectures given by Franz Stampf in the Melbourne University.

In late 1953 Stampf coached Chris Chataway and Chris Brasher, and advised (Sir) Roger Bannister in his quest to break the four-minute-mile barrier. On 6 May 1954 in blustery conditions at Iffley Road track, Oxford, Bannister - paced successively by Brasher then Chataway, and guided by Stampf, who bellowed 'relax' in lap two—ran the distance in 3 minutes 59.4 seconds. Stampf, supporting an exhausted Bannister at the tape, was integral to surpassing the ultimate human physical obstacle of its day.

By May 1955 Stampf had been engaged to coach by the Victorian AAA and Women's AAA, the Department of Education, the National Fitness Council, and the University of Melbourne. After arriving in Melbourne in August, he trained potential Olympians and praised their prospects. To encourage the participation of women in athletics, he advised them that they would not 'lose their charm' by competing. That year he was appointed as a lecturer in physical education at the University of Melbourne

The track was used by 1956 Olympic competitors for training prior to their event in the Olympics. Czechoslovakian Emil Zátopek was one of them He came 6th in the marathon

Emil Zátopek was once the world's best loved

athlete – many runners still consider him the greatest Olympic champion of all. But in 1968 his life took a turn for the worse. His brave stand against the Soviet tanks that invaded his native Czechoslovakia saw him fall foul of the Communist authorities – and vanish from public life. Today, he is all but forgotten.



Above: Leading Seaman Physical Trainer Robert Pope checking the times during the 'Relay for Lockdown' fitness challenge at HMAS Cerberus.



Right: The track as it was in 1956 with C/Mid H Donohue running the mile in 4 min 43.6 secs

Below Left: Franz Stampf second from right coaching C/Mids F Foster and A Johnson

Below right: Emil Zátopek



DSH Insurance – Eligibility expanded from 1 January 2020

What has changed?

From 1 January 2020 we expanded the eligibility requirements for our home building insurance to include all current and former members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) with at least one day of full time service (including reservists and peacekeepers, as well as widows and widowers of those ADF members).

Prior to 1 January 2020, DSH (Defence Service Homes) Insurance's eligibility requirements were generally limited to those who had seen war like service or those who had at least four years' service in the ADF (eight years for reservists).

This change has addressed the disparity in eligibility criteria and means that all current and former members of the ADF can now access our home building insurance regardless of their type or length of service.

Who is a current or former member of the ADF for the purposes of DSH Insurance?

A current or former member of the ADF includes any officer, sailor, soldier or airman.

Who is a peacekeeper for the purposes of DSH Insurance?

A peacekeeper is any person who has served with an Australian Peacekeeping Force.

What does one day of full time service mean?

From 1 January 2020 if you have served in the ADF for at least one day or you are the widow/widower of a member who has, then you are eligible for our home building insurance.

When did the expanded eligibility take effect?

The expanded eligibility for home building insurance took effect from 1 January 2020.

What do the eligibility requirements relate to?

The eligibility requirements only apply to home building insurance underwritten by DSH Insurance.

I'm a reservist, but I haven't completed any continuous full time service (CFTS). Can I still get DSH Insurance?

Yes. From 1 January 2020 if you have served in the ADF (including reserves) for at least one day or you are the widow(er) of a member who has, then you are eligible for our home building insurance.

My parent was in the ADF, am I eligible?

No. The eligible person is the one who has completed the service in the Australian Defence Force (or their widow / widower).

If you are not eligible for home building insurance through DSH Insurance but are part of the Defence community, we can arrange a home building policy through our arrangement with QBE Insurance (Australia) Limited.

What do I need to provide to validate my eligibility?

We should be able to verify your eligibility with the information we already have if you:

- are a client of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA)
- have a Defence Service Homes or Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme loan, or
- have registered with "My Service".

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**Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting
1 October 2020
held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club**

The meeting started at 1330 with the Odes recited by David Manolas.

Present: Eight members as per attendance book.

Apologies: John Small, Ken Cartwright, Jim Quick, Bob Ray, Peter Cooke-Russell

Minute of Last Meeting. The last general meeting was on 5 March 2020 and the minutes appeared in the April edition of the Bosun's Call. It was considered that there was no outstanding business from that meeting.

General Business:

- **NAA 100th Anniversary of being established.** A service is to be held in an outside area at the AWM on 20 November at 1200. Members are invited to join in this service. Further details will be the next BC.
- **ACT Section Meeting Venue.** Full agreement was given for future meetings to be at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club.
- **Donations to Charities.** Annually we make donations to charities that provide support to veterans. Last year we donated \$100 each to Dementia Australia, Australian Cancer Research Foundation, National Heart Foundation, and Canberra Legacy. Members were invited to nominate new charities or stay with those listed at the November meeting, noting the total amount was to be \$400.
- **Welfare Issues.** Members were requested to advise committee members whenever they come across shipmates who are not well.
- **CN Letter.** David told members of the congratulatory letter he had received from the Chief of Navy. The most pleasing aspect to David was the assurance of solidarity in supporting the values held by the RAN and NAA and thus for more mutual support.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club starting at 1330 following lunch starting at 1200.

Meeting closed at 1430.

Alan Masters
Secretary / Treasurer NAA (ACT)

**Notes from Committee Meeting
1 October 2020
held at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club**

Present: Alan Masters, Peter Cooke-Russell, David Manolas, JJ Harrison, Alex McGown, Dennis Lyons

Apology: John Small

The following are brief notes of the discussion matters.

- **NAA Wreath Laying Service for NAA 100th Anniversary.** David informed the committee of the progress with arrangements for the conduct of the service. The AWM is providing much to the logistics support and there is hope that we may have naval musical support. Alex to be on standby if John Small unavailable for piping of the Still and Carry on.
- **Meeting venue.** There was full agreement that we conduct our future luncheons and meetings at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club. The arrangements that existed with Eastlakes Kaleen will continue with minor caveats.
- **Presentation of DVA Medallions and certificates of Appreciation.** The secretary is to contact our WW 2 veterans and explore options for presenting them with their medalion. The preference is to have a presentation at our November lunch / meeting.
- **New members.** Interest by potential new members is to be followed up by David.
- **Welfare.** The challenge of maintaining updates on shipmates wellbeing is posing problems for everyone. Ken Cartwright and Bob Ray are not feeling the best and if anyone knows of other shipmates having a hard time then please let a committee member know.
- **NAA National President.** Congratulations were extended to David on his election as the new national President.
- **Next Meeting.** The next lunch and meeting will be at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club.
- Alan Masters
- Secretary / Treasurer NAA (ACT)

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David Edward Clinch OBE

24 February 1936 to 3 October 2020

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS38 2021

Action to renew membership for 2021 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 2021 is \$38

- 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.

19 Nov	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
3 Dec	Christmas lunch Location to be determined.
17 Dec	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
2021	
15 Jan	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200

Bus trip program is in abeyance

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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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A Happy Birthday to you in October and November 2020

My apologies to

25 Oct Doug Blake 95th
28 Oct Tony Vickers

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3 Tim Hayden
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Older Persons ACT Legal Service (OPALS)

The new Older Persons ACT Legal Service (OPALS) is a specialist service within Legal Aid ACT offering flexible legal assistance to older people. OPALS can help in many situations, such as if you:

- have concerns about your safety
- are being pressured to change your living arrangements, sign documents, or provide details of your finances
- are having money taken from you without your permission
- owe money and are not sure how you will pay
- are being abused, threatened or bullied
- are being denied access to grandchildren, other members of your family or support services
- are being discriminated because of your age

If you think you need legal advice, please feel free to contact OPALS:
Address: 2 Allsop Street, Canberra, ACT; or
Telephone: (02) 6243 3436 or 1800 353 374
Email: opals@legalaidact.org.au
www.legalaidact.org.au/opals

OPALS has a strong community legal education and outreach component and provides information and referral services to concerned family, friends and workers. OPALS draws on the expertise of other practices in Legal Aid ACT when providing advice and representation services.

OPALS is a **free** service and all cases are treated in confidence. We can also help make referrals to other specialist services if you choose not to take legal action.



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