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Mr David Manolas
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Thank you for your letter of 7 October 2020, formally informing me of your appointment as the National President of the Naval Association of Australia (NAA), and the appointment or continuation of NAA National Executive and Section Presidents. I extend my personal congratulation to that of yourself and your Senior Leadership Team (SLT), and I wish you every success in your new positions.

I share in your sentiment of the endearing quality of naval fellowship, and think it an entirely pertinent approach to establish a period of "Make and Mend". The well-being of your Member base and the Association is pivotal to its future success, and the COVID-19 environment looks to be making enduring business continuity changes, that need to be both considered and measured against established models.

As expressed within my previous letter of 23 September 2020, Navy and the NAA share a special bond through common values and a united vision. Our Navy Family is first and foremost, and ensuring they remain supported and connected is our shared responsibility.

I look forward to working with you and your SLT.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Noonan, AO
Vice Admiral, Royal Australian Navy
Chief of Navy

13 October 2020