

BAYSIDE BUZZ

Feb 2020 – June 2020 Bayside Sub-Section
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Welcome to Edition 6 of the Bayside Buzz, my first for 2020.

Life as we know it has changed so much in the past few months.

We're all worried about our health, our families and those of you with them your jobs. You may have received a call from an NAA committee member recently asking how you and things with you are going. This is the caring initiative of Ian Cuthbertson Rod and Graham I believe and will be ongoing. As such if you do require help, assistance or just someone to have a chat to please use this avenue. Our executive committee and wellbeing officers where we can are here to help. We hope that you and your family stay safe.

Noting our last Edition covered the period up to February 2020 this issue will cover from February thru to June. This issue includes functions, news and points of interest with members' participation and upcoming events and activities (maybe) for 2020. Again I am still looking for input from members.

An couple of interesting articles attached;

HMAS CENTAUR, (hospital ship), was sunk by a Japanese submarine, (believed to be I178), off the Queensland coast near Brisbane, and the recent sale of two RAN decommissioned FFGs to Chili.

A big thanks to those that have contributed to this edition especially those with ANZAC Day input. As you can see I am happy to include nearly anything and your stories are sure to be of interest to someone in our association.

Lockdown

It's been a blessing being home with the wife for three months now. We've caught up on everything I've done wrong for the past 20 years.

NAA Bayside Sub-section AGM February 1, 2020 RSL Museum

The AGM was conducted 1 February 2020. Our

The following members were elected.

- **President:** *Graham Hargreaves.*
- **Vice President 1:** *Ian Cuthbertson*
- **Vice President 2:** *Chris McKay*
- **Secretary:** *Rod Lambert*
- **Membership Officer:** *Jo Lambert*
- **Treasurer:** *Col Saxby*

Secretary Rod Lambert proposed a vote of thanks for Barry Macdonald in appreciation of his duties controlling the election of 2020 office bearers.

Sub-section membership continues to grow and meetings pre covid19 have been well patronized, a good chance for members to hear NAA and other news, catch up with each other and enjoy a meal and a few drinks and even win a raffle. A big thanks to Kay and Ian for the varied and tasty meals they produced throughout 2019. Thanks also go out especially to the ladies and other members supporting Kay with the galley duties and Ian for running our raffles.

HMAS Voyager Service 2020

This service was commemorating the 56th anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Voyager on 10 February 1964. St Mary Anglican Church at Kangaroo Point was the venue for the Service. The Naval Community were warmly welcome by the parish members into the combined with the commemoration and Sunday mass. The members of the HMAS Voyager association were joined by Commander Gerald Savvakis RAN ADC Commanding Officer HMAS Moreton, his Executive Office Lieutenant Commander Ann Mena who read the second reading. Representing the Naval Association Queensland President was Vice President Ross Wiseman. Also attending were Vice President Rudi Bianchi, members from eFLEET Subsection, Pine Rivers Sub Section, Ipswich Sub Section. During the Service the names of all 21 persons from Queensland who perish with their shipmates aboard HMAS Voyager were read out.

The Church service continued outside to the Navy Memorial Wall with the laying of wreaths and recited of

the Naval Ode by Mr Alan Hellier a Voyager survivor. The colour party was under the command of CPO Paul [Duck] Kennard and the Navy Band under the direction of CPO Mike Vaughan. The Parish ladies provided Morning Tea after the service.



Laying of wreaths Navy Memorial Wall

Ray Sandford footnote

Shipmates and friends, BZ to the NAAQLD Sub Sections supporting the VOYAGER SERVICE last Sunday.

Please consider locking in this service for 2021. Working with St Marys commemorating this most significant in AUSTRALIAN NAVY HISTORY.

Yours Aye Ray Sandford

Covad-19 Homeschooling Home schooling is going well. 2 students suspended for fighting and 1 teacher fired for drinking on the job.

G Block Cerberus memories.

Accommodation for Recruits early 60s and 2 intakes of JRs 1963/1964. Kit musters on the deck and note for those that never had the pleasure the hammock stowage bins.



Cadet Report (John Tranter)

Pam and I enjoyed a very successful T.S. Diamantina Mess Dinner. It went off very well with 16 cadets in attendance and 37 parents and supporters. I presented our shield to a cadet and Pam to the other awardees as photos show.

- The Award for Seamanship went to Cadet Seaman Anaïs Waddell.
- The Award First Mate went to Leading Seaman Dan Hill.
- A group photo.





Group Photo TS Diamantina Ships Company

Flotilla Cadet of the Year

Congratulations to Cadet Able Seaman Orla Wright, from TS Diamantina on being chosen as the Moreton Flotilla Cadet of the Year for 2019! She was joined by other Cadet's who were nominated from their own unit's as Cadet of the Year. They were all invited to HMAS Moreton to deliver a speech to share their ANC experience with other Cadets, Staff and family. The other 13 Cadets from each respective unit also deserve a round of applause on being nominated for such a momentous achievement. Bravo Zulu everyone!



CDTAB Orla Wright TS Diamantina

Q: How do you keep your husband from reading your e-mail?

A: Rename the email folder 'Instruction Manuals'



WARM AND FUZZY



We could all do with some good news right now. Did you hear the heartwarming story about the 99-year-old British war veteran who raised \$56 million dollars for the National Health Service by walking 100 laps around his garden?

Captain Tom Moore said the walk was inspired by the care he received from the NHS after his accident and when he was treated for cancer.

Captain Moore had a guard of honour as he completed his final laps and was honoured with a RAF fly-past when he celebrated his 100th birthday on 30 April. He also received 125,000 birthday cards from around the world, was promoted to Colonel by the Queen, and had a train named after him. What a hero!

News Briefs From the executive committee meeting 6 June 2020



From Left, Chris, Graham, Rod and Ian. (Photo by Col)

Exec Committee and Welfare Officers Care calls

- The committee discussed the status and response from members to the (Covid19) care calls made over the past 3 months. All comments were positive and the calls are appreciated by our members.

Teddy Sheean VC Nomination

- Draft letter have been provided by Bayside Secretary to members for forwarding to their Federal Member to support a review by the Federal Government to award of VC to Teddy Sheean. Note, the PM has since ordered a review to be presented end of July.

Sandgate Trophy

- Bayside Sub Section has received the Sandgate Trophy for most new members in Qld, Section 2019. It has been received and the Secretary has had it suitably engraved. BZ to our Sub-section.

National Membership Registrar & Webmaster

- Glenn Williams has been nominated for this position.

Womens Memorial

- Whilst there is intent for our Sub-section to contribute we wait for advice from Section on an appropriate value including conformation on site and projected cost.

NAA next meeting venue and catering

- First meeting back from isolation – Still no conformation on the date. It was suggested we have a meal at the RSL paid for by the Sub Section with members purchasing refreshments at their cost. Graham to touch base with the RSL regarding this future event.

Navy Women's Memorial

The NAA has applied for a grant to assist with costs. The outcome is not yet known due to a delay because of Covid 19. However, there is a proposed site (just up from "Jack" at Southbank on the grassy area near an existing monument). The architect has drawn a scaled down version of the original idea below.



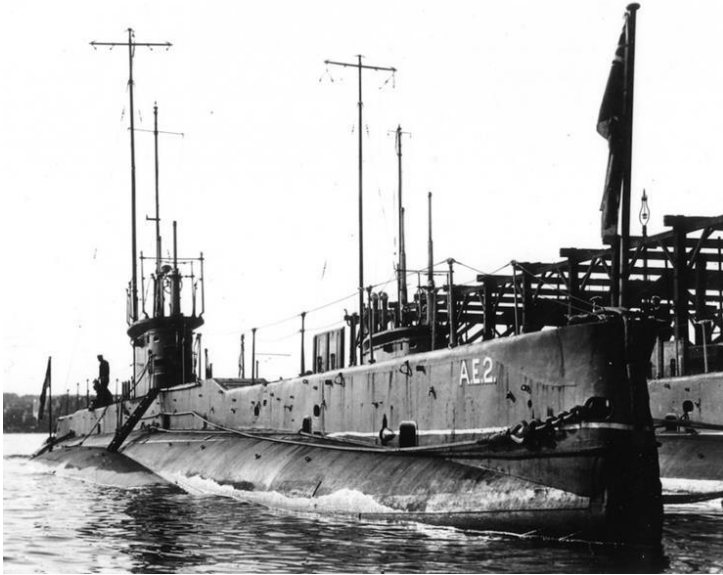
A bit of relevant History

Brisbane River flooded the CBD in January 2011. The museum's frigate ex HMAS *Diamantina* (at rear) and the lightship *Carpentaria* (foreground) were in the historic South Brisbane dry dock. The picture shows the waters starting to flood the dry dock.





AE2 The Silent ANZAC



READY TO LIGHTUP THE DAWN

At 6am on ANZAC Day, in streets around Australia, hundreds of thousands of Aussies joined together in a show of solidarity.

As the sun peeked above the horizon, the country stood united – in uniforms or pyjamas, wearing medals, poppies or sprigs of rosemary. The message was loud and clear: the service and sacrifice of our veterans – past and present – will never be forgotten.

A New Tradition

Although we couldn't mark ANZAC Day in the traditional sense this year, we were touched by the community's determination not to let this pandemic take away Australia's most poignant commemoration.

Light up the Dawn was a very special moment in time. Many spoke about how their neighbours participated or how personally meaningful it was for their family.

Although it was disappointing not to be able to attend our traditional commemorations, this year's unique observance may well have embedded reverence for ANZAC Day even more deeply in the hearts of Australians.

Members Driveway Services

Brian and Leigh Scotney and Palana Drive neighbours





Brian's Flag Pole

The Anzac Biscuit



**2020, a Brew and ANZAC Bickies
A change from the Gun Fire Breakfast and
Rum and Milk**

During World War One, the friends and families of soldiers and community groups sent food to the fighting men. Due to the time delays in getting food items to the front lines, they had to send food that would remain edible, without refrigeration, for long periods of time that retained high nutritional value; the Anzac biscuit met this need.

Although there are variations, the basic ingredients are: rolled oats, sugar, plain flour, coconut, butter, golden syrup or treacle, bi-carbonate of soda, and boiling water.

The biscuit was first known as the Soldiers' Biscuit. The current name, Anzac Biscuit, has as much to do with Australia's desire to recognise the Anzac tradition and the Anzac biscuit as part of the staple diet at Gallipoli.

The Anzac biscuit is one of the few commodities that are able to be legally marketed in Australia using the word 'Anzac', which is protected by Federal Legislation.

All ready for the Ceremony Neil Torkington



John and Marg Boland remember two special people who are the embodiment of the Anzac legend. This is their story.





I know many of you will have stories about relatives who have been part the Anzac story. This will be a totally different Anzac Day for us and I thought that I would reflect on my family and their contribution. The photo shows the service medals of my father Jack and his Uncle, James Hardy, whom he never had the chance to meet.

Jack enlisted in 1939 age 19 and served for over 6 years with the 2/8th Battalion, 6th Division AIF seeing action in Egypt (Tobruk), Greece and Palestine. They returned to Australia in 1944 for jungle warfare training on the Atherton Tablelands before being sent to New Guinea to join the Aitape/Wewak campaign against the Japanese forces. He survived the war and later moved our family to New Norfolk , Tasmania in 1952, starting at Boyer paper mill as a motor mechanic.

James Hardy was born in Tasmania and later moved to New Zealand where he enlisted with the Canterbury Regiment in Christchurch, aged 28. They left Lyttleton on 16th October 1914 and joined the Australian troops in transit to Egypt where they trained together. James was part of the Regiment that landed at Anzac Cove at around 4pm on the 25th of April. He was later wounded but remained at Gallipoli until the evacuation, but died soon after of pneumonia. He is buried on Malta. The photo includes his original dog tag which was sent to his mother in Latrobe, Tasmania. Lest we forget.

Cheers John Boland

Rod and Jo Lambert



Jo's handy work above and bellow





Dawn Service at the Allison's, followed by the traditional Breakfast BBQ

I was proud to see that most of the rest of our street were out in numbers for the Driveway Dawn service even the youngest of the kids. They may still be in their pajamas' but they all made the effort. **Chris 'Rudi' Allison**



Rudi BBQ Chef, looking good mate

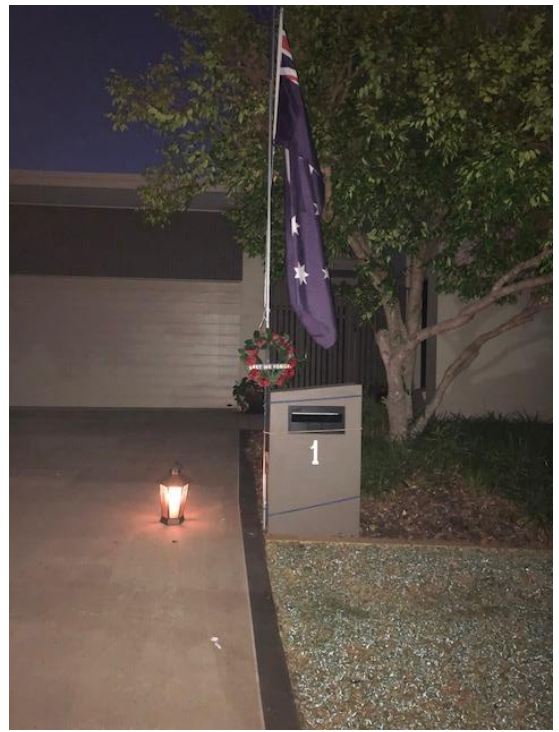
John and Pam Tranter our street at 0600h after a simple remembrance



Jim and Sue Kearns



Glenn and Sylvia Williams



Residents from all 14 homes in our Cul-de-sac turned out for the remembrance, a gathering at the service completion for a chat and catch up followed observing social distancing of course.

Col and Ellen Saxby



Roger and Sharon, friends of mine



Good Anzac morning all, we had our own service this morning on the hill. We may all be apart but we are all together today. Lest we forget.

Roger and Sharon

You don't know Roger and Sharon and they are not NAA members. I have included this for interest and as you can see it's a beautiful view from his property and would be a solemn place to commemorate all Australians and New

Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations" and "the contribution and suffering of all those who have served".

Roger and Sharon live further up the hill (on top) road where the Marburg Weather Radar is situated. It's a dirt track nearly a 4 wheel drive.

Roger is an ex RAAFie, his father was a Sunderland Flying Boat Pilot during WW11. In later years Roger became a member of the Sunderland Association and carried their Flag at the Brisbane ANZAC Day March every year until their last member had passed away.

They have lived here for over 35 years and have raised four kids here and to this day do not have town power or water.

The Naval Association Qld Section AGM



The Naval Association Qld Section created history last month by amending the Constitution and conducting the very first on-line AGM. Some of the executive gathered at Pine Rivers Sub Section rooms while 40 others joined the meeting via ZOOM. After some teething problems with a few being unable to get into the meeting, and many chatting to others either in their home or others on-line, order was regained and the meeting went ahead.

The past Executive was returned unopposed and additionally, Navy Women member Margie Dean was elected a Vice President (Members Registrar) and that gives the Navy Women three representatives in State, BZ Ladies.

Old people don't get angry, but if needed, they will get even.

I was in the McDonald's drive-through the other morning and the young lady behind me honked at me; very upset because I was taking too long to pay. "Wow. Take the high road," I thought to myself. So, I paid for her food too.

As I moved up, she leaned out the window looking all crazy at me, because the cashier told her I had paid for her food order. She felt embarrassed.

When I got to the second window to get my food, I showed them both receipts and took her food too. I paid for it - it was mine!

Now she has to go back through the line again and wait even longer. She's going to learn today you just don't mess with us old people.

HMAS Sydney (V) Commissions at sea



The Royal Australian Navy has welcomed its newest Air Warfare Destroyer into the Fleet in the first commissioning of an Australian warship at sea since the Second World War. The ceremony, conducted off the coast of New South Wales on Monday, 18 May 2020, marked the moment the 147-metre long Air Warfare Destroyer HMAS Sydney (V) became one of Her Majesty's Australian Ships.

Covid19 Breakout

I believe this may have been the first members social get together, a coffee morning at Raby Bay, well done Ian on observing social distancing.

Ray is encouraging member get together's observing all safety recommendations of course so those that do not have FOGO (FEAR OF GOING OUT) keep your eyes Open for invites. (Backward social distancing classes are programmed for the 5 in the top picture)



A quiet morning tea enjoying the fresh air at Raby Bay



Recipe by Ian Cuthbertson

PUSSERS TRAIN SMASH

Ingredients:

Two tins of tomatoes or ripe tomatoes

2 - 3 onions

One tin Tomato paste

Garlic as much as you like

The main ingredient is the tomatoes

The 2nd most important ingredient is the onions

The 3rd is the tomato paste

Method:

(1) Sauté onions

(2) Add tin tomatoes, cook till heated

(3) Add tomato paste

(4) Thicken with plain flour roux, you can add gravox to the roux

(5) When tomato mixture is cooked put in baking tray

(6) Cover with bread crumbs and grated cheese, sprinkle with sweet paprika(This will help brown the cheese)

(7) Place in oven heated to approx 180 degrees and bake till the cheese is nice and brown

(8) Take out and enjoy

Great with Steak, Sausages or chops or on toast.

Date Claimers and Heads Up

2020

Ladies Lunch Redlands RSL
July 4 - Cancelled

Dinning Inn Night
October 17 - Cancelled

Remembrance Day
November 11 -To Be Advised

Redlands RSL Service in Cleveland, and other Redlands sites, check your local club news for service times and details.

Ballina All Ships Reunion
20-21 November Cancelled by
Ballina NAA

The following notification received from the secretary of Ballina NAA early March.

Hi Col, It is with regret that after a lot of consideration by the executive it has been decided cancel this year's All Ship's Reunion due to the virus and the restrictions that will follow. We have spoken to R. S. L. Secretary Manager and he is still unaware of to what restrictions he will have impose when the club is allowed to open. It is hoped that all being well we will be up and running again in 2021.

Regards, Max Lewis, Secretary.

If you have booked accommodation in Ballina
you need to cancel it

Bayside Christmas Party
5 December -To Be Advised

The December meeting and Christmas will be held on Saturday the 5th of December. Venue is yet to be decided. The Christmas party will follow the (short) meeting which commences at 1100.

Your attendance/non attendance notification would be appreciated by 30 November please.

Vale



Sadly 9 February 2020 our ship mate

Robert (Bob) Bain passed away.

Bob joined our Sub Section in February 2014. Bob served in the RAN from December 1955 to December 1968 and had active service in Malaya and Borneo.

Many of our members attended a memorial service 17 February at the Great Southern Memorial Park, Mount Cotton and then joined family at the site after to remember Bob.

LEST WE FORGET



HMAS CENTAUR, (hospital ship), was sunk by a Japanese submarine, (believed to be I178), off the Queensland coast near Brisbane.



AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

During WW2, Japanese submarines were extremely active off the east coast of Australia between February and June 1943 and attacked or sank 14 ships.

*The **AHS Centaur**, 2/3rd Australian Hospital Ship, was a motor passenger ship converted in early 1943 for use as a hospital ship. In November 1941 it had rescued survivors of the German auxiliary cruiser Kormoran after it had sunk and been sunk by HMAS Sydney.*

*On 12 May 1943 the Centaur sailed unescorted from Sydney at 0945 hours carrying her crew and normal staff, as well as stores and equipment of the 2/12th Field Ambulance but no patients. It was sunk without warning by a torpedo from a Japanese submarine on **14 May 1943** at approximately 0400 hours, its position being approximately 27°17' S, 153°58' E about*

50 miles east north-east of Brisbane. The Centaur caught fire and sank within two to three minutes.

Of the 332 persons on board, only 64 survived. These survivors spent 35 hours on rafts before being rescued. Sister Ellen Savage, the only one of twelve nursing sisters on board to survive, though injured herself, gave great help to the other survivors and was awarded the George Medal for this work.

*The ship had been appropriately lit and marked to indicate that it was a hospital ship and its sinking was regarded as an atrocity. The Australian Government delivered an official protest to Japan over the incident. The Japanese did not acknowledge responsibility for the incident for many years and the War Crimes Tribunal could not identify the responsible submarine. However, the Japanese official war history makes clear that it was submarine **I-177**, under the command of Lt Commander Nakagawa who had sunk the Centaur. Lt Commander Nakagawa was convicted as a war criminal for firing on survivors of the British Chivalry which his ship had sunk in the Indian Ocean.*

Australian warships sold to Chile

24 April 2020



HMAS Melbourne and HMAS Newcastle entered service in the early 1990s.

- The ABC has been told each warship set Chile's Navy back \$45 million
- The remainder of the purchase price is believed to have gone towards stores, data and training
- Defence officials have told the ABC the deal is part of an effort by Australia to build a good relationship with the Chilean military

Former Adelaide-class frigates HMAS Melbourne and HMAS Newcastle were quietly commissioned into their new service this month during a formal handover ceremony between both navies.

Both ships entered service with the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) in the early 1990s and since being retired last year Defence has been examining various options for their disposal.

Their recommissioning, which until now had not been publicly revealed by Defence, was attended by Australia's Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mick Noonan.

Defence has confirmed the ships, renamed Almirante Latorre and Capitan Prat, will remain in New South Wales until next month "while training is completed, and preparations are made for them to sail to Chile".

The ABC has been told the deal with Chile is worth \$110 million, comprising of \$45 million for each warship and the remainder of the purchase price going towards stores, data and training.

Chile's Navy is preparing to sail two recently retired Australian warships out of Sydney after purchasing them in a deal believed to be worth more than \$100 million.



Australia's Chief of Navy Vice-Admiral Mick Noonan at the handover ceremony.

The former RAN vessels are intended to replace two recently decommissioned Chilean warships which were acquired second-hand from the Netherlands in 2004.

Almirante Latorre and Capitan Prat have both undergone a basic refit at Sydney's Garden Island and Chilean crew members are completing training at Sydney's HMAS Kuttabul.

Before departing Australia, a weapons system known as CIWS will be removed from the ships, while other equipment will be refitted once the vessels arrive in Chile.