



# The Bosun's Call



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## Last Post Ceremony AWM 28 February 2021



**The loss of HMAS *Perth I* on 28 February 1942 was remembered at the Australian War Memorial (AWM) on that day in 2021.**

Jack Aaron (centre with head bowed) laid the Naval Association wreath honoring Leading Seaman Robert Borwick at the AWM Last Post Ceremony as can be seen in the above photograph.

To the right in the photo ACT NAA Vice President Alex McGown can be seen beside VADM Russ Shalders who commanded *HMAS Perth II* in 1993 and 1994. Jack Aaron commissioned *Perth II* as a LSQMG in 1965 and later served in her again as a POQMG. Alex McGown also served in *HMAS Perth II* as a PO and CPO Greenie from 1979 to 1981.

*Photos: Flickr AWM*

### Events coming up

28 Mar	Last Post Ceremony 80th Anniversary Battle of Matapan lay wreath for Stoker Henry Absulom
2 Apr	Last Post Ceremony Lay a wreath LEUT Paul Kimlin RAN
25 Apr	ANZAC Day
29 Apr	Bus trip to Cooma (moved from 21 and the alternate 22 Apr) See Page 6.



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## General Meetings Dates and Locations Programme

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

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,

We were saddened to hear that Don Joce 'crossed the bar' on Mon 15 March 2021. In accordance with his wishes, there would not be a funeral. We were invited to join Bev and her family for a 'Farewell Gathering' on the following Friday. It was an opportunity to gather with his family and friends and there we so very much enjoyed each other's company and the sharing of our memories of our very dear friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bev and her family and we look forward to seeing her back in our company and stand ready to assist her in any way we can.

Since our AGM on 04 Mar 21, further information has come to hand wherein another option presented itself for consideration in our deliberations on the matter of a medallic means of recognising 'the loss of life or a component of life' through service in the Navy, Army or Air Force (ADF). At a subsequent meeting of the Section Committee on Tuesday 16 Mar 21, advice was provided as to the use of a Device, to be fixed to an existing campaign or service medal ribbon, in the form of a Poppy for the loss of life and a Sprig of Golden Wattle for a wound or injury. After much consideration, it was decided that this ought to be our first option with a medal being the second. With submissions to the NAA National Executive due on Mon 22 Mar 21, the decision was taken to amend our Section Submission accordingly. See pages 8 and 9.

Over the past weeks much has taken place and we have completed our AGM proceedings and have a full complement of committee members. We thank them for offering their time and effort in support of our members. We now embark on our next journey and, in looking ahead we take with us such fond memories of those who can no longer 'stand a watch', and we offer Bev and her family;

### Our Prayer for Friends and Family'

*'We want you to know that at times of loneliness and despair you are in our thoughts and prayers;*

*Rest and repair for we will keep the Middle Watch, the Morning Watch and on into the Forenoon.*

*How we wish there was more we could do, for our Shipmate will be so dearly missed'.*

Yours aye,

David Manolas

**Committee meeting  
East Lakes Gungahlin  
1130 Thursday 1 April 2021**

# Vale

## Donald Joce

7 May 1936—15 March 2021

RAN 13 March 1956 – 12 March 1962

Army 1955 RAAF 1962 — 1979

### DFRDB Inquiry

## Accuracy of information provided to Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) members

On 18 March 2021 the Senate referred the following matter to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee for inquiry and report by **Thursday, 24 June 2021**:

Accuracy of information provided to Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) members.

Submissions close: **30 April 2021**.

### Terms of Reference

The accuracy of information provided to Defence Force Retirement and Death Benefits (DFRDB) members, including:

- a. the accuracy of information provided to DFRDB members about the effects of commutation on future retirement pay entitlement, the consequences of this, and what remedial action (if any) could be taken;
- b. whether retirement payments were indexed as required by legislation and, if not, what remedial action (if any) could be taken;
- c. policy and legislative issues, including provisions for:
  - i. use of certain life expectancy tables,
  - ii. permanency of reductions to commuted pensions,
  - iii. indexation arrangements; and
  - iv. recommendations on any potential changes to administrative arrangements, policy or legislation;
- d. advice on costs associated with any recommendations;
- e. all relevant existing information and previous reviews in relation to DFRDB, including the findings of the Ombudsman's investigation;
- f. the level of understanding among DFRDB members about how the legislation works, and ways to improve this; and
- g. any related issues.

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## ACT ANZAC Day 2021

The ACT RSL has provided the following information for this year's Anzac Day commemorations.

# ANZAC Day 2021 Ceremonies

**ANZAC Day ceremonies** are hosted by the Australian War Memorial, with involvement of the ACT Branch of the RSL in the Dawn Service and the National ANZAC Day ceremony. Detailed information, which is regularly updated, is available on the Memorial's website, [www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au) and [www.actrsl.org.au](http://www.actrsl.org.au).

**Dawn Service** – The Dawn Service commences at 5.30am in front of the Australian War Memorial. It is suggested that visitors should arrive from 4.30am onwards.

Further details regarding the Dawn Service will be published here once necessary arrangements have been concluded.

**National Ceremony** – The National Ceremony commences at 10.30am with the banner parade, which steps off at 10.50am.

More information regarding the 2021 ANZAC Day National Ceremony will be published here as arrangements are finalised.

**ANZAC Veterans' Banner Parade** – Contingent leaders need to complete the [online form](#) to ensure that their contingent is included in the Order of March. To help with overall arrangements, contingent leaders are requested as a matter of urgency to complete the form before **Friday 2 April 2021**. Information collected by the form will advise the March Coordinator of the number of marchers expected to be taking part and ensure your contingent is appropriately acknowledged.

### ANZAC DAY MARCH CONTINGENT REGISTRATION ONLINE FORM

**Road Closures** – Road closures will be in operation from 2.00am to 3.00pm, which will limit public access to parking at the Memorial. Visitors planning to walk to the Memorial should keep to the footpaths as shuttle buses will be in operation.

**Transport Canberra Bus Services** – The Australian War Memorial and Transport Canberra (Formerly ACTION) Buses will be providing FREE bus services to and from both the Dawn Service and the National Ceremony.

For all infoAnzacarmation and to register to ride with Transport Canberra please go to [www.transport.act.gov.au](http://www.transport.act.gov.au) or contact Transport Canberra on 13 17 10.

Register to Ride provides assurance that your bus travel to and from the ceremonies is arranged. It also allows Transport Canberra to be able to manage customer demand and ensure resources are used effectively. Tickets are limited so customers are encouraged to register early.

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## Reminder

For those receiving hard copy, if you have one of these symbols on the address label,  
The Section is anxiously awaiting your subs for 2021



For those of yiu receiving it by email, the covering email will remind you.  
Your membership is a vital part of the NAA.



## RAN Marks its 120th Birthday 1 March 2021



*'David Manolas, National President of the Naval Association of Australia attends the RAN's 120th Birthday Commemoration Service on 01 March 2021, at the RAN National Memorial on Anzac Parade in Canberra. There a wreath was laid on behalf of the members of the Association; our wreath is on the left of the three in this image'.*

A commemorative service at the Navy Memorial, Anzac Parade Canberra has marked the Royal Australian Navy's 120th birthday.

Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan AO, RAN said Navy can draw strength and honour from humble beginnings 120 years ago.

"We are far from the fledgling naval force formed in the autumn of 1901," VADM Noonan said.

Admiral Noonan acknowledged the importance of Navy people and roles they have played in this development.

"Our competitive advantage is our Navy family, all those who have contributed past and present."

This service is demonstrated by looking no further back than 2020.

"In the past year, the Royal Australian Navy has faced new and unexpected challenges as part of the Australian government's responses to bushfires, a global pandemic and other humanitarian and disaster relief operations."

Vice Admiral Noonan discussed Navy in its upcoming 121st year.

"We will keep evolving, deepening our connection with the Nation and supporting our partners and neighbours."

For images of Navy serving Australia with pride at home and abroad visit the Defence Media gallery: available at <http://images.defence.gov.au/S20210386>

A commemoration service was held at Brighton Cemetery in Victoria on 1 March to remember Vice Admiral Sir William Rooke Creswell., founding Officer of the RAN

## AWM Development

**From:** AWM.Official  
<AWM.Official@awm.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 March 2021 4:08 PM  
**Subject:** Australian War Memorial – Development Update

Good afternoon,

I am pleased to share a copy of [\*Our Continuing Story information booklet\*](#) with you. This information outlines the Australian War Memorial's proposed plans for the expansion of our exhibition galleries to share the untold stories of 100,000 Australians who have served our country in war, conflict, peacekeeping, humanitarian and disaster-relief operations over the past 30 years.

The project received approval through the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* process on 10 December 2020 and the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works referral on 22 February 2021. It now moves to the final stages of approval with the National Capital Authority and the nine-year program of work enters the construction procurement phase.

I encourage you to share this booklet among your networks, so that all interested parties can gain a comprehensive understanding of the project and its important role in telling stories of Australia's contemporary service.

As the heart of national commemoration, our Me-



morial must reflect our living history – for every veteran and for every Australian. Our Development Project offers this opportunity while remaining true to the vision of the Memorial's founder Charles Bean, to ensure the sacrifices of Australians are not forgotten.

If you have any queries regarding the Gallery Development public consultation and engagement process, or the project in general, please contact our Development Project team via email at [development@awm.gov.au](mailto:development@awm.gov.au). A limited number of printed publications of *Our Continuing Story* are also available on request.

Yours sincerely,

**Matt Anderson**  
Director, Australian War Memorial  
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## Coach Trip to Cooma Thursday 29 April 2021

Itinerary will be:

0830 Pick-up from the Veteran's Support Centre 9 Burkitt St, Page  
0900 Pick-up from the Burns Club car park Kambah  
1030 Arrive Cooma Corrective Services Museum  
1400 Pick-up from Cooma Ex-Services Club 106 Vale Street  
1530 Drop-off at the car park of the Burns Club Kambah  
1600 Drop-off at the Veterans Support Centre 9 Burkitt St, Page

**The museum is 500 metres from the Ex-Services Club**

**Contact Tiger Lyons 0447 793 001 or Alan Masters 02 6281 5630 to book a seat**



**To the NSW Correctional Services Gaol Museum in Vale Street right next to the Cooma Gaol.**

Learn about the 200 year penal history of incarceration from convict days to the present in NSW Prisons.

There is a collection of displays. Objects related to punishment and crime such as manacles, leg irons, clothing, weapons and escape devices and other visual documentation.



## Gundula Holbrook—Honorary Citizen



Gundula Holbrook, who has died aged 106, was a last link with stirring events of the First World War. On the ski slopes in 1952, when the Austrian Gundula Bleichart met Norman Holbrook, she was fascinated to hear that, in the year of her birth, Holbrook had won the VC.

She learnt that on the morning of December 13 1914, Lieutenant Holbrook – who was then 26 – commanded the submarine B-11, when, despite treacherous currents, he dived under five rows of mines to enter the Dardanelles. There, in Sari Siglar Bay, he torpedoed and sank the Ottoman navy's ironclad Mesudiye, which was guarding the minefield.

Holbrook's was the first naval VC to be gazetted in the First World War. The following year, 1915, amid a wave of anti-German feeling, the name of the New South Wales town of Germanton, once known as Ten Mile Creek, was changed to Holbrook.

A dozen other names of politicians, senior admirals and generals, including Asquith, Jellicoe and Kitchener, were considered, but the residents decided that Holbrook was more in keeping with the young nation whose soldiers were now fighting on the shores of the Dardanelles. In September the shire clerk wrote to Norman Holbrook informing him of the honour: it became and remains the only town to be named after a VC winner.

Gundula Helene Feldner was born on November 1 1914, the only daughter of an Innsbruck lawyer, Alois Feldner, and Gretel, née Kofler, whose family still own the Grand Hotel in Kitzbühel, in the Austrian Tyrol.

Educated privately in Switzerland, Gundula married an Austrian doctor, Raoul Bleichart, in 1939, but by 1941 the marriage had fallen apart under wartime conditions.

Postwar she travelled widely, including to Kenya and to South Africa, and married Norman Holbrook in 1952; in 1956 they visited the town of Holbrook for the first time, and there followed intermittent vis-

its, while the town, which was nowhere near the sea, became known as the "submarine town".

In 1971 a model of B-11 was installed in a park there, and after Norman died in Stedham, West Sussex, in 1976, Gundula retired to Austria, donating to the town of Holbrook her husband's medals, including his VC and his midshipman's chest, which was filled with personal artefacts including invitations to past dinners and events, many signed by the principal guests.

On Anzac Day, April 25 1986, the freedom of the town was given to the Royal Australian Navy's submarine squadron. In 1988 a bronze statue of Gundula's husband was erected at Germanton Park in Holbrook, and in 1994, when the Oberon-class submarine HMAS Otway was decommissioned, the boat was broken up and conning tower, and casing were transported in sections by road to Holbrook, where it was intended to be put together as a submarine memorial.

When Gundula Holbrook learned that the scheme had stalled, she wrote a generous personal cheque, which galvanised the community into completing the project. In 1997 she paid her last visit to the town, and was made an honorary citizen. "I think this is the most important thing that has ever happened to me," she said. "I don't feel like a visitor anymore, now I am a resident."

She had also helped to turn the town from a stop-over on the day-long drive between Sydney and Melbourne, into a place of destination which receives some 200,000 visitors each year. There, where she is remembered as being down to earth, articulate, possessed of a sharp mind and a nice smile; her hologram in the museum narrates her husband's story.

**Gundula Holbrook,  
born November 1 1914,  
died December 31 2020**

*By Telegraph Obituaries*

*3 March 2021*



*Lieut Norman Holbrook VC*

## INQUIRY INTO RECOGNITION FOR MEMBERS AND FAMILIES OF MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE WHO ARE INJURED, WOUNDED OR KILLED IN OR AS A RESULT OF SERVICE ACT Section's submission to the NAA National Council

### Introduction

On 21 January 2021 The Hon Darren Chester MP Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Minister for Defence Personnel released the following message

### **Recognition for ADF members and families** *Edited Media release of 21 January 2021*

*THE Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal will consider recognition for members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) who are injured, wounded or killed in or as a result of their service, and their families.*

*"The Chair of the Council of Women and Families United by Defence Service Gabby Costigan said the council had carefully considered the most appropriate recognition for the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.*

*"We feel the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal consideration is extremely important and we encourage individuals and organisations to contribute to the Inquiry."*

As stated in the Ministers media release of 21 January 2021:

*"The Chair of the Council of Women and Families United by Defence Service Gabby Costigan said the council had carefully considered the most appropriate recognition for the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.*

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### **ACT Section Consideration**

In essence the ACT Section of the Naval Association of Australia believes that the existing medals and ribbons with suitable clasps attached to the ribbons achieves the aim of the Council of Women and Families as stated above. The ACT Section therefore recommends :

#### **In the case of an incident occurring in a combat situation**

A clasp of a poppy be attached to the campaign ribbon when a death results, and

a clasp of a wattle sprig be attached to the campaign medal ribbon for non-fatal wounds or injuries.

#### **In the case of an incident occurring in peacetime a**

A clasp of a poppy be attached to the Australian Defence Medal when a death results, an

a clasp of a sprig of wattle attached to the Aus-

tralian Defence Medal ribbon for non-fatal wounds or injuries.

See Page 9 for images of medal ribbons with clasps.

### **Proposed conditions for the Award**

Specific examples of services which warrant the award of a clasp to an existing medal ribbon include:

- a) any action against an enemy of the Commonwealth of Australia;
- b) any action with an opposing armed force of a foreign country in which the Defence Forces of Australia are or have been engaged;
- c) while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which Australia is not a belligerent party;
- d) as a result of an act of any such enemy or opposing armed forces; or
- e) as a result of an act of any hostile foreign force;
- f) as a result of a peace time accident .

The award of a clasp to a medal ribbon should differ from other decorations in that an individual is not "recommended" for the decoration; rather he or she is entitled to it upon meeting specific criteria. A "wound" is to be defined as an injury to any part of the body from an outside force or agent sustained under one or more of the conditions listed above. A physical lesion should not be required; however, the wound for which the award could be made must have required treatment by a medical officer and records of medical treatment for wounds or injuries received in action must have been made a matter of official record. When contemplating an award of this decoration, the key issue that commanders must take into consideration is the degree to which the enemy caused the injury. The fact that the proposed recipient was participating in direct or indirect combat operations is a necessary prerequisite, but is not sole justification for award.

Enemy-related injuries which justify the award of a clasp should include: injury caused by enemy bullet, shrapnel, or other projectile created by enemy action; injury caused by enemy place land mine, naval mine, or trap; injury caused by enemy released chemical, biological, or nuclear agent; injury caused by vehicle or aircraft accident resulting from enemy fire; and, concussion injuries caused as a result of enemy generated explosions.

Injuries or wounds which should not qualify for award of a clasp include frostbite or trench foot injuries heat stroke; food poisoning not caused by enemy agents; chemical, biological, or nuclear agents



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not released by the enemy; battle fatigue; disease not directly caused by enemy agents; accidents, to include explosive, aircraft, vehicular, and other accidental wounding not related to or caused by enemy action; self-inflicted wounds (e.g., a defence service member accidentally or intentionally fires their own gun and the bullet strikes his or her leg), except when in the heat of battle, and not involving gross negligence; post-traumatic stress disorders; and jump injuries not caused by enemy action.

It is not intended that such a strict interpretation of the requirement for the wound or injury to be caused by direct result of hostile action be taken that it would preclude the award being made to deserving personnel. Commanders should also take into consideration the circumstances surrounding an injury, even if it appears to meet the criteria. In the case of an individual injured while making a parachute landing from an aircraft that had been brought down by enemy fire; or, an individual injured as a result of a vehicle accident caused by enemy fire, the decision should be made in favour of the individual and the award will be made. As well, individuals wounded or killed as a result of "friendly fire" in the "heat of battle" will be awarded the Wattle as long as the "friendly" projectile or

agent was released with the full intent of inflicting damage or destroying enemy troops or equipment. Individuals injured as a result of their own negligence, such as by driving or walking through an unauthorized area known to have been mined or placed off limits or searching for or picking up unexploded munitions as war souvenirs, should not be awarded the Wattle Medal as they clearly were not injured as a result of enemy action, but rather by their own negligence.

### Conclusion

The ACT Section agrees with the concept put forward by the Council of Women and Families United by Defence Service that recognition should be given to ADF personnel who made a sacrifice for our country by the award of the appropriate clasp to an existing medal ribbon upon application for a clasp.

It is proposed that the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal recommend the appropriate clasp be awarded in the name of the Australian Head of State to any member of the Australian Defence Forces who, while serving under competent authority in one of the Australian Defence forces after 1 July 1947, has been wounded or killed.

### ACT Section's Concept of the Proposed Award

Approximately full size illustrations



**Poppy Clasp**

**Incurred during Non Operational Service**



**Wattle Clasp**

**Incurred during Operational Service**



## Changing course for the better

By Corporal Julia Whitwell (Edited)  
5 March 2021



Able Seaman Brianna Briscoe joined Navy four years ago, changing course from an otherwise desperate future. The Indigenous aircraft technician's story starts in rural communities around Laramba, north-west of Alice Springs.

From a young age, the Anmatyerr woman was exposed to substance abuse and violence. Aged 19, battered and in an abusive relationship, she started questioning her life choices.

"I look back now and think 'holy crap, what were you thinking' and I feel really grateful I had people pushing me to do better," she said. Among them was her mum.

Able Seaman Briscoe reluctantly attended a recruitment session after her mum nudged her towards joining the ADF. Her reluctance turned to quiet aspiration when her aptitude test revealed becoming an aircraft technician was a career option.

"Mum encouraged me to just try it and I was excited to give it a go.

"It was like a switch flipped in my head and I had a proper motivation to stop drinking, leave my relationship and make things better."

Able Seaman Briscoe applied herself to recruit school and trade training. She is now posted to No. 808 Squadron – a journey she credits to the "two strong women" in her life, her mum and her sister.

Able Seaman Briscoe said she hoped to inspire other Indigenous women to follow in her footsteps.

"I haven't seen many Indigenous women in the field I'm in," she said. "I'd like to be an advocate for them and empower them to get out there and tell their story without shame.

"My mum and sister pushed me to strive for greatness and get out of my comfort zone.

"I'm glad they did. "I'd like to foster other women's confidence so they can step out of their shell, too."

## Childhood curiosity opened door for engineer

By Sergeant Dave Morley (Edited)  
8 March 2021



Head of Navy Engineering Rear Admiral Kath Richards was little more than a toddler when she got her first taste of the Navy.

Rear Admiral Richards dabbled in different engineering fields while at ADFA, including electrical, before getting a good look around a ship's engine room.

"She completed a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering with honours in 1992, then received her marine engineer charge qualification in 1998 while in HMAS *Newcastle*.

In 2001, then Lieutenant Commander Richards became the marine engineering officer in the frigate HMAS *Melbourne*, the first female to become a charge engineer of a major fleet unit.

She served on Operation Stanhope in the Southern Ocean in 1998, Solomon Islands during 2001 and Operation Slipper in 2002.

Then Captain Richards went on to command HMAS *Cerberus* from 2012-2013.

She became Head of Navy Engineering on February 4, responsible for Navy's safety and seaworthiness.

Rear Admiral Richards said she hoped she could be an inspiration for young women entering Navy.

"For someone starting off, it's really great to be able to see someone who might be like you somewhere further up in a hierarchy," she said. "It's hard to believe what you can't see. I also hope it can show young women they can be true to themselves. I'm married with three children and in many ways I'm just a pretty normal middle-aged woman, if there is such a thing."

With the handover of command on February 12 from Commodore Colin Dagg to Commodore Rachel Durbin as Director-General Engineering, this is the first time the two senior engineering roles are held by women simultaneously.

Although Rear Admiral Richards is the first female Head of Navy Engineering, she said it was progressive men who encouraged, mentored and guided her to the officer she is today.

## Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 4 March 2021

**Meeting started** at 1338 with the Odes recited by David Manolas.

**Present:** 13 members as per attendance book.

**Apologies:** Don and Bev Joce, Kate Reid-Smith, Graeme Quinn

**Minute of Last Meeting.** The last general meeting was on 4 February 2021 and the minutes appeared in the March 2021 edition of the Bosun's Call. It was considered that there was no outstanding business from that meeting.

*Motion: The minutes of the General Meeting held on 4 February 2021 be accepted.*

*Moved: Tony Vickers. Seconded: JJ Harrison. Carried.*

### Reports.

**President.** See minutes of 4 March 2021 AGM.

**Secretary.** Business as usual.

**Treasurer.** Financial records have been audited.

**Membership.** We have 53 financial members with 15 still to renew their subscriptions.

**Welfare.** All shipmates appear to be in good health.

**Social.** The date of the bus trip to Cooma has been changed to Thursday, 22 April. See BC for details. Fish'nChip venue will change during the winter months. Watch this space in future BCs.

*Motion: The reports be received.*

*Moved: Alex McGown. Seconded: Peter Cooke-Russell. Carried.*

### General Business:

**Navy Birthday Ceremony.** The President and Secretary represented the Section at the ceremony conducted on 1 March for the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the forming of the RAN. The service was at the Navy's Memorial on Anzac Parade. It was noted by the President the wording changes to the Naval Hymn and the National Anthem; although minor they are a sign of the times we are entering.

**Last Post Ceremonies.** The Battle of Matapan will be commemorated on 28 March at the Last Post ceremony. A commemoration for the loss of Leut P. Kimlin will also soon take place.

**ANZAC Day ceremonies.** Attendance at these ceremonies will be by invitation. Shipmates wishing to participate in the services should make application to the Australian War Memorial. A parade of banners will replace the usual march and Alex McGown and Alan Masters will carry the Section banner.

**Advocate Support.** The Section is now without an accredited advocate. Any shipmate who

would like to undertake this role is requested to contact the secretary.

**Honours and Awards.** The inquiry into the recognition for members and families of members of the ADF who are injured, wounded or killed as a result of service lead to the Section being asked to provide input to an NAA submission to the Awards and Honours Appeals Tribunal. The Committee endorsed a proposal put up by Peter Cooke-Russell that a medal be awarded to ADF personnel whose application for the award met approved criteria. He suggested the medal be known as the Simpson Medal. His proposal was accepted subject to the name change from Simpson to Wattle.

*Motion:*

*The ACT Section submit to the NAA National Council the concept of the award of a medal and ribbon to eligible ADF personnel or family members who apply for recognition of their injury, wound or a death as a result of their service. The medal be known as the Wattle Medal.*

*Moved: Alan Masters. Seconded: Tony Vickers. Carried.*

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be on Thursday, 1 April 2021 at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club starting at 1330 following lunch starting at 1200.

Meeting closed at 1435.

Alan Masters

Secretary / Treasurer

NAA (ACT)

## Notes from Committee Meeting 4 March 2021

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

**Apologies:** Kate Reid-Smith, John Small

Brief discussions focused on the matters to be discussed at the General and Annual General Meetings. There was coverage of forthcoming Last Post ceremonies, Defence Honours attendance by President and Secretary at the RAN's birthday ceremony and advocate training.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 1 April 2021 at 1130.

Alan Masters

Secretary / Treasurer





### HMAS Creswell 3 March 2021

HMAS Creswell is the primary training location for the New Entry Officer Course, Lateral and Transfer Officer Courses. Additionally, training units are delivering Sea Survivability & Safety, Fire Fighting and Damage Control, and support to the Beecroft Weapons Range at Beecroft Head.

#### Subscription and Records Update 2021

Annual Subscription for 2021 \$38.00 (Due now)

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4 McEachern Crescent MELBA 2615 or pay via the ebanking system to Nav Direct transfer of funds to the NAA (ACT Section). transfer funds to Naval Association of Australia –ACT Section Account BSB: 633 000 Account Number 162 834 097

## 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 but will shut about May for renovation to the CYC, re-opening, we hope, sometime in September.

13 Apr	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
29 Apr	Bus trip to Cooma
20 May	Lakes Golf Club Gungahlin 1100
17 Jun	Lakes Golf Club Gungahlin 1100
<b>1 Jul</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch in July</b>
13 Jul	Lakes Golf Club Gungahlin 1100
19 Aug	Lakes Golf Club Gungahlin 1100
16 Sep	Lakes Golf Club Gungahlin 1100
19 Oct	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
18 Nov	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
<b>2 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas /New Year Lunch</b>
16 Dec	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)

International callers:

+61 2 6289 1133

### POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES:

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](mailto: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](http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/how-claim)



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**A Happy Birthday to you in  
April 2021**

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**Terry**

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