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Navy goes nuclear



During a morning walk past the city's iconic USS Midway museum with Australia's Chief of Navy, VADM Mark Hammond, Australia's Prime Minister, Mr Albanese, remained tight-lipped about what would be announced, but talked up the massive project.

ABC News

13 March 2023

Australia's nuclear submarine program will cost up to \$368 billion over the next three decades, with confirmation that the federal government will buy at least three American-manufactured nuclear submarines and contribute "significant additional resources" to US shipyards.

Key points:

- The AUKUS-class submarines will be operated by both the UK and Australia, using American combat systems.
- One submarine will be built every two years from the early 2040s through to the late 2050s

- From as early as 2027, four US submarines and one from the UK will start rotating through Western Australia

The Australian government will take three, potentially second-hand Virginia-class submarines early next decade, pending the approval of the US Congress.

There will also be an option to purchase another two under the landmark AUKUS defence and security pact, announced in San Diego this morning.

During the announcement, President Biden flagged that, from this year, Australian navy personnel would embed with both US and UK crew on submarines and at their shipyards.

ABC News

Events coming up

25 Apr ANZAC Day



Newsletter of the ACT Section of the
Naval Association of Australia

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**General Meetings
Dates and Locations
Programme**

6 Apr	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
4 May	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
1 Jun	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
3 Aug	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
7 Sep	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
5 Oct	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
2 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,

I wish to take this opportunity to thank those who were able to participate in the AGM and, to congratulate the members of the 2022 Section Committee for your efforts and companionship throughout the year. We are all enriched through your dedication and tireless efforts; BZ to you all.

I extend my congratulations to those elected to the Section Committee for 2023 and look forward to working with you in the time ahead. The manner and extent to which members continue to step forward to take on roles within the committee is inspiring and testament to the camaraderie within our Section. We can be justifiably proud of what we have to offer each other and anyone wishing to join us in 'naval fellowship'.

I am delighted to advise members that I have received advice from Vice Admiral Hammond, Chief of Navy wherein he gladly accepts Honorary Membership of the NAA ACT Section. Whenever possible he and his wife Jodi, will support our activities. We warmly welcome them and look forward to sharing in the exciting and challenging times ahead for Navy.

Yours aye,

David Manolas
President
NAA ACT Section

**Committee meeting**

Eastlakes Gungahlin
1100 Thursday 6 April 2023

Changes to the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card Income Threshold

4 November 2022

The Commonwealth Seniors Health Card (CSHC) provides access to Australian Government concessions on medical and pharmaceutical costs. The CSHC is available to Australian residents over pension age who are not entitled to an income support payment such as Service Pension (who are entitled to a Pensioner Concession Card and so already entitled to similar concessions) and whose income is below the CSHC income threshold.

The CSHC Income Threshold will be increased with effect from 4 November 2022.

The CSHC income threshold is set to increase from \$57,761 for singles, \$92,416 for couples, and \$115,522 for separated couples (separated by illness), to \$90,000 for singles, \$144,000 for couples, and \$180,000 for couples separated by illness from 4 November 2022.

Increasing the CSHC income threshold will allow more older Australians access to the relevant pharmaceutical and medical benefits discounts and other associated concessions that the card provides.

Current CSHC holders are not impacted by the change, however increasing the Income Threshold may allow people who currently do not receive a CSHC access to it. To check if you meet the eligibility criteria including income test limits, [visit the webpage](#).

Eligibility

Your eligibility for the card depends on your circumstances.

You can get the CSHC if you are an Australian resident who is either:

- a veteran aged 60 years or over with [qualifying service](#)
- the partner or widowed partner of a veteran with qualifying service who has reached [age pension age](#)

receiving a [War Widow\(er\)'s Pension](#) or a [Wholly Dependent Partner Payment](#) and are aged 60 years or over.

Your eligibility also depends on the CSHC income test which includes:

- your [adjusted taxable income](#)
- [deemed income](#) on account-based pensions (also known as allocated pensions).

You can earn up to:

- \$90,000 per year if you are single
- \$144,000 per year if you are a couple
- \$180,000 per year (combined) if you are a couple separated by illness, [respite care](#) or prison.

If you are caring for a child, you can earn an extra \$639.60 per year.

You may be eligible for a CSHC even if you are no longer receiving a pension because of changes to:

- your income and assets
- the pension assets test on 1 January 2017.

You may also be eligible for a CSHC if you are a widowed or separated from a partner who receives either:

- age pension
- invalidity service pension.

If you already have a [Pensioner Concession Card \(PCC\)](#), you will not be eligible for a CSHC.

Apply for a card

You can apply for your CSHC through us or [Services Australia](#).

The card will have the same benefits whether it comes from us or Services Australia.

To apply through us, you can either:

apply through your [MyService](#) account

complete the [Application for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card \(CSHC\)](#) and send to us with the supporting documents.

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Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling provides 24/7 free confidential crisis support for current and ex-serving ADF personnel and their families on [1800 011 046](tel:1800011046) or the [Open Arms website](#). **Safe Zone Support** provides anonymous counselling on [1800 142 072](tel:1800142072). **Defence All-Hours Support Line** provides support for ADF personnel on [1800 628 036](tel:1800628036) or the [Defence Health Portal](#). **Defence Member and Family Helpline** provides support for Defence families on [1800 624 608](tel:1800624608)



Australian Government
Defence

A message from the Secretary of the Department of Defence and the Chief of the Defence Force

14 March 2023

Colleagues,

Today marks a significant day in Defence's history.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Prime Minister Rishi Sunak of the United Kingdom (UK) and President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. of the United States (US) have today announced the Optimal Pathway for Australia to acquire a conventionally-armed, nuclear-powered submarine (SSN) capability as soon as the early 2030s.

This is a significant moment for Australia's Defence capability. Through the Optimal Pathway Australia will transform our strategic posture, bolstering security and stability in the Indo-Pacific for decades to come.

AUKUS partners will pursue the following approach to this endeavour:

- **Embedded Personnel and Port Visits.** Beginning in 2023, Australian military and civilian personnel will embed with the UK Royal Navy, the US Navy and, subject to any necessary arrangements, within the UK and US submarine industrial bases. This will accelerate the training and development of Australian personnel to ensure our ability to work together and for Australians to take on the responsibilities associated with these programs. The US plans to increase SSN port visits to Australia from 2023, with Australian sailors joining US crews for training and development; the UK will increase visits to Australia from 2026.
- **Submarine Forward Presence.** As early as 2027, the UK and the US plan to establish a rotational presence of one UK Astute class submarine and up to four US Virginia class submarines at HMAS *Stirling* near Perth, Western Australia —this initiative will be known as 'Submarine Rotational Force-West' (SRF-West). This rotational presence will comply fully with Australia's longstanding position of no foreign bases on its territory. It will put our nations shoulder to shoulder as Australia builds the necessary operational capabilities and skills to steward and operate its own fleet of nuclear-powered submarines. Australia is launching an ambitious national effort to grow its defence and industrial workforce to support this plan.
- **Sale of US Virginia Class Submarines.** Beginning in the early 2030s, pending approval from US Congress, the US intends to sell Australia three Virginia class submarines, with the potential to sell up to two more if needed. This action is critical to continue growing Australia's ability to own and operate a fleet of SSNs, and to provide Australia with a sovereign capability at the earliest possible date. It also ensures Australia sustains its undersea capabilities until SSN-AUKUS is ready, given the planned retirement of Australia's current fleet of submarines.

- **Build of SSN-AUKUS.** SSN-AUKUS will be the future attack submarine for both Australia and the UK. SSN-AUKUS will be based upon the UK's next-generation SSN design while incorporating cutting edge US submarine technologies, and will be built and deployed by both Australia and the UK. Australia and the UK intend to start building SSN-AUKUS in their domestic shipyards before the end of this decade. The UK intends to deliver its first SSN-AUKUS to the UK Royal Navy in the late 2030s. Australia plans to deliver the first Australian-built SSN-AUKUS to the Royal Australian Navy in the early 2040s.

Today's announcement follows an 18 month consultation period to define the Optimal Pathway for Australia to acquire this capability, while setting the highest international nuclear non-proliferation standards. Australia does not seek and will not acquire nuclear weapons. We will work with the UK and US to implement the highest standards of nuclear safety and security.

The Optimal Pathway delivers significant long-term strategic benefits for all three AUKUS partners. Importantly, we are building Australia's ability to safely own, operate, maintain and regulate a sovereign conventionally-armed SSN capability.

The Collins class submarine remains one of the most operationally capable diesel-electric submarine classes in the world and will continue to be critical to our ADF deterrence and defence capability in the coming decades as we transition to the nuclear-powered submarines.

We are getting access to this technology because we have demonstrated that we are a capable and competent Defence organisation. In particular, we acknowledge the efforts of Vice Admiral Jonathan Mead, AO RAN and the Nuclear Powered Submarine Taskforce, who have worked tirelessly in collaboration with colleagues in Defence, across Government and their UK and US counterparts to develop this Optimal Pathway.

We will continue to update you on the progress of this remarkable endeavour. In the meantime, we encourage you to familiarise yourself with this historic announcement and read the [Public Report](#).

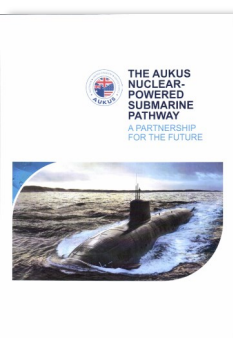
We recognise and value the hard work of everyone across the Defence enterprise in achieving our mission. Thank you for your contribution and ongoing commitment.

Greg Moriarty
Secretary
Department of Defence

Angus J Campbell, AO, DSC
General
Chief of the Defence Force

SERVICE
COURAGE
RESPECT
INTEGRITY
EXCELLENCE

To Defend Australia and its national Interests in order
advance Australia's security and prosperity,
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[The Optimal Pathway fact sheet \(PDF 624.98 KB\)](#)

AUKUS partners have identified an Optimal Pathway to achieve the construction and delivery of SSN-AUKUS as an enduring nuclear-powered submarine capability for Australia.

AUKUS partners appreciate the enormity of this endeavour and are committed to being responsible stewards of naval nuclear propulsion technology.

This pathway will ensure Australia safely and securely operates and sustains its nuclear-powered submarines.

Nuclear Submarine —Planned acquisition program

While the Virginia Class submarines are being purchased, design and development work will continue on a brand new submarine, known as the SSN-AUKUS, "leveraging" work the British have already been doing to replace their Astute-class submarines.

That submarine — which will form the AUKUS class — would eventually be operated by both the UK and Australia, using American combat systems.

One submarine will be built every two years from the early 2040s through to the late 2050s, with five SSN-AUKUS boats delivered to the Royal Australian Navy by the middle of the 2050s.

Eventually, the fleet would include eight Australian submarines built in Adelaide into the 2060s, but the federal government is leaving open the option of taking some from British shipyards if strategic circumstances change.

Meanwhile, the federal government estimates the cost of the submarine program will be between \$268 billion and \$368 billion over the next 30 years.

As part of that figure, \$8 billion will be spent on upgrading the naval base HMAS Stirling in Western Australia.

From as early as 2027, four US and one UK submarine will start rotating through Western Australia, to be known as the Submarine Rotational Forces West.

No decision has been made on a future east coast base for submarines, although Port Kembla has firmed as the most likely location.

Standing alongside Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, US President Joe Biden spoke of the strength of the alliance already.

"Today, as we stand at the inflection point in history, where the hard work of announcing deterrence and enhancing stability is going to reflect peace and stability for decades to come, the United States can ask for no better partners in the Indo-Pacific where so much of our shared future will be written," Mr Biden said.

US subs to rotate off Australian coast

During the announcement, President Biden flagged that, from this year, Australian navy personnel would embed with both US and UK crew on submarines and at their shipyards.



"In fact, as we speak, the nuclear-powered sub, is making a port call in Perth and later this year, there will be a rotational presence of nuclear-powered subs to Australia to help develop the workforce it will need to build," he said.

"AUKUS has one overriding objective: to enhance the stability of the Indo-Pacific amid rapidly shifting global dynamics."

Mr Albanese confirmed that Australian submariners were already undergoing nuclear power training in the US.

"I am proud to confirm that they are all in the top 30 per cent of their class," he said.

"This will be an Australian sovereign capability, commanded by the Royal Australian Navy and sustained by Australians in Australian shipyards, with construction to begin within this decade."

Mr Albanese reiterated that Australia purchasing nuclear submarines would not breach non-proliferation treaties ratified by the country.

Mr Sunak described the alliance as a "powerful partnership" that would see "truly interoperable" submarines.

"The Royal Navy will operate the same submarines as the Australian Navy and we'll both share components and parts with the US Navy," he said.

"Our submarine crews will train together, patrol together and maintain their boats together.

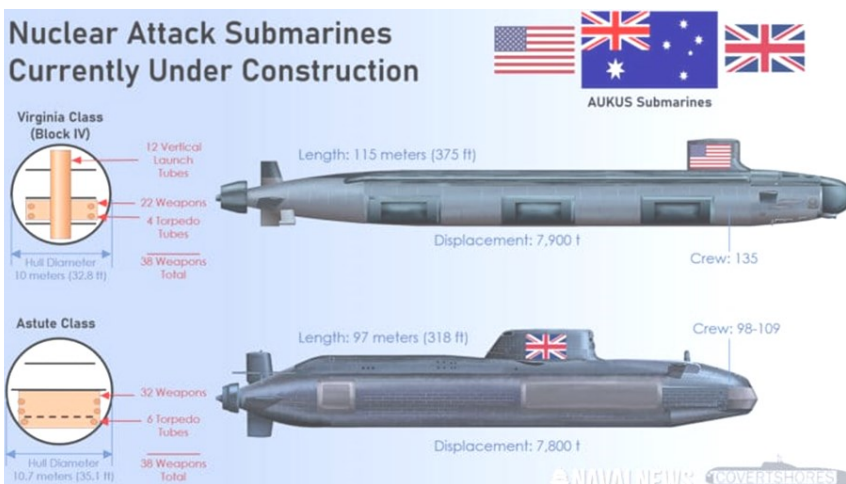
"They will communicate using the same terminology, and the same equipment."

Money for US shipyards

Australia will also contribute \$3 billion over the next four years to US and UK production lines, with the bulk of that money heading stateside.

Nuclear Submarine —Planned acquisition program

Nuclear Attack Submarines Currently Under Construction



"Australia is one of our very closest allies. They have stood next to us in no shortage of events and we feel very confident that they will take this this unique capability in a responsible fashion," one official said.

The three AUKUS leaders made the announcement at Naval Base Point Loma, in front of the Virginia-class submarine USS Missouri, which arrived in San Diego Harbour late last week.

Ashley Townshend from the Carnegie Endowment — an international affairs think tank — said

White House officials insisted Australia was preparing to make a "substantial contribution" to US submarine production facilities.

The US government will also request an extra \$US4.6 billion from Congress to upgrade the nation's submarine infrastructure, with a concession that the readiness of American production lines are "not where it should be".

"More will be needed, and the Australians will also contribute there, so this is a generational opportunity," a senior official said.

Included in its overall project budget, Australia will spend \$2 billion over the next four years upgrading the Osborne shipyards in South Australia.

The purchase of Virginia-class submarines from the United States was described by American officials as "a potent nuclear powered submarine force in the 2030s, much earlier than many had expected".

US officials tried to allay concerns about restrictions on sharing its nuclear technology with Australia.

Australia's move to acquire Virginia-class submarines in the 2030s was "far more than a stopgap measure".

"These are by far the most-capable submarines Australia has ever operated and the first to incorporate the capacity for long-range strike with vertically launched Tomahawk-land attack cruise missiles," he said.

He also said the announcement that the United States and the United Kingdom would build a rotational force of five submarines at HMAS Stirling in Western Australia would have profound implications.

"This is by far the most significant near-term contribution by AUKUS to strengthening deterrence in the Western Pacific," Mr Townsend told the ABC.

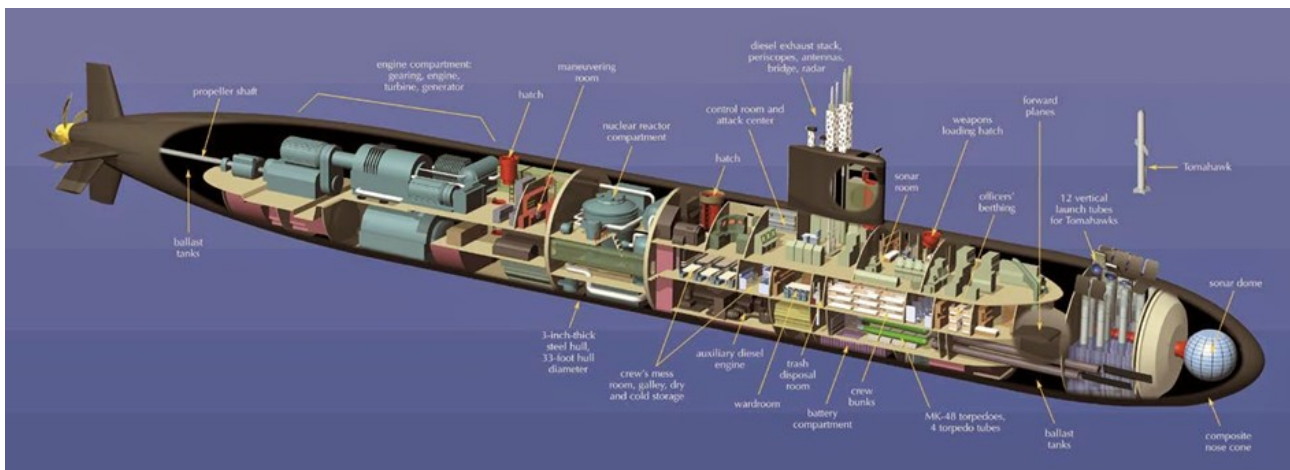
"It is also part of a seismic shift in the US-Australia alliance that will see Australia play an increasingly pivotal role in supporting and contributing to military operations in the region."

Text from ABC News

US Virginia Submarine Block V build

Complement Armament:

135 (15 officers 120 sailors)
VPM module 28 Tomahawk BGM-109, 12 VLS Tomahawk BGM tubes, 4 x 533mm Torpedo tubes (Mk 48 torpedo) UGM 84 Harpoon, 65 in total torpedoes and missiles



Navy to the rescue



HMAS Hobart's rigid-hulled inflatable boat team rescues mariners from MY Vivierae II off the coast of northern Australia.

Photos Defence

6 March 2023

The ship's company of destroyer HMAS *Hobart* rescued six mariners from a 30-metre motor yacht north of Australia on March 6.

A rigid-hulled inflatable boat (RHIB) was deployed from *Hobart* in unfavourable conditions to enable the rescue of the crew, who had experienced engine trouble and became stranded in international waters north east of Darwin, near Kolepon (Dolok), Indonesia.

Under the watchful eyes of skilled sailors and officers, the RHIB was launched safely under challenging conditions, effecting the difficult transfer of personnel from the disabled MV *Vivierae II*.

RHIB coxswain Petty Officer Christopher Keillor said he was excited to be part of the rescue.

"It's a great feeling to be the operator in a situation like this and achieving the mission of getting people to safety," Petty Officer Keillor said.

"The training we receive to become qualified as RHIB Coxswains prepares us well for operating in real situations."

Hobart's navigator, Lieutenant Dean Gilbert, was in charge of the safe execution of the rescue.



"RHIB operations require focus and careful consideration of the weather conditions and sea state," Lieutenant Gilbert said.

"There are a lot of moving parts including providing an effective lee to enable the launch and recovery of the RHIB, to achieve a safe breakaway and recovery under challenging conditions.

"The team pulled together excellently for this rescue and it was great to see us achieve it safely."

By Lieutenant Max Logan

The six mariners were on passage from Darwin to Townsville and were disembarked from by *Hobart* at Thursday Island

*Annette Lin
9 March 2023
Daily Liberal*



Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu, The Honourable Alatoi Ishmael Kalsakau Ma'aukora (left) talks with Commanding Officer of HMAS Canberra, Captain Jace Hutchison, during a tour of the ship as it supports Operation Vanuatu Assist 2023.

The Australian Defence Force, as part of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade led Whole-of-Government response, is providing support to Vanuatu in the wake of Severe Tropical Cyclone Judy and Tropical Cyclone Kevin. Australia is proud to work with the Government of Vanuatu, the Pacific family and other partners to provide humanitarian support

Navy to the rescue



Commanding Officer HMAS Canberra Captain Jace Hutchison speaks with Vanuatu media during Operation Vanuatu Assist 2023.

Photo: LS Matthew Lyall

With family connections in Vanuatu, Captain Hutchison spent a good part of his teenage years in the town of Luganville on Espiritu Santo Island and in the capital Port Vila.

Canberra arrived on the afternoon of March 9, at the request of the Vanuatu Government, and is providing support to Australia's humanitarian assistance and disaster relief response following Tropical Cyclones Judy and Kevin.

The media gained first-hand experience of the landing helicopter dock platform and its capabilities, arriving on one of its embarked Army CH-47 Chinook helicopters and returning to Port Vila on one of the ship's landing craft.

Canberra and its crew sailed from Sydney at the request of the Vanuatu Government, with nearly 300 embarked force personnel, three

Chinook helicopters, over 40 vehicles, small boats, landing craft and a range of humanitarian supplies and logistical support.

Vanuatu media outlets got a pleasant surprise when the Commanding Officer of HMAS *Canberra*, Captain Jace Hutchison, greeted them in their local language.

CNO and CN get together

20 February 2023

Right:

(L-R) Mrs Linda Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy, Admiral Michael Gilday, Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond, AM, RAN, and Mrs Jodi Hammond at the Pool of Reflection following a Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.



Left

Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond, AM, RAN, and Chief of Naval Operations, United States Navy, Admiral Michael Gilday, during a Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Admiral Michael Gilday was hosted by Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond, AM, RAN, in Canberra.

Photos: Defence



Navy turns 122

Left: :NAA ACT group at at CN's Reception at ADFA 22 Feb

Below: NAA National President with National VP Lorraine Grey and NAA NSW Vice President Ron Rosenberg at HMAS Watson marking Navy's 122nd birthday 1 March

Photos LSIS Tara Morrison



Left: L-R) Rear Admiral Guy Griffiths, AO, DSO, DSC RAN Rtd, Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond, AM, RAN, and Seaman Maritime Logistics Support Operations Olivia Miles cut the cake in celebration of RADM Griffiths' 100th birthday and the 122nd birthday of the Royal Australian Navy at HMAS Watson 1 March 2023



5RAR with the Welsh Guards

Left: Members of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards and 5th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, line up to receive leeks from His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, during the St. David's Day Parade in Windsor, United Kingdom.

Photos: CPL J. Goedhart

Right; 5th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, salute His Royal Highness, Prince William of Wales during the St. David's Day Parade

The day marked the 58th birthday of the 5th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, the 122nd Birthday of the Australian Army, and for the Welsh Guards; St. David's Day.



Sustainable Household Scheme

Guidelines for participants

Version 3.1

Minister's Foreword

As the impacts of climate change become increasingly evident, it is essential that governments work with the community to not only take meaningful action to limit our contributions to global warming, but to do so in a way that improves our quality of life.

I am pleased to announce the introduction of the Sustainable Household Scheme (Scheme), to support Canberrans reduce their energy use and costs and live more comfortably. This in turn will contribute to the ACT's transition to net zero emissions by 2045.

The Scheme aims to provide \$150 million in zero interest loans over five years to eligible households, individuals and not-for-profit community organisations, and be delivered through a contracted loans provider.

These guidelines apply to:

- eligible homeowners to invest in rooftop solar, household battery storage, electric heating and cooling, hot water heat pumps and efficient electric appliances; and
- eligible households to purchase new and used electric vehicles and charging infrastructure.

I encourage you to consider these guidelines and participate in the Scheme if it is right for your circumstances. You can reduce your energy costs, live more comfortably, and help do your bit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and take real action on climate change.

Andrew Barr MLA Chief Minister,
Minister for Climate Action.

About the Sustainable Household Scheme

The ACT Government has committed \$150 million over five years to provide zero-interest loans under the Sustainable Household Scheme (the Scheme).

Eligible households and individuals will be able to make upgrades to their homes and premises through purchasing a range of sustainable products.

The objective of the Scheme is to encourage sustainable solutions at the community level that will:

- help reduce energy use and costs; y help households live more comfortably;

- contribute to greenhouse gas emissions reductions; and
- **support development of the renewable energy industry in the ACT.**

The introduction of the Scheme will be phased:

Phase 1:

Households purchasing from Category A and Category B.

Phase 2:

Expanded to include purchasing from Category C.

Phase 3:

Expanded to include not-for-profit community organisations.

Phase 4:

Expanded to include purchasing from Category D

Guidelines for participants

2.1 Policy underpinning the Scheme

The ACT Government committed to introducing the Scheme in the Parliamentary and Governing Agreement of the 10th Legislative Assembly (PAGA). You can access the PAGA online at: www.cmtedd.act.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/1654077/Parliamentary-Agreement-for-the-10th-Legislative-Assembly.pdf

2.2 About the Scheme

The Scheme offers loans for all products covered under the three categories listed below. Eligible Scheme participants can access zero-interest loans between \$2,000 and \$15,000 to purchase:

Category A

(generation, storage and EV charging products)

- Household rooftop solar photovoltaic systems
- Household battery storage systems
- Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure

Category B

(upgrade of gas or inefficient electric appliances)

- Electric reverse cycle heating and cooling systems
- Hot water heat pumps (HWHP)
- Efficient electric stove tops. Category C (electric vehicles) y New and used. Category D (ceiling insulation)

Category C

(electric vehicles) y New and used.

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Sustainable Household Scheme

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Category D

(ceiling insulation) y Ceiling insulation. Additional products will be assessed for inclusion over the life of the Scheme

- Ceiling insulation.

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Eligibility

3.1 Scheme eligibility criteria

A Scheme participant for Category A and B is defined as:

- a person who owns the property in which the installation is to occur; or
- living with the person who owns the property in which the installation is to occur.

A Scheme participant for Category C is defined as:

- a holder of a valid ACT Driver Licence; and
- a homeowner or tenant.

Read the Scheme's Frequently Asked Questions for more information and to learn about specific eligibility scenarios and how they may apply to you.

The financial capability of the participant to repay the loan is a core requirement of the Scheme. A credit check will be undertaken to assess an applicant's financial suitability.

You will also need to register for and participate in an online workshop before applying for a loan.

Details on upcoming workshops and how to register can be found at www.climatechoices.act.gov.au/events-news.

Financial limits are as follows:

- A household may borrow a maximum of \$15,000 over the life of the Scheme. This is a cumulative maximum across eligible product categories A, B, C and D. This can be on a range of eligible products being bundled and does not need to be in a single transaction (e.g., \$9,000 for rooftop solar and later \$6,000 for gas replacement appliances is allowed).
- Installation fees and charges and gas disconnection costs (if you are replacing the final gas appliance in your home) may be included as part of the loan.
- The minimum loan application value is \$2,000

Eligibility for Category A, B and D products

Category A, B and D products may be installed in an eligible property which:

- Is either a standalone residence or a unit titled property. Each individual unit titled property within a unit plan is defined as a distinct eligible property.
- Is a property geographically located within the ACT (including Hall, Tharwa, and Oaks Estate but not Jervis Bay Territory).
- The \$15 000 can also be spread across more than one property, as long as each property meets the unimproved value thresholds.
- Meets the Unimproved Value (UV) thresholds specified below.

Please note if a property is covered by a body corporate you may require approvals to install a product.

Unimproved Value

The UV of the property must be at or below \$750,000 in any year from 2020, for:

- freestanding houses and non-titled dual occupancies (non-unit titled dwellings) and;
- townhouses and unit titled dual occupancies (stand-alone unit titled dwellings) based on the unit entitlement percentage.

The UV of the property must be at or below \$200,000 in any year from 2020, for:

- unit titled multi-storey apartments.

Your UV can be found on your rates notice or using the following website <https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/s/public-registers/unimproved-values?registerid=m0l4a00000000CGEA>.

- For example, the UV of the property listed below was \$713,000 in the year 2020 but the current UV is now over \$750,000. This property is eligible because the UV was below \$750,000 in 2020.

Eligibility for Category B items requires the upgrade of gas or inefficient electric appliances (in the case of heating and cooling and hot water systems) or the upgrade of a gas stove top and/or oven unit. Your supplier will be asked to specify the type of product being upgraded.

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Section/Block	Address	Value 2017	Value 2018	Value 2019	Value 2020	Value 2021
Hidden	Hidden	\$564,000	\$620,000	\$620,000	\$713,000	\$760,000

Sustainable Household Scheme

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Eligibility for Electric Vehicles (Category C)

To be eligible to access loans for EVs:

- The Scheme participant must ordinarily reside in the ACT as evidenced by a rates notice or utility bill.
- The Scheme participant must hold a valid ACT Driver Licence.
- The electric vehicle (car) must be powered by a mechanism that produces zero emissions, such as a Battery Electric Vehicle.
- The total cost of the vehicle must be less than the luxury car tax threshold for fuel efficient vehicles.

For the up-to-date price threshold use Australian Government's luxury car tax (please note - use the same definitions of total cost as the website). Loans are currently limited to one per household across categories A, B, C and D. This limit may change in future as the Sustainable Household Scheme continues to be monitored and evaluated.

We acknowledge that there are shared, multi-generational and non-linear family structured households or individuals who may have more complex living arrangements. These circumstances will be considered on a case-by-case basis to support diverse households to access the Scheme. If this is your circumstance, or to check other possible circumstances, please contact 13 22 81 or email SHS@act.gov.au

4.2 Application process – electric vehicles (Category C)

STEP 1 - Decide which Electric Vehicle (EV) is right for you

Visit our website to learn more about the offer and self-assess your eligibility. We suggest you use the EV Buyers Guide on the Everyday Climate Choices website to learn about electric vehicles and how they could benefit you. Ensure you have read the Terms and Conditions and Frequently Asked Questions are available on the website.

We strongly recommend you request quotes from more than one car supplier to ensure you are getting the best deal.

STEP 2 - Compare vehicles/quotes from accredited suppliers

Once you have determined you are eligible and could benefit from an EV, request a quote from approved suppliers

To do this, visit the Sustainable Household Scheme webpage and click the 'apply now' button to be taken to the Brighte marketplace website. Here you can view a list of accredited suppliers from which you can purchase an EV. This includes

all participating ACT dealerships and online sellers.

- Request a quote or phone call online through the Brighte marketplace.

OR

- You can visit a participating licensed dealership directly and simply ask about the Sustainable Household Scheme interest free loans for EVs. You can also discuss your needs and organise an inspection and test drive (where applicable).
2. See the Everyday Climate Choices website for a list of Frequently Asked Questions and an EV Buyers Guide you may want to discuss with the car salespeople.

STEP 3 - Choose the best quote

3. You will be presented with the details of your quote, which you must review and confirm that it is accurate before proceeding to the loan application.
4. Once you have selected an EV to purchase, the dealership will arrange the finance application with our loan provider (Brighte) on your behalf.

STEP 4 - Complete the loan application

5. After reviewing the quote for accuracy, you will be asked to confirm your eligibility and complete the finance application. You will also be asked to consent to the ACT Government collecting and using your personal information for the purposes of managing and improving program delivery.
6. Our loan provider will evaluate your application by verifying the details provided and conducting credit checks. You will then be notified of the outcome of your loan application. 10 Sustainable Household Scheme guidelines for participants

STEP 5 - Get your electric vehicle

7. Once your loan is approved, you and the supplier will enter into a finance contract. This contract is an important legal document with legally binding responsibilities that you need to carefully consider. This contract does not involve the ACT Government.
8. The supplier will contact you to schedule a date and time to pick up your EV or inform you of a delivery date and repayment commencement.

STEP 6 - Other EV financial incentives

9. Once you have purchased your EV, you may be eligible for other ACT Government incentives. ACT residents can access two years of free registration for new or used EVs purchased or acquired until 30 June 2024. In addition, if your EV is a new vehicle you may be eligible for a stamp duty waiver. For more information visit the Access Canberra website

[SHS guidelines \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au/shs-guidelines)

Legacy celebrating its centenary in 2023



LEGACY VARIETY CONCERT

TICKETS VIA TICKETEK
\$25
PLUS BOOKING FEE

STARRING

KEITH POTGER
'CELEBRATING THE SEEKERS'

AND FEATURING AN ALL STAR CAST

LEISA KEEN
LAURIE McDONALD
CHARLOTTE WINSLADE
SING AUSTRALIA
& MEMBERS OF ROYAL
MILITARY COLLEGE BAND

SAT 1 APRIL 2023 - 2PM
NATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, CANBERRA

It is most exciting that Keith Potger, an original member of The Seekers, has been engaged as the headline act for the concert. Keith will perform a 30 minute set from his 'Celebrating The Seekers' show which will showcase loved songs from the iconic Australian group and also pay tribute to Judith Durham who sadly passed away in 2022.'

Canberra's leading jazz pianist/vocalist Leisa Keen will be with us as will Charlotte Winslade, a world class Canberra based cellist. During her appearance Charlotte will play

'The Swan', the delightful tune from 'The Carnival of the Animals'. Bush poet Laurie McDonald will recite Banjo Paterson's 'Clancy of the Overflow' and an ensemble from the Band of the Royal Military College will open the show. The Sing Australia choir, featuring Legatees Jerry Tipping and Sam Hughes, will sing a bracket of tunes as well as lead the cast in the finale which will end with The Seekers 'Morningtoun Ride' and 'The Carnival is Over'.

Tickets available through TICKETEK

132 849 www.ticketek.com.au

\$25 plus booking fee

Minutes of NAA (ACT) 77th Annual General Meeting held at the Eastlake Gungahlin Club on 2 March 2023

Meeting Opened.

The President declared the meeting open at 1425.

Present.

12 Members as listed in the Attendance book.

Apologies.

Apologies received are listed in Attendance book.

Minutes of 77th AGM.

The minutes of the 77th AGM held on 4 March 2022 were detailed in the May 2022 and March 2023 Bosuns' Call. These were taken as read.

Motion: The minutes of the 77th AGM be accepted.

Moved: Darren Rush Seconded: Stewart Gordon. Carried.

Business arising from minutes of 77th AGM.

Nil.

Reports.

President:

See Attachment A

Secretary.

See Attachment B

Treasurer

See Attachment C

Membership Registrar

See Attachment D

Appointment of Honorary Members

In accordance with constitutional requirements, the following are to be appointed Honorary Members for 2023:

The Honourable Sir William Deane, Patron
VADM M. Hammond, RAN, Chief of Navy

On notification of the name of the naval representative at the Embassy of the United States of America, he/she will be offered Honorary Membership

CAPT J. Hutchison RAN, Commanding Officer, HMAS Canberra

CAPT B. Gerritsen, RNZN

CMDR M. Magzoub, RN

CMDR M. Collinson, RNZN

Mr M. Anderson, Director AWM

Mrs M. Hare

Ms Caroline Kennedy will be offered Honorary Membership for the duration of her appointment as Ambassador of the United States of America to Australia

Motion: The above named persons be appointed Honorary Members for 2023.

Moved: Joe Slaats Seconded: Stewart Gordon. Carried

Election of Office Bearers

The President vacated the Chair and invited Harry Beardsell to be the Returning Officer for the election of office bearers. He declared nominations received by the Secretary were in order and as there were no positions being contested, he duly declared the nominated persons elected to the positions as listed:

President David Manolas

Vice President Alex McGown

Secretary Alan Masters

Treasurer Alan Masters

Committee Peter Cooke-Russell, John Small, Dennis Lyons, Joe Slaats, Stewart Gordon, Alaric O'Neill.

Appointment of Auditor.

As explained by Peter Cooke-Russell, the ACT Incorporations Act has been amended to state that an audit of the Section's accounts is no longer required and now be reviewed as required. Therefore the appointment of an auditor is no longer required.

Next AGM.

The next AGM will be held on 7 March 2024.

There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 1440.

Acting Secretary

Dennis Lyons

NAA(ACT)

Notes from Committee Meeting 2 March 2023

Present: David Manolas, Alex McGown, Peter Cooke-Russell, Dennis Lyons, Stewart Gordon, Joe Slaats.

Apology: Alan Masters, John Small, Kate Reid-Smith.

Discussion focused on the agenda items for the 78th Annual General Meeting and the 2 March 2023 General Meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 6 April 2023 at 1100.

Dennis (Tiger) Lyons
Acting Secretary
NAA (ACT)

Attachments A, B, C and D to Minutes of 77th Annual General Meeting of the ACT Section of the Naval Association of Australia

Attachment A—PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I wish to take this opportunity to thank those who were able to participate in the AGM and, to congratulate the members of the 2022 Section Committee for your efforts and companionship throughout the year. We are all enriched through your dedication and tireless efforts; BZ to you all.

David Manolas

President
NAA (ACT)

Attachment B—SECRETARY'S REPORT

Administration of the business of the Section is a simple but not an onerous task. It requires, for the most part, regular attention to the numerous e-mails, not all of which require an action. I have been ably supported by other committee members and in particular wish to thank Stewart Gordon for the excellent work he did in the organizing of the HMAS Canberra 2 Commemorative service in August and Dennis Lyons who stepped in and took the minutes of the meetings while I was overseas. I would also like to thank Peter Cooke-Russell for his wonderful support. He is the NAA memory bank for me and I am most grateful for his advice and, in particular, his roles as Editor of the Bosun's Call and as the Membership Registrar. Without the BC I can foresee a fall off in our membership numbers.

Through my eyes, the real picture of the Section is one of us having about 15 – 20 active members and the remainder being inactive members. This is probably a realistic situation given the age profile of our membership. This profile drives our timing of meetings and thus creates a dilemma for our younger members who are still in the workforce. It is noteworthy that the Committee membership has an average age in the late 70s and I, for one, give notice now that I will not offer my services in a committee role in my 86th year which is only two years away. The replacement of committee members is perhaps our biggest challenge and one that is probably shared by many other NAA Sections and Sub-sections.

I believe we are meeting the NAA objectives, albeit on a small scale, and that is something we should all be proud of.

Alan F Masters

Secretary
NAA(ACT)

Attachment C - TREASURER'S REPORT

The end of year financial report has been audited and shows a loss has been incurred again in our operating expenses. The full picture of the financial situation is apparent in the audited return which is

available from the Treasurer.

Our main source of income remains the subscription fees and with a full financial membership approaching 55 this means we have an operating income of \$2100. This can increase by the few donations that come from generous members. Our fixed costs include NAA capitation, our pro rata contribution to volunteer insurance cover, printing and postage for the Bosun's Call, accommodation costs for our delegate's attendance at National Council meetings when held outside of Canberra and our donations to selected charities. This year the purchase of a new computer added an expense that will come around every five years at most.

We are fortunate to not have to pay for meeting rooms and not to reimburse our volunteers for their ceremonial contributions that help us meet one of the national objectives.

Without generating a constant increase in our membership, future treasurers will have to maintain an even closer control of our expenditure.

Alan F Masters

Treasurer
NAA (ACT)

Attachment D— MEMBERSHIP REPORT

2023 AGM Membership Report

Full Members			56
Restricted Members			
	Honorary		9
	Club		2
	Hon Life		2
Total			69
During 2022		Gains	Losses
Members	Full	2	
Deceased	Full		3
	Restricted		1
Archived	Full		8
Total		2	12
Peter Cooke-Russell Membership[Registrar NAA (ACT)			

Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 2 March 2023

Meeting started at 1344 with the Odes recited by David Manolas.

Present: 12 members and two visitors as per attendance book.

Apologies: Alan Masters, Peter Gillin, Mike Hardwick, Tony Vickers, Dean da Costa, Glen McNamara.

Minute of Last Meeting. The minutes of the General meeting on 2 February 2023 appeared in the March 2023 edition of the Bosun's Call. It was considered the only outstanding business related to donations to selected charities.

Motion: The minutes of the General Meeting held on 2 February 2023 be accepted.

Moved: Dennis Lyons Seconded: Joe Slaats. Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes.

Donations to charities. In previous years, as is the custom, the Section makes donations to charities selected by members. These funds come from the previous Charitable Trust Fund which have now been absorbed into the Section's general account. The four charities selected last year were Dementia Australia, National Heart Foundation, Australian Cancer Research Foundation and Legacy Canberra. Each charity is given \$100 each year. After discussion the members agreed to donate to the same charities as in 2022 plus a new charity, Keeping Watch, each to receive a donation of \$100.

Motion: A donation of \$100 be given to each of the following charities-Dementia Australia, National Heart Foundation, Australian Cancer Research Foundation, Legacy Canberra and Keeping Watch.

Moved: Dennis Lyons Seconded: Alex McGown. Carried.

Reports.

President. On the invitation of the Chief of Navy, he attended a Ceremonial Sunset at ADFA on 22 February where he took the opportunity to hand CN an offer of Honorary Membership in the ACT Section for the term of his appointment.

Vice President. There will be Last Post services on 11 April (HMAS Pirie), 5 June (Leading Stoker Beckett), 8 June (Stoker 2 Freeman), 11 June (HMAS Wallaroo).

Secretary. Business as usual.

Treasurer. The financial records for the year ending 31 December 2022 have been reviewed and will be presented at the AGM.

Membership. On 1 March we had 71 full financial members with 10 still to renew their membership. Honorary members for 2023 will be

appointed at the AGM.

Welfare. Wendy Small is on the sick list.

Social. Events are as per the list on page 15 in the Bosun's Call.

Motion: The reports be received.

Moved: Stewart Gordon. Seconded: Darren Rush. Carried.

General Business:

1. Honorary Members – Appointments. In accordance with our Constitution honorary members are appointed at each Annual General Meeting. It is proposed that the following be re-appointed as Honorary Members :

Sir William Deane Patron, VADM M. Hammond RAN, CAPT J. Hutchison RAN, CAPT B. Geritsen RNZN, CMDR M. Collinson RNZN, CMDR M. Magzoub RN, Mr M. Anderson.

On notification of the naval representative at the embassy of the United States of America, he/she to be offered Honorary Membership

2. New Member. An application for membership by Peter Gillin has been processed and the necessary subscription fee paid. To complete the process acceptance of his application by members is necessary.

Motion: Peter Gillin's application for membership of the NAA be accepted.

Moved: Dennis Lyons. Seconded: Peter Cooke-Russell. Carried.

3. Nominations for National Positions.

David Manolas has indicated a willingness to continue as the National President of the Naval Association of Australia from the AGM in May 2023 to the AGM in 2026.

Motion: David Manolas be nominated as National President of the Naval Association of Australia

Moved: Peter Cooke-Russell Seconded: Alan Masters. Carried.

There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 1420.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, 6 April 2023 at 1330 at the Eastlake Football Club Gungahlin.

Dennis Lyons

Acting Secretary

NAA (ACT)

Subscription and Records Update 2023

Annual Subscription for 2023 **\$38.00** (Due now)

Surname.....

Given Names

Signature

Please complete the following details to bring our records up to date

Preferred Title.....Post Nominals.....

Home Address.....

Town/Suburb.....State/Territory.....

Post Code.....

Telephoner (H)

Fax

Email

Spouse/Partner Given Name

Note

When completed please return this form together with your payment to; The Membership Registrar, either at a General meeting or by post to

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

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 2023.



For those of you receiving it by email, the covering email will remind you.

Your membership is a vital part of the Naval Association

Regards

Peter Cooke-Russell
Membership Registrar

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS38 for 2023

Action to renew membership for 2023 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 2023 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 . .

2023

6 Apr	Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
20 Apr	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
4 May	Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
18 May	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
6 Jul	Christmas in July Lunch
3 Aug	Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
17 Aug	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
7 Sep	Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
21 Sep	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
5 Oct	Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
19 Oct	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
2 Nov	Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
16 Nov	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
7 Dec	Christmas Lunch

Social Secretary
Joe Slaats

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

The appropriate prior approval request form can be found at: <https://www.dva.gov.au/providers/servicesrequiring-prior-approval>

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

For information about claims for payment visit: www.dva.gov.au/providers/how-claim



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A Happy Birthday to you
April 2023

Alaric O'Neill



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