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The catafalque party dismounts at the completion of a commemoration ceremony in Geraldton WA on 19 November 2021 to mark the 80th anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Sydney II Picture: RAN

When HMAS Sydney failed to return to Fremantle a major search for the ship began; but only a single Carley Float (on display in the Australian War Memorial) and an inflated RAN lifejacket were found.

Several months later on 6 February 1942 another badly damaged Carley Float containing the body of a naval rating wearing blue overalls was washed up on Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean. The body was recovered, and with no means of identifying the individual his remains were buried in an unmarked grave in the European cemetery there.

In 2006 the remains of the unknown sailor were exhumed by a specialist ADF team. The remains were carefully examined and biometric data and DNA



samples were recorded before the sailor was reinterred, with full Naval Honours, in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in Geraldton, Western Australia - the closest war cemetery to where Sydney was lost.

In the years since 2006 a committed team of researchers continued working hard to identify the unknown sailor, and in 2021 DNA testing was to reveal his identity beyond doubt.

On 19 November 2021, at a special ceremony held at the Australian War Memorial marking the 80th anniversary of Sydney's sinking, the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mike Noonan, AO, RAN, announced that it was Able Seaman Thomas Welsby Clark who had finally completed his long voyage home.

Events coming up

27 Nov	Last Post Ceremony AB Donald Menhenick & 80th Anniversary Loss of HMAS Parramatta
2 Dec	Christmas Lunch Eastlake Football Club Gungahlin 1200
16 Dec	Fish 'n Chips Snapper takeaway Canberra Yacht Club 1200



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General Meetings Dates and Locations Programme

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

2022

3 Feb	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
3 Mar	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
3 Mar	AGM on Completion of General Meeting	
7 Apr	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
5 May	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
2 Jun	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
4 Aug	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330

Committee meeting
Eastlakes Gungahlin
1130 Thursday 3 February
2022

President's message

G'day Members,

WELL DONE – ONE AND ALL!

As we see the end to this challenging year draw closer, we can reflect with pride on our 2021 activities and achievements. From a national perspective, we can be particularly proud of the manner in which the NAA has maintained a meaningful presence in the lives of our members and, the wider veteran community.

As your National President, there have been very memorable opportunities to represent the NAA at a number of national commemorative events throughout the year. It is always an honour and a privilege to attend such events on your behalf and wherever possible, to advocate and promote the aims and ethos of our Association, which are so profoundly enshrined in '*naval fellowship*'!

We have seen and achieved a great deal through our Centenary Celebrations, which have recently culminated in the presentation of the NAA's very own Quick March, titled '*Once Navy, Always Navy*', composed by CPO Musician Martyn Hancock CSM RAN. This has been provided by the Navy as a gift to mark our Centenary. I commend to you all the U-Tube feature on the NAA Website where you can hear and see the recording being made.

I extend to you all my heartfelt appreciation for your ongoing friendship and support. I also wish to extend my appreciation to the members of the National Executive and the National Council, and commend them on their dedication and tireless efforts in providing for the ongoing functioning and progress of the Association. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and join with you and our loved-ones in hoping and praying that 2022 will bring with it '*a fair wind and a following sea*' for us all.

Thank you!

Yours aye,

David Manolas



Alignment of regulations across care and support sectors

Wednesday, November 17 2021

Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck

Minister for Senior Australians and Aged Care Services

Minister for Sport

Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC

Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Minister for Government Services

The Hon Andrew Gee MP

Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Minister for Defence Personnel

Work to align regulation across the aged care, disability and veterans' care sectors will significantly improve quality and safety for participants and consumers.

The Morrison Government is committed to improving protections for Australians living in residential aged care or receiving aged care services at home, those receiving veterans' in-home care and assistance, National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants, and those who receive other disability services.

The changes will make it easier for service providers and staff to work seamlessly across different types of care and support, providing greater choice of services for consumers.

A consultation paper, *Aligning regulation across aged care, disability support and veterans' care*, has been released today to inform the development of a roadmap towards better alignment.

Consumers and participants, their families and carers, workers and providers, and sector peak bodies are invited to have their say.

Similar services are provided across these sectors – approximately 36 per cent of aged care providers also operate in disability support or veterans' care – yet there are separate and overlapping regulatory requirements.

Better alignment of regulation will cut red tape and make it easier for service providers and workers to deliver the highest levels of care and support. This will be achieved while also ensuring appropriate protections for Australians receiving these services remain firmly in place.

Any regulatory changes will complement the Government's broader reform of the aged care system to ensure high quality, safe care services are delivered, that provide dignity and respect to our senior Australians.

The Government has already committed to align important aspects of regulation in the short term, such as the development of a single Code of Conduct for these sectors, and introducing consistent screening of workers. A roadmap will be developed

for medium to longer term regulatory alignment for consideration by Government.

The Department of Health, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission, and the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission are working together to deliver the care and support regulatory alignment reform program.

Workshops exploring regulatory alignment opportunities will be held from mid-November through to December 2021. Consultation includes opportunities to submit a written submission and/or participate in online surveys and focus groups.

For more information and to have your say as part of the consultation process, go to the [Consultation Hub](#).

More information about the alignment of regulation reform program and the consultation paper is available at the [Department of Health website](#).

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From the Department of Health website

Why your views matter

Among the key deliverables is the development of a Roadmap. For the development of the Roadmap, consultations with stakeholders from across the care and support sector will take a staged approach.

Stage 2 – Release of a consultation paper in November, consisting of an online survey, written submissions and workshops for all other stakeholders and the broader community

Stage 2 Consultation is now open

A [consultation paper](#), [supplement paper](#) and an [easy read version](#) have been released which forms the next stage of our consultation process. There are multiple ways you can participate:

- register to [participate in a workshop](#). Places are limited with registrations closing on 3 December 2021, or
- provide a written submission through either responding to a set of questions that are provided on the consultation hub or provide your own submission (no more than 1500 words). You have [until 17 December to provide input](#)
- Link: via https://healthau.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9YPn7rjltFsOsOW
- To request a hard copy please email us or contact us on 02-6289 3933.

Last Post Ceremony—AWM—80th Anniversary of loss of HMAS *Sydney II*



Above: NAA National and ACT President David Manolas lays wreath at right

Below: Dr Leigh Le-hane and husband Robert lay a wreath accompanied by CMDR Greg Swinden and John Perryman



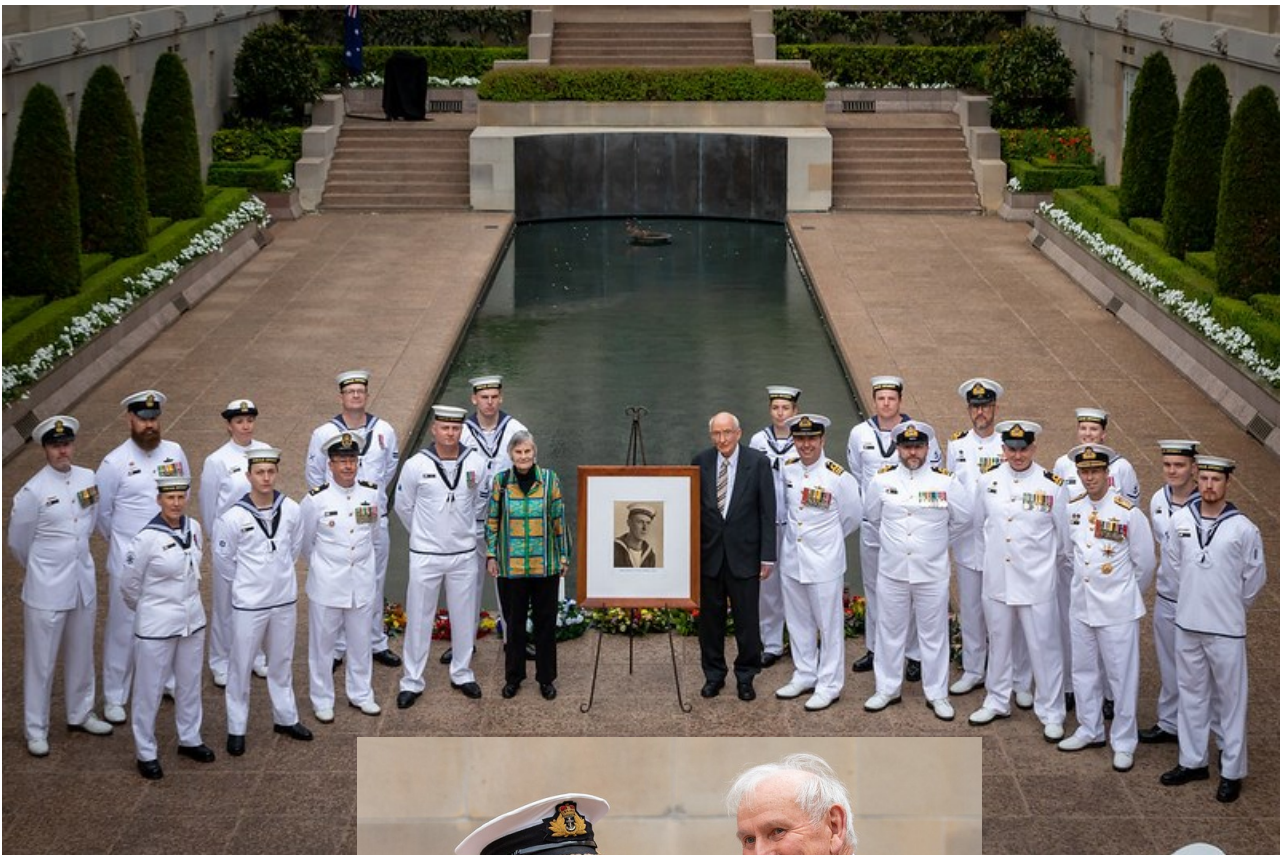
Above: Jim Quick lays wreath

Below: AB Thomas Clark's niece Dr Leigh and Mr Robert Le-hane's wreath card and they are photographed with at left Mr Matthew Anderson, Director Australian War Memorial and at right with Chief of Navy VADM Mike Noonan



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Photos

HMAS Sydney Ship's Company - old and current



Above: Members of HMAS Sydney V Ships Company with AB Thomas Clark's niece Dr Leigh Lehane and husband and the Chief of Navy VADM Mike Noonan



Left: Jim Quick, President HMAS Sydney Association ACT with CO HMAS Sydney V CMDR Andrew Hough



Past Ship's Company members of HMAS Sydney III and Mrs Jill Kelly

Exercise New Horizon



Indonesian navy ships KRI Gusti Ngurah Rai in KRI Malahayati's wake and HMAS Anzac sail in company during Exercise New Horizon. Photo: Leading Seaman Leo Baumgartner

HMAS *Anzac* trained with two Indonesian Navy ships this month during Exercise New Horizon, a key biennial maritime high-end warfare engagement.

The exercise was conducted in the waters off Surabaya, Indonesia, as the final international activity of Indo-Pacific Endeavour (IPE21).

Anzac's navigating officer Lieutenant Dean Ryan said New Horizon was a great opportunity to train with Indonesia.

"It allowed the bridge and operations room teams to practise various warfare and navigational exercises, all of which greatly improved our interoperability with our nearest partner nation," Lieutenant Ryan said. "This exercise has been one of the highlights of 2021 for me professionally."

New Horizon focused on building anti-surface warfare skills and increasing interoperability between the two navies.

Anzac joined the Indonesian Navy Ships KRI *Gusti Ngurah Rai* and KRI *Malahayati* in officer-of-the-watch manoeuvres, helicopter operations, tactical manoeuvring and anti-surface warfare serials.

A highlight was the surface gunnery practice, where the three ships formed a surface action group and simultaneously engaged a target with their main guns.

In boarding serials, the ships were unable to undertake actual boarding because of COVID-19 restrictions, however, each unit was able to observe the other and benefited from the practice.

"It was such a great opportunity to work with the Indonesian Navy, and their small boat driving skills were impressive," Lieutenant Ryan said.

The exercise ended with a sail-past at close quarters and an exchange of ceremonial piping before *Anzac* commenced her journey through the Lombok Strait on her way home. (*Ships' companies can be seen lining the upper deck*)

Commander IPE21 Commodore Mal Wise said the activity was a fitting end to the IPE deployment, which included several virtual engagements between Australian and Indonesian officials.

"New Horizon provided *Anzac's* ship's company an opportunity to build practical naval cooperation with one of Australia's most trusted security partners, and helped solidify our commitment to work together in promoting peace and stability in our region," Commodore Wise said.

Editor's note

The photograph above was taken during the sail past reported above and reminds me of my days of OOW manoeuvres when a sail past was initiated by the order to execute Formation Foxtrot Port/Starboard,

Extract from MTP 1(D), Vol. II

FORM F PORT/STBD . . . REVERSE THE ORDER OF SHIPS IN COLUMN in succession from the rear. Ships are to sheer out on the side indicated. One or two numerals may be added to indicate speed of all ships except the rear ship. The rear ship automatically becomes the Guide and increases speed to one knot less than stationing speed, passing the ships ahead of her on the side indicated. Other ships reduce speed to seven knots or as indicated. At the appropriate time, each ship in succession from the rear is to increase speed and take station in the wake of the ship which was previously next astern to her

HMAS *Stirling* extensions

The base provides services such as ship repairs, logistics, research facilities and training. More than 70 other units and functions are based at the island, including the Submarine Training and Systems Centre, a helicopter support facility, Defence Communications Station – Perth and Joint Logistic Units – West.

Navy's second and final Supply-class Auxiliary Oiler Replenishment ship HMAS *Stalwart* will replace HMAS *Sirius* at Garden Island. The first Arafura-class offshore patrol vessel, HMAS *Arafura*, will also call the base home, along with Navy's new Hunter-class frigates.

The works to support these new ships have begun, including a 156m extension to the existing armaments wharf to support the loading of explosive ordnance on to ships. It is due for completion midway through this year.

New accommodation, logistics, maintenance and training facilities are also being built to support the Arafura-class vessels.

Works to support the Hunter-class frigates should start in the middle of the decade, comprising upgrades and extensions to existing wharves and structures, along with additional accommodation and training facilities.

"From an environmental perspective, I am also pleased to say that all our development plans will be focused on the already built environment as we fill in work space," Captain Ainsley Morthorpe (CO *Stirling*) said.

"This will allow Defence and Navy to not only develop a modern and exciting 21st century naval base, but also protect the stunning natural environment which is a jewel of Cockburn Sound, of which I am constantly amazed and proud to be a steward of. While I am unlikely to personally enjoy the combined benefits of the final outcome, it will be a dynamic, inspiring and modern workplace for someone like my daughter, who is also in the Navy, to serve in."



HMAS Stirling and Fleet Base West in Western Australia. Photo: CPOIS Damian Pawlenko

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Sea Time



(l-r) USS Lake Champlain, HMAS Sirius and USS Stockdale conducts a replenishment at sea during Exercise Malabar, in the Indian Ocean. Photo LSIS Ernesto Sanchez

Australia has joined key partners India, Japan, the United States and the United Kingdom for the Maritime Partnership Exercise in the Indo-Pacific



HMAS Canberra under the Milky Way while sailing back to Australian waters after the successful completion of Indo-Pacific Endeavour 21. Photo POIS Christopher Szumlanski

Indo-Pacific Endeavour 21 (IPE21) is Australia's flagship regional engagement activity, reinforcing Australia's strong and enduring partnerships in Southeast Asia. Centred on a maritime task group, IPE21 involves HMA Ships Canberra and Anzac

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

Meeting started at 1345 with the Odes recited by Peter Cooke-Russell

Present: 10 members as per attendance book.

Apologies: D. Manolas, Joe Slaats, John Small, Kate Reid-Smith, M. Hardwick, Frank Reid

Minute of Last Meeting. The minutes of the general meeting on 5 August 2021 appeared in the September 2021 edition of the Bosun's Call. It was considered there was no outstanding business from that meeting.

Motion: The minutes of the General Meeting held on 5 August 2021 be accepted.

Moved: Peter Cooke-Russell. Seconded: Graeme Quinn. Carried.

Reports.

President. The President due to his absence provided notes for his report. The notes covered:

- DVA matters (see BC)
- Thanks to Peter Cooke-Russell for his continued good work in producing the BC,
- Thanks to Alan Masters for initiating the Mystery Shipmate cryptic pen picture,
- Notice of the Musical Salute Quick M "Once Navy, Always Navy", composed by CPOMUSN Martyn Hancock, CSM to mark the Centenary of the NAA.

Vice President. Advised of his coming attendance

with President at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the AWM.

Secretary. Business as usual.

Treasurer. Financial records remain in a healthy state, there being little activity in the last month.

Membership. Membership renewals slowly continue bringing the full membership to 63.

Welfare. Shipmate Frank Reid had a nasty fall needing hospitalisation. He is not sailing smoothly. No other reports.

Social. The venue for the Christmas lunch will be Eastlakes Gungahlin Club. Fish'nChips has resumed at the Canberra Yacht Club.

General Business:

Glen McNamara made his initial appearance at the lunch and was warmly welcomed by those present.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 3 February 2022 at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club starting at 1330 following lunch starting at 1200.

Meeting closed at 1405.

Alan Masters

Secretary / Treasurer

NAA (ACT)

Notes from Committee Meeting 4 November 2021 Held at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club

Present: Alan Masters, Peter Cooke-Russell, Alex McGown, Dennis Lyons,

Apologies: David Manolas, Joe Slaats, John Small, Kate Reid-Smith

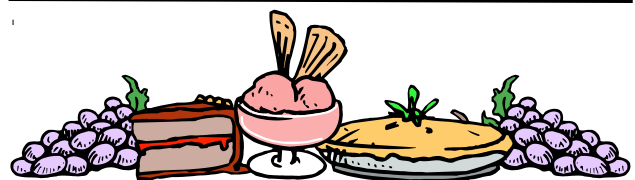
Matters discussed are included in the General meeting minutes.

Next meeting. Next meeting will be on 3 February 2022 starting at **1100** at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club.

Alan Masters

Secretary

NAA (ACT)



Christmas Lunch

As stated above the Venue has been changed to the

Eastlake Football Club

51 Hinder Street
Gungahlin

Commencing at 1200



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Nomination Form

2022 Committee Elections

Position

Nominee

Proposer: Name (Block Letters)

Signature

Second: Name (Block Letters)

Signature.....

Date:.....

Endorsement by Nominee

Nominations are to be delivered to

The Secretary, s
NAA ACT Section

not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting to take place; ie by 1.30 pm Thursday 24 February 2022

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS38 for 2022

Action to renew membership for 2022 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.

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Social Program

Fish 'n Chips is on the program, Snapper has reopened . .

2 Dec Christmas /New Year Lunch
Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club 1200
 16 Dec Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200

2022

20 Jan Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
 17 Feb Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
 17 Mar Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
 21 Apr Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
 19 May Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
 16 Jun Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
1 Jul Mid winter Christmas Lunch
 21 Jul Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
 18 Aug Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
 15 Sep Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
 20 Oct Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
 17 Nov Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
1 Dec Christmas Lunch

Bev Joce

Social Secretary

DVA CONTACTS

Information on health services may be obtained from DVA. The contact numbers for health care providers requiring further information or prior financial authorisation for all States & Territories are listed below:

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Health Approvals & Home Care Section department of Veterans' Affairs

GPO Box 9998

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DVA WEBSITE:

<http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/allied-healthprofessionals>

DVA email for prior financial authorisation:
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A Happy Birthday to you
December 2021 and January 2022

13 Dec	Mike Noonan
10 Jan	James Sandison
15 Jan	Jace Hutchison
16 Jan	David Manolas
20 Jan	Merle Hare (101)
30 Jan	Keith Smith

CHRISTMAS LUNCH
2 DECEMBER 2021
COMMENCING 1200

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