



The Bosun's Call



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A Merry Christmas lunch was enjoyed by all at the Gungahlin Eastlake Football Club. Santa Claus, aided by Mrs Mary Claus delivered and distributed the raffle prizes (centre photo) and they were support by Elfs Alex and Tiger (top left). The tables were set by Mrs Claus and Elfs Bev and Susie.

Photos by Elf Susie

Events coming up

- 22 Jan Last Post Ceremony AWM Ord Sea Neil G Penglase HMAS *Patricia Cam*
- 2 Feb ACT Section Annual General Meeting
- 28 Feb Last Post Ceremony AWM CERA John J Madge HMAS Perth
- 2 Mar Last Post ceremony AWM 80th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bismarck Sea



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**General Meetings
Dates and Locations
Programme**

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

2023

2 Feb	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
2 Mar	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
	AGM on completion of GM	
6 Apr	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
4 May	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
1 Jun	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,

Welcome back! On behalf of the Section Committee I extend our best wishes to you all for the New Year. Hopefully we will see you at the February NAA ACT Section meeting at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on Thursday 02 February 2023, commencing at 1200.

The Committee meeting will get underway at 1100 and then we shall join you all for lunch, followed by our first Section meeting for the year. At this meeting we will be seeking nominations for all positions within the Committee, with the voting process to take place at our March meeting. I encourage all who wish to continue participating in the workings of the Section Committee and those who would wish to join in these endeavours, to submit an application form. Every member of the existing committee is standing by to answer any questions so as to allay any concerns as to the workings and obligations involved in being a committee member, please don't hesitate to come forward should you be interested and able to participate.

I am hopeful we will have several new members joining us at this meeting and will be delighted to join you in welcoming them on the day!

Yours aye,

David Manolas
President
NAA ACT Section

**Committee meeting
Eastlakes Gungahlin
1100 Thursday 2 February**

Message from the DVA Secretary

16 December 2022

After the Christmas break I will be concluding my tenure as the Secretary of the Department, President of the Repatriation Commission and Chair of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission, and a new Secretary will take the reins. It has been a privilege and an honour to serve in this role.

It is time for me to start a new chapter of my life, and, as you can imagine I have spent quite a bit of time reflecting on my time at DVA.

While there is much to celebrate, I also recognise that the increased demand on our compensation and other services has led to unacceptable delays. I personally apologise to veterans and their families who have been affected by this. I have also been thinking of the important work of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide. I take this opportunity to recognise the families and friends who have lost a loved one to suicide. You have always been in my thoughts, and will continue to be. I am sorry for your loss.

To those serving and those who have served, thank you for your service. I am very privileged to have served alongside you and to have worked with many more of you since I joined DVA. The Defence and veteran communities are integral to both the history and future of our nation. I am honoured to have led this department and contributed in some way to ensuring there is support for those who have served our country, and the families who support them. We must continue to commemorate the men and women who volunteer to serve, the families who support them in this service and those who make the ultimate sacrifice to protect our democracy, values and freedoms.

I am proud to have been part of a significant chapter in DVA's history, where we have expanded the services available to veterans and families and improved the ease of access for veterans to gain assistance and support. I am particularly proud of the expansion of the mental health services and support that we now offer to veterans and families and our shift in focus to not just treatment but the over-



all wellbeing of veterans throughout their lives. We have a much simpler, streamlined digital process for veterans to register with us, and our work with Defence is continuing to make it easier for us to know veterans before and during their transition. I am also proud of our increased focus on veterans' families.

It is the wonderful staff at DVA who have made these achievements possible. They are some of the most dedicated, capable and caring individuals I have ever had the privilege to work with. Every day I receive messages from members of the veteran community, thanking individual staff for the difference they have made. So many of our staff have personal connections to the veteran and defence communities and it shows in their drive and commitment to support and assist veterans and families as best as they possibly can. I take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their ongoing support throughout my time as Secretary and for their resilience and kindness, particularly through the last few challenging years with the pandemic having such an impact on the way we work.

The support I have received from the veteran community and wonderful DVA staff has kept me inspired and motivated throughout my tenure, and I am very grateful this. My focus has been on making a difference to the lives of veterans and their families and I can promise you that I will continue to advocate for the care and acknowledgement you all deserve, well beyond my time in this role.

I step down from this role with a heart filled with gratitude and hope for the future. I wish you a Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2023. Thank you.

Ms Elizabeth Cosson AM CSC



The new Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs will be Ms Alison Frame (left) whose five-year appointment will commence on 23 January 2023.

Photos: DVA

MEDIA RELEASE

Providing more options for older Australians and eligible Veterans to work more in time for Christmas

Thursday 1 December 2022

From today, pensioners over Age Pension age and eligible Veterans will be able to earn more income from working without reducing their pension, just in time to take advantage of seasonal jobs.

Eligible Australians would have the opportunity to engage in the workforce if they chose to do so at a time of workforce shortages without losing any of their income support payments. They will immediately be able to earn an additional \$4000 before their Government payments are reduced. The maximum Work Bonus income bank will be lifted from \$7800 to \$11,800 for anyone over age pension age on an income support payment.

Minister for Social Services Amanda Rishworth said it would provide more flexibility to those who wanted to take up extra work. "We know pensioners do want some flexibility. A lot of pensioners don't want to work all year or they don't want to work at all, but for some that do want to work they want to do so in seasonal jobs," Minister Rishworth said.

"Employers are calling out for experienced workers, particularly in the health and childcare sectors, so it makes sense to offer incentives to older Australians to encourage them back to the workforce and share their skills. "Importantly, this immediate income bank credit offers flexibility to work for short periods and there will be plenty of short-term seasonal jobs coming up over the Christmas and summer period."

Minister for Government Services Bill Shorten encouraged people who are on limited, fixed incomes

The Hon Amanda Rishworth MP

Minister for Social Services

The Hon Bill Shorten MP

Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Minister for Government Services

The Hon Matt Keogh MP

Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Minister for Defence Personnel

and feeling cost of living pressures to check whether they have work credits. These credits act as a buffer to help encourage people to take on ad hoc work, without their Income Support Payment taking a hit," Minister Shorten said.

"The festive season is a great time to pick up part-time or casual work, and Working Credit, Income Bank and Work Bonus all help Australians stay engaged in the workforce while getting some extra support." Each payment has different rules, but it's simple to check online if you have credits available that might offset any reduction in your payment from casual work. Just access your Centrelink account via myGov."

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Keogh said the opportunity to work more will support veterans after their service. The ability to undertake meaningful work has been shown to benefit veterans' mental health and wellbeing following their military service," Minister Keogh said. "Veterans bring to the civilian workplace so many great skills gained in the ADF, this will ensure our community continues to benefit from those."

Pensioners will also not have to reapply for payments for up to two years if their employment income exceeds the income limit.

Currently their connection to social security is cancelled after 12 weeks of exceeding the income limit.

As a result, pensioners will also retain access to their Pensioner Concession Card and associated benefits for two years.

Am I eligible?

The changes will affect people over the Age Pension age who get one of the following:

- Age Pension
- Disability Support Pension
- Carer Payment
- equivalent Veterans Entitlement Act Pension

Those applying for the Work Bonus must also pass the [Age Pension assets test](#) which can be done online, and they must also have reached the [eligibility age](#) and satisfy [Australian residency rules](#).

How can I get the work bonus?

The changes to the Work Bonus balance will automatically come into effect as of December 1.

This means from this date the threshold will increase, and pensioners will be able to earn more without losing out on their pension.

The changes will automatically apply to pensioners and veterans, however, to check you're eligible you must pass the [Age Pension assets test](#) online.

The maximum Work Bonus balance will increase from \$7800 to \$11,800.

The changes are expected to remain in place until December 31, 2023.

The Work Bonus concession of \$300 per fortnight is expected to remain unchanged

Douglas Maurice Blake AM

25 October 1925

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21 December 2022

R I P

Doug crossed the bar having been a member of the Ex Navalmens Association and the Naval Association of Australia for over 73 years. He joined the Association on 8 June 1949 having served in the RAN from 20 November 1942 as an Ordinary Seaman II Coder. He was selected for training in the Officers Training School, Flinders Naval Depot in February 1943, promoted to Midshipman RANR on 11 October 1943 joining HMAS Cowra on 20 December 1943.

Promoted to Acting Sub Lieutenant on 25 April 1945, he was then appointed to HMAS Madang as a part of the Naval Beach Unit. He was discharged from the RAN on compassionate grounds on 11 October 1945.

Prior to joining the RAN he was a clerk in Sydney and he took up this work in the Attorney General's Department and other departments in the Commonwealth Public Service on leaving the Navy, initially living in Gorman House Braddon ACT. He married Patricia Fox on 6 May 1950 and was appointed to the Department of the House of Representatives in September 1950 as Accounts Clerk. He progressed through the Department's ranks to Serjeant-at-Arms and Clerk of Committees in February 1958 winding up as Clerk of the House in July 1982. He spent three months on exchange to the House of Commons, London in 1972. In 1986 he was awarded membership of the Order of Australia (AM) for his work in Parliament House.

On 16 January 1950 he was appointed Acting Sub Lieutenant in the RANVR and was confirmed as Sub Lieutenant on 30 July 1950. During his time in the RANVR he was a member of the Sydney Port Division and carried out training periods in HMA Ships *Culgoa*, *Murchison*, *Koala* (where he was awarded his Bridge Watchkeeping Certificate),

Vengeance, *Gladstone*, *Warramunga*, *Quiberon*, *Penguin*, *Cerberus*, *Melbourne*, *Derwent*, *Parramatta*, *Anzac* and *Waterhen*. Promoted to Commander RANVR on 31 December 1968, he then served a period on the Fleet Staff in HMAS *Melbourne*. He was transferred to the RANR in July 1973 and awarded the Volunteer Reserve Decoration (VRD).

A very active member of the Association, he was elected the inaugural President of the ACT Section's North Canberra Sub-section. He also served as Vice President of the ACT Section and was elected ACT Section President in 1976. He was one of the three trustees of the ACT Section Charitable Fund until it was closed in 2018.

Doug was a very dedicated man giving support to the Roman Catholic Church activities in the Braddon area and particularly to the St Vincent de Paul Society during his retirement. He was also well known in his earlier years for involvement with rugby union. He played First Grade for the Canberra Royals and was a member of ACT representative teams. He served as a referee in more than 200 First Grade games including nine grand finals and international contests with the All Blacks, Springboks, the British Lions and Fijians.

Doug's support for the Naval Association in its early years in the ACT is very much appreciated and we have lost a member who was probably at this point in time the longest serving member of the Association.

May he Rest in Peace.

Bravo Zulu

Biographical Dictionary of the House of Representatives; Kay Walsh 2021



Fleet Command Handover



Rear Admiral Jonathan Earley, CSC, RAN (left) hands over the weight of command of His Majesty's Australian Fleet in the form of a nautical telescope to Rear Admiral Chris Smith, CSM, RAN during a ceremony at Fleet Headquarters, HMAS Kuttabul, Sydney.

Photo: LSIS Matthew Lyall

The occasion marked the end of a short but significant tenure for Rear Admiral Earley, who took the helm in June 2022 on promotion from Deputy Fleet Commander.

Rear Admiral Earley said the privilege of Fleet Command had been a career highlight.

"Our service men and women have been resolute in their support to the most vulnerable members of our community through flood emergencies and assistance to the aged-care sector," Rear Admiral Earley said.

"Furthermore, we have embarked on some of the most comprehensive regional engagement activities our Navy has ever seen, investigating new and sophisticated ways in which to work together with security partners and deepening cooperation in the Indo-Pacific."

In September, the fleet hosted the largest iteration of Exercise Kakadu off the coast of Northern Australia, involving 15 warships and 34 aircraft from 22 nations.

The Navy also conducted its flagship regional engagement activity, Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2022, in which five ships and 1800 personnel visited 14 countries.

The fleet also participated in a number of regional presence deployments, including Exercises Rim of the Pacific, Malabar and Keen Sword, and fleet

units were embedded in the USS *Ronald Reagan* carrier strike group.

"I am proud of the commitment our people have shown in helping those affected by floods, while also maintaining Navy's high-tempo operations," Rear Admiral Earley said.

"Thank you for your efforts in protecting Australia's security and prosperity through your diligent and professional conduct with our regional partners.

"My congratulations to Rear Admiral Smith for his appointment to Commander Australian Fleet. I am confident I leave the fleet in good hands."

"You came into the role at a challenging time for the nation and the Navy, and you led the fleet with a calm and steady hand," Rear Admiral Smith said.

"Our fleet is undergoing its biggest evolution since World War 2," he said.

"I am looking forward to continuing the work of optimising the fleet and bringing new capabilities online."

Rear Admiral Smith assumes command of His Majesty's Australian Fleet, having served as Deputy Chief of Navy. Rear Admiral Earley will assume the role of Deputy Chief of Navy.

By Meg Van Lohuizen

A tenure of passion and commitment

16 December 2022

Originally from Lilydale in Victoria, WO-N Butterworth joined the Navy in 1989.

"I have often said I'm the "accidental WO-N". I feel so privileged to have been able to represent people across all ranks regarding the things that can make a difference to them," WO-N Butterworth said.

WO-N Butterworth assumed duties as the ninth and first female appointed to the position in 2019, and soon after, the Navy was faced with significant increased demands across domestic operations.

"The Navy had to pivot pretty quickly in a time where our nation needed us at home on a number of fronts with COVID-19 Assist, Aged Care Assist, Tonga Assist and Flood Assist," she said.

"I'm so proud of what was achieved while maintaining our core business of regional deployments and border protection as well.

"The people I have served and served alongside are my primary motivation. It's been an honour to represent their issues and ideas as part of the leadership team."

Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Mark Hammond said WO-N Butterworth fulfilled her responsibilities to the highest level.

"During a period change and increased tempo for the Navy, the voice of the WO-N was critical for our workforce," Vice Admiral Hammond said.

"The advice and support provided to my predecessor and our senior leadership team by WO-N Butterworth was invaluable as together we sailed uncharted waters.

"You have set the benchmark and I am proud to have served alongside you."



Warrant Officer of the Navy Deb Butterworth, centre, receives her promotion to commander from the Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Mark Hammond, right, accompanied by her partner Tracy. Photos: Petty Officer Bradley Darvill

One of the most unique duties WO-N Butterworth undertook was representing Australia as the most senior non-commissioned officer for Operation London Bridge, following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, in a ceremony not performed for 70 years.

"It was the most humbling honour to be involved in the Queen's funeral procession along with so many mourners gathered ten deep lining the streets in complete respectable silence – a surreal experience," WO-N Butterworth said.

After 33 years in Navy, WO-N Butterworth has been promoted to commander and will continue to serve Navy.

WO-N Butterworth has a history of outstanding service, recognised by a Conspicuous Service Medal in 1996 in recognition of her service in HMAS *Newcastle* during Operation Catalyst in the Middle East.

She was awarded an Order of Australia Medal in 2012 and a bar to her Conspicuous Service Medal in 2014, for her time on HMAS *Success* in the Middle East again and in the search for Malaysian Airline Flight 370 in the Southern Ocean.

By Sub-Lieutenant Tahlia Merigan



Warrant Officer of the Navy (WO-N) Deb Butterworth has formally handed over to Warrant Officer Andrew Bertoncin during a ceremony held at Russell Offices in Canberra.

Letters to the Editor

18 November 2022

Good afternoon Peter

Last week I accompanied a veteran at a face to face meeting with the Royal Commissioner, Nick Kaldas APM. The meeting lasted for about an hour

Under the terms and conditions of the Royal Commission the meeting is confidential and will only be publicly accessible after 99 years. So I cannot go into details of the discussion.

Nevertheless, the meeting was very informal and Commissioner Kaldas showed great interest and compassion in what the veteran had to say.

The veteran was not cross examined or made to feel uncomfortable in any way. It was left to the veteran to explain the injuries received, the treatment from Defence, dealings with DVA, transition from service to civilian life and provide any comments that may help veterans in the future.

Commissioner Kaldas only asked a few questions to clear up ambiguities.

If anyone believes they would like to make a contribution to the Royal Commission, written submissions will be received until October 2023.

It is important that veterans' voices be heard and the Royal Commission is the best vehicle for this. You may find reliving memories is painful but can also be cathartic.

The Royal Commission cannot remedy past wrongs but it can make strong recommendations to ensure the treat-

ment of veterans and their families remains a high priority for government.

The Royal Commission released an interim report on 11 August 2022 containing thirteen recommendations. On 26 September 2022 the government had accepted ten of those recommendations. One of the recommendations agreed was the increase in staff in DVA to ensure faster turn around times for veteran claims.

Anyone interested should check the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide website on defenceveteransuicide.royalcommission.gov.au for further information.

Submissions can be made anonymously if the veteran wishes. If anyone needs assistance in drafting or submitting their story to the Royal Commission, I am happy to assist.

Regards

Allan

MV Jeparit Report Of Proceedings.

In March 1967, when members of the Seaman's Union refused to man Jeparit and Boonaroo, the Australian Government took immediate action to have the RAN temporarily commission Boonaroo with a full naval crew for one return voyage from Australia to Can Ranh Bay Vietnam. In the case of Jeparit, those crew members prepared to serve in the ship were supplemented by a RAN detachment. Jeparit made 21 voyages under the Red Ensign with a combined Merchant Navy/RAN crew.

Further industrial action in December 1969 prompted the Government to commission Jeparit as HMAS Jeparit. As HMAS Jeparit she made a further 17 incident free voyages under the Australian White Ensign.

Between 1965 and 1972 Jeparit transported 175,000 deadweight tons of cargo from Australia to Vietnam.



F.R.D. Shugg
Hane
08 12 22

Hi Peter

Further to our conversation
herewith McCracken's ROL and my
Annual Subscription.

Keep up the good work
and have a Merry Christmas and a
safe New Year

Hope we can meet
up sometime - time will tell.

Yours Aye
Frank

MV Jeparit—Report of Proceedings June 1968

Flag Officer in Charge,
EAST AUSTRALIAN AREA.

M.V. JEPARIT,
SYDNEY.
15th. June 1968.

Copy to:- The Secretary, Australian Commonwealth Naval Board.(2)
The Captain, H.M.A.S. KUTTABUL.

REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - M.V. JEPARIT - NAVY VOYAGE No.10.
Period Covered:- 1st. May 1968 to 15th. June 1968.

APPENDICES: 1. DIARY OF EVENTS.
2. HOURS WORKED/STEAMING DISTANCES.

GENERAL NARRATIVE.

The Master, the Mate and all of the crew,
Cooks, stewards, greasers, and engineers too,
Despite other differences, unanimously agree,
That Friday's a bad day, to put out to sea.

But aversion or not, 'twas on that day,
At 4P.M. May 10th., we left Walsh's Bay,
Bound for the Vietnam port of Vung Tau,
With as much mixed cargo, as holds would allow.

The route that was taken, was just as before,
The diary attached, will give the full score,
Sea was so gentle, the weather was hot,
With a fair wind behind, we arrived on the dot.

Unloading was faster, than it's ever been,
And five days later we left the scene.
Then a Singapore stop, for some shopping and fun,
Departing next day, on our homeward run.

Headwinds impeded us, most of the way,
Lengthening the voyage, by nearly a day,
Making 36 days, till we greeted with cheer,
The sight of 'Our Bridge', and the usual pier.

HEALTH.

Onboard we have treated, some minor infections,
By reading the Medical Manual's directions,
But, it tends to make the patients most nervous,
To find the last chapter, is the Burial Service.

MV Jeparit—Report of Proceedings June 1968

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RECREATION. SEA.

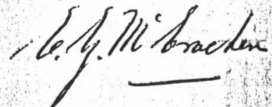
To fill in the evenings, Oh! Goodness knows,
How many dart games, and poor film shows,
Tombola nights, tournaments, all formed the main
Diversions indulged in, to keep us still sane.

VUNG TAU.

The Army at darts, gave our boys a good thrashing,
And to cap it right off, drank all our beer ration,
But strangely enough, we have no feeling of shame,
It's their party next trip, and we might do the same.

MORALE, DISCIPLINE.

On morale and discipline, there are no complaints,
The detachment as a whole, have been regular saints,
The trouble with this, it makes a monotonous life,
There are times when you long, for some trouble and strife.



C.G. McCracken.

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FOICEA response to MV Jeparit—Report of Proceedings June 1968

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IN REPLY
QUOTE No. N1/16/232OFFICE OF THE
FLAG OFFICER IN CHARGE,
EAST AUSTRALIA AREA,
GARDEN ISLAND, N.S.W. 2000Lieutenant C.G. McCracken RAN,
H.M.A.S. WATSON.REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS - M.V. JEPARIT - NAVY VOYAGE NO. 10.

Reference: R.I. Appendix 29A.

Enclosure: Your Poem (3 copies).

I have read your report,
Of cruise number ten,
How you sailed to Vietnam,
And then back again.

The Board though merry,
Are sometimes quite terse,
To receive such reports,
In poetry and verse.

So I needs must ask you,
To take up your pen,
And start - get McCracken!
To do it again.

A/REAR-ADMIRAL.

Four firsts for Navy's new rate

27 December 2022

Able Seaman William Scott is the first sailor to be recruited, employed, promoted and deployed, paving the way for other maritime logistics – general mariners (GM).

From Thursday to Saturday, Able Seaman Scott juggles his university studies with instructing gym classes.

When he steps off the fitness mat, he spends the remainder of the week as a GM.

The new rate currently has 32 personnel, all reservists who undertake a wide range of roles.

GMs were established in December 2021 after increased Defence support to crisis like COVID-19 stretched full-time ADF resources.

They have no training continuum beyond recruit training, making the role flexible.

Earlier this year Able Seaman Scott was an office manager for Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2022 at Fleet Base East, and later deployed to support maritime logistics in Singapore.

He said the rate would benefit those looking for flexible, part-time or full-time employment.

"It has incredible opportunities for deployments and exercises whilst generating strong connections with sailors and officers," he said.

Lieutenant Commander Lisa-Jo Laing, GM workgroup planner at Future Navy Workforce Branch, said the rate could be employed in various elements.

"You could be used at port services for wharf preparation, conduct transport activities, administrative duties, assist in security and checkpoint duties, ceremonial activities, and any general duties in



Able Seaman William Scott, centre, receives his promotion from Commodore Malcolm Wise, right, and Lieutenant Terri Jenkin at Fleet Headquarters, NSW.

Photo: Leading Seaman Sittichai Sakonpoonpol

support of ADF operations, humanitarian and natural disasters," Lieutenant Commander Laing said.

The main transfer method into the category is through the completion of the Gap Year.

If the sailor chooses not to sign on to permanent Navy, it is an automatic transfer to GM.

There is also an option to transfer to GM on the 50th day of recruit school, or if they are unsuccessful at category training.

Lieutenant Commander Laing said it was an opportunity to harness a capability that otherwise slipped through the cracks.

"A lot of GMs are university students, so they are out there continuing to develop their own education and improving their skill bases, which can only be advantageous if they choose to come back into the Defence Force on completion of study," Lieutenant Commander Laing said.

"The GM can earn over \$180 per day tax free."

By Corporal Melina Young



A100 reunion/welfare apartment

The A100 reunion/welfare apartment was created for the use of Living In Accommodation (LIA) Junior Sailors to utilise when they have visiting par-

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CPO Scott Clear, Senior Naval Manager North Strathfield and Homebush Living In Accommodation, conducts a tour of the of the newly opened A100 White Ensign apartment, North Strathfield, Sydney, with HMAS Kuttubul CO CAPT Victor Pillicic, CSC, RAN.

Photos: POIS James Whittle

Helping to keep watch over those in need

23 December 2022

Navy Health has donated \$72,500 to the Keeping Watch Fund.

Keeping Watch provides much needed grants to serving Royal Australian Navy members in times of unforeseen crisis and emergency.

Chief Executive Officer of Navy Health Mr Ron Wilson said Keeping Watch could only provide this support through the generous donations from Navy Health and contributions from Navy and ex-Navy members.

"The welfare of our serving men and women and their families is always paramount in our thinking and this donation is Navy Health's contribution to the invaluable work of Keeping Watch," Mr Wilson said.

Navy Health is a not-for-profit private health insurance company and is also a Members Health Fund Alliance, which means members are at the heart of everything they do.

Navy Health has contributed \$157,500 to Keeping Watch since 2014.

Keeping Watch Deputy Chair Commander Christina Ween said families who have received support are appreciative.

"Since Navy launched its charity Keeping Watch in 2013, 155 grants to the value of \$489,046 have been provided," Commander Ween said.

"This support has extended to families suffering trauma, life threatening illnesses, and struggling in the aftermath of unforeseen crisis."

Alongside the assistance from Navy and the traditional divisional system, financial grants are making a big difference for those struggling to support their families through difficult times.

Thanks to the fund, members affected by extreme circumstances can often continue their work – which contributes to capability. Without this, personnel might otherwise experience a very different outcome.

To help make a difference, consider a regular or one-off tax-deductible donation – it's quick and easy to set up. Just visit the Keeping Watch website.

Defence



(Right) CEO of Navy Health, Mr Ron Wilson, and (2nd from right) Director Navy Health, Commodore Michael Miko, AM, RAN present the Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Mark Hammond, AM, RAN, and the Warrant Officer of the Navy, Deb Butterworth, OAM, CSM, and Bar, with a donation to the charity Keeping Watch.

Photo Defence Image Gallery

A100 reunion/welfare apartment

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ents, NOK, partners or their guardians and for members who are in hospital and do not meet the requirements for defence funded accommodation for their visiting NOK, allowing their visiting family members to utilise the subsidised accommodation. Reducing costs that the families and members would normally pay when utilising private hotels/motels and travel costs.

Defence



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.....

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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

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Nomination Form

2023 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 23 February 2023

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

19 Jan	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
2 Feb	Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
16 Feb	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
2 Mar	Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
16 Mar	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
6 Apr	Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
20 Apr	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200

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
February 2023

John Crawley

Robert McDonnell

Frank Shugg

Dean da Costa

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