



The Bosun's Call



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King's Birthday Honours 2023

Member Order of Australia AM

Mr Russell William PETTIS, Melton, VIC

For significant service to veterans and their families. Naval Association of Australia

- National President, 2011-2017.
- Editor, White Ensign Magazine, since 2016.
- Former Secretary.
- Life Member, 2014.



Victoria Section,

Naval Association of Australia

- President, 2010-2011.
- Vice-President, 2008-2009, and 2017-2020.
- Council Delegate, 2000-2007.

Footscray Sub-section, Naval Association of Australia

- Secretary, since 2007.

- Welfare Officer, since 2007.

- Assistant Secretary, 1998.

- Member, since 1997.

Melton Sub-Branch, Returned and Services League of Australia

- Former President.
- Former Secretary.
- Former Committee Member.
- Foundation Member, 1985.

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority

- Former Board Member.
- Former Chair, Audit Committee.
- Former Member, Senior Secondary Curriculum and Assessment Committee.

Other

- Former Board Member, Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop Medical Research Foundation.
- Board Member, Operations Committee, Melton Country Club, current.

Awards and Recognition include:

- Various Service medals including the Reserve Forces Medal.



Medal Order of Australia OAM

Mr Raymond Thomas SANDFORD, Cleveland QLD

For service to veterans, and their families. Naval Association of Australia Queensland Section Inc

- Immediate Past President, since 2022.
- President, 2017-2022.
- Advocacy Officer, current.
- Instigated monthly commemorative services, South Brisbane Royal Australian Navy Memorial.
- Vice-President, Bayside Sub-section, 2015-2017.

Naval Association of Australia

- Queensland Delegate, since 2017.
- Queensland Delegate, Quarterly Forum, Department of Veterans Affairs, since 2017.
- Member, since 1999.

Ex-Service Welfare –Other

- Welfare Officer/Advocate, Redlands Sub-Branch, Returned and Services League of Australia, 2015-2017.

Rugby Union

- Former Player, Redland Golden Oldies and Navy Old Salts.
- Former Assistant Coach, Singapore National Team.

Endeavour Foundation

- Board Member, 1988.
- District President, two years.
- Former Chairman, Bundaberg Branch.

Australian Defence Force

- Member, Royal Australian Navy, 1969-1979.

Awards and Recognition include:

- A range of military medals including Australian Active Service Badge 1945-7

Events coming up

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| 27 June | Last Post Ceremony AWM AB Graham Bennie HMAS <i>Sydney II</i> |
| 28 Aug | Last Post Ceremony AWM Teleg George Bennie HMAS <i>Kuttabul</i> (Prince of Wales Hospital) |



Newsletter of the ACT Section of the
Naval Association of Australia

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**General Meetings
Dates and Locations
Programme**
2023

3 Aug	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
7 Sep	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
5 Oct	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
2 Nov	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330

2024

1 Feb	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
7 Mar	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.

**Committee meeting
Eastlakes Gungahlin
1100 Thursday 3 August 2023**

President's Message

Dear Shipmates,

May I share with you two recent encounters I have had with DVA, both of which had a POSITIVE outcome:

The First: Recently a fellow member of the NAA ACT Section had told me he had reached out to DVA to have a new medical condition added to his records. This was met with the receipt of a full pack of forms dealing with all the conditions presently on his record. The immediate impact 'was to suspect DVA were now reviewing all claims and the only rational explanation coming to mind was that DVA were now going to put all veterans through the process of having to justify their collective claims' when in fact, we learnt that wasn't the case at all. He was subsequently delighted to receive advice from the DVA Case Officer, that on noticing the accepted conditions had not been reviewed for a number of years, he had decided to offer the member the opportunity to review and update any or all of the claims where necessary'. We have taken this as a sign that there may be a new approach emerging within DVA in relation to the processing of claims.

The Second: I suspect I am one of only a very few Vietnam War Veterans who has experienced problems in applying on-line for the 50th Anniversary of the end of the war Commemorative Certificate and Medallion. On advising DVA of my inability to progress the on-line process to a successful outcome, I was afforded an opportunity to meet up with representatives of the team responsible for processing applications and authorizing the mail-out of these memorabilia items. This was to take place prior to my attendance at the last Committee Meeting prior to the Commemorative Service on 18th August 2023, here in Canberra. I was delighted to meet them and most appreciative of their time and effort in taking me through the on-line process in person and therein, the insight gained as to what takes place within DVA when processing these applications. The on-line program is one that DVA have sourced from an outside agency and whilst it was not clear what may have caused the problem I had encountered, what was so very evident was the eagerness within DVA to facilitate the processing of the applications and to take any phone call from a Veteran or Family Member experiencing problems with the on-line application process. If I may offer some advice in this matter, please do not hesitate to call them. I am delighted to have now received my Certificate and Medallion.

These outcomes and what they represent certainly accord with the cooperative working relationship we have with the Secretary and other members of the Department through the workings of the EX-Service Organisation Round-Table (ESORT).

Yours aye

David Manolas

President ACT Section

London service honours historic links



Rear Admiral Guy Griffiths AO DSO DSC RAN Rtd, right, presents the Royal Navy ensign to Commanding Officer HMS Prince of Wales Captain Richard Hewitt OBE RN.

9 June 2023

In a remarkable service in London, an Australian WW2 veteran presented a Royal Navy ensign to the captain of Britain's most powerful warship, aircraft carrier HMS *Prince of Wales*.

Overseeing the presentation, Australian Submarine Task Force's UK Liaison Officer Commodore Allison Norris said the link between Australia and the *Prince of Wales* was a personal one.

"The relationship goes back to World War 2, when retired Australian Rear Admiral Guy Griffiths was starting his career," she said.

Rear Admiral Griffiths' formidable career began as a Cadet Midshipman in 1937.

"I've seen a few scraps in my time," he said.

On promotion to Midshipman he joined the Royal Navy's battle cruiser HMS *Repulse* in March 1941. Shortly afterwards in May, both *Repulse* and the battleship HMS *Prince of Wales* were involved in the sinking of the German battleship *Bismarck*.

On 25 October 1941 *Prince of Wales* left home waters bound for Singapore, there to rendezvous with *Repulse* and the aircraft carrier HMS *Indomitable*.

In response to the Japanese attacks on Malaya and Pearl Harbor on 8 December both ships sailed from

Singapore to intercept Japanese troop convoys off the coast of Kota Baru as part of Force Z. Two days later, on 10 December 1941, *Repulse* and *Prince of Wales* were sunk by Japanese torpedo bombers in a harrowing encounter that cost many lives.

Rear Admiral Griffiths saw further action in World War 2 in HM Ships *Revenge* and *Vivian*, and HMAS *Shropshire*. He served in HMAS *Anzac* in the Korean war and in command of HMAS *Hobart* during the Vi-



From left to right: Captain Adrian Capner, Captain Richard Hewitt, Rear Admiral (Rtd) Guy Griffiths & Commodore Allison Norris.

etnam war. He commissioned HMAS *Parramatta* in 1964 as its Commanding Officer and commanded the aircraft carrier HMAS *Melbourne* from 1973 to 1975. He retired in 1979 after 43 years of service.

Ray Hyde became fascinated by the fates of *Repulse* and *Prince of Wales* and decided to make a documentary, culminating in planting a Royal Navy ensign on both ships in a dive on their wrecks.

The ensigns were blessed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the dive was approved after much wrangling because of sensitivities about the site. Unfortunately, poor weather allowed an ensign to be planted only on *Repulse*.

And so, on 1 June, Commodore Norris hosted Rear Admiral Griffiths in presenting the blessed ensign to the Commanding Officer HMS *Prince of Wales*, Captain Richard Hewitt.

"The ensign will take pride of place and serve as a constant reminder of the service that Australians made to the Royal Navy in WW2 and provide a lasting memory of our common bonds," Captain Hewitt said.

Edited copy of article by Lieutenant Charlie Marshall

HMS *Prince of Wales*



DVA - Annual increases to travel allowances

5 June 2023

Please be aware that travel allowances for transport, meals and accommodation under DVA's Travel for Treatment Program will increase on 1 July 2023 in line with the consumer price index.

How is the increase applied?

The increase applies to travel by private vehicle as well as accommodation and meal allowances for all eligible veterans, war widows and widowers (entitled persons) travelling for treatment purposes or disability and income support claims.

The increase also applies to the Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Act 2006 and the Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Act 2019.

What is the Transport for Treatment Program?

The intention of the Program is to assist with travelling expenses to the closest practical provider for an entitled person and their medically required attendant, not necessarily to reimburse the entire cost incurred. For further information on closest practical provider requirements and attendant travel, please visit the [DVA Website](#).

The Travel for Treatment Program is available to holders of:

- Veteran Gold Cards and Veteran White Cards (for specific conditions) eligible under the Veterans' Entitlements Act 1986 (VEA) are entitled to assistance towards travelling expenses when travelling to receive treatment for an accepted service-related condition or for treatment of a specific condition covered under Non-liability Health Care (NLHC).
- Veteran Gold Cards under the Australian Participants in British Nuclear Tests and British Commonwealth Occupation Force (Treatment) Act 2006 and the Treatment Benefits (Special Access) Act 2019 are entitled to assistance towards travelling expenses when attending approved treatment.

Where can I find more information?

For any queries about travel for treatment allowances, contact DVA on 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372). Further information is also available on [DVA's website](#).

New travel allowances are tabulated on Page 5

Navy rescues injured mariner

16 June 2023

HMAS *Sydney* personnel have conducted a medical evacuation of a civilian mariner from an oil tanker, hundreds of nautical miles off the West Australian coast.

The initial request for Navy Maritime Operations assistance came from the Rescue Coordination Centre Australia within the Australian Maritime Safety Authority.

With advanced on-board medical capabilities, speed and range, *Sydney* was promptly re-tasked from training exercises at sea and directed by Maritime Operations to render assistance.

Sydney proceeded at speed, travelling about 850nm (1600km) deep into the Southern Indian Ocean to assist the mariner, who had sustained a serious injury while working to rectify a mechanical defect on board the oil tanker MV *Energy River*.

The tanker was unable to transport him to a medical facility within an adequate time.

It took almost two days for *Sydney* to reach this remote area of the globe, at which point, a specialist team was inserted onto the vessel to assess, treat and transfer the patient.

"The medical evacuation team showed great professionalism in safely transporting the injured mariner from the oil tanker back to the ship

Although favourable conditions prevailed, evacuating an immobile patient in a stretcher off a merchant ship in the open ocean came with its challenges, and highlighted the skill and professionalism of *Sydney's* medical and seamanship teams.

Medical officer Lieutenant Jarrad Blackburn led the medical evacuation team, which provided much needed medical assistance to the injured mariner.

"The challenge of conducting medical treatment in the maritime environment, in an unknown vessel, before transferring to our ship, is what I joined the Navy to do," Lieutenant Blackburn said.

Leading Seaman Jarryd Parsons took on the important role of rigid-hulled inflatable boat coxswain, ensuring the safe transportation of the medical evacuation team and the injured mariner.

"It was a rewarding experience to be able to render assistance to a fellow mariner," he said.

"You never know what challenges you might face in the Navy, but it certainly provides opportunity for a story worth telling.

"From the ship's company of *Sydney*, we wish the mariner all the best in his recovery and hope he can return to sea again soon.

By Lieutenant Max Logan RAN

What are the new travel allowances?

New travel allowances from 1 July 2023

Type of allowance	Measure	New allowance from 1 July 2023	Travel with a medically required attendant †
Private vehicle	Per kilometre	41.8 cents	x1
Public, community or air transport	Actual fare	Actual fare	x2
Taxi transport	Actual fare	Actual fare	x1
Commercial accommodation non-capital city – single*	Per night	\$172.70	x2
Commercial accommodation capital city – single*	Per night	\$205.20	x2
Entitled person and medically required attendant – commercial accommodation – shared*	Per night	\$280.90	x1
Subsidised accommodation – single*	Per night	\$107.90	x2
Private accommodation*	Per night	\$53.80	x2
Meal allowance – more than 50 km but less than 200 km from entitled person's home to the treatment location	Per day	\$17.20	x2
Meal allowance – more than 200 km from entitled person's home to the treatment location	Per day	\$34.90	x2

* A meal allowance is not paid on a day where an accommodation allowance is paid, as a meal component is already built into the accommodation allowance.

† This column refers to the number of times an allowance is paid when an entitled person travels with a medically required attendant. For instance, if an entitled person shares a room with an attendant, only the allowance for one room is paid for (x1). If they each have a single room, the allowance for both rooms is paid for (x2).

Have your say: National Care and Support Economy Strategy 2023

8 June 2023

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet wants to hear from the veteran community about the draft National Care and Support Economy Strategy which aims to drive quality improvements across the care and support sectors, including veteran support.

The draft strategy identifies policy goals to deliver quality care and support, create safe and secure jobs that have decent wages and work conditions, as well as ensuring opportunities for career development, and develop solutions to ensure productivity and sustainability across the care and support system.

The care and support sectors are one of the fastest growing parts of the Australian economy.

This strategy is the start of a national conversation about Australians' vision for our care and support system.

Have your say on the draft strategy and help shape the future of Australia's care and support sector economy: <https://www.pmc.gov.au/domestic-policy/national-strategy-care-and-support-economy/have-your-say>

Consultation on the draft strategy is open until 11.59pm Monday
26 June 2023.

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Summary

The care and support economy—the provision of paid care and support—is one of the fastest growing parts of the Australian economy. There is enormous projected demand for care and support services across aged care, disability support, veterans' care and early childhood education and care (ECEC) sectors.

Australian Government spending in these sectors

is projected to rise from around \$60bn in 2021-22 to more than \$110bn by 2026-27.¹ But there's a challenge. Each of these sectors faces workforce shortages and other challenges that jeopardise access to these essential services.

Funding high-quality care and support provision is an investment in social infrastructure. It provides long-term benefits that go well beyond direct users of these paid services. Care and support services enable people with care and support needs (and their families and carers) to participate in the workforce and society.

The care and support economy has a two-fold impact on women's economic equality – women make up the majority of workers in these sectors, and are more likely to provide unpaid care when formal services are not available.

In recent years, reform of the care and support system has largely been reactive, driven by crisis and Royal Commissions. A more proactive approach will provide a better quality of life for Australians. It will also provide broad social benefits and drive economic prosperity by ensuring the sector provides high quality care, delivered by workers with decent jobs, and by unlocking productivity growth.

This **Strategy** is the start of a conversation about Australians' vision for our care and support system. It complements the substantial work already being undertaken in each of the aged care, disability support, veterans' care and ECEC sectors, by developing whole-of-system solutions.²

Harnessing opportunities in the care and support economy will require a long-term program of work. A **Roadmap** indicates the key pieces of work needed to reach the objectives outlined in these pages. The Roadmap is a live document that will be updated to reflect achievements and emerging priorities.

Sitting underneath this Strategy will be a series of **Action Plans** which will outline practical steps towards achieving the Strategy's objectives. Action Plans will be released iteratively, in collaboration with state and territory governments where appropriate.

When these sectors are referred to as a whole, they are referred to as a system of care and support.

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My apologies for the short notice of the above opportunity to consult with the PM&C Office, but the time frame of less than three weeks makes it very difficult to get the opportunity out to our membership for consultation to provide their thoughts on substantial and important issues.

Editor

81st Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea Commemoration Service



Right:

Vicki and Frank Munday, family of the Battle of the Coral Sea, veteran Mr Derek Holyoake (HMAS Hobart I), lay a wreath at the Battle of the Coral Sea commemoration service at the Australian-American memorial at Russell offices in Canberra on the 5th of May 2023. This was the 81st anniversary of the battle which took place from the 4th to 8th May 1942. Derek crossed the bar in February 2023

Photos: Kym Smith



Left:

Captain Kevin "Q" Quarderer, USN, U.S. Naval Attache, U.S. Embassy Canberra speaking at the Battle of the Coral Sea commemoration service.

81st Anniversary of the Defence of Sydney

Friday 2 June 2023 at 10.00am marks the 81st Anniversary of the Defence of Sydney Commemorative Service held by the Australia Remembers - Northern Beaches and North Shore Committee.

The Service honours those who served in the Defence of Sydney during World War II and is held at the Defence of Sydney Monument, North Head, Manly on the anniversary of the attack on Sydney Harbour by the Imperial Japanese Navy in May/June 1942



Above:

Deputy Fleet Commander, Commodore Raymond Leggatt, AM, CSC, RAN, makes an address at the 81st Anniversary of the Defence of Sydney Commemorative Service on the Memorial Lawn in North Fort, Manly.

Photos: LSIS Susan Mossop

Above;

Mr Toduka Shuichi, Consul-General for Japan pays his respects at the 81st Anniversary of the Defence of Sydney Commemorative Service

Right;

Looking across the Heads, the Australian National Flag is flown at half-mast during the 81st Anniversary of the Defence of Sydney Commemorative Service at the Memorial Lawn in North Fort, Manly.



Cairns Catalina memorial

The Catalina Memorial on the Esplanade was erected in 1976 to commemorate the 320 airmen from RAAF Squadrons 11, 20, 42 and 43 who failed to return while flying Catalinas in the South West Pacific campaigns during World War

Cairns was considered Australia's most important Catalina base during World War II, with around 30 "flying boats" called Catalinas and Martin Mariner aircraft based in the city, carrying out 3000 missions during their time here.

During the early critical months of the Pacific War, Catalina Flying Boats of 11 and 20 Squadrons played a significant part in slowing the initial Japanese advance. Operating from northern island bases as emergency bombers and reconnaissance aircraft, although deficient in speed, arms, and armour, they exerted an influence out of all proportion to their limited numbers. As these inexorably dwindled, and their bases were overrun or became untenable, the survivors withdrew to mainland Australia and - briefly licking their wounds - renewed the fight from the waters which this memorial overlooks.

Armed with bombs, depth-charges and mines, they reached out from here, in single flights, to the Solomons, New Britain, New Guinea, and the Netherlands East Indies ; and by stages, and in increasing strength, to the Palaus, the Philippines, Formosa and China.

The expert mine-laying capacity of Catalinas was highlighted by the role of the "Black Cats" — Catalinas painted matt-black, that undertook night-time precision mine-laying. Their crews were able to fly as low as a few metres above the water, laying mines within a ten metre radius of their target. Their missions played a major role in crippling the Japanese Navy.

In January 1942 the two Squadrons attacked Truk, the great Japanese naval base in the Carolines ; by June the enemy flood had reached the Solomons and the Catalinas were bombing Tulagi, the centre of the group. Three years later in May 1945, with the reinforcement of 42 and 43 Squadrons, they were mining the South China Coast and in July, as the test atom bomb exploded in New Mexico they were at full strength, mining the Banka Straits off Sumatra.

Chief of Air Force Air Marshal Robert Chipman was the guest of honour at a commemorative ceremony at the Catalina Memorial in Cairns on 11 June 2023 for the nine crewmembers of 43 Squadron Catalina A24-64 that went missing in 1944 which was reported missing on December 14, 1944, following a mission to mine Manila Harbour in the Philippines.



The Catalina Memorial was unveiled by His Excellency the Governor of Queensland, Air Marshall Sir Colin Hannah KCMG, KBE, CB, on 9 October 1976

Photo: Diane Watson

Subsequent searches of the area failed to find any evidence of the aircraft or determine the fate of the crew.

In 2015, the wreckage of an aircraft was reported in mountainous terrain on the northwest of Mindoro Island to the south of Manila.

In 2019, the Directorate of Historical Unrecovered War Casualties – Air Force, conducted a reconnaissance mission to the site in a joint ADF and Government of the Philippines operation. Additional wreckage was recovered; however, no human remains were identified at the site.

Our member Merle Hare, whose twin brother, Sergeant Donald Storrie, an Air Gunner, served in No 20 Squadron RAAF flying Catalinas.

Operating from Leyte Gulf in the Philippines, he was lost when laying mines off the coast of Formosa on the night of 7/8 March 1945. It is believed that the aircraft was most probably lost due to bad weather.

Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 4 May 2023

Meeting started at 1322 with the Odes recited by David Manolas. Members paid respect to Dean Da Costa who crossed the bar in May 2023.

Present: 12 members and one visitor as per attendance book.

Apologies: Mike Hardwick, P. Gillin, H. Beardsell, R. Horne, J. Small, K. Reid-Smith

Minute of Last Meeting.

The minutes of the General meeting on 4 May appeared in the June 2023 edition of the Bosun's Call

Motion: The minutes of the General Meeting held on 4 May 2023 be accepted.

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

Business arising from the Minutes.

Nil

Reports.

President. The President advised his General Meeting input would cover his activities.

Vice President. Volunteers are sought to lay the Section wreath at Last Post ceremonies. Names to the Secretary please.

Secretary. Business as usual.

Treasurer. Section funds remain in a healthy financial state.

Membership. Numbers remain static. CAPT Brendan O'Hara, has taken command of HMAS Canberra and is thus entitled to be offered Honorary Membership.

Motion: Honorary Membership be offered to CAPT Brendan O'Hara RAN.

Moved: Peter Cooke-Russell Seconded: Darren Rush . Carried.

Welfare. John Small continues to make progress with his recovery despite an eye problem. Harry Beardsell has recovered from his Covid attack.

Social. Instead of the usual monthly meetings there will be a Christmas in July luncheon. The

venue will be the Eastlake Club in Gungahlin, our usual meeting venue. Members are invited to wear Christmas attire if they so desire.

Motion: The reports be received.

Moved: Dennis Lyons Seconded: Glen McNamara. Carried.

General Business:

National Conference. This was held in the Tradies in Dickson on 17/18 May 2023. The President provided information on the AGM and conference outcomes which included:

- David Manolas was re-elected as National President.
- Wendy Lissing was elected Assistant Secretary.
- Membership fees to be increased to \$40 for full members.
- Formal adoption of Vision, Mission, and Objectives statements

Meeting Closed. There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 1345.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, 3 August 2023 at 1330 at the Eastlake Football Club Gungahlin.

Alan Masters
Secretary
NAA ACT Section

Notes from the Committee Meeting 4 May 2023

Present: David Manolas, Alex McGown, Peter Cooke-Russell, Dennis Lyons, Joe Slaats, Alan Masters, Alaric O'Neill.

Discussion focused on the upcoming agenda items for the General Meeting and a briefing of the outcomes from the National Conference and AGM..

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 3 August 2023 at 1100.

Alan Masters
Secretary
NAA (ACT)

Christmas in July Lunch



**Gungahlin
1200
6 July 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 . .

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| 1 Jun | Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200 |
| 15 Jun | Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200 |
| 6 Jul | Christmas in July Lunch
Hinder Street
Gungahlin |
| 20 Jul | Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200 |
| 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
July 2023

Richard Hobbs

Kiwi Rooks

Glen McNamara

Darren Rush



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