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International Rescue



Anzac's sailors in a small-boat operation.

Anzac was just hours from returning home after a 10-week deployment throughout South-East Asia and the north-east Indian Ocean when it answered the distress call and changed course back to sea to aid the rescue effort..

HMAS Anzac's embarked MH-60R helicopter on 15 May transferred one of the Indonesian fisherman to a Perth hospital for urgent care for a badly injured hand.

Anzac's doctor, Lieutenant Michael Dobson, said the fisherman who was airlifted to Perth had an infection that needed surgery. "These infections can get nasty rather quickly and surgery is needed to treat the wound. Without that, the infection will remain or get worse," Lieutenant Dobson said.

RAN and ABC News

On Friday 14 May HMAS Anzac supported the rescue of 20 Indonesian fishermen in the Indian Ocean, 670 nautical miles west of Perth which was co-ordinated by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA). The Perth AMSA Challenger jet had dropped life jackets to the group on Friday before Australian Defence Force (ADF) aircraft deployed life rafts to the vessel on 13 May.

The crew of the fishing vessel *Bandar Nelayan* were at first picked up by the Japanese commercial fishing vessel *Fukuseki Maru No. 15* following a mayday call that led to an international search effort that included Anzac. The Indonesian fishermen had been clinging to their partially submerged vessel for a day in rough seas when they were found.

A Japanese-speaking member of Anzac's ship's company was able to speak to *Fukuseki Maru No. 15* crew members to coordinate the transfer. All 20 fishermen were transferred to Anzac by



Events coming up

17 Jun	Coffee Time Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club 1100 . Stay for lunch if desired
20 Jun	Loss of HMAS MATAFELE AWM Last Post Ceremony wreath to be laid 31 KIA
1 Jul	Christmas in July Lunch Gungahlin Lake Golf 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:

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

Tables are normally booked for drinks and lunch in the host club from 1200 prior to the meeting.

If you need assistance getting to the meeting and/or functions, call Alan Masters on 6281 5630 who will try to organise transport for you.

President's Message

Shipmates,

In the past few weeks, I have attended a face-to-face (in lieu of a Zoom Session) Ex-Service Organisations Round-Table (ESORT) Meeting here in Canberra, wherein much was discussed in relation to the Terms of Reference for the Royal Commission into Veteran Suicides. Our National Secretary is presently collating responses from NAA Sections for forwarding it to DVA.

On Wednesday 12 May 2021, I provided an Oral Presentation to the Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal in support of the NAA Submission as to whether there ought to be a form of medallic recognition for death, wounding or injury. Whilst I cannot offer any assurance or informed insight as to how their deliberations are progressing, it was very clear the NAA submission had been fully appraised by the Tribunal Members. At the outset I provided some background as to how the NAA had reached the determination wherein we see the need to recognise mental health issues and not to differentiate between operational or non-operational service in regard to death, wounding, or injury, as being paramount. Following their questions, I was left feeling very positive about what we had put together, but we need now to await the outcome. I believe we can be well pleased and proud that we participating in the process and in my assessment, we were given a very fair hearing on the day. I join you all in awaiting the outcome. Let us all wish the Tribunal a '*a fair wind and a following sea*' in their most important deliberations, for the outcome may have life-changing and possible healing affects.

I was delighted to hear our first 'morning tea' at the Lakes Golf Club went well. I could not attend as I was representing the NAA at the Hellenic Memorial on the occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Crete and the Greek Campaign.

Yours aye,

David Manolas

**Committee meeting
East Lakes Gungahlin
1100 Thursday 3 June 2021**

More support for older veterans and their families in residential aged care

19 May 2021

Older veterans and their families will receive increased support through the Budget 2021-22 with \$246 million to improve the care delivered to veterans and their families through mainstream in-home and residential aged care.

As part of this measure, the Government is providing \$22.7 million to ensure the 17,000 DVA clients living in residential aged care facilities are able to access allied health, aids and appliances through DVA card arrangements, just as they did when they were living in their own home. Currently, only those clients classified as requiring low level care can access these DVA-funded services.

The expansion is a component of the Government reforms to Australia's aged care system. The Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety recognised the importance of allied health in supporting ageing Australians to maximise independence and autonomy.

Veterans and their families have existing access to allied health and rehabilitation aids and appliances while living in their own homes. However, that access becomes limited once clients move into residential aged care. This initiative ensures that in addition to the services provided by their residential



aged care facility, DVA clients can continue to access allied health and aids and appliances through DVA card arrangements, so long as it is not duplicating services provided by the facility.

This initiative will commence on 1 October 2022 when the new Australian National Aged Care Classification funding model commences.

For further information on the broader aged care reform measures visit www.health.gov.au

2021/22 Federal Budget

Good afternoon colleagues,

I'm writing to provide you with an update on a number of recent activities and events.

In Tuesday's Federal Budget, the Australian Government is continuing its commitment to delivering a veteran support system that empowers veterans and their families to live fulfilling lives after service by creating and implementing simpler and more effective programs, services, and benefits. The Government invests over \$11.5 billion each year for DVA to support the continuation of important programs, services and support for veterans, as well as to keep our department running.

In this latest Budget, \$775.6 million has been allocated over four years with a focus on wellness, support, suicide prevention and additional resourcing for DVA. This includes \$463.1 million in funding directly allocated to DVA to improve, expand and enhance a range of programs, support and services for our veterans

and their families to support their lifetime well-being and transition from ADF to civilian life and to address the backlog of claims.

The Department will also receive an additional 447 staff, primarily to address the backlog of claims and manage the increased workload to better support veterans and their families. This funding will support all of our clients, comprising around 220,000 veterans and 100,000 dependants.

DVA's Portfolio Budget Statements and additional information sheets are available on our website: [Budget 2021-22 | Department of Veterans' Affairs \(dva.gov.au\)](https://www.dva.gov.au/budget-2021-22)

Further information on cross-portfolio measures are also available from the Department of Health and the Department of Social Services website – links are available on the above website page.

ANZAC Day 2021—AWM Canberra



Left: Holding the ACT Section banner on high Vice President Alex McGown and Secretary/Treasurer of the Section Alan Masters march past the saluting dias

Below; National President/ACT Section President David Manolas lays the NAA Wreath at the national ANZAC Day Memorial Service at the Australian War Memorial (AWM) Canberra with National President of the Air Force Association Group Captain Carl Schiller OAM CSM Rtd

Photos AWM Fliker



Regrettably until four days before the Day only the Association banner was to be carried in the parade then there was a change in program And up twenty people were permitted to march with the banner. This was a problem and only a few banners had followers.

Three thousand tickets were available to attend the parade so most people who might otherwise have attended probably watched it on TV in the comfort of their home. It did however turn out to be a very moving ceremony

Preparations for Suicide Royal Commission move to next phase

The Hon Darren Chester MP
Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Saturday, 22 May 2021

Preparation for the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide has moved into the next phase.

Over the past month I have had discussions with hundreds of veterans, serving members and families across the nation. The feedback has been extremely positive and constructive and while opinions have been incredibly diverse, we all have one common goal – to prevent suicide within the Defence and veteran communities.

More than 1400 pieces of written feedback on the themes that will inform the Terms of Reference have been received by DVA alone. Some of the common areas of concern identified throughout the consultation process relate to the transition process from Defence to civilian life, dealing with DVA in accessing assistance and the complexity of the legislation and the claims process, as well as mental health support, operational tempo and rotations, negative treatment of personnel, and a number of issues that impact families of those who serve.

Publication of the feedback is optional and where consent has been provided, DVA has been progressively making these available on the website.

The consultation phase has now concluded and all feedback provided to the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) will be passed to the Attorney-General's

Department, who will draft the Terms of Reference. This is standard practice for a Royal Commission, and as evidenced by the Aged Care and Disability Royal Commissions, the community can have complete confidence in that process.

To be clear, DVA, the Australian Defence Force and the Department of Defence are not involved in the conduct of the Royal Commission itself or the drafting of the Terms of Reference. The Royal Commission itself will be completely independent of Government. We have a world-class system of support for veterans and their families and Australians can be proud of the fact that \$11.8 billion in taxpayers' money is provided every year to allow DVA to do its work.

There's an enormous amount of help available through DVA, ex-service organisations and community groups which is making a difference every day and it is so important that none of this stops during the course of the Royal Commission.

But the system isn't perfect and the Royal Commission is an opportunity to identify any weaknesses, listen to the ideas of Australians, and implement changes that can help to save lives.

I would like to thank all those in the community who have provided their feedback. And for any member of the ADF, veteran or their families who may be struggling as a result of this process, please reach out to Open Arms – Veterans and Families Counselling on 1800 011 046. Help is available.

Commemoration of Australian Peacekeepers

On 28 May 2021 the Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel Darren Chester said "Tomorrow on International Day of United Nations (UN) Peacekeepers, Australian men and women, who were often referred to as the 'Blue Berets', have participated in United Nations peacekeeping operations for more than 70 years, with the aim of making the world a safer and more peaceful place,"

"The blue beret, worn by those who serve on United Nations peacekeeping missions, has become a symbol of international peacekeeping.

"The first Australian peacekeepers deployed in 1947 and since that time Australian military personnel, police and civilians have been involved in more than 50 multinational peacekeeping operations."

Australian peacekeepers have served on operations around the world:

- Indonesia 1947-1951
- Kashmir 1950 to 1985
- Korea 1953 to now
- Israel (under Operation Paladin) 1956 to now
- Congo 1960 to 1961
- West New Guinea 1962 to 1963
- Yemen 1963
- Cyprus 1964 to now (including Australian police personnel)
- India-Pakistan Border 1965 to 1966
- Sinai (under Operation Mazurka) 1976 to 1979, 1982 to 1986 and 1993 to now
- Israel-Syria Border 1974
- Lebanon 1978
- Zimbabwe 1979 to 1980
- Uganda 1982 to 1984
- Iran 1988 to 1990
- Thailand-Cambodia Border 1989 to 1993
- Namibia 1989 to 1990 (under UNTAG)
- Afghanistan 1989 to 1993
- Iraqi Kurdistan 1991 (under Operation Habitat)
- Iraq 1991 to 1999
- Western Sahara 1991 to 1994
- Cambodia 1991 to 1993 (under UNTAC)
- Somalia 1992 to 1995 (under Operation Solace)
- Yugoslavia 1992
- Rwanda 1994 to 1995
- Mozambique 1994
- Bougainville 1994 and 1997 to 2003
- Haiti 1994 to 1995

- Guatemala 1997
- Yugoslavia 1997 to now
- Kosovo 1999 to now
- East Timor 1999 to 2013 (under INTERFET, UNTAET, UNMISET, Operation Tower and Operation Astute)
- Solomon Islands 2000 to 2013 (under RAMSI)
- Ethiopia and Eritrea 2000 to now
- Sierra Leone 2000 to 2003
- Sudan 2005 to now (under Operation Azure)
- Darfur 2007 to now (under Operation Hedge-row)

As a leader in its region, Australia has led or taken a leading role in:

- UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) from 1992 to 1993
- Multinational International Force for East Timor (INTERFET) from 1999 to 2000
- Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) from 2003 to 2017
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In earlier decades, people debated how to commemorate the service of peacekeepers. It's now recognised that although some aspects of peacekeeping are unique, the operational experience of peacekeepers is similar to service in war-like contexts.

The Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial records the names of Australia's war dead. The Council of the Memorial made an historic decision on 6 March 2013 to change the criteria for the Roll of Honour to include Defence personnel who died in non-warlike operations. The council added the names of 48 Australian service men and women to the Roll of Honour that day.

The Australian Peacekeeping Memorial in Canberra was officially dedicated by Australia's Governor-General, Sir Peter Cosgrove, on 14 September 2017. The national memorial commemorates the contribution made 'in the service of peace' by Australian military, police and civilian peacekeepers.



Their Duty Nobly Done

Kate Reid-Smith

HMAS COLAC (J242)



By 1945 the Bathurst-class corvette HMAS *Colac* had already seen plenty of action in World War Two. Part of the forerunner actions prior to the seminal Battle of Guadalcanal, in May the 650-ton Australian minesweeper was on station, undertaking shore bombardment off the coast of Choiseul Island in the Solomon Islands. From anchorage in the narrow sheltered harbour, taskings included close support operations in the bombarding of Japanese shore positions, blowing up ammunition dumps, and thoroughly covering camp areas and other enemy strongpoints. On 26 May she was also tasked with shelling Japanese landing barges that were attempting to transport Japanese reinforcements to Bougainville, where the Australian Army was successfully operating. Manning her 50-calibre machine guns in the hope of stopping the Japanese advancing, was Steward Brian MP Shute (F4189), and Able Seaman Stanley R Smith (22194). The Western Australian-born Shute had only recently turned twenty-one, and the former Tasmanian, twenty-five year old Smith had only been married for eighteen months. On this fateful day, two shells from Japanese shore batteries hit the quarterdeck, killing Shute outright and fatally wounding Smith. The only two wartime fatalities of the *Colac*, both sailors are remembered in the RAN memorial register at the Plymouth Naval Memorials in the UK.



HMAS PERTH 1 (D29)



Up until May 1941, most of HMAS *Perth's* taskings in the Middle East consisted of patrols, troop transport and near misses in *Luftwaffe* air raids. After participation in the fierce, hours long Battle of Matapan in April, *Perth* had returned to escort and convoy duties. By 28 May now tasked with sailing to Crete on evacuation duty, the ship was again attacked enroute by German aircraft, but sailed on relatively unscathed. During the return journey from Crete with a full ship's complement of roughly 622, and carrying 1188 passengers, *Perth's* luck ran out. Although their previous actions had already played a prominent part in preventing the Germans from landing by sea in Crete, the relentless *Luftwaffe* attacks eventually found their mark. German bombers continually swarmed around them, leading up to what was then the greatest battle between aircraft and warships in history. By 30 May the ship was in dire straits. After withstanding fierce and intensive bombing for hours *Perth* was almost dead in the water after the "A" boiler room was bombed. On board were four immediate RAN fatalities; nineteen-year old Cook Noel T Smith (23735); twenty four year old Leading Cook William B Fraser (21320); twenty-year old Stoker Second-Class Harry C (nickname Tiddles) Smith (W1621) and twenty-four year old Stoker Henry Straker (22535). All four were New South Welshman, and all four were killed outright. Alike their HMAS *Colac* compatriots, they too are memorialised at the Plymouth Naval Memorial in Devon, England.



E-scooters in Canberra



Beam Mobility and Neuron Mobility operate shared e-scooters in Canberra under the shared e-scooter scheme.

At any one time, there are up to 1,500 devices in central Canberra and the Belconnen Town Centre as part of the shared e-scooter scheme.

Shared e-scooters are a convenient option for short trips on their own or combined with public transport. They also assist Canberra's economy through providing employment and in encouraging travel to local businesses.

Please check the provider's app to see where the e-scooters can be used. And remember to park your scooter well:

Don't leave your e-scooter where it might obstruct other people walking or cycling.

Try to park it in a tidy manner and so it is convenient for the next user.

Try not to leave it somewhere where it may get damaged.

By now, purple and orange e-scooters are a familiar sight around town. Since the shared e-scooter scheme commenced in September 2020, they've become a permanent fixture in town.

New survey results have shown a high level of support for the shared e-scooter scheme in Canberra, with 27% of people reporting they have used a Neuron or Beam e-scooter to scoot around the city and Belconnen.

The survey, which was completed by 1,907 people as part of the YourSay panel, has shown two-thirds of respondents (65%) support the e-scooter scheme.

Other key findings from the survey include:

95% of people found it easy to find an e-scooter.

63% of people feel the scheme should also extend into other areas of Canberra, most notably close to where respondents live – reflecting the desire by many people in the community for alternate transport options.

the majority of people are using e-scooters for recreation and fun (84%), followed by getting to and from work (31%), going to the shops (25%) and getting to public transport (22%).

The survey also found the majority of people feel safe around e-scooters, however some members of the community feel unsafe around e-scooters or feel they are not being used in a safe manner.

The ACT Government is taking this issue seriously and will continue to work with Neuron and Beam, the two shared e-scooter providers, to ensure ongoing community safety education and awareness is taking place.

A new safety campaign has been launched to educate e-scooter users on how to be a safe and considerate rider. A series of short videos are now available, which focus on road rules, riding and parking etiquette, wearing helmets and not riding after drinking alcohol.

Whether you are riding a shared e-scooter, or your own, it's important to know the rules and be a considerate rider. It will keep yourself and others safe.

Next time you decide to scoot remember to:

- **Wear a helmet** – don't risk ending up in a hospital bed!
- **Park responsibly** – this will keep our city nice as well as making it convenient for the next user. Park your e-scooter off the main path and away from stairs, ramps, light rail stops, bus stops and entry or exit ways.
- **Give way** – ring your bell when approaching pedestrians and overtake on the right. Travel at the appropriate and safe speed for the environment you are travelling in and be respectful to pedestrians and other path users.
- **Ride responsibly** – just as if you were driving a car or riding a motorcycle, road rules apply when riding an e-scooter so be aware and
- **take responsibility**

<https://www.transport.act.gov.au/.../active-travel-in-the-community/e-scooters>

Contact details

Neuron Mobility (orange e-scooters)
call 61 02 8806 0404.

www.rideneuron.com/cities-canberra

Beam Mobility (purple e-scooters)
call 5104 3353.

www.ridebeam.com/how-to-beam

Rescued Indonesian fishermen are home

21 May 2021

HMAS *Anzac* has safely returned a group of Indonesian fishermen rescued in the Indian Ocean last weekend to their home port in Bali in cooperation with the Indonesian Navy.

Anzac arrived in Indonesia early in the morning of May 21 and sailed in company with the KRI *Yos Sudarso* into the harbour area of Benoa outside Denpasar.

A contactless transfer of the 19 fishermen was then done in conjunction with the Indonesian patrol vessel KRI *Escolar*.

Originally due to return to her home port of Fleet Base West in Western Australia on May 14, *Anzac* was called on to conduct a search-and-rescue off the coast of Western Australia after a mayday call had been received.

Commanding Officer *Anzac* Commander Brendan Horn praised the response of his crew, who were just hours away from greeting their families and friends when they answered the call for help, as well as the Indonesian fishermen, the crew of the *Fukuseki Maru 15* and the civilian authorities involved in coordinating the rescue.

"This story belongs to the Indonesian fishermen; *Anzac* and our MH-60R Seahawk were just a small part of the response," Commander Horn said.

"As a mariner, you have respect for other mariners.

"The Indonesian fishermen were able to get to the life rafts and then the Japanese fishing vessel the *Fukuseki Maru 15* did an amazing job to rescue them."

During the Indonesian fishermen's transit back to Bali, they were accommodated in separate quarters to the majority of *Anzac*'s ship's company.

The crew assigned to their care, including one of the ship's two doctors, wore personal protective equipment whenever they were in contact with the fishermen.

The fishermen also each returned three negative COVID-19 test results during their time on the ship.

Commander Horn said the crew of *Anzac* was looking forward to returning home following the successful return of the fishermen.

"The transfer today was the final phase of the mission and it is now time for the crew of *Anzac* to see their families. The whole team has performed extremely well and I feel incredibly lucky to be part of such a great crew," he said.

Defence News

Below: Rescued Indonesian fishermen wave goodbye to the crew of HMAS Anzac from the Indonesian Navy patrol vessel KRI Escolar following their return to Bali.

Photo: Leading Seaman Thomas Sawtell



Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 6 May 2021

Meeting started at 1335 with the Odes recited by David Manolas.

Present: 12 members as per attendance book.

Apologies: Darren Rush, Graeme Quinn, John Small, Clare Hobbs

Minute of Last Meeting. The minutes of the general meeting on 1 April 2021 appeared in the April 2021 edition of the Bosun's Call. It was considered that there was no outstanding business from that meeting.

Motion: The minutes of the General Meeting held on 1 April 2021 be accepted.

Moved: Dennis Lyons. Seconded: Alex McGown. Carried.

Reports.

President. Represented the NAA at the ANZAC Day service at the Australian War Memorial and also at the WRANS 80th anniversary at HMAS Harman.

Vice President. Attended the Last Post service on 28 March.

Secretary. Business as usual.

Treasurer. Financial records remain in a healthy state. The DVA grant has been fully acquitted.

Membership. We have 77 financial members with nine still to renew membership bringing the potential full membership to 86.

Welfare. No new reports.

Social. Bev Joce gave an update on the social calendar. Fish'nChip venue will change during the winter months. See BC for details.

General Business:

The President provided commentary on a range of news items and activities, some of which involve members participation. They are:

- ANZAC Day ceremony. Alex McGown and Alan Masters carried with pride the Section banner in the parade of banners. Next years ceremony will be relocated close by to accommodate the major renovations of the AWM.
- The Cooma bus trip was a success and thanks to Dennis Lyons.
- Coral Sea memorial service, Alex McGown will represent the Section at this service.
- Royal Commission on Veterans Suicide. Comments have been invited by members and any member wishing to comment should provide them to the Secretary who will onforward them to the National Secretary for a consolidated NAA response.
- Agent Orange Petition. A petition is circulating that strives to have the government consider further ailments arising from Agent Orange exposure for inclusion for benefits. www.gopetition.com/petitions/agent-orange-exposure.htm provides guidance on comple-

tion of the petition. Members who served in Vietnamese waters, especially those in HMAS Sydney and support ships should consider completing the petition.

- Heart Health. DVA provide a Heart Health program and resources such as gym membership to assist veterans maintain their health and fitness. www.veteranshearthealth.com.au or phone 1300 246 262 can provide more detailed information to members wishing to take up this offer.
- Wreath Repairs. Dennis and Sue Lyons repaired the wreath used at the Last Post Services. It had suffered from weathering. Thanks to them both for their good work.

There was no other general business.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 3 June 2021 at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club starting at 1330 following lunch starting at 1200.

Meeting closed at 1420.

Alan Masters

Secretary / Treasurer
NAA (ACT)

Minutes NAA ACT Section Committee Meeting 6 May 2021

Present: David Manolas, Alan Masters, Peter Cooke-Russell, Alex McGown, Dennis Lyons, Kate Reid-Smith

Apologies: John Small

Matters discussed included:

- **ANZAC Day March.** From the President's position near the Cenotaph he noted the smart marching by the Section banner holders, especially their ability to stay in step! He noted that next year's ceremony will need to be positioned in a different spot to accommodate the new work being undertaken on the Memorial.
- **Bus Trip.** The trip to Cooma was a success.
- **WRANS 80th Anniversary.** The President attended a service held in HMAS Harman and laid a wreath. He acknowledged the excellent repair work done by Sue Lyons to the wreath.
- **New member Darren Rush.** Darren has been offered permanent work here in Canberra and having just transferred to us from The Nirimba Sub-section is frustrated that he cannot join us at our meetings.
- **Fish'nChips at Snappers.** Refurbishment of Snappers means the transfer of our mid-meetings get together to the GUNGAHLIN LAKES venue at Gungahlin. The coffee morning will start at 1100.
- **Veterans' Review Board Representative.** We have nominated Allan Joyce for this position and accordingly have forwarded the nomination to National Council for actioning.

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Proposed motion to alter NAA Website joining procedure 3 June 21

It has come to the ACT Section Committee's notice that the current practice of two members of the National Executive approving the acceptance of a person who has expressed an interest (EOI) in joining the Naval Association of Australia (NAA) within seven days of the EOI being received by the NAA website has not been approved by the National Council in that it does not appear in either the NAA Constitution or NAA By-laws (Rules).

The current Rules state:

By-law 2.3.2 o

- o. Process for people registering to join the NAA and paying the Joining Fee and initial Subscription directly to the National Council.
 - (1) People wishing to become members of the NAA can register their intention through the NAA Website. They can also pay the Annual Subscription and Joining Fee via the NAA website on completing the Registration Note to join the NAA. They will be entered into the National Membership Registrar on payment of the Joining fee and Subscription and remain there until the National Membership Registrar is notified in accordance with By-law 2.3.2 o (7) or if not notification is received, by By-law 2.3.2 p. Advice of their desire to join is sent to the appropriate Section and then forwarded to the selected Sub-section to contact the applicant and initiate the joining process.
 - (2) The applicant must complete a New Member Application Form and be accepted by the relevant Section without Sub-sections or Sub-section.
 - (3) The applicant's date of joining is set in accordance with By-law 2.3.3 as the date of paying the subscription and joining fee which is normally done on applying to join the NAA.
 - (4) Membership is Provisional from the date of payment until the date of acceptance by a Sub-section at which time the membership is confirmed.
 - (5) Applicants registering via the Website and have paid via the website, remain Provisional Members in the National Membership Register until the National Membership Registrar receives a copy of the applicant's New Member Application Form, and advice that the Provisional Member has been accepted by either a Sub-section or a Section without sub-sections.
 - (6) Subscriptions forwarded directly to the National Council via the internet, cheque, money order or cash are retained by the National Council until Membership is accepted by a section without sub-sections or sub-section.
 - (7) A copy of the Provisional Member's New Member Application Form made through the section/sub-section MUST be sent to the National Membership Registrar to initiate the disbursement of the subscription and joining fee held by the National Council to the relevant Section Council and sub-section.

2.3.3 Date of Joining

- a. The date on which a person applying for membership pays his/her Membership Subscription and Joining Fee is the date on which an applicant's financial status as a member is established. The new member will be considered from that date as a Provisional Member

of the membership class that he/she has applied to join.

- b. The Provisional Member status shall be removed on the date that the relevant Section/Sub-section confirms that the Provisional Member is accepted as a member of the Section/Sub-section.
- c. On confirmation of a Provisional Member's membership, date of joining is the date that financial status was established at By-law 2.3.3 a.
- d. Should a Provisional Member not be confirmed by a Section/Sub-section,
 - (1) the Membership Subscription paid by the Provisional Member is to be returned to the Provisional Member; and
 - (2) the Joining Fee is to be retained by the Section/Sub-section.

At present a significant number of people express an interest in joining but do not pay in accordance with the above By-law. As a result they are not entered in accordance with the current Rules.

The Committee proposes that the following motion be put to the National Council by the ACT Section:

"THAT the process by which people expressing an interest in joining the Naval Association of Australia (NAA) are accepted as Full Members of the NAA at the conclusion of seven days from their EOI be expunged from the NAA website and that the Rules as laid down in NAA By-laws 2.3.2 o and 2.3.3 be adhered to.

Reason

The current process in the NAA website for people expressing an interest in joining the NAA is contrary to the current NAA Rules and results in a significant number of people being accepted as members of the NAA without paying the required subscription and joining fee and without due consideration of the relevant section/sub-section to which they are allocated by the National Council.

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- **Agent Orange Petition.** Dr John Carroll has been dealing with the Agent Orange issues for many years and has initiated a petition for a further consideration of medical conditions recognised by USA veteran departments but not so by Australian authorities. Members concerned with these issues should sign the petition.
- **HMAS Canberra Memorial Service 2021.** Arrangements for this service will start this month and it was agreed invitations to ACT politicians will be included in the list of dignitaries.

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

Alan Masters
Secretary
NAA (ACT)

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS38 2021

Action to renew membership for 2021 can now undertaken in a number of different ways. The following, in order of preference for the Treasurer, are listed below, but any of them can be utilised.

The use of e-banking provides for ease of payment and your bank records act as your receipt. The annual subscription for 2021 is \$38.

1. **Direct transfer of funds to the NAA (ACT Section).** Using e-bank facilities, transfer funds to Naval Association of Australia –ACT Section Account **BSB: 633 000 . Account Number 162 834 097** *Please ensure you have identified yourself as the payer in order that the Treasurer can correctly credit your payment.*
2. Payment using the mail system. Please do not send cash through the mail system. Cheques can be forwarded to Membership Registrar, 4 McEachern Crescent, MELBA ACT 2615. Receipts will NOT be mailed to payers.
3. Direct payment to Treasurer. The Treasurer will gladly accept cheques or cash from members at General Meetings. A receipt will be given to payers.

IF YOU HAVE CHANGED ANY OF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS SUCH AS HOME ADDRESS, E-MAIL ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBERS PLEASE ADVISE THE MEMBERSHIP REGISTRAR.

Social Program

Fish 'n Chips is on the program, Snapper has reopened but will shut about May for renovation to the CYC, re-opening, we hope, sometime in September. Hence the use of the Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club.

17 Jun	Lakes Golf Club Gungahlin 1100
1 Jul	Christmas Lunch in July
	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club
15 Jul	Lakes Golf Club Gungahlin 1100
19 Aug	Lakes Golf Club Gungahlin 1100
16 Sep	Lakes Golf Club Gungahlin 1100
21 Oct	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
18 Nov	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
2 Dec	Christmas /New Year Lunch
	Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club
16 Dec	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200

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Social Secretary

DVA CONTACTS

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

PHONE NUMBER:

Telephone:
1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372)

International callers:

+61 2 6289 1133

POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES:

Health Approvals & Home Care Section department of Veterans' Affairs

GPO Box 9998

BRISBANE QLD 4001

DVA WEBSITE:

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

DVA email for prior financial authorisation:
health.approval@dva.gov.au

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 in
June 2021**

17	Peter McNay
21	Colin Fitzgerald
30	Shane Lynch



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