



The Bosun's Call



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HMAS *Ararat* rescues Solomon Islands Police

24 May 2022

In response to a search and rescue request from the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) HMAS *Ararat* rescued a police vessel's crew last Saturday (21 May 22) after it was reported missing.

The crews of an Australian-contracted Forum Fisheries Agency King Air aircraft and helicopter contracted by the Australian Federal Police were able to locate the stricken vessel and contact those on board prior to *Ararat*'s arrival.

Commanding Officer of HMAS *Ararat*, Lieutenant Commander David Martinussen, said the rescue was a collective effort between partners.

"I am very proud of how professionally the team in HMAS *Ararat* responded to assist our friends in need," Lieutenant Commander Martinussen said. "The team was simply outstanding. We assessed the situation and quickly closed the search area from over 200 nautical miles (370km) away.

The rescued RSIPF personnel and other passengers on board were in good health when they were

found. They were transferred to *Ararat* where they were provided with fresh meals and water during the journey back to Korovou, Shortland Islands. The RSIPF vessel was also towed to the islands

Lieutenant Commander Martinussen said; "The crew of *Ararat* was privileged to be able to provide assistance to our friends and fellow mariners from the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force. When we arrived on station, the vessel's crew and passengers were smoothly embarked in *Ararat* to ensure their health and wellbeing. The stricken vessel was then taken under tow. After an overnight escort, the vessel and our guests were safely repatriated to the Shortland Islands the following morning. Today's events highlight the Australian Defence Force is ready and willing to respond when our Pacific family call on us for assistance."

HMAS *Ararat* is providing maritime surveillance support in the area at the request of the Solomon Islands Government..

*An edited version of the original article by
Captain Lilly Charles*



Events coming up

31 May Last Post Ceremony Loss of HMAS *Kuttabul* PO Leonard W Howroyd HMAS *Kuttabul*
4 July Christmas in July Lunch Gungahlin Lakes 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:

2 Jun	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
4 Aug	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
1 Sep	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
6 Oct	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
3 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.

Coral Sea Battle



The Memorial Service for the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea at Newstead Park, Brisbane.

The battle was a critical moment in the Pacific theatre of WWII. It was the first naval battle in history where opposing warships neither sighted, nor fired directly upon, one another, fundamentally changing the nature of naval warfare.

Imperial Japanese advances were on a truly oceanic scale, covering distances at a speed that had little precedent and advancing rapidly towards Australia.

The attack on Pearl Harbour had violently brought the United States into the war. Malaya, Hong Kong and 'fortress Singapore' were all captured, and the Philippines had fallen.

Darwin was bombed for the first time on the 19th of February, 1942, by 188 Japanese carrier aircraft and more land-based bombers, which killed more than 200 Australians, both service and civilian.

Committee meeting
Eastlakes Gungahlin
1100 Thursday 2 June 2022



ADSO Policy Objectives 2022– 2025 ADSO Election Statement

Hello Folks,

As a follow-up to the formal release on 22 April of ADSO's 2022 – 2025 Policy Objectives via a Media Statement, we further sent letters to relevant Ministers both on the Government's side and on the Labor Opposition's seeking advice from them as to which of our policies they are able to support heading into the 47th Parliament.

A posting has been made on our ADSO web site (here) [2] reflecting the advice we are seeking from both sides of politics. Please consider re-posting this information on your own web sites as you may think appropriate, and distribute widely encouraging your members, if possible, to make representations to their local electorate candidates for both the House and the Senate.

Best Regards

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Alf Jaugietis
Secretary
Alliance of Defence Service Organisations

DFRDB Federal Court hearing update

Veterans Support Centre
Belconnen

Subject: FW: Federal Court DFRDB

Hi All,

For those of you that could not watch the court proceedings I offer the following short summary.

Clinton McKenzie presented a very sound case, he displayed thorough knowledge of the Act and raised some issues that drew very positive questions from Justice Perry. The ADFRA research team wish to congratulate Clinton on his representation of the case.

The respondent CSC were represented by a Barrister and two backup solicitors. Our view of the counter arguments put forward indicated CSC expected a walkover and their case did not flow in a logical sequence. The Barrister made a statement that the Life Expectancy table were not Life Expectancy (even though that is what they are called in the Act) What he was getting at was that they were really a "divisor" as was put forward by the Ombudsman in his infamous review, thus not reflecting in any way the expectation of life.

The Act is the Act and that is the document on which Justice Perry will develop her findings.

Good Morning Folks,

Further to my email below [at left], on behalf our National Spokesman and likely all of us, I report with high disappointment that neither the Coalition Government nor the Labor Opposition have given any indication of their support of our published Policy Objectives. Each side of politics did publish veterans' policies but, while some touched on numerous areas of long-standing deep concern, not the least of which included a strong focus on overcoming the lengthy waiting times of compensation claims that are known to have been the cause of serious stress among many veterans, not one touches Military Fair Indexation and related grievances we've had, nor on many other issues that have been important to us.

Falling far short of our Objective and the long-standing key one for the TPI Federation itself, the Opposition in its policy manifesto did seem to react to last year's Senate FADT Committee's Inquiry Report into TPI Payments in which they expressed the view that it was 'amenable' to a modest increase in the TPI Payment'. A one-off payment of \$1,000 falls far short of our collective claim to have the 'economic loss' component of the Disability Payment benchmarked in perpetuity to the tax adjusted minimum wage.

A posting has been made on the ADSO web site here [1] expressing our disappointment at the failure to respond to our request to be advised of which of our policies each side is able to support heading into the 47th Parliament.

Forwarded for information and wider distribution as may be possible.

Best Regards

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It could be several weeks before the court is reconvened and then Justice Perry will inform us of her decision. These proceedings will also be available to watch online. Should the verdict go in our favour there is a possibility CSC will appeal the decision and then we could end up before the full court.

Regards

Jim

Thank you for your support over the years and we have not finished yet.

A Changing Navy—Navy Mastery

To prepare for the future fight and our new capabilities we are building better: better prepared people, better careers, better partnerships and better workforce sustainability leading to better regional security. Over the course of a career in the Navy, personnel are provided with professional development opportunities to lead them to a fulfilling career and assist them to become experts within their preferred fields - all while meeting organisational needs and delivering lethal effects.

Mastery is the process of progressively acquiring - through learning, practice and mentoring - comprehensive knowledge and skills in a specific domain, together with the ability to apply it intuitively. To ensure our people are progressing their professional development, Navy has introduced the Navy Mastery System.

The Navy Mastery System provides the concepts, programs and mechanisms to deliver value to every sailor's and officer's career. Navy Mastery is centred on 'learning by doing' through the three core elements of Mastery: Maritime, Technical and Social.

Navy Mastery enables personnel to move beyond job proficiency and rank-based career progression, to prepare them for Joint Service. It supports and encourages a focus on lifelong learning, skills acquisition, competence and expertise. The highest level of Mastery comes through unconscious competence. It means you become so adept in your field you instinctively know what to think and do in any situation.

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Why Mastery?

We are working within a rapidly evolving regional environment. As a Navy and as part of a joint Force, we operate in an increasingly complex, congested and contested operating environment. The character of maritime warfare is ever-changing, and these changes have out-stripped some components of the current workforce system. We must



deliver the operational effectiveness and lethal force required for the future fight.

Historically, Navy has prioritised technical expertise of our people ahead of the two other key areas of personal and professional development: knowing how to operate effectively in the maritime domain and how to contribute to, and lead, teams effectively.

Navy's ability to deliver maritime capability to the Australian Government depends on having Suitably, Qualified and Experienced Personnel (SQEP). In a rapidly evolving global environment, Navy recognises that the current workforce system does not adequately match the changing character of maritime warfare, or the complex and contested environment in which the Navy operates.

Navy is committed to ensuring that each and every one of its members is able to achieve mastery by providing an environment that fosters the development and attainment of mastery. What this means for the Navy workforce is that, for the first time, rank will not be the most important signal of success.

As personnel acquire deeper knowledge and develop more complex skills, their Mastery will move them towards a more advanced phase in their career. True Mastery comes through unconscious competence¹. For individuals, it's about becoming so adept that you instinctively know what to think and do in a given situation. For the organisation it's about delivering SQEP.

Navy Mastery allows personnel to move beyond job proficiency and rank-based career progression and prepares them for their Joint service. It will support people's focus on lifelong learning, skills acquisition, competence and expertise.

1. The Dunning and Kruger effect - "It takes competence to judge competence". McIntosh, R. D., Fowler, E. A., Lyu, T., & Della Salla, S. (2019).

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Wise up: Clarifying the role of metacognition in the Dunning-Kruger effect. Journal of Experimental Psychology: General. 148(11): 1882-1987.

Mastery Stages

The Navy Mastery Model involves four Mastery stages that guide the development of Technical, Maritime and Social Mastery across an entire career. A Mastery stage is a period of development within a career, defined by the interaction between competency development (through skill acquisition)² and professional development across different environments.

2. Dreyfus, S.E., & Dreyfus, H. L. (1980). *A Five-Stage model of the Mental Activities involved in Directed Skill Acquisition* Washington, DC: Storming Media.

The four Mastery stages are:

FOUNDATION

In the Foundation Mastery stage you're a 'doer', delivering on capability. You have completed your Initial Employment Training, and you are able to demonstrate foundational techniques and skills. The focus here is on the breadth and depth of learning required to make you an effective contributor to the organisation.

Implementation Timeline

Navy Mastery began in 2020 and is gradually being introduced in different parts of the organisation. It is a fundamental change to our workforce and involves integrating career pathways, training, policy, reporting and systems, to name a few. Such a large change will be a multi-year journey with the schedule as shown below.



NMM Navy Mastery Model

Mastery Stages: Foundation, Intermediate, Advanced, Master (FIAM)

The NMM was originally inspired by the work of Dreyfus and Dreyfus' (1980) model of skill acquisition. The model was applied to the learning environment as a method to understand how skills develop through formal instruction and practicing. The model initially had five distinct stages that students pass through from novice, competence, proficiency, expertise and mastery. In addition, there were four binary qualities that characterised each stage:

- Recollection (non-situational and situational)
- Recognition (decomposed or holistic)
- Decision (analytical or intuitive)
- Awareness (monitoring or absorbed)

INTERMEDIATE

In the Intermediate Mastery stage you are a narrow Subject Matter Expert (SME), leading on a specific capability. At this stage, the focus is on enhancing skills and experience by excelling at work and directing and guiding others.

ADVANCED

In the Advanced Mastery stage, you are a deep SME, leading others, and generating tactical and technical effects. The focus of this stage is on maximising the demonstration of technical effects integrated across the unit and force, leveraging the knowledge and skills you attained in the Foundation and Intermediate Mastery stages.

MASTER

In this, the final Mastery stage, you are a SME enabler and evolver, and you take your own and Navy's capabilities further, through integrating expertise into theatre and joint operations. The emphasis in this stage is on strategic future-focused thinking and providing integration between teams and other effects.

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The model was adapted for the use in the Navy Mastery Model to signal to the workforce the expected levels of competence from foundation, intermediate, advanced and master (FIAM). This is anticipated to reform the existing approach to training whereby through this new lens, training solutions will have to categorise the level of mastery before endorsing competence.

The mastery levels also serve another purpose - to guide the transition through various work stages which are also aligned to FIAM. The details of these mastery stages have been developed specifically for the Navy and are contained in various documents and policies to guide workforce planning, workgroup design and professional development through Education, Exposure and Experience (EEE).

A Changing Navy—Family

20 Mat 2022

When Warrant Officer Natasha McRoe first went to sea in the early 2000s, options to connect with her family from the ship were limited.

"We could only call home on a phone that you had to book well in advance," she said.

"Now we can call home most days. The ongoing communication at sea makes it a lot easier now I have kids."

She joined from Hobart at age 18 and her first posted was aboard HMAS *Manoora* as an officers Steward, having previously trained as a bosun.

The first in her family to join, Warrant Officer McRoe wanted to travel and meet new people.

Her role as a steward made her the "forward face" of Navy, being seen by foreign dignitaries during functions.

She later deployed to the Persian Gulf during Operation Slipper, had a seven-month Royal Navy posting and served on operations Relex and Resolute.

Along the way, Warrant Officer McRoe met a marine technician named Dan.

"We met at sea where we spoke on-and-off," she said.

"When I posted off the ship, we stayed in touch, got married and had kids. I sometimes think 'if I wasn't on that ship, at that point in time, we wouldn't have met and had our wonderful family'."

Nine-year-old Flynn and three-year-old Riley have become used to a life of moving with their parents, according to Warrant Officer McRoe.

Whenever a new posting is mentioned, Warrant Officer McRoe receives a barrage of questions from her boys about where they're going and what school they'll go to.

"Every time they see something about Navy on the news, their faces light up and they say 'is that Dad's ship? Are you going to sea, mum?'," she said.

"When they got to look aboard HMAS *Hobart*, they were so excited and wanted to see where dad's bed was.

"My eldest says he wants to join the Navy when he grows up – they might end up doing something dif-

ferent, but it's heart-warming to see we're a positive influence on them."

Warrant Officer McRoe's sister is also a Navy warrant officer and her brother was a petty officer in naval stores.

"Coming home and having conversations is pretty easy – everyone understands each other. Even mum has figured things out and got on board," she said.

Dan is currently posted to Sydney while Warrant Officer McRoe works for PSU Australia remotely from Navy HQ in Hobart, where she has her mum to help with the kids.

She said a lot had changed over 20 years in how Navy looked after sailors' wellbeing and professional development.

Navy provides great flexibility these days, which is wonderful," Warrant Officer McRoe said.

"We know that we're going to be looked after and listened to and there's a lot more focus from Navy now on keeping the family together.

"They helped Dan find a place in Sydney and that took a lot of stress off the family.

"There's always someone you can pick up the phone and talk to, who can give you that extra support."

Warrant Officer McRoe also welcomed a new policy where personnel would serve no more than 440 days at sea in a two-year rolling period.

"Sometimes in the old days, you'd rock up to work and they'd say we're going to sea for the next three or four weeks, and you accepted that.

"More people are going to want to go to sea because the conditions are changing.

"And they're going to be happier at sea because they know when they're going to have time at home."

Warrant Officer Natasha McRoe and her husband, Petty Officer Daniel McRoe, with their children, Flynn and Riley, at the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens in Hobart.

Photo: Defence



A Changing Navy—Workforce Transitions

2 August 2021

A former soldier and sailor has returned to Navy as a commissioned officer.

In July, HMAS *Coonawarra* Commanding Officer Captain Moses Raudino, along with sailors and officers from the base ship's company, welcomed former Army corporal Ben Anderson, who left his role with Maritime Border Command (MBC) Forward Command to begin an undertaking of service as a maritime logistic officer.

Commander Maritime Border Command Rear Admiral Mark Hill said he was delighted to hear about the commission and transfer.

"You have provided great service to the Australian Regular Army and Maritime Border Command," Rear Admiral Hill told the gathering.

"From supporting 2 Commando Regiment on domestic counter-terrorism operations, to detailed intelligence briefings to patrol boat commanding officers, you have supported a wide variety of whole-of-government missions.

"Upon promotion to corporal, you undertook leadership and mentoring roles supporting more junior people within MBC Forward Command.

"This dedication to your soldiers, and soon sailors, will serve you well as a naval officer."

Having served previously in the both the Army and Navy as a combat engineer, in Armoured Corps cavalry, as an electronics technician submariner and intelligence analyst, Midshipman Anderson said he was excited about the change in career pathway his commissioning and service transfer represented.

"I submitted an application for this as it's a great opportunity to continue to grow my career," Midshipman Anderson said.



Midshipman Benjamin Anderson with his Navy officer's cap and Army slouch hat after transferring services and commissioning as a maritime logistics officer with Navy.

Photo: Leading Seaman Shane Cameron

"Developing a skillset across the logistics stream will enable me to contribute to this effort and gain knowledge and experience be useful beyond the ADF.

"I feel prepared for the New Entry Officer Course with the breadth of experience I have had and the exposure to different leadership types my careers has seen so far."

The ADF total workforce model allows members to transfer between service categories and transfer between the services, as well as vary employment between part-time, full-time and contiguous employment.

Over a career, this means the ADF members can adjust their commitment to support their lifestyle while providing a continuous contribution to the nation.

By Lieutenant Gordon Carr-Gregg



Sailor selected in Commonwealth Games Team

Leading Seaman Suamili Nanai has been selected in the Australian weightlifting team to compete at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, to be held from July 28-August 8. A Combat Systems Operator – Air, he is an instructor at the School of Maritime Warfare – West at HMAS *Stirling*.

Leading Seaman Nanai started weightlifting in 2020 and already has some impressive achievements to his name, but he has his eyes set on gold at Birmingham.

"I am sitting in silver/bronze at the moment with my current lifts, so gold is possible, and it would be dishonourable if that wasn't my goal," Leading Seaman Nanai said.

Leading Seaman Nanai will be competing on 3 August.

Battle of the Coral Sea—80th Anniversary



Left: Japanese Ambassador to Australia, Yamagami Shingo, lays a wreath during the Battle of Coral Sea 80th anniversary commemorative service at Russell Offices in Canberra.

Photo: Nicole Mankowski

Below: Able Seaman Will Foster sounds the Last Post during the Battle of the Coral Sea 80th anniversary commemorative service at the Shrine of Remembrance in Melbourne.

Photo: Leading Seaman James McDougall

Below: A United States Marine Corps colour guard from the Marine Rotational Force in Darwin marches on the colours during the Battle of the Coral Sea 80th anniversary commemorative service in Darwin on Saturday, 07 May 2022.

Photo: Defence



Email to the Editor

1 May 22

Hi Peter,

Thanks for another really excellent edition of The Bosun's Call. A question to "he who knows everything, especially nautical", what are the various medals/gongs stars and whatever, hanging on CN's jacket below his Australian Orders and Medals? Might make an interesting note in the next Bosun's Call?

I hope all goes well with you, good strength and health in particular.

Best wishes,

Mike.

Hi Mike,

Thank you for your email. The awards on CN's jacket are as follows:

Knight of the Legion of Honour (France)
Commander of the Order of Naval Merit (Chile)
Grand Cross of the Order of Naval Merit (Peru)
Navy Meritorious Service Star (Indonesia)
Meritorious Service Medal (Singapore)
Commander of the Legion of Merit (United States)

His Australian ones are
Officer of the Order of Australia
Commendation for Distinguished Service

Source: Wikipedia

Regards

Peter



Above; National Patron of the NAA, the Governor General His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC Rtd with ACT Section member, Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Michael Noonan AO RAN on ANZAC Day 25 April 2022

Photo: Flickr

Christmas in July Lunch



**Gungahlin Lakes
Golf Club
Cnr Gungahlin and
Gundaroo Dr Nicholls
1200 7 July 2022**

Live Entertainment attractions Coming to Queanbeyan

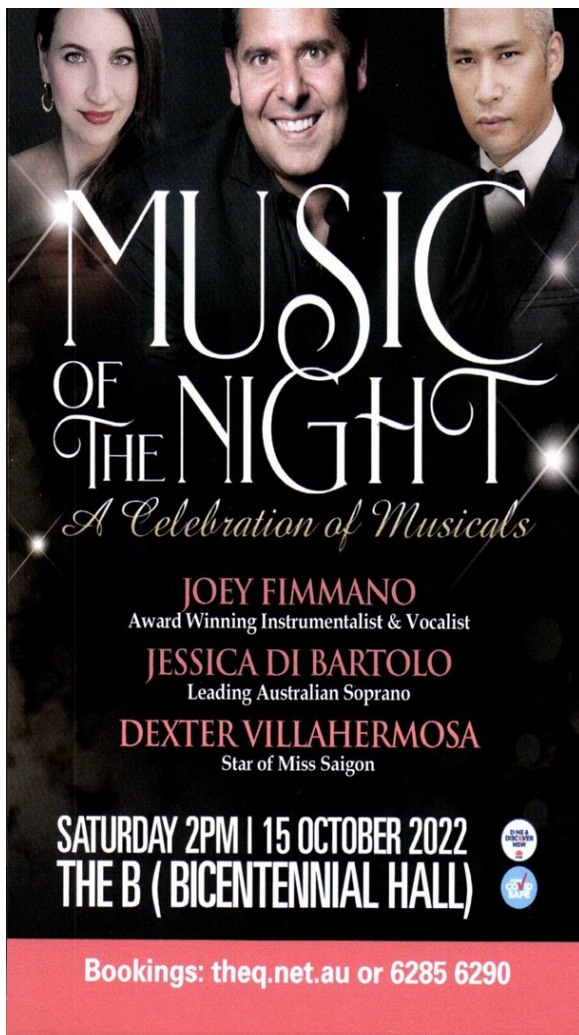
The opportunity to see Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta

HMS Pinafore

was raised in other business at the 5 May general meeting. A majority of almost all those present indicated that they were interested in attending the Q-Theatre Queanbeyan production in October. If you are interested in going to a performance on



Saturday 22 October,



please let me know. If there are ten or more bookings, a reduced ticket price will be available.

Andrew Lloyd Weber's musical

Music of the Night

will be performed on

Saturday 15 October

in the Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall, starting at 2.00 pm. If you would like to go and get a cut rate ticket, please let me know.

Peter

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Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 5 May 2022

Meeting started at 1330 with the Odes recited by David Manolas.

Present: 12 members as per attendance book.

Apologies: J Small, M. Hardwick, JJ Harrison, K. Reid-Smith, J. Slaats, A. McGown, A. O'Neill

Minutes of Last Meeting. The minutes of the general meeting on 7 April 2022 appeared in the May 2022 edition of the Bosun's Call. It was considered there was no outstanding business from that meeting.

Motion: The minutes of the General Meeting held on 7 April 2022 be accepted.

Moved: Dennis Lyons. Seconded: Rex Kendall. Carried.

Reports.

President. The President welcomed Tom Lewis to his first meeting. Birthday wishes were extended to those celebrating in May. He stated the number of marchers on Anzac Day behind the Section banner was most pleasing. Nearly 35 people with navy connections joined the four Section members, including the Chief of Navy.

Vice President. Nil report..

Secretary. Business as usual. Advised members of the arrangements re secretarial and financial duties during his absence.

Treasurer. Little change in the state of the finances.

Membership. We have 54 financial members, 15 restricted members and 11 still to renew their subs, bringing the potential membership to 80.

Welfare. Shipmate JJ Harrison had another stay in hospital but is back home recuperating.

Social. Fish 'n Chips has ceased to operate whilst renovations are taking place at the Yacht Club. They may resume in October. In the meantime, the Gungahlin Lakes Club will be the venue on the third Thursday each month for get togethers from 1100. Disregard the details re Fish'nChips in the May edition of the BC.

Motion: The reports be received.

Moved: Harry Beardsell. Seconded: Darren Rush. Carried.

General Business:

- **ANZAC Day.** The march was a success from the Section's point of view. A mix of members, uniformed personnel and additional civies made for one of the larger con-

tingents. The presence of the Australian White Ensign on our banner undoubtedly made us a target for people wanting to march with a navy contingent. Our banner carries the motto: Each for All, All for Each. This has been overtaken by the motto: Once Navy- Always Navy, and in due course our banner will be revised to reflect this change

- **National Executive Meeting.** This was held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 27 April 2022 and the club provided good support for the conduct of the meeting. The meeting discussed a range of items, including: use of the Section developed Ode to the Naval Veteran, changes to the NAA badge, unauthorised social media input, development of NAA mission statement, absence of an NAA covenant, and limitations on the recording of meetings. Further work will be undertaken on these issues and members will be kept informed on their development.
- **New Members.** CAPT Blair Gerritsen RNZN is the new NZ Defence Attache and as such he is offered Honorary Membership whilst in that role. Tom Lewis has returned to the ACT after a prolonged absence and is seeking membership. It was unanimously agreed that both persons be accepted as members of the ACT Section.
- **Royal Commission into Suicides in the ADF.** The Secretary, DVA advised the Commission that DVA was not meeting its aims. The ramifications of this admission are yet to unfold.
- **Bereavement Badge.** LCDR Desmond Woods, CN's Bereavement Liaison Officer, advised the National Executive of the Navy's approach to offering badges to family members of navy personnel who have crossed the bar. It is presently the case that families are eligible for the badge irrespective of whether their navy family member was in combat or not. This approach differs to that of the Army and RAAF.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday 2 June 2022 at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club starting at 1330 following lunch starting at 1200.

Meeting closed at 1417.

Alan Masters

Secretary / Treasurer

NAA (ACT)

Notes from Committee Meeting 5 May 2022

Present: David Manolas, Alan Masters, Peter Cooke-Russell, Dennis Lyons, Stewart Gordon

Apology: Alex McGown, Joe Slaats, Kate Reid-Smith, John Small

Discussion focused on Welfare matters and the agenda items for the General Meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 2 June 2022 at 1100.

Alan Masters
Secretary / Treasurer

Post Sea Power Conference 2022 activity

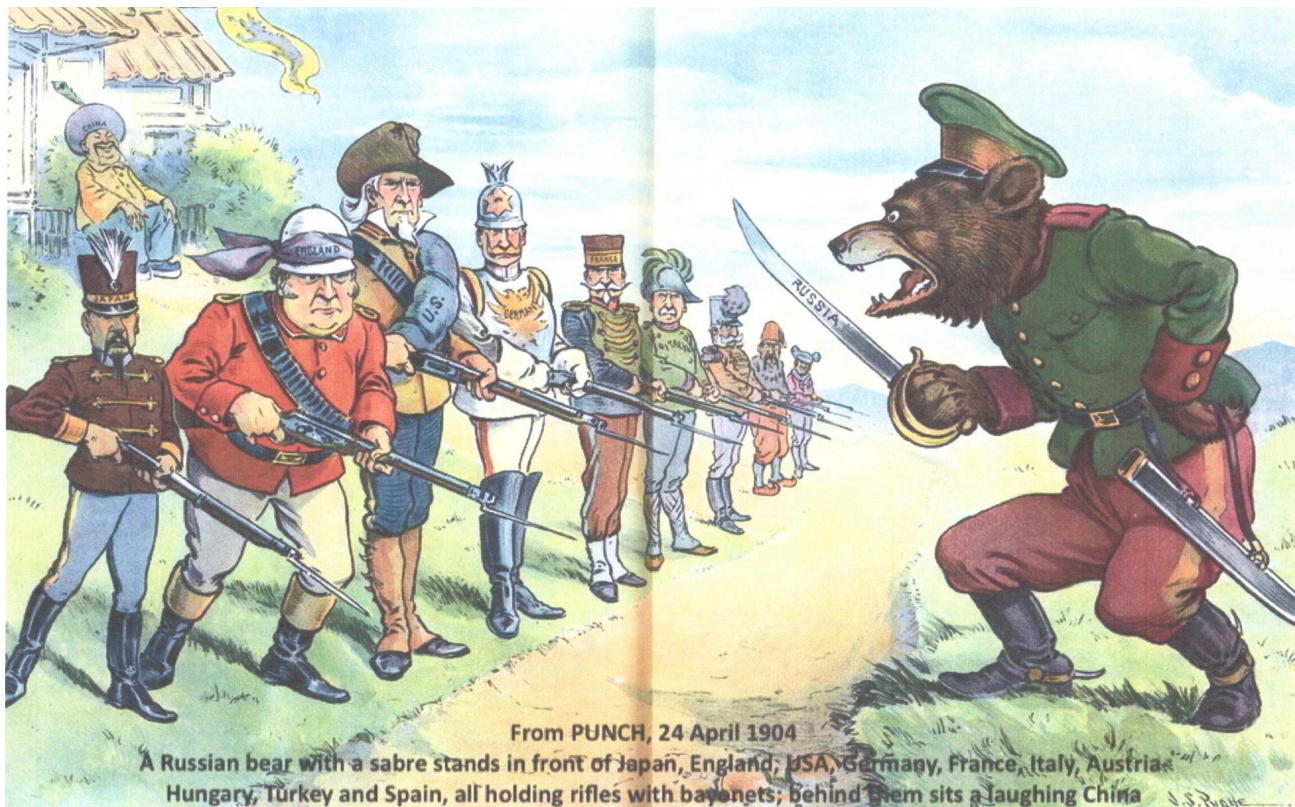


Above: Chief of the Royal Australian Navy, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan, AO, RAN, and Admiral Sir Ben Key (left), KCB, CBE, ADC, First Sea Lord of the Royal Navy, after the Navy-to-Navy talks at HMAS Watson in Sydney.



Left: CN hosting an official reception with the First Sea Lord of the Royal Navy, and distinguished guests on board MV Admiral Hudson in Sydney prior to meeting in HMAS Watson

Photos: Defence



Hungary seems to be missing

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS38 for 2022

Action to renew membership for 2022 can now undertaken in a number of different ways. The following, in order of preference for the Treasurer, are listed below, but any of them can be utilised.

The use of e-banking provides for ease of payment and your bank records act as your receipt. The annual subscription for 2022 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 . .

2022

16 Jun	Coffee/Lunch Gungahlin Lakes 1100
7 Jul	Mid winter Christmas Lunch
21 Jul	Coffee/Lunch Gungahlin Lakes 1100
18 Aug	Coffee/Lunch Gungahlin Lakes 1100
15 Sep	Coffee/Lunch Gungahlin Lakes 1100
20 Oct	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
17 Nov	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
1 Dec	Christmas Lunch

Social Secretary

Position vacant, a volunteer for the job is needed.

Fish 'n Chips has ceased to operate whilst renovations are taking place at the Yacht Club. It is expected resume in October.

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

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