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HMAS Watson ready for redevelopment

The role of HMAS *Watson*, as the home of Training Authority Maritime Warfare, is to prepare officers and sailors of the Royal Australian Navy to be able to fight and win at sea.

Watson facilitates training for approximately 1,300 personnel each year, with course lengths ranging from weeks to 12 months in duration.

The Commanding Officer of HMAS *Watson*, Captain John Stavridis says the redevelopment work is quite significant and will be of benefit to Navy and the community.

"To ensure we continue to support high-end warfare and navigation training outcomes, HMAS *Watson* needs facilities that appropriately support current and future training requirements" he said.

The project will deliver a new training precinct, new living-in accommodation for 236 trainees, a medical clinic, and upgrades to existing water, electrical and communication services, base security and galleys.

"The redevelopment will provide contemporary, fit for purpose training facilities and functional support facilities, to ensure our people are able to develop a fighting superiority at sea," Captain Stavridis said.

Construction is scheduled to commence in February 2020, with completion due by mid-2026.

HMAS *Watson* will celebrate 75 years of service in 2020. *Watson* was commissioned as the Royal Australian Navy's Radar Training School on 14 March 1945.

Watson was named after Watsons Bay, which in



An aerial view of HMAS Watson, Sydney. Major redevelopment works are about to commence at Navy's principal warfare and navigation training establishment.

turn was named after Robert Watson, the Quartermaster of HMS *Sirius*, a ship of the First Fleet.

Watson provides basic and advanced training for the Combat System category and Junior Seaman Officers in ships handling, navigation and tactics.

Advanced training for Principal Warfare Officers, and newly appointed Commanding and Executive Officers, is also conducted at the base.

Construction is scheduled to commence in February 2020, with completion due by mid-2026.

For more information, please visit the HMAS *Watson* Redevelopment public website at <https://defence.gov.au/id/HMAS-Watson/>.

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Events coming up

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| 27 Feb | Last Post Loss of HMAS <i>Perth</i> CMDR Alleyne Tregear |
| 1 Mar | Last Post A/SBLT Antony Huelin RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam |
| 2 Mar | Commemoration RAN 119th Birthday Naval Memorial ANZAC Parade commencing 1000 |
| 11 Mar | Bus trip to Jindabyne area for lunch —Wildbrumbies |
| 19 Mar | Fish 'n Chips at Snapper CYC 1200 |
| 2 Apr | Last Post LEUT Paul J Kimlin Operation Sumatra Assist HMAS <i>Kanimbla</i> |



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General Meetings & AGM Dates and Locations Programme

5 Mar	Kaleen Sports Club	then AGM	1330
2 Apr	Kaleen Sports Club		1330
7 May	Kaleen Sports Club		1330
4 Jun	Kaleen Sports Club		1330
6 Aug	Kaleen Sports Club		1330
3 Sep	Kaleen Sports Club		1330
1 Oct	Kaleen Sports Club		1330
5 Nov	Kaleen Sports Club		1330

Tables are 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 Note

G'day

The Section AGM will be held after the Section General Meeting on 5th March. All positions are open for all shipmates to volunteer. Please think about volunteering. To vote or stand for a position, shipmates need to be financial for 2020.

The National Council meeting and AGM will be held in early April. A list of nominations for National Council was in the February Bosun's Call. The candidates will be discussed at the March meeting.

The Navy's birthday will be held at the Naval Memorial on ANZAC Parade on 2nd March.

All are welcome to attend.

Yours aye

Alex



HMA Ships Arunta (foreground), Stuart (middle) and Hobart in company off the east coast of Australia on their way to Bass Strait and the start of Fleet Certification Period 2020 (FCP20)

**Committee meeting Kaleen Sports Club
1130 Thursday 5 March 2020**

Veterans to be counted on 2021 Census

The Hon Darren Chester MP
Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Minister for Defence Personnel

Friday 14 February 2020

Veterans to be counted on 2021 Census

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) will be able to locate and help more veterans under a plan to include a new question in the 2021 Census.

The Federal Government expects to have better data to help guide services and support for Australia's veterans, with a specific question asking whether someone has served in the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel Darren Chester said the Census question would provide the most up-to-date figures on veterans in the Australian community.

"The Census data will provide a better understanding of how many veterans we have and where they live, allowing us to deliver the right services in the right areas to support their needs," Mr Chester said.

"The Government is committed to putting veterans and their families first and having a Census question has been a key priority for the ex-service community.

"The improved data will help inform our policy response to issues facing veterans, such as health, housing and employment."

Tabled in Parliament this week, the *Census and*

Statistics Amendment (Statistical Information) Regulations 2020 (the Regulations) will allow for the inclusion of the question. The resulting data will have the potential to help the federal, state and territory government agencies, and ex-service organisations better target and improve services and support, particularly for the large proportion of veterans who are currently unknown to the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA).

"Historically, just because a person served in the ADF doesn't mean they required services or support from DVA, making it hard to give a definitive answer on how many veterans are in Australia," Mr Chester said.

"Over the past few years Defence and DVA have been addressing this challenge and now when someone enlists they are registered with DVA, and all transitioning ADF members are automatically issued with a DVA White Card, which provides treatment for any mental health condition regardless of the cause."

Veterans' Affairs Ministers from across Australia recognised the importance of this issue, unanimously agreeing in 2017 that 'a question about veterans should be included in the next Australian Census'. This was reinforced in 2018, where Ministers recognised the need for robust data on veterans' issues and strongly endorsed the need for a veteran indicator in the 2021 Census.

ENDS

Defence families welcomed to new postings across Australia

AUSTRALIAN Defence Force (ADF) members and their families have been welcomed to new posting locations across the country, with a series of events including Welcome to Katherine and Welcome to HMAS Cerberus held over the weekend.

The Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel, Darren Chester said Defence's Welcome events are a great opportunity for our military families to meet each other and get to know their local area, especially if they have recently posted to a new location.

"These events provide ADF families with information to help them settle into their community, as well as a host of activities for kids of all ages," Mr Chester said.

Hosted by Defence Community Organisation, more than 20 Welcome events will showcase local community and government services, and provide information about education, recreation and support services available in the local area.

"Defence Community Organisation offers a range of programs and services to help ADF members and

their families manage the challenges and opportunities of military life," Mr Chester said.

"Each of the local Defence Community Organisation offices across Australia works with local community groups and support services to support ADF families and build a strong, connected and resilient Defence community."

"Whether they're single or have posted with their families, ADF members are welcome to come along with their parents, partner, siblings or kids."

The program of Welcome events runs for almost six weeks throughout February and early March on or near Defence locations across Australia.

For more information about events and the support services available to ADF members and their families, visit the Defence Community Organisation website at

www.defence.gov.au/dco or

call the all-hours Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

Factsheet HSV65 - Medical Treatment while Overseas

Purpose

This Factsheet provides information on how Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) clients can access medical treatment whilst travelling or residing overseas. It also provides information on:

- what arrangements you should make before going overseas,
- how to seek a refund for eligible treatment received overseas,

what to do if you cannot pay for your treatment received overseas.

Will DVA pay for medical treatment while I am overseas?

While you are overseas you will be eligible for treatment at DVA expense for your accepted disabilities only*.

The treatment needs to be the same as, or similar to, treatment and cost considered appropriate in Australia. If you are unsure of your accepted disabilities, please contact DVA on the phone numbers listed under More Information at the end of this Factsheet. Alternatively, you can also see a list of your accepted disabilities by logging onto the MyService page on the DVA website. MyService makes it easier for you to access DVA services online. You will need to register for MyService or sign in with myGov for access.

* **Please note:** This relates only to conditions for which DVA has accepted liability. This does not include conditions accepted under Non-Liability Health Care (NLHC) or Provisional Access to Medical Treatment (PAMT) arrangements.

Can I still use my Gold or White Card when I am overseas?

No, your Gold or White Card can only be used within Australia. These cards are not accepted by health providers outside Australia.

Will DVA pay for my overseas vaccinations before I travel overseas?

DVA will pay for overseas travel vaccinations *provided within Australia* for Gold Card holders. It is important that you discuss your overseas travel plans with your treating medical practitioner to find out if any vaccinations are required prior to travelling overseas.

Do I need overseas travel insurance?

While you are overseas DVA can only fund medical treatment for accepted disabilities.

It is important that you consider taking out travel insurance for treatment of any health conditions, which are not listed as accepted disabilities, should the need arise whilst you are overseas.

Do I need to notify DVA before I go overseas?

Yes, you need to notify DVA of your intention to travel overseas before you leave so the Department can advise you of the arrangements for receiving medical treatment at DVA expense. If you do not notify DVA, you may not be aware of the treatment expenses that can be refunded. Payment for any treatment received while you are overseas cannot be guaranteed. To notify DVA of your intention to travel overseas, complete form

D0578 — Notification of Overseas Travel

For information about how travelling overseas will affect your income support pension and supplements, please see Factsheet [IS77 — Travelling or Living Overseas](#)

What information will I receive from DVA?

Once you notify DVA of your intention to travel overseas you will be provided with information relating to:

- your entitlement to treatment while overseas,
- DVA's prior financial authorisation requirements and limits that apply to some services,
- DVA's treatment agreements with overseas governments,
- procedures for claiming a refund of treatment expenses,

direct contact details for the DVA officers who will be your point of contact whilst overseas.

What treatment expenses can be refunded by DVA?

Veterans are entitled to treatment of accepted disabilities, the same as, or similar to, treatment and cost that would be considered appropriate in Australia.

What type of treatment expenses are not refunded by DVA?

DVA does not refund expenses incurred for:

- health care services that are not generally funded for eligible veterans in Australia (e.g. cosmetic surgery, acupuncturist services, herbal treatments, iridology, etc.),
- treatment where a significant reason for overseas travel was/is to obtain treatment, or

travelling expenses while outside Australia in order to receive treatment, or to return to Australia to obtain treatment.

What information must I provide to DVA to be refunded for treatment overseas?

Usually, you will pay for your treatment and be refunded by DVA.

If you have received and paid for your treatment, submit the original account(s) and itemised paid receipt(s) to DVA as well as a completed and signed:

D1181 — Application for Refund or Payment of Medical Expenses Privately Incurred form.

All accounts must:

- clearly state the patient name and medical condition (s) that were treated,
- be signed by the health provider,
- be itemised and include details of the treatment provided including the number of visits, dates of treatment, and, if an in-patient, the period spent in hospital,
- include the name, dosage and cost of any pharmaceutical item dispensed,
- be accompanied by original receipts,
- be accompanied by the health provider's certification that the treatment was provided in an emergency, if relevant,

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- be accompanied by a translation into English where documents are in a foreign language.

*** Please note:** It is essential that you provide all the information requested above to ensure that DVA is able to process your claim promptly.

Send the completed form with all the required information to:

Department of Veterans' Affairs - Primary Health

GPO Box 9998

Brisbane QLD 4001

Email: overseas.treatment@dva.gov.au

For more information please see Factsheet [HSV64 — Medical Expenses Privately Incurred](#)

Who else should I contact before going overseas?

Contact the [Department of Human Services \(DHS\)](#) to find out about the health care arrangements that are available to all Australians in other countries.

What happens if I cannot pay for my treatment while overseas?

While you are overseas, DVA can only fund medical treatment for accepted disabilities. This does not include conditions accepted under the Non-Liability Health Care (NLHC) or Provisional Access to Medical Treatment (PAMT) arrangements.

If you cannot pay for treatment of an accepted disability whilst overseas contact the Australian High Commission, Embassy or Consulate in that country. Australian officials can contact DVA to arrange payment.

If you cannot pay for treatment of an accepted disability whilst overseas, and your treatment need is not urgent, you can request prior financial approval from DVA. To do this, your health provider must complete and submit the form [D9334 — Prior Approval Request Form](#) for DVA clients receiving treatment outside Australia.

Treatment can include:

- surgery
- procedures
- physiotherapy, optical, dental or other allied health treatment
- pharmaceuticals,
- aids or appliances.

Prior approval is required where:

- DVA is paying the provider directly for the treatment, or
- the Veterans' Affairs agencies in New Zealand or Canada will be paying the provider directly on DVA's behalf.

A prior approval for treatment request, or a request to determine eligibility for treatment:

- can only be considered if it is for treatment for your accepted disability(s),
- must be in English, or include a translation of the request into English. DVA does not pay for the cost of translation,
- must include a detailed estimate of the cost of the

treatment, including a breakdown of fees for doctors, nurses, hospital, rehabilitation and aids,

- must include an itemised account for the cost per item if the request is for medication,
- must be submitted at least four weeks before the proposed treatment to allow time for the processing of the request, unless it is for an emergency admission.

To apply for prior approval for treatment have your provider complete the form [D9334 — Prior Approval Request Form](#) for DVA clients receiving treatment outside Australia.

This form has two parts:

- Part A - Requesting treatment/surgery.
- Part B - Requesting that DVA pay the provider directly for treatment.

Email the completed form to :

Health.Approval@dva.gov.au

If you do not have access to email, post the completed form to:

Health Approval & Home Care team

Department of Veterans' Affairs

GPO Box 9998

Brisbane QLD 4001

For further information or assistance to complete this form please call DVA on +61 2 6289 1133 and ask to speak to the Health Approvals & Home Care team.

More Information

DVA General Enquiries

Phone: 1800 555 254 *

Email: GeneralEnquiries@dva.gov.au

DVA Website: www.dva.gov.au

Factsheet Website: www.dva.gov.au/factsheets

Overseas Treatment Enquiries

If you need more information about this topic or need to contact DVA while overseas:

Email: overseas.treatment@dva.gov.au

Outside Australia phone: +61 3 6221 6752

Additional Information

DVA Service Provider Enquiries

Phone: 1800 550 457 *

Email: GeneralEnquiries@dva.gov.au

DVA Website: www.dva.gov.au

Service Provider Website: www.dva.gov.au/providers

Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Advisory Centre (VAPAC)

Phone: 1800 552 580 *

Open Arms - Veterans & Families Counselling

Phone: 1800 011 046 *

Email: openarms.coord@dva.gov.au

Open Arms - Veterans & Families Counselling website:

www.openarms.gov.au

At Ease Website: www.at-ease.dva.gov.au

* Calls from mobile phones and pay phones may incur additional charges.

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14,000 Young Australians sail in Young Endeavour



Congratulations to our 14,000th youth crew member, Matthew Shelverton, and to the other 13,999 Australians who've made the Young Endeavour program such a success. Image courtesy of YEYS.

The 14,000th young Australian to embark in Sailing Training Ship *Young Endeavour* has completed his 11-day voyage aboard the square-rigged tall ship.

Commander Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral Jonathan Mead, AM acknowledged the achievement and congratulated 16 year old Matthew Shelverton, of Hobart, Tasmania.

"Reaching this milestone is a testament to the world-class youth development program delivered in *Young Endeavour*," Rear Admiral Mead said.

"For the youth crew, this voyage has provided an additional challenge as they learned to sail *Young Endeavour* across Bass Strait, from Hobart to Melbourne."

Since 1988, the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme, in partnership with the Royal Australian Navy, has been challenging young Australians during voyag-

es in Australian waters, and around the world.

While the sail training program teaches sailing skills including helming, navigation and climbing aloft to set and furl sails, it also develops teamwork, leadership and communication.

"During a voyage in *Young Endeavour*, participants have the opportunity to broaden their horizons and to grow both as individuals and as members of the Australian community," Rear Admiral Mead said

"The confidence and self-awareness they gain through the program stands them in good stead for the future."

"I congratulate the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme and the Navy crew for their dedication, and for the positive impact they have made in the lives of so many young Australians."

A second generation crew member, Matthew was encouraged to apply for a voyage by his father Andrew Shelverton – a member of the original delivery crew who sailed *Young Endeavour* from England to Australia in 1987-88.

"The voyage crew were amazing and the program is really well set out," Matthew said.

"We learned how to sail a ship, but also learned more about ourselves and others, and were encouraged to challenge ourselves and step out of our comfort zones.

"It was character building and I'll definitely be able to use some of the skills I learned back at school and in day to day life."

For more information on the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme and to apply for voyages aboard STS *Young Endeavour*, visit <http://www.youngendeavour.gov.au>.



11 March 2020

Coach Tour Cooma Jindabyne Crackenback

Pickup Kaleen (EastLake's) Sports Club 0830 Burns Club Kambah 0900
Return about 1700

See page 9 for details

Powerful new body to tackle ADF and veteran suicides

A powerful, new independent body will be created to investigate all suspected veteran and Australian Defence Force (ADF) suicides and causes to help save lives.

The Morrison Government will establish a permanent National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention.

The National Commissioner will have the enduring power, scope and resources to investigate suicides and related issues as they arise, rather than being restricted by a one-off review looking at past practices.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the independent Commissioner would also have the power to compel witnesses to give evidence.

"This is about being forever vigilant for the care and well-being of our veterans," the Prime Minister said.

"Those veterans and all serving men and women protect our community and our freedoms. It is our duty to do the same for them.

"I have thought long and hard about the best response to this issue. I have spoken to veterans right across Australia and I have met with their families and also local, state and national organisations.

"I believe what we have developed addresses the needs of those veterans, their families and our serving men and women.

"We will be permanently vigilant about their welfare."

The National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention will be empowered to perform two roles:

- The Commissioner will be an independent and permanent public accountability body, with the same powers of a Royal Commission to compel the production of evidence and summon witnesses, and make findings and recommendations to Government.

The Commissioner will also provide an ongoing investigative function of individual cases of suicide, working with each state and territory coronial office, making recommendations to Government.

The Government will invest an initial \$40 million to support the Commissioner's work and this will be expanded to ensure they have whatever resources they need.

The Government will also establish an immediate, independent review of historical veteran suicide cases, conducted by the Commissioner, focusing on the impact of military service and veterans' post service experience.

An interim report will be delivered within 12 months. Families will be engaged in this process if they wish, with an opportunity to participate and tell their stories openly and safely.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, along with coronial and legal experts, will provide technical expertise in support of this work.

Minister for Veterans and Defence Personnel Darren Chester said the Commissioner would also deliver an Annual Veteran and Defence Suicide Death Report to the Parliament.

"This will be a transparent report directly to the Parliament on an annual basis on suicides within the defence and veteran community, including an update on the implementation and evaluation of measures to reduce suicide risk factors," Mr Chester said.

"The Government is committed to ensuring ADF members, veterans and their families have access to the right support, at the right time, especially those who are vulnerable or at risk."

Minister for Defence, Senator the Hon Linda Reynolds CSC said the Chief of the Defence Force and each Service Chief was committed to being open and transparent, to support improved health outcomes for ADF personnel and veterans.

"The mental health and wellbeing of our vets and Defence Force members is an issue of national and enduring importance.

"These comprehensive measures have been developed with a very clear focus on finding the most effective and practical ways of better identifying, preventing, understanding and acting on suicide and suicide risks among our vets and service men and women."

A Veteran Family Advocate will also be appointed to directly engage with the families of veterans, to improve the design of all veteran programs and services, including mental health supports and services.

"The new Veteran Family Advocate will focus on mental health and suicide prevention, and contribute to our understanding of risk factors relating to the wellbeing of veterans and their families, particularly during transition from the ADF," Mr Chester said.

"The Advocate will represent the views of veterans and their families by engaging and advocating to help shape policy and the administration of veteran benefits and support.

"We want to assure defence and veterans' families that help is available now and it can make a difference. Open Arms – Veterans and Families Counselling provides support and counselling to current ADF members, veterans and their families and can be contacted 24/7 on 1800 011 046."

Wednesday, 5 February 2020

Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting on 6 February 2020

Fallen Comrades. The Ode was recited by shipmate Dennis Lyons with special thoughts to the losses of John McCoriston and David Leach.

Meeting opened. President, Alex McGown, opened the meeting at 1335.

Attendance and apologies. 16 members were in attendance and 4 apologies noted.

Minutes of last meeting. The minutes of the 7 November 2019 meeting as appearing in the December 2019 Bosun's Call were accepted.

Motion: The minutes of the 7 November 2019 General Meeting be accepted. Moved: Alex McGown

Seconded: John Small Carried.

Business arising from Minutes

Letter to Torrens Primary School. As Canberra schools have been on holidays the Secretary has deferred the writing of this letter. It will be sent in February 2020.

Reports.

President's report. The President reported he arranged for flowers to be sent to shipmate Merle Hare on the occasion of her 100th birthday. He also attended the Last Post service on her birthday which coincidentally was also the occasion of the anniversary of the loss of her twin brother in WW2. He was a RAAF aircrew man. He also attended the funeral service of former shipmate John McCoriston.

Vice President. Nil report

Secretary / Treasurer. Secretarial activities remain constant and unchanging, if anything lessened because of the holiday season. On the financial front our funds remain in a healthy state and with subs coming in should increase by the next meeting.

Membership. Peter Cooke-Russell advised there are now 51 members fully financial and our possible membership total, including honorary and restricted members, hopefully will be 86 by the time of the Annual General Meeting.

Social Bev Joce reported that with lunches before our General Meetings, monthly Fish'n Chips at the Yacht Club and the luncheons in July and December, there are many opportunities to socialize with shipmates and partners. In addition there will be bus trips with the only costs being for entry (where applicable) and lunches, the bus cost being met by the DVA grant.

KOC/IVCS Nil to report

Welfare. Tony "Irish" Vickers continues to improve following his surgery for the removal of a facial tumour

Motion: The Reports be accepted. Moved: Alex McGown Seconded: JJ Harrison Carried.

General Business.

Resignation. A letter has been received from shipmate John Perrett notifying the Section of his immediate resignation. John indicated his reasons for resigning stemmed from the decision by the National Council to carry the vote of no-confidence in the National President. The Secretary was directed to correspond with John and noting the Section's acceptance of his resignation.

Bus Trips. With the DVA grant now in the Section bank account planning is underway for the first of the trips. It is proposed that on 11 March Jindabyne will be the destination. Section members will have priority and interested members should let Dennis Lyons know of their interest ASAP.

National Council Meeting April 2020

Proposed Section Amendment to the NAA By-laws for a National Rules Committee. At the last National Council meeting the ACT Section's proposal to form a National Rules Committee was approved. The draft motion to comply with the Council's decision was discussed by members resulting in the development of the motion. (Members wishing to see the motion should contact the Secretary)

Motion: The proposed ACT Section Amendment to the NAA By-laws for a National Rules Committee be forwarded to the National Council Secretary for consideration at the April meeting of the National Council.

Moved: Peter Cooke-Russell Seconded: Dennis Lyons Carried

Election of National Vice Presidents. As the number of applicants will most likely exceed the number of vacancies there is a need for members to give direction to our representative at our March General Meeting.

Last Post Ceremony Volunteers. Volunteers are always sought to assist the Section executive in honouring departed naval veterans who are honoured at the Last Post Ceremonies. The service takes place at the Australian War memorial and the time commitment is from 1630 to 1730. The BC gives details of the naval personnel being honoured.

National Representation. On occasions the National President invites ACT Section representatives to stand in for him at commemorative services. On 18 and 22 February there are services to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Vietnam and the 25th anniversary of Operation Tamar in Rwanda. Similar requests may arise in the future and dependent on the home base of the next Na-

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6 February 2020**

tional President we may be asked to attend such services.

Petitions. Petitions have been instigated relating to the DRDB Scheme and the issue of Agent Orange. Members are requested to give these matters serious consideration as they may impact on you. Details have /or will appear in the BC.

General Notices. DVA have advised of the availability of a Dietician's Service to veterans. See BC for further details. Also, members who were involved in Cyclone Tracey operations and were in the area for 28 or more days may be eligible for a medal. Again, see BC.

Annual General Meeting. At the AGM all ACT Section executive positions will be declared vacant and there is the likelihood that not all present incumbents will seek re-election. So, please come along and participate in the election of our new executive. Remember, Thursday, 5 March at the Kaleen Sports Club from 1200. Lunch will be followed by a General Meeting and after a short break the AGM will begin.

Close of **Business.** The meeting closed at 1421.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be on 5 March 2020 at the Kaleen Sport Centre at 1330.

Alan F Masters
Secretary
NAA (ACT Section)

**Notes from the meeting of NAA (ACT) Committee on Thursday, 6 February 2020
at the Kaleen Sports Centre, Kaleen.**

The discussion content is fully reflected in the minutes of the General Meeting of the same date. Much information sharing occurred and positions determined on matters that needed further discussion at the General Meeting.

Next Meeting. Will be held on 5 March 2020 at the venue listed above.

Alan F Masters
Secretary
NAA (ACT)



wildbrumby

As part of the DVA grant we received late last year, we have booked a coach to take us to the Snowy on **11 March 2020**.

The first pick-up will be at the Eastlakes Football Club, Georgina Crescent, Kaleen, at 0830. The coach will then do a second pick-up from the rear carpark of the Burns Club, 28 Kett Street, Kambah (rear of the club) at about 0900. There is no charge for the trip.

We hope to arrive at the Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre on the outskirts of Cooma by about 1030. We will have a stop here for a cup of tea and a biscuit and a wander around the Centre (no entry fee). They also have a display showing the proposed SNOWY II development. The coffee shop will also be available for those who wish.

The coach will depart the Centre at 1130 and should arrive in Jindabyne by 1230. A drop-off will be made for those who wish to have lunch in the town and the coach will then continue on to Crackenback and the Wildbrumby Distillery for a tour, tasting and lunch. The coach has an onboard toilet.

We will leave the distillery in time to do a 1500 pick-up of all who were dropped off in Jindabyne.

A comfort stop will be made at the Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre at about 1600.

We hope to be back at the Burns club by about 1700 and Kaleen at about 1730.

If you wish to reserve seats for yourself and your spouse/partner, please send an email to Tiger (Dennis) Lyons at: dlyo.6547@bigpond.com by **2 March 2020**, letting him know where you will be joining the coach. Naval Association Members will be given first preference for a seat then the invitation will be extended to other ESO's.

If you click on the following link, you can plan your lunch before you board the coach. The driver normally asks you to make your selection before arriving in Cooma and then rings ahead with the order: <https://wildbrumby.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/TVD-JUNE-MENU-004.pdf>



Subscription and Records Update 2020

Annual Subscription for 2020 **\$38.00** (Due now)

Surname.....

Given Names

Signature

Please complete the following details to bring our records up to date

Preferred Title.....Post Nominals.....

Home Address.....

Town/Suburb.....State/Territory.....

Post Code.....

Telephoner (H)

Fax

Email

Spouse/Partner Given Name

Note

When completed please return this form together with your payment to; The Membership Registrar, either at a General meeting or by post to

4 McEachern Crescent MLBA 2615 or pay via the ebanking system to Nav Direct transfer of funds to the NAA (ACT Section). transfer funds to Naval Association of Australia –ACT Section Account **BSB: 633 000 Account Number 162 834 097**

NAA ACT Section Nomination Form

2020 Committee Elections

Position

Nominee

Proposer: Name (Block Letters)

Signature

Seconder: Name (Block Letters)

Signature.....

Date:.....

Endorsement by Nominee

Nominations are to be delivered to

The Secretary, s
NAA ACT Section

not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting to take place; ie by 1.30 pm Thursday 28 February 2020

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2020

Action to renew membership for 2020 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 2019 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

11 Mar	Bus Trip to Jindabyne etc 0830-1700
19 Mar	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
16 Apr	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
25 Apr	ANZAC Day Post March Session
21 May	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
18 Jun	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
9 Jul	Christmas in July lunch
16 Jul	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
20 Aug	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
17 Sep	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
15 Oct	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
19 Nov	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
3 Dec	Christmas lunch
17 Dec	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200

Bus trip program is being developed.

Bev Joce
Social Secretary

75th Annual General Meeting 5 March 2020

Minutes of the 2019 AGM were published in the April 2019 Bosun's Call

The agenda for the 2020 AGM is as follows.

MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the 74th AGM

BUSINESS ARISING

Business arising from the minutes of the 74th AGM

REPORTS

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Registrar
Social
Welfare

GENERAL BUSINESS

Election of Honorary Members for 2020
Appointment of Auditor

Election of Office Bearers for 2020

Date of 76th Annual General Meeting
4 March 2021

Alan Masters

Secretary



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A Happy Birthday to you in March 2020

8	Ted Bryant
12	John Small
12	Hugh Stevenson
17	Michael Baranovsky
22	Jack Aaron
24	Derek Robson
25	Bob Ray

Older Persons ACT Legal Service (OPALS)

The new Older Persons ACT Legal Service (OPALS) is a specialist service within Legal Aid ACT offering flexible legal assistance to older people. OPALS can help in many situations, such as if you:

- have concerns about your safety
- are being pressured to change your living arrangements, sign documents, or provide details of your finances
- are having money taken from you without your permission
- owe money and are not sure how you will pay
- are being abused, threatened or bullied
- are being denied access to grandchildren, other members of your family or support services
- are being discriminated because of your age

If you think you need legal advice, please feel free to contact OPALS:

Address: 2 Allsop Street, Canberra, ACT; or

Telephone: (02) 6243 3436 or 1800 353 374

Email: opals@legalaidact.org.au

www.legalaidact.org.au/opals

OPALS has a strong community legal education and outreach component and provides information and referral services to concerned family, friends and workers. OPALS draws on the expertise of other practices in Legal Aid ACT when providing advice and representation services.

OPALS is a **free** service and all cases are treated in confidence. We can also help make referrals to other specialist services if you choose not to take legal action.



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Curtin ACT 2605

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2020 Annual General Meeting

To be held in the Kaleen Sports Club Commencing at
approximately 1430 on completion of the
5th March General Meeting