



# The Bosun's Call



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## ADF supports Australia Day in Sydney

Australian Defence Force personnel joined Australia Day crowds in Sydney to help celebrate our national day.

For the ship's company of HMAS *Parramatta* the day took on a greater significance when the ship replaced HMAS *Adelaide* as the backdrop for the 'Salute to Australia' on Sydney Harbour.

HMAS *Adelaide*, whose motto is 'United for the common good', had left Brisbane loaded with humanitarian stores as part of the Australian Government response to Tonga following the volcanic eruption on January 15.

Commander David Murphy, Commanding Officer of HMAS *Parramatta*, said it was an honour for the ship's company to join Sydney's Australia Day festivities.

"Australia Day is a great day to be in Sydney Harbour and see the community celebrating together," Commander Murphy said.

"The crew and I are very proud to step in on behalf of HMAS *Adelaide*, given her important mission to support our Tongan friends in the Pacific."

On the last note of *Advance Australia Fair* all eyes were lifted to the skies as a Royal Australian Air Force F-35A Lightning II aircraft provided a spectacular display.

The stealth fighter was flown by No. 2 Operational Conversion Unit pilot Flight Lieutenant Ross Bowman, who said it was a privilege to be part of the activities.

"Sydney Harbour is a great place to fly over and Australia Day provides a unique opportunity to do a display where I am actually looking up at Sydney Harbour Bridge," Flight Lieutenant Bowman said.

"Australia Day always brings in the crowds so it was good to be a part of today's celebrations."

The ADF Parachuting School's Red Berets parachute display team brought the day to a close, jumping over Sydney Harbour and landing in the waters near the Sydney Opera House as the crowds enjoyed a concert.

*By Lieutenant Nancy Cotton*

*A Royal Australian Navy MH-60R Seahawk helicopter carries the Australian national flag past HMAS Canberra during Australia Day celebrations in Sydney, NSW.*

*Photo Able Seaman Benjamin Ricketts.*



### Events coming up

28 Feb	Last Post Ceremony EA2 H Porter & 80th Anniversary Loss of HMAS Perth. Alex McGown
1 Mar	RAN's 111 <sup>th</sup> Birthday– Naval Memorial ANZAC Parade 1000-1100. (121 <sup>st</sup> since 1 March 1901)
1 Mar	Last Post Ceremony AB S W Hawkes HMAS Sydney. Dennis Lyons
4 Mar	Last Post Ceremony ERA4 A Adams & 80th Anniversary Loss of HMAS Yarra. Joe Slaats



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## General Meetings Dates and Locations Programme

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

### 2022

3 Mar	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
3 Mar	<b>AGM</b> on Completion of General Meeting	
7 Apr	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
5 May	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
2 Jun	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
4 Aug	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

To all members,

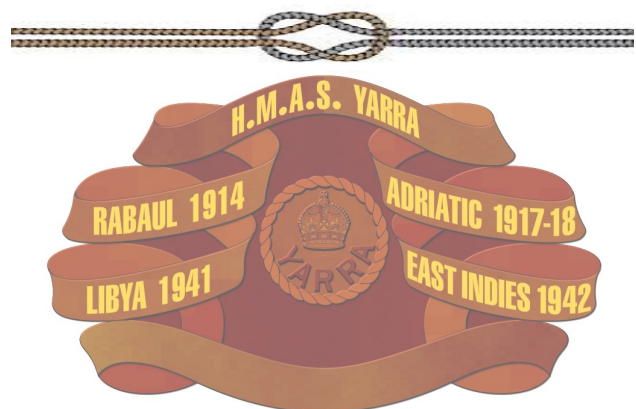
It was wonderful to see a good turn-out for the February 2022 Section Meeting and it is hoped we can all gather together at our next meeting.

It is very encouraging to see the willingness of members to nominate for positions within the Section Committee for 2022. To all who have offered their services, I wish you well for the 03 March AGM Election of Office-Bearers. May I extend my personal appreciation for all the support and encouragement the committee have afforded me throughout 2021. I congratulate them on their collective achievements in the service of the NAA ACT Section Members and acknowledge that it has been a joy and a privilege to be in their company.

Isn't it pleasing to see Covid restrictions being rolled back wherein, we will soon be able to travel to Western Australia! I must check up on the latest exchange rates they are offering for the '*East-Australia Dollar*'.

Yours aye,

David Manolas



## Committee meeting

**Eastlakes Gungahlin**  
**1100 Thursday 3 March 2022**

## NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINES –AUKUS

### Comments from the Taskforce Chief



**By Vice Admiral Jonathan Mead AO**  
**30 October 2021**

As Chief of the Nuclear Powered Submarine Taskforce my role is to advise Government on the optimal pathway to acquiring a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines for Australia. Nuclear-powered submarines will fundamentally change Australia's strategic personality in the maritime domain. They will allow us to hold potential adversaries at risk from a greater distance and influence their calculus of the costs involved in threatening Australia's interests. Nuclear-powered submarines have superior characteristics of stealth, speed, manoeuvrability, survivability, and almost limitless endurance compared to conventional submarines.

The *2020 Defence Strategic Update* highlighted a rapid deterioration of the strategic environment of the Indo-Pacific region – Australia's region. Military modernisation is occurring at an unprecedented rate. Capabilities are rapidly advancing, and their reach is expanding. As a result, our technological edge is narrowing.

In response, the Government has outlined a commitment to develop a more capable military force that will allow us to continue to help shape the region's future trajectory in ways that support security and prosperity for all – Australians, our neighbours and partners. This includes a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines, the most technologically advanced underwater capability to ever be operated by the Royal Australian Navy.

Managing the delivery of this capability is a vital task – one that has my absolute commitment and that I consider of the deepest importance in its contribution to the defence of Australia. The delivery of a project of this scale is a national endeavour. We must get this right – and to do so, we must have the right people, with the right skillsets, in the right places.

Since the announcement of the AUKUS enhanced trilateral security partnership, the Taskforce has grown in size, capacity and expertise. The multi-agency taskforce now comprises seven divisions: Capability, Executive, International Policy and Agreements, Program Delivery and Industry, Security, Technology, and Stewardship. We have recruited – and continue to recruit – the best and brightest minds in Australia to contribute to the delivery of this historic capability. Our people will be the key enablers of success for the nuclear-powered submarine program.

There has been much speculation about the nuclear-powered submarine program since its announcement on 16 September – which boat design will be selected? How much it will cost? When will construction commence? How long it will take? It is important to understand that acquiring a fleet of nuclear-powered submarines is a multi-faceted task and requires significant input from a wide range of stakeholders. It is not an overnight task. Australia has never undertaken a capability acquisition of this scale.

The 18-month period of intensive consultation, which has already commenced, is imperative. It is a defined period that will allow us to work through the key questions with experts in industry, academia and Australian nuclear organisations to inform the Government's decision on the future nuclear-powered submarine program.

What I can assure you is that this nuclear-powered propulsion technology is safe. The nuclear propulsion system used by the United Kingdom and the United States has an enviable track record of safety and security. Their respective nuclear-powered submarines have never experienced any reactor accident or release of radioactivity that has harmed humans or marine life. Our AUKUS partners have set and maintained an exemplary safety record operating their submarine nuclear reactors. Australia will ensure it replicates this safety record by leveraging both countries' decades of experience as responsible stewards of this technology. Safety is our absolute priority.

Further, the 'nuclear' in nuclear-powered submarines refers only to the propulsion power source of the boat. Australia will not seek to develop or acquire nuclear weapons. We remain committed to our obligation under the Non-Proliferation Treaty



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Looking ahead at the next 18 months, the Taskforce will work with our counterparts in the United Kingdom and United States to deliver key outcomes. We will establish a framework around nuclear stewardship and safety and further policy requirements. We will define the nuclear-powered submarine workforce, including domestic and international training and education opportunities, and identify industry, security and infrastructure requirements. We will determine timeframes, costs and supply needs – and we will select a submarine design.

The Government has outlined its intention to build these submarines in Adelaide. This is with the backing of a strong sovereign defence industry. We can only move forward and contribute more to our region's stability, security and prosperity if we commit to build a robust, resilient and internationally competitive Australian defence industrial base. This will advance Australia's economy and create and sustain thousands of Australian jobs.

I am focused on expeditiously delivering to Government an optimal pathway to acquire these nuclear-powered submarines. We must remain focused. We must deliver. We must remain committed to our mission to defend Australia and its national interests in order to advance Australia's security and prosperity for decades to come. That is mission success.

**Vice Admiral Jonathan Mead, AO**

### Naval Career

**Jonathan Dallas Mead** joined the Royal Australian Naval College in 1984 and graduated in 1986 with a Diploma of Applied Science. He specialised in Mine Clearance Diving and Explosive Ordnance Disposal and after serving as Executive Officer of Clearance Diving Team One he undertook Principal Warfare Officer (ASW) training. A succession of warfare postings then followed, including: Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer in HMAS *Melbourne*

and HMAS *Arunta*, Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Officer and Executive Officer of HMAS *Arunta*.

In 2005, Commander Mead took command of HMAS *Parramatta* and saw active service in the North Arabian Gulf as part of Operation CATALYST in 2005-06; for this his ship was awarded a Meritorious Unit Citation and he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM). He undertook studies at the Indian National Defence College in 2007 after which Captain Mead was appointed as Australia's Defence Adviser to India.

Promoted to Commodore, in July 2011, he deployed to the Middle East where he commanded Combined Task Force 150, responsible for maritime counter terrorism, during October 2011-April 2012 and he was consequently awarded a Commendation for Distinguished Service, in 2013, for his service in the Middle East region. Upon his return to Fleet Headquarters in 2012, he served as Commander Surface Force.

In January 2015, he was promoted to Rear Admiral and assumed the position as Head Navy Capability. On 19 January 2018 he assumed the position of Commander Australian Fleet.

Rear Admiral Mead was appointed as an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 2020 'for distinguished service to the Royal Australian Navy in senior management and command roles'.

On promotion to the rank of Vice Admiral in November 2020, Jonathan Mead assumed the position of Chief of Joint Capability which was followed in 2021 with being selected for the position of Chief of the Nuclear Powered Submarine Taskforce

Vice Admiral Mead holds a Masters Degree in International Relations, a Masters Degree in Management and a PhD in International Relations. He is the author of *Indian National Security: Misguided Men and Guided Missiles* published in 2010.

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## Bev Joce awarded Honorary Member for Life

Bev received the NAA's award of Honorary Member for Life on 3 February 2022 in recognition of her outstanding Service as the ACT Section's Social Secretary from 2005 to 2022 on a voluntary basis with her husband's (Don Joce) assistance.

During this lengthy period Bev demonstrated her dedication to the ACT Section by organizing various social functions throughout the year including barbeques, dinners, lunches and theatre nights as well as regular monthly get togethers at a take away shop attached to the Canberra Yacht Club on the banks of Lake Burley Griffin in between the Section's monthly meetings

She was the mainstay in organizing regular raffles at meetings and Monster raffles at our Christmas BBQ lunches which were held in her home's back garden. Meticulous records were kept with regard to the Christmas raffles to ensure that tickets sold were accounted for and she did the shopping for and packed the Christmas hampers which were stored in her care until the raffle was drawn. The setting of her garden was ideal and the effort put in by both Bev and Don to make the Section's members welcome is truly memorable.

*Vice President Alex McGown presenting Bev with her Honorary Member for Life award certificate at the ACT Section's General Meeting on 3 February 2022.*

*Photo Kate Reid-Smith*



## Boost in support for ex-service organisations

**Wednesday, December 15 2021**

**The Hon Andrew Gee MP**  
Minister for Veterans' Affairs  
Minister for Defence Personnel

Ex-service organisations supporting veterans, war widows, partners and dependants of serving and ex-serving Defence personnel have received a funding boost from the Australian Government to help them continue their important work.

Australian Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association, The War Widows' Guild and The Federation of Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) Ex Service Men and Women are among 14 organisations to receive up to \$10,000 under the Grants-In-Aid Program.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Andrew Gee said the extra funding will help with the day-to-day running of these organisations that work tirelessly in support of our veterans and their families.

"These groups play a vital role in the Defence and veteran community, providing wellbeing and welfare services to our veterans and their families, as well as being a place for creating social connections and fostering mateship," Minister Gee said.

"Each organisation has their own projects and activities that will benefit from this Federal funding, with Buddy Up Australia using the money to offer an annual training camp to better inform leaders and mentors about the support services available.

"The Naval Association of Australia will use the funding to travel to key regional areas to meet with veteran groups and rebuild relationships that were disrupted due COVID-19.

"Now that COVID-19 restrictions are easing around the country, the funding will also help many important annual conferences resume in-person across the nation.

"I am committed to working closely with ex-service organisations and individuals that dedicate themselves to supporting the veteran community.

"Grants-In-Aid together with other programs such as the Veteran and Community Grants and the Support Younger Veterans Grants are an important part of the Australian Government's commitment to supporting the Defence and veteran community."

For more information, visit the [Grants-In-Aid program](#) on the DVA website.

## Keeping an eye on space

Communications, remote sensing and precision navigation and timing for warships and submarines is becoming more and more important – and satellite technology is making the process that much easier.

The ADF is increasingly investing in satellite capabilities in space to allow Navy surface and sub-surface vessels to better assess the maritime environment and respond to potential threats over the horizon.

Navy Information Warfare's Deputy Director Space Lieutenant Commander Ben Piggott said such capabilities and platforms provided Navy with a strategic advantage.

"Satellite communications is the only way to move a lot of information to and from ships and submarines quickly," Lieutenant Commander Piggott said.

"Remote-sensing satellites are important so that we can understand the environment beyond the range of our on-board sensors, and GPS is essential so that we can know where we are, target weapons accurately, and synchronise our communications.

"Defence is also exploring options for space electronic warfare to deter interference with our space systems."

Lieutenant Commander Piggott's comments come as Defence highlights its long-standing and diverse science-based capabilities as part of National Science Week, Australia's annual celebration of all things relating to science and technology held each year in August.

For Navy, it is an opportunity to highlight the ground-breaking work of its Information Warfare Space specialists – a relatively new qualification.

*A/SBLT Jack Meadows  
18 August 2021*

Sailors have navigated by the stars since the dawn of time, but now Navy is looking skyward to understand who is observing us.

Deputy Director of Space in the Navy Intelligence and Information Warfare Branch, Lieutenant Commander Ben Piggott, completed the Bundeswehr (German military) space situational awareness course last November.

"It was a great introduction to the fundamentals of how we can use radars and telescopes to collect data on what satellites are doing in space, then turning that data into a picture that we can use for military situational understanding of what is happening in space in the same way a ship's operations room has access to

different sensors that can be used to form a picture that can be used to make decisions," Lieutenant Commander Piggott said.

Held in Luftwaffenkaserne (air force barracks) Wahn, near Cologne, the course introduced students to the fundamentals of space situational awareness.

It was made possible by a relationship the Bundeswehr has with the Technical University of Braunschweig.

The instruction was aimed at a first-year university level.

With a master's degree in space operations, Lieutenant Commander Piggott was one of 23 military and civilian delegates from around world on the course.

"We needed to get a sense of how worthwhile the training was, and the feasibility of sending more people in the future," Lieutenant Commander Piggott said.

"It is great to see how Germany and NATO operate in the space environment.

"I was able to make connections that have the potential to create some opportunities for Australia to establish mutually beneficial space technology partnerships with other countries in the future."

There are opportunities for Navy personnel to work in the newly established Space Command, with a number of new positions available.

Lieutenant Commander Piggott said he was excited for the "astonishing" amount of growth around the corner.

"Space systems like satellite communications, earth observation satellites, and GPS are fundamental to enabling our submarines, ships and aircraft to operate effectively – we can't deliver the full capability of our platforms without space," Lieutenant Commander Piggott said

*Petty Officer Lee Anne Cooper  
15 February 2022*

*Navy Information Warfare Branch's Deputy Director – Space Lieutenant Commander Benjamin Piggott, pictured in Canberra, completed a space situational awareness course in Germany late last year.*

*Photo: Petty Officer Bradley Darvill*







## DEFENCE & VETERANS LEGAL SERVICE

The Defence and Veterans Legal Service (**DAVLS**) is a national service that provides free and independent information and legal advice to support Australian Defence personnel and veterans, as well as their families, carers and supporters, to safely share their experiences with the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide (**the Royal Commission**).

**DAVLS is an Australia-wide service and, in the ACT, it operates through the ACT Office of Legal Aid. DAVLS is independent and separate from the Royal Commission, the Department of Defence, and the Department of Veterans' Affairs.**

DAVLS can provide legal advice about:

- taking part in the Royal Commission;
- your legal rights when sharing information with the Royal Commission; and
- available legal protections when sharing information with the Royal Commission.

DAVLS can support you in:

- making a submission to the Royal Commission;
- arranging a private session with the Royal Commission; and
- connecting you with other services, like counselling, advocacy, and other legal support not related to the Royal Commission.

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**We are not replacing ex service organisations in their valuable work representing veterans in their claims for compensation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs.**

All discussions between clients and our lawyers are treated in confidence and at no charge to the individual.

### Contact details

The DAVLS contact telephone is 1800 33 1800 or you can visit our website at

<https://defenceveteranslegalservice.org.au>.

If you are deaf, hard of hearing and/or have a speech impairment, you can contact us by calling the National Relay Service (**NRS**) on 1300 555 727 or TTY 133 677.

For immediate help in a crisis, please contact one of the following services:

- Lifeline – 13 11 14
- Suicide Call Back Service – 1300 659 467
- Beyond Blue – 1300 224 636
- Open Arms – 1800 011 046
- Defence All-hours Support Line – 1800 628 036
- Triple zero – 000

## Submissions and Royal Commission's Commitment

### Submissions

The Royal Commission has so far received more than 1,100 written submissions from individuals and organisations. The Commission is interested in hearing from people with lived experiences – whether currently serving in the Defence force, former members, or a family member or someone who is supporting them. All voices and stories are welcome.

These stories might not relate to suicide but could be about military service, mental health and individual experiences in the Defence force. The Commissioners want to discover themes and common experiences and identify ways to bring about real change for future serving and ex-serving Defence communities.

All submissions will be recorded, reviewed and used to inform the work of the Royal Commission. You can remain anonymous when you speak to the Commission.

Information about the [submission process](#), appear-

ing as a witness and applying for a [private session](#) is available on the [Royal Commission website](#).

### **Community engagement and the Royal Commission: a statement from the Commissioners**

We need to learn as much as we can about the issues and situations surrounding the deaths by suicide of serving and ex-serving Defence members. We can only do this with your help. We are here to listen, learn and then act, informed by the accounts and experiences of those impacted by suicide or suicidal thoughts.

Our strong commitment is to make sure this Royal Commission is about hearing the stories of those who have served or continue to serve who have experiences with suicide or suicidal thoughts. This includes the family members of those who have tragically lost loved ones. We will adhere to the principles of trauma-informed engagement and collaboration. We will monitor, learn from and strengthen our engagement approaches as the Royal Commission proceeds

## Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting held at the Eastlake Gungahlin Club on 3 February 2022

Before the meeting formally started, members were introduced to the music of the march, Once Navy, Always Navy, composed by CPO Musician Martyn Hancock, CSM. The quick march, commissioned to mark the NAA centenary, is written for military marching band and draws from the plethora of sources including previous compositions, orchestral film music and nautical melodies. Sufficient copies have been made available to NAA Sections and Sub-sections.

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

**Present:** 11 members as per attendance book.

**Apologies:** John Small, Glenn McNamara, Harry Beardsell

**Minute of Last Meeting.** The minutes of the general meeting on 4 November 2021 appeared in the December 2021 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 4 November 2021 be accepted.*

*Moved: Peter Cooke-Russell. Seconded: Dennis Lyons. Carried.*

### Reports.

**President.** The President thanked Alex for his input to the funeral service for our late shipmate, Ken Cartwright.

**Vice President.** Advised of his coming attendance with President at the Remembrance Day ceremony at the AWM. He thanked Darren Rush for making work arrangements that would enable him to attend our meetings and also for the design work he does for the White Ensign Magazine..

**Secretary.** Business as usual.

**Treasurer.** Financial records remain in a healthy state and are ready for auditing, there being little activity in the last month.

**Membership.** Membership renewals slowly continue bringing the full membership for 2022 to 43 with 22 still to renew their subs. With other membership types our numbers are 79.

**Welfare.** Shipmate Frank Reid is not in a good place.

### General Business:

- **Donations to Charitable Organisations.** In 2021 no donations were given to charities. This situation arose from the cancellation of meetings due to COVID restrictions. In 2020 donations of \$100 were made to each of Dementia Australia, Australian Cancer Research Foundation, National Heart Foundation and Legacy. The questions are whether we remedy our

omission and whether we stay with the same charities. These questions will be put to members at the next General Meeting.

- **Guest Speakers.** Our General Meetings could be augmented by having a guest speaker talking about issues relevant to our interests. David spoke of the award of the bereavement medal and noted that CN had indicated a willingness to continue this practice following such requests by the families of naval personnel who had crossed the bar. LCDR Desmond Woods is the RAN liaison officer, and he could be considered for giving an address on this matter. Likewise, our newest member, Alaric O'Neill, has started work within DVA and he could be a prospect for informing us of his role in DVA. This will be a work in progress.
- **Committee Positions.** All present committee members will stand for re-election. However, there is always room for additional members and younger members would be most welcomed to join Kate in potentially providing and ensuring our continued service to members in the future. Details of the tasks undertaken by the committee can be sought from the secretary.
- **RAN Birthday.** David has been invited to lay a wreath on 1 March at the Navy Memorial on ANZAC Parade on behalf of the NAA. In past years NAA(ACT) has also laid a wreath and members have joined in the celebration.
- **Last Post Services.** There are three LPCs coming up in the next few weeks. Alex will do the 28 Feb, Dennis the 3 Mar and Alex or Joe the 4 Mar.
- **ANZAC Day.** The AWM Director has informed us there will be no national service held this year, but the dawn service will proceed. At this stage, the march, organised by the RSL (ACT) is still under consideration.
- **Computer Purchase.** The purchase of a computer for use by the Secretary, as approved by the members at the 2019 AGM, has not taken place. It intended to proceed with the purchase of a laptop and members will be advised at the next General Meeting of the details of such a purchase.
- **HMAS Canberra (1) Commemorative Service.** The Secretary advised that he will be overseas from 20 May to 15 September and so will be unable to organise the service. Volunteers to assist the committee will be appreciated.
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- *Motion: Harry Beardsell be appointed auditor for the 2021 Financial accounts of the NAA (ACT)*
- *Moved: Tony Vickers. Seconded: John Coombe. Carried.*
- **Royal Commission re Suicide of Veterans.** The President thanked Alan Joyce for his excellent work in developing a submission for the NAA to give to the Royal Commission. Alan has been ably assisted by Peter Cooke-Russell and Tony Vickers in the editing process.
- **Fish'n Chips.** These get togethers are back and details are in the BC.

**Honorary Membership for Life.** The President was delighted to present Bev Joce with an Honorary Membership for Life. It was in recognition for her work in running the raffles at meetings, organising

social activities and for together with her late husband, Shipmate Don, in making their house and garden available for Christmas parties. Bravo Zulu, Bev.

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be on Thursday, 3 March 2022 at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club starting at 1330 following lunch starting at 1200.

Meeting closed at 1355.

Alan Masters

Secretary / Treasurer

NAA (ACT)

## Notes from Committee Meeting 3 February 2022 Held at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club

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

Apology: John Small

The following are brief notes of the discussion matters which mainly focused on the agenda items for the General Meeting to follow.

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**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 3 March 2022 at 1100.

Alan Masters

Secretary / Treasurer

## NAA ACT Section Nomination Form 2022 Committee Elections

**Position**

**Nominee**

**Proposer:** Name (Block Letters) .....

Signature .....

**Second:** Name (Block Letters) .....

Signature.....

**Date:**.....

**Endorsement by Nominee** .....

Nominations are to be delivered to

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not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting to take place; ie by 1.30 pm Thursday 24 February 2022

## Subscription and Records Update 2021

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**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.**
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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**

17 Mar	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
21 Apr	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
19 May	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
16 Jun	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
<b>1 Jul</b>	<b>Mid winter Christmas Lunch</b>
21 Jul	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
18 Aug	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
15 Sep	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
20 Oct	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
17 Nov	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
<b>1 Dec</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>

**Bev Joce**

**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](mailto: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](http://www.dva.gov.au/providers/how-claim)



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**A Happy Birthday to you  
March 2022**

8	Ted Bryant
12	John Small
17	Mike Baranovsky
22	Jack Aaron
24	Bob Ray



**NB**

**The 2022 Annual General Meeting of the  
NAA ACT Section  
will be held on Thursday 3 March 2022  
at the Eastlake Football Club Gungahlin  
commencing at 1400 (2 pm) approx.**

Nominations for Office Bearers and Committee  
are to be with the Secretary by 24 February 2022

Nomination Form, Agenda and 2021 AGM minutes were in the  
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