



The Bosun's Call



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Once Navy, Always Navy

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On 30 January 2023, HMAS Sydney and FNS D'entrecasteaux sailed in a formation departure from Sydney Harbour to conduct co-operative activities off the New South Wales coast. The Ships exchanged selected officers for the duration of the activities.

Defence

The **D'Entrecasteaux class** is a class of oceanic patrol ships of the French Navy. The ship's designation is **Bâtiment multi-mission (B2M)** in French, meaning "multi-mission ship", and sometimes dubbed the "Swiss Army knife of the Navy". The ship is designed to perform sovereignty, law enforcement and logistics missions (such as policing illegal fishing, off-shore traffic and resource mining, assisting distressed ships, search and rescue, and contributing to the logistics

HMAS Sydney and FNS D'entrecasteaux sail in a formation departure through Sydney Harbour

Photo: SMNGX Genae Kelly

of Overseas collectivities and departments.). The class replaced the aging BATRAL-class landing ships in some of these roles. The *D'Entrecasteaux* -class perform similar roles in French overseas territories that the four *Loire*-class ships perform in Metropolitan France.

Three units were initially planned, but a fourth one was ordered in early 2015, to cover the Mozambique Channel. The French Navy's first *Bâtiment multi-mission* (B2M) ship, *D'Entrecasteaux*, was delivered at the end of March 2016. The B2M vessels can be armed with two 12.7x99 mm (.50 cal.) machine guns

Wikipedia



Events coming up

28 Feb Last Post Ceremony AWM CERA John J Madge HMAS Perth. Wreath to be laid by Alex McGown
2 Mar Last Post ceremony AWM 80th Anniversary of the Battle of the Bismarck Sea. Wreath to be laid by Joe Slaats



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General Meetings Dates and Locations Programme

2 Mar	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
	AGM on completion of GM	
6 Apr	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
4 May	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
1 Jun	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330

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

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

President's Message

Shipmates,

I look forward to seeing all those who are able to attend our next Section Meeting, followed by the AGM. Whilst we have nominations for committee positions, anyone wishing to play a part is encouraged to nominate.

Notice is hereby provided that: The Hon Matt Keogh MP, has today (*Thursday 16 February 2023*) announced that the Government will be undertaking consultation with the veteran community and other stakeholders about a proposed pathway to simplify the veterans' legislative framework: Veterans' Legislation Reform Consultation Pathway takes shape | Minister for Veterans' Affairs (dva.gov.au).

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs' Paper, acknowledges the finding of the RC into Defence and Veteran Suicide that the existing system is "so complicated that it adversely affects the mental health of some veterans". The Paper proposes "a future model whereby all claims are considered under one piece of legislation rather than three. Importantly, the model also considers critical safeguards, such as grandparenting existing arrangements".

Information about the consultation process can be found at <https://www.dva.gov.au/legislationconsultation2023>. Written submissions from any interested parties, have also been invited, by **12 May 2023**. These can be made through the consultation webpage at <https://www.dva.gov.au/legislationconsultation2023> or by emailing legislation.reform@dva.gov.au. Faxed and posted submissions will also be accepted – see the website page for relevant details.

There is much to deliberate upon in what is the most important set of provisions impacting upon us all in one manner or another.

Yours aye,

David Manolas
President
NAA ACT Section

Committee meeting
Eastlakes Gungahlin
1100 Thursday 2 March 2023

Forging stronger links to address veterans' homelessness

Monday, 13 February 2023

The Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP

Assistant Minister for Defence

Assistant Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Assistant Minister for the Republic

New resources for community housing providers tailored for the needs of veterans experiencing homelessness have been launched today.

"Working with Veterans: A Toolkit for Community Housing Organisations" is a joint initiative between the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) and the Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA).

The new resources strengthen referral pathways between providers, DVA, Open Arms and other ex-service organisations, to help set an industry standard for providing housing services to veterans.

Assistant Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Thistlethwaite launched the toolkit at an event that brought together representatives from the homelessness sector, government and veteran community.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to the defence personnel who have donned a uniform and served Australia. But too many of our former service personnel are experiencing homelessness," Assistant Minister Thistlethwaite said.

"We are working hard to address the issue of homelessness - we need to ensure that there are stronger linkages between providers, services and veterans.

A recent survey found that only 39 per cent of veterans who reported experiencing homelessness accessed assistance from mainstream support services.

The resources include a toolkit which outlines the risk factors contributing to veteran homelessness, service needs and available referral pathways, and how to tailor support for veterans and families.

As the peak industry body representing 170 not-for-profit community housing providers in Australia, CHIA's knowledge and connection to providers



across Australia will ensure that the toolkit is up-to-date, relevant and linked with the industry.

"There are many factors that can contribute to homelessness, such as relationship breakdown, unemployment, and experiences of mental ill-health. We are focused on developing the best practical ways to address these factors before veterans and families find themselves at risk.

"Too many veterans are without a home and too few are turning to us for support. These new resources will help address those trends," Assistant Minister Thistlethwaite said.

The new resources complement the Albanese Labor Government's commitment to helping address veteran homelessness through the \$10 billion Housing Australia Future Fund.

Returns from the Fund will provide a \$30 million investment over five years to build housing and fund services for veterans who are homeless, or at-risk of becoming homeless.

For more information, visit www.dva.gov.au/homelessness-support.

Veterans who are struggling with their living situation or are at risk of homelessness are encouraged to contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs on 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372) or Open Arms – Veterans and Families Counselling on 1800 011 046 who will work with them to provide the most appropriate care.

Media contacts

Ben Leeson (Assistant Minister Thistlethwaite's Office): [0404 648 275](tel:0404648275)

DVA Media: media.team@dva.gov.au

Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling provides 24/7 free confidential crisis support for current and ex-serving ADF personnel and their families on [1800 011 046](tel:1800011046) or the [Open Arms website](http://OpenArms.org.au). **Safe Zone Support** provides anonymous counselling on [1800 142 072](tel:1800142072). **Defence All-Hours Support Line** provides support for ADF personnel on [1800 628 036](tel:1800628036) or the [Defence Health Portal](http://DefenceHealthPortal.gov.au). **Defence Member and Family Helpline** provides support for Defence families on [1800 624 608](tel:1800624608).

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Old ASIO Building—Site
Child Care Centre (was Russell Canteen)

A photograph of a modern, multi-story office building with a grid-like facade and large windows. Two black arrows point to specific windows on the building's facade.

Campbell Park Offices

- The Department of Defence has extended its long-standing lease at Canberra's Campbell Park offices until 2027,

Campbell Park was built in the 1970s in bushland just east of Mount Ainslie to accommodate rapidly increasing numbers of Defence Department personnel.

Campbell Park currently houses around 2,000 office and administration workers.

HMAS Stirling—Redevelopment



Left: View of new building from the Submarine Training and Systems Centre

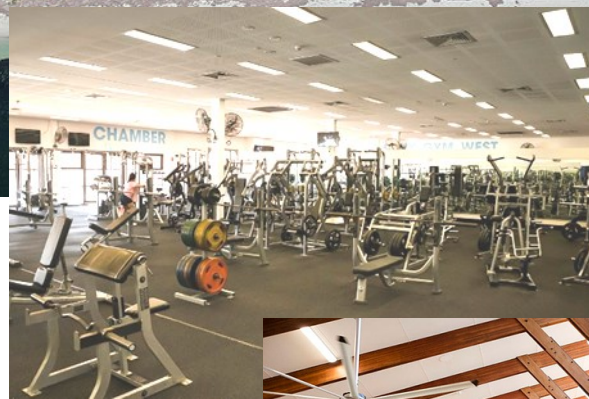
Below: HMAS Stirling Administration and accommodation areas

Construction areas



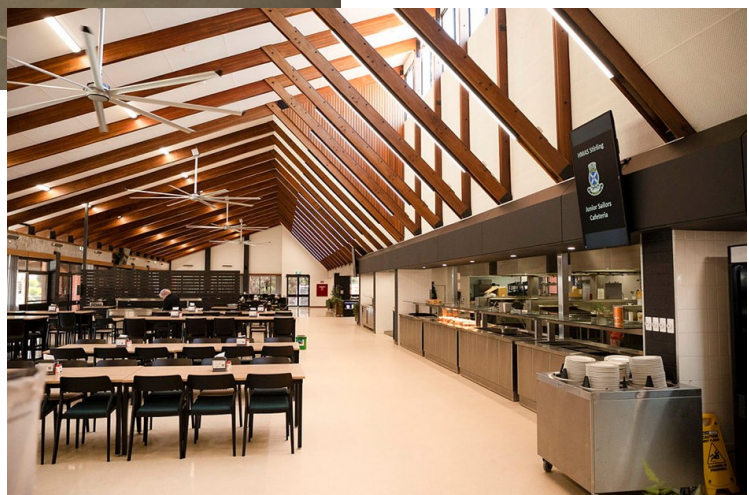
Redevelopment at HMAS Stirling is continuing to deliver improved working conditions for Navy people, with a number of key facility and infrastructure upgrades having taken place already on Garden Island, Western Australia.

Building upgrades to date include the Wardroom, Junior Sailors Bar and Health Centre, all of which were modernised to provide a more pleasant and efficient work place as part of the \$367 million redevelopment project undertaken by a range of civilian contractors.



Left: Health Centre

Below: Junior Sailors Cafeteria



MyWay for seniors

COTA ACT manages Seniors Cards in the ACT, which are combined with Transport Canberra MyWay cards - one card allows for public transport access, and a range of Seniors Card discounts and services.

Canberrans aged 60 and over, who meet eligibility requirements, will be entitled to an ACT senior's card. Before you apply for a card you can check your eligibility and what documentation will be required by visiting COTA website.

The ACT Seniors MyWay Card is a dual card that allows seniors access to free off peak travel on Transport Canberra services. You can load your ACT Seniors MyWay with travel credit at a MyWay retail agent or at a Ticket Vending Machine. The vending machine will also show you your current balance. Visit our MyWay top up page to find your closest location.

Apply for your ACT Seniors MyWay Card

You can apply easily online using the Online Seniors MyWay Card application form.

Or, you can download, print and return the Seniors MyWay Card Application form [PDF 166KB].

Once your application has been processed you can expect to receive your card in 7 business days. If you wish to travel on a Transport Canberra service whilst waiting for your card you can use your electronic receipt to receive your transport concession for 14 days or until your seniors card arrives in the mail. You will have to show this to the bus driver or light rail staff member if asked.

If you require assistance filling out the online form or if you are not able to complete an application online, you can contact COTA ACT (02) 6282 3777 (BH) or our MyWay Administration Office, (02) 6207 7711 (BH). ACT Senior/MyWay cards are registered as a part of the online application process.

For further information or for MyWay enquiries please call the MyWay Administration Office (02) 6207 7711 (BH).

ACT Motor vehicle registration and renewal

Concessions

Centrelink

Holders of a current Centrelink Pension Concession Card are entitled to 100% discount on registration.

This means that you do not pay for the registration component but must pay the full fee for Motor Accident Injuries insurance, road rescue fee, road safety contribution, lifetime care and support levy and short term registration surcharge if applicable.

The concession can only be provided to the card holder. A concession can only be applied to one light vehicle registration in the card holder's name. This means you must remove the concession from one vehicle before placing it on another eg. When purchasing a new vehicle

Department of Veterans' Affairs

Holders of a current Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) Pension Concession Card are entitled to 100% discount on registration. *

This means that you do not pay for the registration component but must pay the full fee for Motor Accident Injuries insurance, road rescue fee, road safety contribution, lifetime care and support levy and short term registration surcharge if applicable.

The concession can only be provided to the card holder. A concession can only be applied to one light vehicle registration in the card holder's name. This means you must remove the concession from one vehicle before placing it on another eg. When purchasing a new vehicle.

*DVA White and Orange cards are **not** eligible for registration or licence concessions

Seniors

Holders of ACT Seniors Cards are entitled to 10% discount on registration.

This means that you pay 10% less on the cost of the registration component but must pay the full fee for Motor Accident Injuries insurance, road rescue fee, road safety contribution and short term registration surcharge if applicable.

Seniors with gas or electric powered vehicles are entitled to 28% discount on registration,

but must pay the full fee for Motor Accident Injuries insurance, road rescue fee, road safety contribution and short term registration surcharge if applicable.

Backdating of concessions

If you have held your concession card for a period of time before notifying Access Canberra you may be eligible for a backdated refund on your registration.

You must produce a letter from Centrelink or COTA ACT (Council of the Ageing ACT) stating the date your concession started and that you have been continuously entitled to the concession since the start date.

About the Flexible Bus Service

<https://www.transport.act.gov.au/travel-options/bus/accessible-travel/flexible-bus-service>

The Flexible Bus Service operates in five zones to help Canberra residents, such as the aged or people with mobility difficulty, to get from their home to local community locations such as hospitals, shopping centres and medical centres. The service is provided by a fleet of wheelchair accessible mini-

MyWay for seniors

buses. Eligibility is assessed on a case-by-case basis with consideration given to:

- people aged 70 or over
- Disability Pension Card holders with mobility difficulty
- people impacted by a permanent or temporary disability that prevents them from accessing regular route services
- holders of a Vision Impaired (VIP), or Total and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) travel pass.

Carers with a valid carers card are also welcome to travel – please let the operator know at time of booking.

Make a booking

Booking hours are 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday to Friday and must be made two business days prior to travel.

To book the bus:

- phone 6205 3555 or email fbs@act.gov.au and provide your details
- advise if you'll have an accompanying carer
- if you are a new registration, have a Disability Pension Card and are under 70 years old, make sure you have the card number handy.

Operating hours

Services operate Monday to Friday, 9:30 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm. They do not operate on weekends, public holidays or public service shutdown periods. If you are booking for a medical appointment please make sure you tell the operator at the time of the booking so they can schedule the travel time accordingly.

The Community Bus Service

is proudly funded by the ACT Government and operated by the ACT's Regional Community Services. They provide flexible Bus Services for ACT residents, Monday to Friday, generally within their own regional area. Pickup and set down points can be negotiated when making a booking.

The community bus service is for people who are socially isolated because a lack of transport options. Some of the people who may be eligible to use the service may include:

- Seniors with mobility or confidence problems
- People living in nursing homes/retirement facilities
- People with a permanent or temporary disability
- People with health problems who cannot use

regular Transport Canberra bus services

- People who are eligible for HACC transport but cannot access them for various reasons e.g. cannot self transfer
- Carers accompanying a person described above
- Parents with young children who are socially isolated and lack transport options
- People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who lack support networks and have limited transport options

Contact your Regional Community Service for an assessment and to register to use this service. They can provide you with details on how to make a booking, any associated costs and answer any further questions you may have.

Regional community services

Capital Region Community Service

26 Chandler Street,
Belconnen, ACT 2616
Phone: 6278 8124
Email: transport@crcs.com.au

Communities@Work Gungahlin

Gungahlin Community Centre
47 Ernest Cavanagh Street
Gungahlin, ACT, 2912
Phone: 6126 9090
Email: transport@commsatwork.org

Northside Community Service

Majura Community Centre,
Rosevear Place,
Dickson, ACT 2602
Phone: 6171 8000
Email: reception@northside.asn.au

Community Services #1

63 Boolimba Crescent,
Narrabundah, ACT 2604
Phone: 6126 4700
Email: bus@sscs.org.au

Tuggeranong and Communities@Work

245 Cowlshaw Street
Greenway ACT, 2900
Phone: 6293 6500
Email: transport@commsatwork.org

Disgraceful neglect why hasn't Cerberus been recovered and displayed?

By Tom Lewis

It seems very strange that in Australia we have – neglected, forlorn, and abandoned – one of the foremost examples of military technology in the world, but it is not in a museum. This cutting edge vessel is lying half-submerged off a beach near Melbourne. It should be inside being conserved. But for years there has been little but argument about the wreck of the warship Cerberus.

What makes this shipwreck unique? Three things. This rather curious ship is one of the world's last monitors; the only surviving vessel of the Australian colonial navies, and one of only three surviving ships on the planet with Coles turrets. Cerberus was also the first British warship powered purely by steam; the first warship with a central superstructure, and the first with gun turrets mounted on its central superstructure.

To explain; first, Cerberus is one of nine examples of a monitor – a special type of warship – left in the world. In the mid-1800s wind-powered navies were fast disappearing, to be replaced by ships with engines, with armour protecting their guns, engines and crews. The first major engagement between these new "ironclads" was fought between the Monitor and the Virginia in 1862 during the American Civil War. From then on, engines and armour would be a considered characteristic for all new warships.

Monitors only had a brief lifespan in around 50 years of wildly competing warships designs. Their concept was to be a floating gun platform used in harbours and near coasts rather than a seagoing

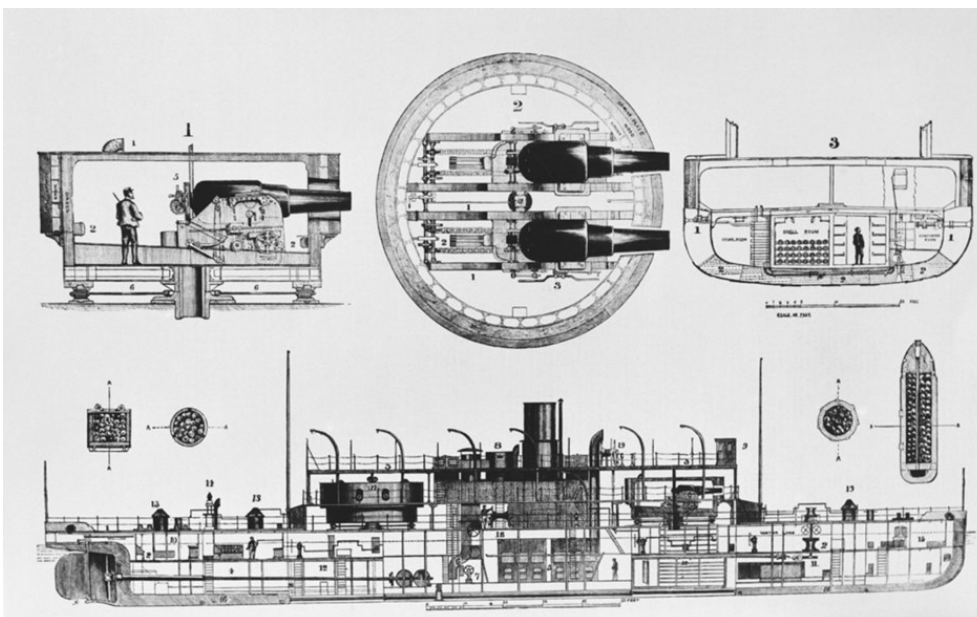


ship. Their hulls were broad and rather flat, and they risked being swamped. Finally navies settled on the dreadnought design, with a streamlined metal hull and a combination of armour, guns, and speed which made the monitor obsolete. After serving as a floating artillery base deterrent in Port Phillip Bay until 1926, Cerberus was scuttled as a breakwater in her present location in Half Moon Bay.

The second special characteristic of Cerberus is its main weapon, its Coles gun turrets. These are named after their inventor, Captain Cowper Phipps Coles of the Royal Navy. Each of the Australian ship's has two guns. While most original ironclads had their weapons projecting through ports in the sides or in turrets with the guns able to be traversed – moved sideways – only a little, the Coles turret revolved. This was the forerunner of the turrets you see today even on the most advanced warships, usually alongside missiles. The naval gun still survives and delivering artillery fire from the sea is still most useful. For example, RAN destroyers carried out many fire missions in the Vietnam War, and in 2003 HMAS Anzac delivered

scores of rounds from its 127mm gun in the Iraq War, completing seven fire missions over a period of three days.

There are now only two other ships with a Coles turret known. Schorpioen, a monitor built in France for the Royal Netherlands Navy in the 1860s, survives as a museum vessel in the Dutch Navy Museum. The Peruvian turret ship Huascar in Chile also has a Coles turret. For Australia to let the only other piece of this



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technology in the world fall apart before our own eyes is nothing but neglect.

Third, Cerberus is a last survivor of a very strange period in Australia's history, one where we had small individual navies for several of the colonies which eventually became states.

Yes, Queensland had its own navy; so too did South Australia, and Victoria. NSW was the home of the Royal Navy's squadron, so had a permanent presence of warships.

Why did the colonies have their own navies? Australia, 150 or so years ago, was a very different place to today. The tiny colonial settlements had much to be wary of. Invasion by another country was a real enough possibility: Japan, Russia, even the United States were feared. And a naval warship appearing off Melbourne, for example, was a terrible weapon. It could heave to off your port and open fire with its guns, shelling your buildings and people with little fear of retaliation. What could you do even with a small army? Nothing except open fire with what artillery pieces you possessed, in which case the ship would merely sail away to another location and open fire there. So many colonies purchased warships to deter enemies.

Cerberus, even as a wreck, is the last such substantial example of a colonial warship. There is the hull of Protector, from South Australia, sunk as a breakwater off Heron Island on the Great Barrier Reef, but only a section remains, whereas Cerberus's site contains four 10-inch guns; two turrets, a steering tower, and much of the hull and decks. There is enough left to make a substantial and significant exhibit.

Over the years since the obsolete warship was sunk there have been many efforts to rescue what

is left, often led by the Friends of the Cerberus Inc. In 1993 the wreck collapsed somewhat, and subsequently the guns were taken out of the turrets and deposited on the seabed, with a protective coat added. This was both to remove weight from the turrets and to conserve them: being fully

immersed in seawater is better for rust control than being constantly wet and then dry. A suggestion was made to stop the wreck settling further every year by filling it with concrete, but this has now been replaced by a suggestion to pump polyurethane under the turrets.

The wreck is technically owned by the City of Bayside Council, but asking a Council to engage in what is really needed – to remove the wreck and place it in tanks to leach the salt away – would be well beyond them. The state of Victoria needs to come to the task and not only remove and conserve the wreck, but come up with a display centre and staff. This has been done successfully in many places around the world,

and results in a tourist attraction being created. The Mary Rose in the UK, the Batavia in WA, and the Vasa in Sweden are examples. The USA's Monitor, perhaps the most famous of this ship type, was recently recovered and is being prepared in this manner.

If Victoria does not want to do this, then the federal government should. In that case, lifting the Cerberus, placing it in Canberra's National Museum, and securing a vital asset not only for Australia but for the world should be done as soon as possible.

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Dr Tom Lewis OAM is a military historian. A retired naval officer, one of his most recent books is

**Teddy
Sheean VC.**



The Dolphin Trainer

An old man with hearing problems crashed his car into a very expensive automobile. The owner of the expensive automobile jumps out and confronts the old man and says "Give me \$10,000 cash or I will beat you to a pulp!"

The old man replies, "Woah, wait buddy, I don't have that much money but let me call my son, he trains dolphins."

The old man dials his son and as he is about to speak, the owner of the expensive car yanks the phone out of his hand and says "So you train dol-

phins, well your old man just hit and damaged my car, you bring me \$10,000 or I'm gonna beat the heck outta him!"

The son answers "Okay, give me 15 minutes and I'll be there." In exactly 15 minutes the son pulls up in a Jeep. Ten men jump out and beat the hell out of the expensive car owner.

Meanwhile, the son walks over to his father and says "Dad, I train Navy Seals, not dolphins"

19 AUGUST, 2022 BY THE GRAVEDIGGER

New Hub for veterans one step closer in Perth's south

Friday, 3 February 2023

The Hon Matt Keogh MP

Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Minister for Defence Personnel

The Hon Madeleine King MP

Minister for Resources
Minister for Northern Australia
Member for Brand

Defence personnel, veterans and families in Perth's Southern Suburbs are set to receive better access to support through the establishment of a new Veterans' and Families' Hub, following consultation with the local community.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Keogh and the Federal Member for Brand, Resources Minister and Minister for Northern Australia Madeleine King, met with representatives of the local community, veteran support organisations and key stakeholders to discuss how the \$5 million Hub would best meet the needs of Defence personnel, veterans and families.

"Every community is different and we want to ensure the Hub in Brand meets the needs of local Defence personnel, veterans and families for generations to come," Minister Keogh said.

"Brand is home to the nation's biggest Navy base, HMAS Stirling, and there are more than 8,000 Defence personnel and veterans who live in the electorate with their families."

"We need to provide them with the most appropriate services and supports to suit them."

Minister King said her community has a proud military history and it was crucial the Hub was designed with input from Defence personnel, veterans and families.

"Rockingham and the electorate of Brand have a very special relationship with Defence and the veterans' community and we want to make sure this Hub will meet their needs," Minister King said.

"This consultation process will ensure the new Hub is fit for purpose and provides access to services and support for the veteran community close to home," Minister King said.

The Hub is being rolled out as part of the Government's \$46.7 million commitment to more than double the size of the Veterans' and Families' Hub network across the nation.

The Hubs will provide tailored services, including supports for transition to civilian life, advocacy and mental health services, and a range of community activities, including volunteer and sporting opportunities.

For more information on the expansion of the Veterans' and Families' Hub network, visit the [DVA website](#).



2023 Annual General Meeting Agenda 2 March 2023

The 2023 AGM will be held on 2 March 2023 at the Eastlakes Football Club, Gungahlin commencing at approximately 1430 immediately after the closing of the General; Meeting programmed for that day commencing at 1330. after lunch.

AGM Agenda

Minutes of the 2022 AGM were published in the May 2022 Bosun's Call and are repeated in this issue on the following pages.

The agenda for the 2023 AGM is as follows.

MINUTES

Acceptance of the Minutes of the 77th AGM

BUSINESS ARISING

Business arising from the minutes of the 76th AGM

REPORTS

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Membership Registrar
Social
Welfare

GENERAL BUSINESS

Election of Honorary Members for 2022
Appointment of Auditor

Election of Office Bearers for 2023

Date of 78th Annual General Meeting
2 March 2023

Alan Masters

Secretary

NAA – ACT SECTION 77th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Held at the Eastlake Gungahlin Club on 3 March 2022

Meeting Opened.

The President declared the meeting open at 1402.

Present.

Members, 15 in number being present, were listed in the attendance book.

Apologies.

Apologies were received from John Small, Mike Hardwick, Glen McNamara, Tony Vickers, JJ Harrison, Rick Hannan.

Minutes of 76th AGM.

The minutes of the 76th AGM held on 4 March 2021 were detailed in the February 2022 Bosun's Call. These were taken as read.

Motion: The minutes of the 76th AGM be accepted.

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

Business arising from minutes of 76th AGM.

Nil.

Reports.

President:

In looking over all that has come our way since the 2021 AGM, I am so very grateful for the way in which we have all exercised duty-of-care for each other and ourselves. Whatever is to become of covid precautions into the future, we can give thanks that we have had the means and support to weather the storm thus far. We can be justifiably satisfied and proud of the way in which we have remained on-watch and met our NAA Care, Camaraderie and Commemoration objectives in these troubled times. We are delighted to see some new members within our ranks, welcome and thank you for your support. May I extend to you all a 'Bravo Zulu' on a job so very well done.

There is much that we see in the national media and the Navy News that tells us of the outstanding work our Navy is undertaking on behalf of our nation. From our own personal contact with serving members, we learn much of what it is that they are undertaking and in all their endeavours we wish them a 'fair wind and a following sea', and pray they will return safely to the company of their loved ones and enjoy respite in friendly surroundings. We are resolutely proud of all their efforts be it at sea or ashore, in training or on operational service or humanitarian duties off-shore, or here at home.

As we look ahead, I wish to acknowledge the support and the thoughtfulness of The Chief of Navy wherein the Naval Association is very much a part of the Navy Family. There is much

we can all look forward to in our collective enterprises and ongoing efforts to watch over the needs of our members and those serving, and the enjoyment and life enriching benefits inherent in 'naval fellowship'. I wish you all every joy and happiness in the coming year and extend my congratulations to the incoming Section Committee. It has been a privilege to share in your ongoing fellowship, thank you.

David Manolas

President

Secretary.

The impact of COVID has lessened the secretarial workload. Several meetings were cancelled due to COVID restrictions, as was the case with some ceremonial activities. Much of the workload results from National Council attending to requests from some very active Sections. At the local level the workload is constant but not so demanding. It is plainly obvious to all and can be confirmed from a look around the room, that there is a need for a younger team to run the Section or a rethink be undertaken on the level of support we can give to those activities we feel an obligation to address.

We must acknowledge the Section is well served by the Bosun's Call and is greatly indebted to Peter Cooke-Russell for his excellent work in the production and distribution of it. To many members it seems to be a good reason to renew membership.

Alan Masters

Secretary

Treasurer

The financial report for the year ending 31 December 2021 shows our funds remain in a healthy state. However, it is worth noting that we continue to operate at a loss, and this has been the case for several years. It is a matter of fact that our income is almost entirely dependent on subscriptions, and these are falling each year. The production and postage of the Bosun's Call and the payment of capitation fees to the National Council exceeds our subscription income. We are committed to continuing support to several charities with funds that were transferred to the general account from The Charitable Fund but there will be a need to monitor the number and amounts donated in years ahead. A cost saving this year was that of travel for our delegates to attend National Council meetings. These were conducted by ZOOM.

Alan Masters

Treasurer

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Minutes of NAA (ACT) 77th Annual General Meeting held at the Eastlake Gungahlin Club on 3 March 2022

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Membership Registrar

The Section ended the year with 79 members, made up of:

- 64 full members,
- 10 Honorary members,
- 1 Associate member,
- 3 Club members, and
- 1 Honorary Life Member.

Two members crossed the bar and 6 were archived. The trend is downward for membership numbers, a phenomenon common to many organisations.

Peter Cooke-Russell

Membership Registrar

Appointment of Honorary Members

In accordance with constitutional requirements, the following are to be appointed Honorary Members for 2022:

The Honourable Sir William Deane, Patron
VADM M. Noonan RAN, Chief of Navy
CAPT J. Hutchison RAN, Commanding Officer,
HMAS Canberra
CAPT M. Ort USN
CMDR M. Mazoub, RN
CMDR M. Collinson, RNZN
Mr M. Anderson, Director AWM
Mr D. Blake
Mrs M. Hare

Motion: The above named persons be appointed Honorary Members for 2022.

*Moved: K. Reid-Smith Seconded: A. McGown
Carried*

Election of Office Bearers

The President vacated the Chair and invited Harry Beardsell to be the Returning Officer for the election of office bearers. He declared nominations received by the Secretary were in order and as there were no positions being contested, he duly declared the nominated persons elected to the positions as listed:

President David Manolas
Vice President Alex McGown
Secretary Alan Masters
Treasurer Alan Masters

Committee Peter Cooke-Russell, Dennis Lyons, John Small, Joe Slaats, Kate Reid-Smith and Stewart Gordon.

Appointment of Auditor.

Harry Beardsell has indicated a willingness to continue as the auditor in 2022.

Motion: Harry Beardsell be appointed auditor for the 2022 financial year.

*Moved: A.Masters Seconded: A.McGown
Carried.*

Next AGM.

The next AGM will be held on 7 March 2023.

There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 1435.

Alan Masters
Secretary

Mobile phone distraction in the sights of new cameras on Canberra's roads

Riotact



Did you know if you look at your phone for two seconds while driving at 60 km/h, you're driving 33 metres completely blind to what's happening on the road?

To combat distracted driving, mobile device detection cameras will start popping up in Canberra from today (14 February).

Transport Canberra and City Services deputy director-general Ben McHugh said the transportable cameras would initially be located on Yamba Drive, Canberra Avenue and Horse Park Drive.

"They will regularly move to various sites across the road network to provide maximum road safety benefits," he said.

In the coming weeks, two fixed mobile device detection cameras will also be installed on Hindmarsh Drive and Gungahlin Drive.

Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 2 February 2023

Meeting started at 1345 with the Odes recited by David Manolas.

Present: 14 members and four visitors as per attendance book.

Apologies: J Small, M. Hardwick, R. Horne, A. Vickers

Minute of Last Meeting. The minutes of the General meeting on 3 November 2022 appeared in the December 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 3 November 2022 be accepted.

Moved: Darren Rush Seconded: Joe Slaats Carried.

Reports.

President. DVA has a new Secretary and I intend to meet with her soon.

Vice President. There will be Last Post services on 28 February (HMAS Perth) and 2 March (Battle of Bismarck Sea).

Secretary. Business as usual.

Treasurer. Subscription renewals are coming in and the books are ready for the auditor's checking.

Membership. On 1 February we had 40 full financial members with 16 still to renew their membership. Honorary members for 2023 will be appointed at the AGM.

Welfare. Dean DaCosta and Rick Hannan are encountering rough seas and some partners are continuing with health treatments.

Social. Fish 'n Chips has resumed at the Canberra Yacht Club – see BC for details.

Motion: The reports be received.

Moved: Stewart Gordon Seconded: Darren Rush Carried.

General Business:

Honorary Members – Appointments. In accordance with our Constitution honorary members are appointed at each Annual General Meeting. It is proposed that the following be re-appointed as Honorary Members :

Sir William Deane Patron, VADM M. Hammond RAN, CAPT J. Hutchison RAN, CAPT B. Geritsen RNZN, CMDR M. Collinson RNZN, CMDR M. Magzoub RN, Mr M. Anderson

Charitable Donations. Each year the Section donates to charities selected by members. The present recipients are : Dementia Australia, National Heart Foundation, Australian Cancer

Research Foundation and Legacy Canberra. The present level of donation is \$100 for each charity. A suggestion has been made that Keeping Watch (a charity supporting RAN personnel) be considered for inclusion in the list of recipients.

New Member. An application for membership by Wendy Lissing has been processed and the necessary subscription fee paid. To complete the process acceptance of her application by members is necessary.

Motion: Wendy Lissing's application for membership of the NAA be accepted.

Moved: Peter Cooke-Russell Seconded: Joe Slaats Carried.

HMAS Australia 2 Tompions. The Secretary was offered, by the family of the late CAPT Sidney J Cooper, RN a wooden shield to which were attached two tompons of different diameters. As the Section does not have a permanent meeting place the question arises as what to do with them. Discussion among members resulted in a request that the President at his next meeting with Chief of Navy invite him to advise on their future resting place.

Long Service Certificate. The Vice President presented the President with his 15 year Long Service Certificate.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, 2 March 2023 at 1330 at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club.

Alan Masters
Secretary / Treasurer
NAA (ACT)

Notes from Committee Meeting 2 February 2023

Present: David Manolas, Alex McGown, Alan Masters, Peter Cooke-Russell, , Dennis Lyons, Joe Slaats, Stewart Gordon

Discussions focused on the agenda for the General Meeting and what to do with a recently acquired wooden shield with two HMAS Australia gun barrel tampions

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 2 March 2023 at 1100.

Alan Masters
Secretary / Treasurer
NAA (ACT)

Subscription and Records Update 2023

Annual Subscription for 2023 **\$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 MELBA 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

2023 Committee Elections

Position

Nominee

Proposer: Name (Block Letters)

Signature

Second: 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 23 February 2023

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS38 for 2023

Action to renew membership for 2023 can now undertaken in a number of different ways. The following, in order of preference for the Treasurer, are listed below, but any of them can be utilised.

The use of e-banking provides for ease of payment and your bank records act as your receipt. The annual subscription for 2023 is \$38.

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

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

Social Program

Fish 'n Chips is on the program, Snapper has reopened . .

2023

16 Feb	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
2 Mar	Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
16 Mar	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
6 Apr	Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
20 Apr	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200

Social Secretary
Joe Slaats

DVA CONTACTS

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

PHONE NUMBER:

Telephone:
1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372)

International callers:

+61 2 6289 1133

POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES:

Health Approvals & Home Care Section department of Veterans' Affairs

GPO Box 9998

BRISBANE QLD 4001

DVA WEBSITE:

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

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

The appropriate prior approval request form can be found at: <https://www.dva.gov.au/providers/servicesrequiring-prior-approval>

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

For information about claims for payment visit: www.dva.gov.au/providers/how-claim



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A Happy Birthday to you
March 2023

Ted Bryant

John Small

Jack Aaron

Bob Ray



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