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Commissioning of HMAS Supply (II), Garden Island, Sydney



10 April 2021

Governor General's address at the ceremony.

Ladies and gentlemen.

It's a great delight for Linda and me to be with you this morning with the Navy family to bring into service our newest warship into the Royal Australian Navy.

Can I begin by thanking Uncle Brendan for his very warm Welcome to Country, and to pass on my acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land, the Gadigal People, and to pay my respects to their Elders past and present, particularly recognising the men and women from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background for their service in the past and their service today in the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

Before I begin my remarks about HMAS *Supply* could I join with the Fleet Commander in acknowledging the passing yesterday of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

In my Address to the Nation last night I said that it was a sad and historic day. Our thoughts are with Her Majesty, The Queen and her family who have lost a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

As we mourn, we should also give thanks for HRH's lifetime of service, devotion and commitment.

And pertinent or relevant to today is his service in the Royal Navy – including during the Second World War when he was mentioned in dispatches

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Events coming up

28 Apr	Last Post Ceremony PO WRAN Maud Hebron wreath to be laid by David Manolas
29 Apr	Bus trip to Cooma (moved from 21 and the alternate 22 Apr) See Page 6.
20 May	Coffee Time Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club 1100 . Stay for lunch if desired



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General Meetings Dates and Locations Programme

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

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

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

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

**Committee meeting
East Lakes Gungahlin
1130 Thursday 6 May 2021**

President's Message

Shipmates,

Much has happened since I last spoke with you. We were saddened to learn that HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, had 'crossed the bar'. From afar we were all able to watch the very moving Funeral Service conducted at Windsor Castle. Prince Philip had been a Life-Member of the NAA 1956 to 2021. A letter of condolence from the NAA has been delivered to Buckingham Palace.

At our Section Meeting in March, we successfully conducted our AGM; congratulations to the newly elected members of the Committee, and thank you for taking on this responsibility in the service of our ACT Section members. For myself, I am delighted and very appreciative to be taking on the role of Section President for another year.

In my capacity as the NP NAA, I was very pleased to attend the commissioning ceremony for HMAS *Supply* at GID on the 10th April. Another ceremonial occasion was the Anzac Day National Service on Sunday; it was such a beautiful day here in Canberra. Though numbers marching were restricted, our Banner Party looked very smart, and for myself watching on, I was so very proud to see Alex McGown and Alan Masters on parade representing our Section and therein, the whole of the NAA. Our thanks to you both. You will all recall the work we undertook to formulate our proposal in response to the Honours and Awards invitation for submissions looking at a form of medallic recognition for death, wounding, and injury, and then we saw the NAA National Submission evolving out of the collective view within the Association. I am pleased to advise that I have invited to make an oral presentation to the Tribunal on 12 May 21, in support of the NAA Submission, here in Canberra. I do not know how many other Ex-Service Organisations and others, will be presenting on the day. I will provide advice to the Association as to how the day plays out.

On another very important matter; we now see that the Federal Government has initiated action to recommend to the Governor-General the establishment of a Royal Commission into Defence and Veterans Suicide, following a period of consultation on draft Terms of Reference, with the relevant community and state and territory governments. This is a matter that is of such importance with varying impact and consequences, both personally and nationally. As more information comes to hand, we will seek to keep you informed.

Thank you for all that you do in the name of the NAA, and in the pursuit of 'naval-fellowship'!

Yours aye,

David Manolas

Joint Media release — Establishment of a Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide

The Hon. Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister

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

Senator the Hon. Michaelia Cash
Attorney-General
Minister for Industrial Relations

Monday 19 April 2021

The death of any Australian Defence Force member or veteran is one death too many and a tragedy that is deeply felt by all Australians. Tragically, and heartbreakingly, this includes death by suicide.

Recognising this, the Government will take the step of recommending to the Governor-General the establishment of a Royal Commission into Defence and Veterans Suicide, following a period of consultation on draft Terms of Reference, with the relevant community and state and territory governments.

The Royal Commission will complement the Government's existing initiative to establish a permanent National Commission to proactively deal with future issues, including taking on other recommendations of a Royal Commission.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the Royal Commission will be set up after listening to community calls for a national inquiry focusing on the systemic issues faced by Australian Defence Force members and veterans that too often results in their loss of life to suicide.

"Suicide prevention is a key priority for the Federal Government," the Prime Minister said.

"We have always recognised that the rate of suicide of Australian Defence Force members and veterans is unacceptably high," the Prime Minister said.

"In recognising the sacrifices made by our serving and former members and their families on behalf of the nation, we owe it to members, veterans and their families to continue to take action."

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Darren Chester said the Royal Commission was another step in our efforts to build confidence, trust and hope for current and future veterans and their families that they will be supported.

"This will provide an opportunity for us all to reset, further increase our understanding of this issue, and unite the Parliament, the ex-service community, and the families who have been affected by suicide," Minister Chester said.

"As a nation we take great pride in the men and women who have served our nation in uniform, and as a Government we have committed to help them with any mental or physical issues that are a result of that service."

The Attorney-General, Michaelia Cash said the Attorney-General's Department will provide administrative support to the Royal Commission.

"Reducing lives lost to suicide is a priority for the Morrison Government."

"Our aim for this Royal Commission is that it will shed light on the critical steps we need to take so that we can reduce these heartbreaking cases of suicide."

Crucially, the Royal Commission will not defer, delay or limit, in any way, any proposed or announced policy, legislation or regulation that we are currently implementing.

The Government intends that the Royal Commission and the National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention will be established together and operate in a complementary way to achieve long-term change.

The Royal Commission will look at past deaths by suicide (including suspected suicides and lived experience of suicide risks) from a systemic point of view, while the National Commissioner will have a forward-looking role, including overseeing the implementation of the Royal Commission's recommendations.

The National Commissioner Bill currently before the Parliament will be amended to ensure their work complements the work of the Royal Commission and examines deaths by suicide in the defence and veteran community that occur after the Royal Commission has handed down their final report.

Given the complex issues for consideration, and the importance of hearing from Australian Defence Force members, veterans and their families, the Government envisages that three Commissioners will be needed to lead the inquiry. Consultation is underway to appoint these candidates.

Minister Chester will lead a public consultation process on the draft Terms of Reference and the Prime Minister will write to First Ministers inviting their contributions to the draft Terms of Reference with the view of a joint Commonwealth-State Royal Commission.

The Federal Government is committed to ensuring all the systems of support for our veterans and their families are working together, and importantly that when someone who may be struggling reaches out for help, which we are there to support them.

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while a young sub-Lieutenant on-board HMS Valiant.

In the future as HMAS *Supply* (II) celebrates its commissioning day, perhaps HRH's example of service would be a fitting inclusion for all to consider.

Today is a momentous day for the crew of HMAS *Supply* (II), the Royal Australian Navy and the Australian Defence Force.

The commissioning of a new ship not only adds to Australia's Defence capability but is also a cause for celebration – a 'great Navy Day'.

Personally, I am delighted to see that the Navy's experience with the Cantabria Class ship ESPS Cantabria in 2013 has led to today's event. I recall spending time on ESPS Cantabria with her CO, CMDR Jose Nieto, in Gladstone during TALISMAN SABRE 13 and being impressed with what she offered to the logistic support of the fleet.

For HMAS *Supply* (II) to be the Navy's newest ship is especially significant for many reasons.

Supply – the name and the ship – is steeped in history, taking her name from the first *Supply* to arrive in these very waters in 1788. As the commissioning crew you will be mindful of her predecessor's achievements.

In 1969, in a first for an RAN replenishment ship, *Supply* was awarded the prestigious Duke of Gloucester Cup for being deemed the RAN unit displaying the highest level of overall proficiency. There is no pressure on you, Ben [Captain Ben Hissink RAN, Commanding Officer, HMAS *Supply* (II)]!

The ship supported Royal New Zealand Navy ships during the observations of the French nuclear tests in the South Pacific.

And in the wake of Tropical Cyclone Tracy which hit Darwin in the early hours of Christmas Day 1974, she was one of several RAN ships that steamed at short notice as part of relief operations.

Indeed, HMAS *Supply* (I) strengthened the shield over decades of service conducting 3401 under-way replenishments at sea during her lifetime.

As the commissioning crew of HMAS *Supply* (II), I congratulate you for returning *Supply* to the fleet.

One ship, many stories.

The question now is, 'What history will you write?'

Last week, at the Centenary of the Royal Australian Air Force event in Canberra, I said that it is the people, not the equipment, that have built the RAAF. The same is so very true of the Royal Australian Navy. It is a Service built on courage, respect, integrity and excellence.

I have read the Commanding Officer's vision for the crew of his ship. I quote: 'To wake up each morning inspired, to work in a trusted team and to go home fulfilled at the end of each day.' I commend Captain Hissink on this vision and encourage you to do whatever it takes to achieve it – to make the Navy, the ADF and Australia proud.

The second note from last week's event for the RAAF – as I handed over the new Queen's Colour to the ensign, I said to him that this Colour is a sign of Her Majesty's trust in your Service, not to be taken lightly. Similarly today, as the Commissioning pennant is flown, we are saying the nation has trust in you and places its trust in you. We know you that will return that trust.



Today, in particular, can I also acknowledge previous crew members of *Supply* who are with us for part of this ceremony. We greatly value and respect your service. Thank you for what you have done for the proud traditions of the Royal Australian Navy.

I congratulate all on parade today and thank all those here at the Base who helped arrange this event.

I also acknowledge the many and varied contributions of those in uniform, the Australian Public Service, and those in Defence industry including our shipbuilders Navantia, for their contribution to the introduction into service of this first class vessel.

I also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the families of the crew of HMAS *Supply* (II) for the support you have provided for our Navy personnel. You are as much a part of today's Commissioning as they are. Indeed, Australia's new warship belongs to you and the Australian people.

To the crew and all involved in HMAS *Supply* (II) – enjoy today's celebration, remember it, and take note of the esteem in which this day is held as is your Service.

On behalf of all Australians and as your Commander-in-Chief, congratulations!

It is a great Navy day.

Fair winds and following seas.

Bravo Zulu.

Commissioning of HMAS Supply (II), Garden Island, Sydney (cont)



Specifications

Displacement	19,500 tonnes
Length	173.9 metres
Beam	23 metres
Draught	8 metres
Performance	
Speed	20 knots (maximum)
Range	11,000 kilometres at 13 knots
Capacity	8200 cubic metres of marine diesel fuel, 1400 cubic metres of fresh water, 270 tonnes of ammunition, 470 tonnes of provisions, 1450 cubic metres of JP5 jet fuel
Propulsion	
Machinery	2 x MAN 18V 32/40 main engines 4 x MAN 7L21/31 generator sets
Armament	
Helicopters	1 x helicopter



HMAS *Arunta* awarded the Gloucester Cup



On 19 April 2021, the Governor General of Australia, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) presented the Duke of Gloucester Cup for 2020 to HMAS *Arunta* Commanding Officer, Commander Anthony Nagle, CSC, and ship's company.

The ceremony, which included a Royal Guard drawn from *Arunta* personnel, took place on

Parkes Wharf at Fleet Base West in front of a small crowd which included Commander Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral Mark Hammond AM, HMAS *Stirling* Commanding Officer, Captain Gary Lawton RAN, and previous *Arunta* Commanding Officer, Captain Troy Duggan RAN.

Photo: LSIS Richard Cordell

Coach Trip to Cooma Thursday **29 April 2021**

Itinerary will be:

0830 Pick-up from the Veteran's Support Centre 9 Burkitt St, Page
 0900 Pick-up from the Burns Club car park Kambah
 1030 Arrive Cooma Corrective Services Museum
 1400 Pick-up from Cooma Ex-Services Club 106 Vale Street
 1530 Drop-off at the car park of the Burns Club Kambah
 1600 Drop-off at the Veterans Support Centre 9 Burkitt St, Page

The museum is 500 metres from the Ex-Services Club

Contact Tiger Lyons 0447 793 001 or Alan Masters 02 6281 5630 to book a seat



To the NSW Correctional Services Gaol Museum in Vale Street right next to the Cooma Gaol.

Learn about the 200 year penal history of incarceration from convict days to the present in NSW Prisons.

There is a collection of displays. Objects related to punishment and crime such as manacles, leg irons, clothing, weapons and escape devices and other visual documentation.

Vale
Philip Mountbatten
 HRH the Duke of Edinburgh
 10 Jun 1921—9 April 2021
 Life Member NAA 1956 to 2021

Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark was born on the Greek island of Corfu on 10 June 1921, the only son and fifth and final child of Prince Andrew of Greece and Denmark and Princess Alice of Battenberg. He was a prince of both Greece and Denmark by virtue of his patrilineal descent from King George I of Greece and King Christian IX of Denmark, and he was from birth in the line of succession to both thrones.

Philip was educated at Gordonstoun school in Scotland. After leaving Gordonstoun in early 1939, Philip completed a term as a cadet at the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, then repatriated to Greece. He returned to Britain in September to resume training for the Royal Navy. He graduated from Dartmouth the next year as the best cadet in his course. During the Second World War, he continued to serve in the British forces. Philip was appointed as a midshipman in January 1940. He spent four months on the battleship HMS *Ramillies*, protecting convoys of the Australian Expeditionary Force in the Indian Ocean, followed by shorter postings, HMS *Kent*, on HMS *Shropshire*, and in British Ceylon. After the invasion of Greece by Italy in October 1940, he was transferred from the Indian Ocean to the battleship HMS *Valiant* in the Mediterranean Fleet.

On 1 February 1941, Philip was commissioned as a sub-lieutenant after a series of courses at Ports-



mouth, in which he gained the top grade in four out of five sections of the qualifying examination. Among other engagements, he was involved in the battle of Crete, and was mentioned in dispatches for his service during the battle of Cape Matapan, in which he controlled the battleship's searchlights. In October 1942 he was appointed first lieutenant of the destroyer HMS *Wallace*, which was involved in convoy escort tasks on the east coast of Britain, as well as the Allied invasion of Sicily. In 1944, he joined the new destroyer, HMS *Whelp*, part of the 27th Destroyer Flotilla in the British Pacific Fleet. He was present in Tokyo Bay when the instrument of Japanese surrender was signed.

Philip returned to the United Kingdom on *Whelp* in January 1946, and was posted as an instructor at HMS *Royal Arthur*, the Petty Officers' School in Corsham, Wiltshire.

Princess Elizabeth and Philip were married on 20 November 1947. After their honeymoon Philip returned to the navy at first in a desk job at the Admiralty and later on a staff course at the Naval Staff College, Greenwich. From 1949, he was stationed in Malta after being posted as the first lieutenant of the destroyer HMS *Chequers*, the lead ship of the 1st Destroyer Flotilla in the Mediterranean Fleet. On 16 July 1950, he was promoted to lieutenant commander and given command of the frigate HMS *Magpie*. On 30 June 1952, Philip was promoted to commander, though his active naval career had ended in July 1951.

Edited text from Wikipedia

Top photograph:
Allan Warren, 1992

Left:
HMS Magpie entering
Grand Harbour Malta



Minutes of NAA ACT Section 76th Annual General Meeting 2021

Held on Thursday, 4 March 2021 at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club.

Meeting opened: President David Manolas opened the meeting at 1443 and welcomed all to the 76th AGM.

Attendance and apologies. 13 members were in attendance and two apologies noted.

Minutes of last AGM. The minutes of the 75th AGM held on Thursday, 5 March 2020 at the Kaleen Sports Cub were tabled as presented in the April 2020 issue of the Bosun's Call.

Motion: The minutes of the 75th ACT Section AGM be accepted.

Moved: Tony Vickers. Seconded: JJ Harrison. Carried

Reports. Reports from the President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Registrar were tabled. They are attached as Attachments A, B, C and D respectively.

Motion: The reports be accepted.

Moved: Dennis Lyons. Seconded: Mike Taylor. Carried

General Business

- **Honorary Memberships.** Honorary members appointed last year are to be re-appointed and in addition it is proposed the Director of the Australian War Memorial be offered Honorary Membership. Thus, the following are to be offered Honorary membership of the NAA ACT Section for 2021:

The Hon. Sir William Deane, Patron,
VADM M. Noonan. RAN (CN),
CAPT M. Ort USN,
CAPT T. Morrison RAN (CO HMAS Canberra)
CAPT S. Fogarty. RNZN,
CMDR D. Salisbury RN,
CMDR S. Lenik RNZN,
Mrs M. Hare,
Mr D. Blake and
Mr M. Anderson (Director AWM)

Motion: The foregoing persons be appointed as Honorary Members for 2021.

Moved: Peter Cooke-Russell. Seconded: JJ Harrison. Carried

- **Auditor.** Harry Beardsell carried out the auditing of the Section's financial accounts for 2020. He has volunteered his services for 2021.

Motion: Harry Beardsell be appointed Auditor for 2021.

Moved: Tony Vickers. Seconded: Alan Masters. Carried

Election of Office Bearers.

- All of the 2020 office bearers, with the exception of JJ Harrison, have made themselves available for re-election and have been duly nominated in accordance with NAA rules. John Small, due to caring duties has been unable to sign his nomination before the AGM. He has declared his willingness to stay a committee person. A nomination for Joe Slaats to be on the committee has been received.
- The long service provided by JJ Harrison to both the Section and the wider NAA community was acknowledged by David on behalf of all members. JJ reluctantly acknowledged that "age does weary one" and he will continue to assist the section in the delivery of the BC. Best wishes and grateful thanks and BZ were extended to JJ.

David Manolas declared all positions vacant .

In the absence of no nominations from the floor and there being no contested positions the following were declared as the committee for 2021:

President. David Manolas

Vice President. Alex McGown

Secretary/Treasurer. Alan Masters

Committee.

Peter Cooke-Russell,
Dennis Lyons ,
Joe Slaats,
Kate Reid-Smith.

Motion: The persons named above be elected to the indicated committee positions and John Small be appointed on completion of the nomination process.

Moved: Dean Da Costa. Seconded; John Coombe. Carried

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 1515.

Alan F Masters

Secretary

NAA (ACT)

Attachments: to Minutes of 76th AGM of NAA ACT Section

- A President's Report 2020
- B. Secretary's Report 2020
- C...Treasurer's Report 2020
- D Membership Registrar's Report. 2020

Minutes of NAA ACT Section—Attachments
76th Annual General Meeting 2021
Held on Thursday, 4 March 2021 at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club.

Attachment A

President's Report

Throughout 2020 and now into 2021, we have had to contend with varying degrees and forms of restrictions in our collective efforts to ward-off the effects of COVID-19. Despite not being able to travel much farther than the Canberra Region we have, nonetheless, been able to gather together at our Section Meetings; social 'fish and chips' gatherings; enjoy the meals and facilities of our new meeting place here at Eastlake Gungahlin; embark on a very enjoyable bus trip; and, provide representation at a number of very important commemorative events in Canberra. For all of that, we can be truly thankful.

We know that for those serving in the Navy at sea and ashore, and all within the wider ADF, it has not been an easy time wherever they may be 'standing a watch' be it, a training exercise or a task of an operational nature or here at home in support of State Authorities executing COVID-19 processes and safeguards. We are very proud of their accomplishments and devotion to duty, and we acknowledge the sacrifices they make for the collective wellbeing of all Australians and when called upon, our neighbours in nearby nations.

Some of the commemorative highlights of the past twelve months where I have acted as your representative or attended on behalf of the national membership of the NAA, have included the: Peace-keeper's Memorial Service in February; HMAS *Canberra* Memorial Service in August; WRANS Memorial Service at *Harman* in October; Remembrance Day and the NAA Centenary Wreath Laying Service at the AWM in November; and, the Last Post Ceremony for Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean VC in December 2020. Shipmate Alex McGown our Vice President, has been very busy attending a number of commemorative services and Last Post ceremonies on our behalf and for that, we express our appreciation.

On a personal note; it has been a memorable and busy year having been elected as your President on 17 September and then on the 20th, I participated in my first Zoom Conference and emerged as the National President of the NAA. There is a lesson there: think carefully when asked to attend a Zoom conference, it may prove to be a life-changing experience!

There have been challenges this past year, but for myself the most striking feature has been the way in which we have afforded each other '*naval fellowship*', wherein we have sought to watch over each other in times of '*fair winds and a following sea and through storms and tribulation*'. We have emerged ready to sail on into another year together as *Shipmates* in the NAA ACT Section.

It has also been a year where we have seen history being made and observed. We have seen the first Victoria Cross (VC) awarded to a member of the Royal Australian Navy. We can be proud of the stance the NAA adopted in advocating for this to occur. Along with the many others who did the same, we all rejoiced in this truly momentous and just outcome for Ordinary Seaman Teddy Sheean VC, his family, the Royal Australian Navy and the Nation. We also saw history being observed with the NAA attaining its Centenary. During the commemorative service we spoke of our many achievements and reminded ourselves that our Association exists in order to safeguard the legacy of the Royal Australian Navy; to minister to the wellbeing and recognition of the naval veteran, those who have completed their naval service and those still serving; and, to afford our members the life-enriching benefits of 'naval fellowship'.

As I now stand aside along with the other members of our Section Committee, I do very much wish to extend to each of them and to yourselves, my heartfelt thanks for all your support, encouragement and resolve in the past 12 months. I stand ready to assist in any way you deem appropriate as we '*set our course and get underway*' in 2021. I wish the incoming committee and all our members, every success and good fortune in the year ahead.

Yours aye,

David Manolas

Attachment B

Secretary's Report

COVID restrictions throughout 2020 reduced the administrative load. Whilst the Committee met regularly to address important matters crowd restrictions forced the cancellation of General Meetings.

Ceremonial activities were also fewer in number and thus reduced workload.

The future challenge will be to accommodate the new normal.

Alan Masters

Secretary

Attachment C

Treasurer's Report

The Section's finance remain in a healthy state. A

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loss was incurred this year but the balance sheet shows the Section has sufficient funds to enable it to operate soundly for many more years.

All financial transactions pass through the Bendigo Bank and authorisation from two committee members is required when expenditure occurs. I am grateful for the support of Peter Cooke-Russell, Alex McGown and Dennis Lyons for their quick authorisations of expenditure requests.

Thanks also go to Harry Beardsell for his auditing of the accounts.

The inclusion of the DVA Grant for bus hire distorts the accounts and if these figures were removed the loss for 2020 is \$357. This loss included one-off payments for Veterans' lunches and flowers. On the other hand we did not incur costs for travel for our delegate to National Council meetings.

Alan Masters

Treasurer

Attachment D

Membership Registrar's Report

Membership has remained steady throughout the year. The following table shows the state of membership as at the date of the AGM.

Membership 1 Jan20 to 4 Mar 21			
	Financial Members 2021	Unfinancial Members 2021	Total
Full Members	53	15	68
Restricted Members			
Honorary		9	9
Associate	1		1
Club	3	1	4
Hon Life	1		1
TOTAL	58	25	83
Removed 2020			
Deceased	2		2
Resigned	1		1
Archived	10	1	11
TOTAL	13	1	14

Peter Cooke-Russell
Membership Registrar

DVA Counselling package for families

Counselling provided through the Family Support Package is to help your family manage challenging life situations.

The types of counselling provided include:

- * resilience training
- * grief and loss counselling
- * drug and alcohol counselling
- * personal and relationship counselling
- * parenting skills and support counselling
- * mental health first aid training
- * financial counselling and financial management support; and
- * counselling for gambling

This counselling is in addition to services offered by Open Arms - Veteran & Families Counselling.

Who can receive it

To access counselling for a family member, you must:

- * have undertaken warlike service on or after 1 July 2004
- * be actively participating in an approved Rehabilitation Program

- * be eligible for or getting Incapacity Payments; and
- * your family has a need for counselling support

How much you can receive

Your family can have up to four counselling sessions a year for five years while you are participating in rehabilitation.

How you access

You must be participating in an approved rehabilitation program and your family must have a need for counselling to help you to achieve your rehabilitation goals.

To apply for counselling you will need to talk with your rehabilitation provider.

What to tell us

If anything changes that could affect your entitlements, you need to let us know within 14 days (or 28 days if you receive the Remote Area Allowance or live overseas).

You need to tell us if you:

- * become unwell and cannot participate in the rehabilitation program; or
- * have ceased or closed your rehabilitation plan

Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 1 April 2021

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

Present: 11 members as per attendance book.

Apologies: Kate Reid-Smith, JJ Harrison, Darren Rush

Minute of Last Meeting. The minutes of the general meeting on 4 March 2021 appeared in the April 2021 edition of the Bosun's Call. It was considered that there was no outstanding business from that meeting.

Motion: The minutes of the General Meeting held on 4 February 2021 be accepted.

Moved: Tony Vickers. Seconded: Rex Kendall. Carried.

Reports.

President. It has been a quiet period for Section business.

Vice President. Attended the Last Post service on 28 March. For the rest of the year there are few commemorations of sailors lost at sea. However, there are always anniversaries of the losses of RAN ships which could be commemorated even though no particular sailor is named. The VP recommended we consider laying a wreath on the anniversaries of RAN ship lost at sea.

Motion: The loss of an RAN ship during action be commemorated by the laying of a wreath at the Last Post Service at the AWM on the anniversary of the loss.

Moved: Alex McGown. Seconded: Dennis Lyons. Carried

Secretary. Business as usual.

Treasurer. Financial records remain in a healthy state.

Membership. We have 57 financial and 14 restricted members with 13 still to renew their subscriptions.

Welfare. Ken Cartwright, Ricardo Hannan and Wendy Small eain on the sick list. Our best wishes are extended to them for a speedy recovery.

Social. Bev Joce gave an update on the social calendar. The date of the bus trip to Cooma has been changed to Thursday, 29 April. Fish'nChip venue will change during the winter months. See BC for details.

General Business:

- **ANZAC Day ceremonies.** Attendance at these ceremonies will be by invitation. Alex McGown and Alan Masters will carry the Section banner in the parade of banners which is this year's replacement of the main march.
- **Advocate Support.** The Section is now without an accredited advocate. Any shipmate who would like to undertake this role is requested to

contact the secretary. In the meantime the section will look to the Veterans' Centre at Page for support and the possibility exists for limited support from the HMAS Sydney Association (ACT) advocate, if needed.

- **Honours and Awards.** The inquiry into the recognition for members and families of members of the ADF who are injured, wounded or killed as a result of service lead to the Section providing input to an NAA submission to the Awards and Honours Appeals Tribunal. The April issue of the BC included the Section's submission.
- **Membership Transfer.** A formal application for transfer of Darren Rush from the Nirimba Sub-section to the ACT section was accepted and approved.
- *Motion: The transfer of membership of Darren Rush from the Nirimba Sub-section to the ACT Section be approved and accepted.*
- *Moved: David Manolas. Seconded: Peter Cooke-Russell. Carried*
- **WRANS and Naval Women's Association (ACT).** At the Last Post Service on 28 April the 80th anniversary of the arrival of WRANS at HMAS Harman will be commemorated.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 6 May 2021 at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club starting at 1330 following lunch starting at 1200.

Meeting closed at 1430.

Alan Masters

Secretary / Treasurer

Notes from Committee Meeting 1 April 2021

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

Brief discussions focused on the matters to be discussed at the General Meeting details of which appear in the minutes of the General Meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 6 May 2021 at 1130.

Alan Masters

Secretary / Treasurer

Veterans' pensions set to increase

The Hon Darren Chester MP

Minister for Veterans' Affairs

Minister for Defence Personnel

Saturday, 20 March 2021

VETERANS, their partners, war widows and widowers will benefit from an increase to their pensions in line with the biannual indexation process coming into effect today.

Pensions are indexed twice a year in March and September.

Those who need additional support should contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs who can provide a range of financial supports and allowances for those experiencing hardship.

Due to the calculation of pension rates on a daily basis, the next fortnightly pension indexed on payday 25 March 2021 will comprise a component of both the old and new rates. The new pension rates will be fully effective from pension payday 8 April 2021.

The table below highlights the new fortnightly rates:

SERVICE PENSION	Old rate (fortnightly)	New rate (fortnightly)	Increase (fortnightly)
Single person	\$944.30	\$952.70	\$8.40
Couples (each)	\$711.80	\$718.10	\$6.30
Single person – transitional	\$789.30	\$796.30	\$7.00
Couples (each) – transitional	\$636.80	\$642.40	\$5.60
WAR WIDOWS			
War widow(er)'s pension	\$960.40	\$968.90	\$8.50
Income support supplement	\$284.20	\$286.80	\$2.60
DISABILITY PENSION			
T&PI (Special rate)	\$1,451.80	\$1,464.70	\$12.90
Intermediate rate	\$985.80	\$994.60	\$8.80
EDA	\$802.30	\$809.50	\$7.20
100 per cent	\$516.20	\$520.80	\$4.60
10 per cent	\$58.55	\$59.01	\$0.46
VETERAN PAYMENT			
Single Person	\$1,021.80	\$1,031.10	\$9.30
Couples (each)	\$796.30	\$803.50	\$7.20

These are the maximum rates of payment and include any Energy Supplement payable. For a full list of pension rates, please visit [the DVA Payment Rates page](#).

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS 2021

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

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

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

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

Social Program

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

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

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Social Secretary

DVA CONTACTS

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

PHONE NUMBER:

Telephone:
1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372)

International callers:

+61 2 6289 1133

POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES:

Health Approvals & Home Care Section department of Veterans' Affairs

GPO Box 9998

BRISBANE QLD 4001

DVA WEBSITE:

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

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

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

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A Happy Birthday to you in May 2021

4	Ken Cartwright
8	Brian Warren
8	Stewart Gordon
10	JJ Harrison
10	Louis Wallington
15	Alex McGown
16	Tiger Lyons
16	Lofty Grieg
18	Ric Hannan
22	Tim Holt
23	Robin Herron
24	Alan Masters
25	Richard Waring



Personnel from HMAS Sheean and HMAS Armidale at the Edward 'Teddy' Sheean Memorial and Sheean Walk in Latrobe, Tasmania on ANZAC Day.

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<https://radioadelaide.org.au/2021/04/12/navy-priorities-2021/>