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Last Post Ceremony Australian War Memorial 11 April 2023



Left and above: Alex McGown laid the NAA wreath marking 80 years since HMAS Pirie was attacked by Japanese aircraft, losing seven of her ship's company



Off Oro Bay (New Guinea) on 11 April 1943, HMAS *Pirie* was escorting the British vessel SS *Hanyang* as part of Operation LILLIPUT, the reinforcement, supply and development of the Buna-Gona area after its capture. *Pirie* was subjected to a particularly determined attack by a large force of Japanese fighters and dive bombers. She experienced six very close misses and one direct hit which struck the bullet proof canopy over the bridge, penetrated it, glanced off the helmsman's protective apron, struck and killed instantly the Gunnery Officer and then striking the upper deck, exploded killing six ratings and wounding four others.

Sea Power Centre



Above: L-R Also present that day, Air Vice Marshal Simon Edwards – Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Strategy) Royal Air Force, Air Vice Marshal Glen Braz – Deputy Chief of Royal Australian Air Force, Major-General Colin Keiver – Deputy Commander Royal Canadian Air Force who also laid wreaths honouring those who made the supreme sacrifice.

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Events coming up
6 May Coronation of King Charles III—Westminster Abbey



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4 May	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
1 Jun	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
3 Aug	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
7 Sep	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
5 Oct	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
2 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.

President's Message

Shipmates,

My thanks to Alex and Darren for their participation in the Anzac Day March; we three were joined by three other non-association naval veterans for the short march-past where the salute was taken by the Governor General. Before stepping-off we met up with Tiger and other members of the HMAS Sydney Association.

At the Last Post Ceremony later that day I had the opportunity to speak with Mr Matt Anderson, The Director of the AWM, who assured me work to have the Parade Ground in the fore-court of the Memorial ready for Anzac Day 2024 was progressing well.

I very much hope that you all had a memorable day reflecting on the service and sacrifice of those who have served and paid the ultimate price for the freedoms inherent in our Australian way of life. 'Lest we Forget'.

Yours aye,

David Manolas
President
NAA ACT Section



Committee meeting

Eastlakes Gungahlin
1100 Thursday 4 May 2023

Recognising the Service of First World War Diggers

21 April 2023

Matt Keogh MP

Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Minister for Defence Personnel

As ANZAC Day approaches, the Australian Government has formally launched the *Marking First World War Private Graves Grants Program*.

Community groups, ex-service organisations and individuals can now apply for assistance of up to \$450 to provide a grave marker to mark the graves of First World War veterans, whose death was unrelated to their war service.

"The program provides funding to help establish a graveside commemoration for those veterans who returned home and passed away of causes unrelated to their war service, with many at rest in unmarked graves not receiving the recognition they deserve," Minister Keogh said.

"While the Government has commemorated many thousands of veterans of the First World War, those who did not pass away as a result of their war service may not have been found eligible for

an official commemoration, such as a grave provided by the Office of Australian War Graves."

Before an application can be made to the grants program, applicants must first apply to the Repatriation Commission to determine if the veteran's cause of death was linked to their war service. In this case, the veteran will be provided an official commemoration by the Office of Australian War Graves.

The opening of applications for the *Marking First World War Private Graves Grants Program* fulfils yet another election commitment of the Albanese Labor Government.

The Marking First World War Private Graves Grants Program will be administered by the Office



of Australian War Graves, with ongoing maintenance of the private memorials provided by the family, the relevant cemetery authority or other burial right holder.

Applications for this year's program close on 20 June 2023.

To learn more about the program and apply for a grant, visit www.grants.gov.au



Note
Pension Rates as
stated in the DVA
Newsletter.

It may vary from
the rates posted in
the National
Bosun's Call for
April 2023.

New pension rates from 20 March 2023

SERVICE PENSION	Old rate (fortnightly)	New rate (fortnightly)	Increase (fortnightly)
Single person	\$1,026.50	\$1,064.00	\$37.50
Couples (each)	\$773.80	\$802.00	\$28.20
Single person - transitional	\$856.40	\$887.60	\$31.20
Couples (each) - transitional	\$690.90	\$716.10	\$25.20
WAR WIDOWS			
War widow(er)'s pension	\$1,044.30	\$1,082.50	\$38.20
Income support supplement	\$309.60	\$321.10	\$11.50
DISABILITY PENSION			
T&PI (Special rate)	\$1,617.16	\$1,676.20	\$59.04
Intermediate rate	\$1,072.10	\$1,111.30	\$39.20
EDA	\$872.70	\$904.60	\$31.90
100%	\$561.40	\$581.90	\$20.50
10%	\$63.07	\$65.12	\$2.05
VETERAN PAYMENT			
Single Person	\$1,112.30	\$1,153.50	\$41.20
Couples (each)	\$867.20	\$899.30	\$32.10
MRCA*			
Wholly dependent partner payment	\$1,044.30	\$1,082.50	\$38.20
Special Rate Disability pension (SRDP)	\$1,617.16	\$1,676.20	\$59.04

These are the maximum rates of payment and include any Energy Supplement payable.

ANZAC Day 2023



Above:

National President David Manolas lays the NAA wreath at the last Post Ceremony that evening with the Air Force Association National President Peter Schiller OAM CSM

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Above:

NAA contingent on the march

Right:

NAA ACT Section contingent saluting the Reviewing Officer, His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley, AC DSC Retd, Governor General of Australia and National Patron of the NAA.

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Lest we forget

Lionel Henry Mead

20 July 1925 to 6 March 2023

Edward Bryant

8 March 1928 to 21 March 2023

Robert George Ray

24 March 1940 to 24 March 2023

Robert Vincent McDonnell

9 February 1934 to 12 April 2023

In naval service their duty lay
At sea and ashore in peace and in war
Wounds seen and unseen deeds known and unknown
Now at rest we pray the memories with us stay

King Charles III and the Royal Australian Navy

By Petar Djokovic—Sea Power Centre, Issue 6 2022

On 8 September 2022, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away. With her passing, her son, His Majesty, King Charles III, ascends to the throne. The King, like his parents, has enjoyed a close association with Australia and the Royal Australian Navy. Indeed, his father, the Duke of Edinburgh, is the only British royal to have visited these shores more often than King Charles.

The future King was born Charles Philip Arthur George at Buckingham Palace on 14 November 1948. Upon Elizabeth's accession to the throne, His Majesty, as heir apparent, took on the traditional titles of the Duke of Cornwall, Duke of Rothesay, Earl of Carrick, Baron Renfrew, Lord of the Isles, and Prince and Great Steward of Scotland. On 1 July 1969 he was invested as Prince of Wales in a widely broadcast ceremony at Caernarfon Castle, Gwynedd, Wales.

His parents broke with royal tradition sending him to school rather than having a tutor educate him at Buckingham Palace. He attended the Hill House School in West London, Cheam Preparatory School in Berkshire, and Gordonstoun in East Scotland. His father, the Duke of Edinburgh, was an alumnus of both Cheam and Gordonstoun.

The future King did not accompany his parents on their extensive coronation tour of the Commonwealth in 1954; rather, his long association with Australia began when he spent two terms at Geelong Grammar School's rural Timbertop campus in 1966, an experience he later described as the most enjoyable of his whole education. Upon his entry to the school, Geelong Grammar's headmaster, Mr Thomas Garnett, emphasised that "in accordance with his parent's wishes, the Prince will be treated like any other pupil. Boys and masters will address him as Charles. He will be given no special favours."

Chopping wood, mid-winter camps and cross-country hikes were all part of the curriculum. There was little time for formal royal engagements but he undertook them when he could. He has often spoken since then about his affection for Australia and his time at Timbertop. "I have gone through my fair share of being called a Pommy bastard, I can assure you of that," he said in 2011. "But look what it has done for me... If you want to develop character, go to Australia." His Majesty maintained relationships with a few of his school-mates and teachers, including his old roommate, Stuart McGregor, who said in 2005; "I met a very fine person in the Prince of Wales."

His Majesty commenced university studies at Cambridge in 1967 but was back in Australia at the end of the year under sombre circumstances; representing the Royal Family at the memorial service for Prime Minister Harold Holt. While his first two visits were comparatively subdued affairs, his third was anything but. On 30 March 1970, His Majesty,



Commanding Officer HMS Bronington in 1976

his parents and his sister, Princess Anne, arrived at Mascot airport to be greeted by the Flag Officer in Charge, East Australia Area, Rear Admiral G.J.B. Crabb, CBE, DSC, RAN, along with a Naval Royal Guard and Colour Party, and the RAN Band. The Royal Family's visit coincided with the bicentenary of Captain James Cook's arrival in Australia in 1770. Events included a re-creation of Cook's landing at Kurnell, and a water carnival and fireworks display on Sydney Harbour on 29 April.

The RAN played a central role in all events. The RAN Band was again on hand during an official reception at Government House on 1 April before the Royal Party continued on to Hobart where they embarked in the Royal Yacht, Britannia, on 3 April. The ship was escorted in Australian waters by HMAS Stuart. His Majesty's schedule, however, saw him depart Australia in Melbourne on the 8th to attend EXPO 70 in Japan. He later returned to Australia in 1974 to open the Anglo-Australian Telescope at Siding Springs with then Prime Minister Gough Whitlam..

Following in his father's footsteps the future King learned to fly and in March 1971 he flew himself, in a twin-engined Beagle Basset aircraft of The Queen's Flight, to RAF Cranwell to begin advanced training as a jet pilot. After receiving his wings he embarked on a naval career entering the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, on 15 September as an acting sub lieutenant.

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He served in the destroyer HMS Norfolk and the frigates HM ships Minerva and Jupiter. He toured the Pacific while serving in Jupiter visiting Singapore, New Zealand, Tonga, Western Samoa, Hawaii, San Francisco and Acapulco. He was promoted lieutenant on 1 May 1973 before going on to qualify as a helicopter pilot at RNAS Yeovilton in 1974. He then joined 845 Squadron and flew Wessex HU.5 helicopters from the carrier HMS Hermes, operating primarily in the Mediterranean Sea and North Atlantic Ocean.

In February 1976 His Majesty took command of the Ton class minesweeper HMS Bronington. His ten months in command of Bronington proved to be his last seagoing service in the Royal Navy. In 2011 His Majesty held a reunion for his old crew during which the ship's chef, Michael Sinker, fondly recalled his former commanding officer; "Charles was brilliant. When you got him to sea without his bodyguards he was just like one of the rest of the crew, though he wasn't a very good sailor and he was seasick, as were a lot of us. If it was rough he would go on the bridge with a bucket... There was quite a bit of apprehension before he came on board because of who he was, but once he was on board he was treated with respect just like any captain."

In keeping with naval tradition, His Majesty initiated a beard growing contest on board, which he himself won. He was promoted commander in January 1977 shortly before ending his active naval career. As the Prince of Wales and heir to the throne, many honorary naval appointments followed; he was promoted captain in 1988; rear admiral in 1998; vice admiral in 2002; admiral in 2006; and was made Admiral of the Fleet in 2012; along with numerous other honorary appointments across the Commonwealth including the ranks of vice admiral in the Royal Canadian Navy, and Admiral of the Fleet in the Royal New Zealand Navy.

His Majesty did not accompany his parents on their Silver Jubilee visit to Australia in early 1977 but he did visit later in the year as the patron of the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal for Young Australians. He arrived in November attending various events in connection with the Jubilee including inspecting an RAN Royal Guard upon his arrival at RAAF Base Fairbairn. His visit is remembered by many for a memorable interview conducted by flustered television compare Ian 'Molly' Meldrum for the popular ABC program, Countdown. His Majesty recorded a message for the show's 40th anniversary in 2014 in which he quipped; "Was it really 40 years ago? It seems like yesterday. I wish it were tomorrow, I'd cancel it."

The future King was back in Australia the following May for the funeral of former Prime Minister Sir Robert Menzies, which he attended in naval dress uniform. He returned for the third consecutive year in March 1979 primarily to celebrate the sesquicen-

tenary of the founding of the Swan River colony in Western Australia.

His eighth visit to these shores occurred shortly after his engagement to Lady Diana Spencer in 1981. A naval Royal Guard of Honour again welcomed his arrival at RAAF Fairbairn on 12 April and the following day he officially opened the Australian War Memorial's Hall of Valour, an event also attended by the RAN's most highly decorated officer, Lieutenant Commander Leon Goldsworthy, GC, DSC, GM, RANR. Later in his visit he opened the 50th Anniversary Convention of Apex Clubs of Australia in Geelong.

The 1983 visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and their infant son, Prince William, proved to be a more elaborate affair than His Majesty's previous visits as they were welcomed by large crowds in Alice Springs, Albury, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and Adelaide. A Royal Guard of 100 sailors and officers from HMAS Albatross once again greeted the Royal Party in Canberra. The couple visited again in 1985 but it was their visit in 1988, coinciding with the nation's Bicentennial celebrations, which cemented the Prince's strongest ties with the RAN.

The Royal couple arrived in Sydney on 25 January where they were once again greeted by a Royal Guard of Honour. That afternoon they attended the official presentation of Britain's Bicentennial gift to Australia, the brigantine STS Young Endeavour, in Farm Cove, Sydney Harbour, in front of a crowd of about 10,000 people. Prime Minister Bob Hawke said that the ship was "a timely reminder of the sea links that were for so many years the only lines of communication between Australia and the rest of the world." The ship had departed England for Australia on 3 August 1987 with a crew that included 24 young people from Australia and the UK. Mr Hawke pledged her to serve Australian youth and handed her over to the RAN to operate and maintain.

The Young Endeavour Youth Scheme was established in partnership with the RAN to manage the sail training program with its head office established at Garden Island. The ship routinely participates in major events around Australia and the world undertaking around 20 voyages per year with a crew comprised of 24 young Australians and nine RAN officers and sailors. She has since circumnavigated the country on numerous occasions, and has twice circumnavigated the world; in 1992 and 2015. As of August 2018, she had completed 569 voyages and been crewed by 13,466 people.

On Australia Day 1988 the Royal Couple joined some two million Australians who lined the shores of Sydney Harbour to witness a re-enactment of the arrival of the First Fleet. His Majesty later delivered a Bicentennial address on the steps of the Sydney Opera House and shortly after 3.00pm the

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Royal Couple and other dignitaries embarked in HMAS Cook to review the fleet. His Majesty met and spoke to the majority of the ship's company in their respective areas of duty before lines were cast off and the ship manoeuvred to her reviewing station south of Bradley's Head. She anchored at 4.15 and over the next hour and a half the Parade of Sail was reviewed by the Royal Couple. The Royal Party disembarked shortly after 6.30 at Woolloomooloo.

His Majesty has made five further visits to these shores since 1988; in 1994; 2005; 2012 when His Majesty and the Duchess of Cornwall laid a wreath at the Australian War Memorial and visited a number of bases in Sydney including the Navy Heritage

Centre at Garden Island; 2015; and his last visit was in April 2018 for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

His Majesty visited HMAS Cairns during that visit where he took pleasure in presenting HS Blue Crew with the prestigious Duke of Gloucester's Cup aboard HMAS Leeuwin, the first time that the award for the most proficient unit in the RAN had been won by a hydrographic unit.

King Charles has enjoyed a close association with Australia and the Royal Australian Navy. The Navy has been in attendance during each of his visits, whether in a ceremonial capacity such as providing guards of honour, or behind the scenes. That association will no doubt continue in his new role.



The future King with HS Blue crew after presenting the Duke of Gloucester's Cup seated with Commander Adam Muckalt (Commander Australian Hydrographic Meteorological Group), Rear Admiral Jonathan Mead, AM, (Commander Australian Fleet) and Lieutenant Commander Dean Battilana (Commanding Officer HS Blue) aboard HMAS Leeuwin on 8 April 2018



The then Prince Charles, Prince of Wales places a poppy on the Roll of Honour at the Australian War Memorial on November 11, 2015, in Canberra, Australia. [Mick Tsikas - Pool/Getty Images](#)

Farewell to the first of its class

4 April 2023

Armidale, the first of its class and the latest to be decommissioned, has conducted a wide variety of operations alongside Australian Border Force, Australian Fisheries and the Australian Federal Police.

The vessel has sailed more than 571,000 nautical miles and visited a range of ports including Singapore, Solomon Islands and the Philippines.

In 2021, *Armidale* rapidly deployed to Solomon Islands to support the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force in managing civil unrest.

Armidale's final task involved the apprehension and detainment of a foreign fishing vessel.

The final Commanding Officer of *Armidale*, Lieutenant Commander Adrian Hicks, said it had been a pleasure to take on the role.

"Being Commanding Officer of *Armidale* and working with the magnificent people who have served on board the ship these last two years has been the most rewarding time of my naval career," Lieutenant Commander Hicks said.

"I will deeply miss the family we created and the pride we have for our ship. But, like all things, they must come to an end as we introduce new capability into the fleet."

Patrol boats are the primary enablers of the ADF's contribution to Operation Sovereign Borders and a

key arm of Operation Resolute.

Navy is transitioning from the *Armidale*-class and *Cape*-class patrol boats to 12 *Arafura*-class off-shore patrol vessels.

The new *Arafura*-class will provide a significant increase in capability over the patrol boats they will replace and will enhance Australia's capacity to patrol its maritime territory and near region.

Armidale sailor Able Seaman Timothy Adams reflected on the bittersweet moment.

"I've learnt and achieved a lot on board *Armidale* and will miss the boat and the team a lot," he said.

"But all things end and I'm looking forward to my next posting."

By Lieutenant Harrison Thomas



Above: Ship's company of HMAS *Armidale* line the upper decks during its decommissioning ceremony

Left: Captain Patrol Boat Group, Captain Melanie Verho with the first and last Commanding Officers of HMAS *Armidale* (II), Commander Andrew Maher (centre) and Lieutenant Commander Adrian Hicks, after the decommissioning ceremony of HMAS *Armidale* (II), conducted alongside HMAS *Coonawarra*

Photos: POIS Peter Thomp-

Canberra man tells inquiry heritage concerns blocked him from installing more solar panels on 22-year-old house

An inquiry into the ACT's heritage arrangements has heard a Canberra man was blocked from installing more solar panels on his home, built in 2001, due to concerns they would be partially visible from the street.

Earlier this month, the ACT government announced an inquiry would be held into the effectiveness and operation of heritage issues in the territory, and called for public submissions.

"Now is a critical time to examine the ACT heritage protection arrangements and to see how they can be improved in order to ensure they achieve their intended functions under the Heritage Act," ACT Legislative Assembly MLA Marisa Paterson said.

Submissions already made to the inquiry have now thrown up a variety of issues, including the use of solar panels, the preservation of historic huts, and the overall development of the city.

Extra solar panels rejected due to partial view from street

Among those to make a submission to the inquiry was Graham Mannall, who had previously applied to the ACT Heritage Council to ask if he could install additional solar panels on the roof of his house in an older suburb of Canberra.

Mr Mannall already has 36 panels on his roof, which he said was very large, and had been built at a pitch that met the heritage requirements of the area about 20 years ago.

While the house itself is not heritage-listed, his neighbourhood is.

In their response to Mr Mannall's request to install more solar panels, the council denied his request for some, because they would be partially visible from the street and therefore in violation of the ACT Heritage Act.

Of the 15 panels he wanted to install, only six were permitted.

He said that was in spite of the fact he had gone to the effort of ensuring no panels would be on the side of the building closest to the street.

"Part of their reasoning is that we already have a large system and that this is the most visible and provided suggestions like putting it on the garage or in the yard somewhere, which are completely impractical," Mr Mannall said in a submission to the inquiry.

"There is no point for us to install a [six] panel system as we require a new inverter for the additional panels and the costs far outweigh the benefits."

Mr Mannall said he understood why heritage needed to be considered, but he questioned whether the right balance was being struck between that objective and the goal of greater sustainability.

"I would like to raise the issue about how we are able to become a more sustainable city by having solar systems on roofs within areas designated as having heritage value," he said.

Mr Mannall also said the guidelines were confusing and he knew some residents in his suburb who had become so frustrated that they had gone ahead and installed solar panels anyway.

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Canberra man tells inquiry heritage concerns blocked him from installing more solar panels on 22-year-old house

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"The heritage guidelines recommend putting [the panels] on sheds and garages in backyards, which is not possible — we're in a very narrow, thin block," he told ABC Radio Canberra.

"We could have free-standing ones in the backyard, but that just doesn't seem very practical to me, when you've got a roof that's sitting there facing the sun all day long not being used."

In a separate submission to the inquiry, the ACT's Commissioner for Sustainability and Environment also highlighted her concerns that heritage policies were not working adequately alongside of environmental policies.

"The Heritage Act 2004, does not mention climate change," Sophie Lewis said in her submission.

"Heritage and climate change policies in the ACT do not interact, and legislation in the ACT fails to identify and address climate change impacts on heritage and how preservation of heritage values might impact climate change mitigation and adaptation measures."

Dr Lewis also said that while owners of heritage buildings could apply to modify the facade and install solar panels, more detailed consideration should be given to the "future needs and impacts of heritage sites in a changing climate".

Call for old huts to be restored

Others submissions to the inquiry raised concerns about the preservation or restoration of historic buildings.

Two submissions were made on behalf of huts located in national parks and reserves that had been destroyed by fire, including the Black Summer bushfires and the Canberra firestorm of 2003.

Pauline Downing, who volunteers to help maintain the historic huts, said she was "disheartened" to learn that authorities did not intend to replace them.

"One Namadgi hut was described by an employee of the Park Service as a 'sacrificial hut' when asked if it was to be replaced," she wrote in her submission.

"I didn't realise that in this day and age the history of the working classes of this country was sacrificial."

In her submission, Ms Downing referenced Gregory's Homestead, which had been taken down, leaving only the brick foundations.

"Although not as old as some of the homesteads in Namadgi it would be approaching 80+ years and showed the progression from Orroral Homestead," she said.

"Unfortunately, the ability to restore huts to as built is not possible, but their replacement will commem-

orate them."

Fears for loss of 'streetscapes' in older suburbs

The inquiry has also raised the issue of the development of Canberra as a whole.

Chief Minister Andrew Barr used his annual State of the Territory address this week to reiterate how fast the territory is growing, saying the city's population was expected to rise to half a million by 2027.

"Our population is expected to grow by the equivalent of three to four new suburbs each year," Mr Barr said.

Mr Barr said the only way to house all of those new ACT residents was by increasing density in certain suburbs, particularly close to the city and town centres and along public transport corridors.

But in a submission to the inquiry a community group has vehemently disagreed with the government's plans, objecting to changes that would deviate from the original plan for Canberra set out by Walter Burley Griffin and other early town planners.

The Griffith Narrabundah Community Association said in its submission that it was "alarmed" that the two inner-south suburbs had been designated areas of "future investigation" by the ACT government.

"In these areas, new three-storey buildings can be constructed, and the old streetscapes planned by Griffin, Sulman and Weston will be destroyed," they said.

"This threatened developmental vandalism is unconscionable."

The group said the heritage of the suburbs needed to be protected because of their "high-value characteristics" and economic and social benefits, including that the heritage of the suburbs provided "positive health outcomes" and "enculturation, personal and cultural identity, intergenerational continuity and civic engagement".

In their submission, the association said their concern was that plans for the growth of the city included an emphasis on protecting heritage sites, but not on protecting the heritage "character an6767d streetscape" of the inner south.

A Canberra man says he was blocked from installing more solar panels due to heritage legislation. (ABC News: John Gunn)© Provided by ABC News (AU) 18 March 2023

HMAS Canberra returns to Fleet Base East, Sydney after a deployment to support the Government of Vanuatu's response to devastation caused by Tropical Cyclones Judy and Kevin.



Photo: LSIS David Cox 3 April 2023

Keeping Young Endeavour ready to sail

14 April 2023

Since 1988, more than 14,000 young Australians have sailed in Sail Training Ship (STS) *Young Endeavour* and been part of inspiring experiences that helped them develop self-awareness and confidence.

On March 17, Australia's leading general marine company, Noakes Group Pty Limited, was selected as the industry partner that will deliver services to *Young Endeavour*, until the end of its service life.

After a competitive tender process, Noakes was awarded a two-year contract with extension options for a further three years.

The company will maintain Navy's *Young Endeavour* at HMAS *Waterhen* and provide support to its crew during operations away from their home port in Sydney.

Head Maritime Sustainment Rear Admiral Steven Tiffen said the contract would ensure *Young Endeavour* was operationally available to serve the youth of Australia where and when needed.

"Noakes has been instrumental in providing maintenance, engineering, supply and operating

services to *Young Endeavour* for the past 30 years and are well suited to ensure the vessel is kept in a reliable and safe state to deliver youth development activities," Rear Admiral Tiffen said.

"This contract will ensure all necessary support is given to *Young Endeavour* until a replacement vessel is made available, continuing the proud history that began in 1988 when the ship was handed to Australia from the United Kingdom to mark the bicentenary."

Young Endeavour is Navy's national sail training ship and conducts a year-round development program on behalf of the Young Endeavour Youth Scheme.

In learning to sail the ship, the youth crew develop skills which translate to everyday life, helping them become better leaders and team players, and better equipped to make an active contribution to their schools, workplaces and communities.

Young Endeavour has sailed more than 400,000 nautical miles, including two world voyages and four circumnavigations of Australia.

Australian youth aged 16-23 can apply to be part of the program at: <https://youngendeavour.gov.au/apply-now>

Head of Naval Engineering Change Over

On Friday 03 March 2023, a transfer of authority ceremony was held in Canberra to mark the changing commands of Head of Navy Engineering and Director General Engineering for Navy. During the ceremony, Head of Navy Engineering, Rear Admiral (RADM) Kath Richards, AM, CSC, RAN, (left) handed the weight of command to RADM Rachel Durbin, CSC, RAN. Director General Engineering for Navy was also handed from RADM Rachel Durbin, CSC, RAN, to Mr Joseph Cole

Photo: POIS Jake Badior



Oldies play Rugby

Navy Old Salts and ACT Veterans rugby union teams faced off in a charity match raising funds for ACT Legacy and the Canberra Hospital. The Old Salts team comprises current and ex-serving members, with players required to be over 35 to qualify for the team. More than \$300,000 has been donated to charity since the inaugural match in 2010

Defence



Above: Navy Old Salts rugby union team at GIO Stadium, Canberra



Left: Navy Old Salts and ACT Veterans rugby union teams play a charity match raising funds for ACT Legacy and the Canberra Hospital

Photos : POIC Jake Badior

Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 6 April 2023

Meeting started at 1330 with the Odes recited by David Manolas. Members paid respect to Lionel Mead, Ed Bryant and Bob Ray who had crossed the bar since the last meeting and to former members Robert Barron and Derek Holyoake.

Present: 13 members and one visitor as per attendance book.

Apologies: Mike Hardwick, Ray Horne, Harry Beardsell, Mary Slaats

Minute of Last Meeting. The minutes of the General meeting on 2 March 2023 appeared in the April 2023 edition of the Bosun's Call

Motion: The minutes of the General Meeting held on 2 March 2023 be accepted.

Moved: Dennis Lyons Seconded: Joe Slaats. Carried.

Business arising from the Minutes.

Donations to charities. The donations to the nominated charities as per the minutes of March 23 have been made.

Reports.

President. The President's activities mainly related to his national role. He attended the ESORT pre-brief in the DVA building on 28 March and the follow-up meeting the next day at Parliament House with Minister Keogh (Minister for Veterans' Affairs). The Minister gave a presentation on the proposed "way ahead" for the Harmonisation of the Three Acts that determine veteran support. On 30 March, he met with the incoming Secretary of Veterans' Affairs. He attended the Memorial Service for Rear Admiral James Goldrick AO CSC RAN (Rtd) at St Christopher's Cathedral in Manuka.

Vice President. There will be Last Post services in June and volunteers are invited to lay the wreath. Whilst visiting the Ainslie FC Club he met by chance Merle Hare, our oldest Honorary Member, having celebrated earlier in the year her 103rd birthday. He attended a KOC meeting with four other representatives.

Secretary. Business as usual.

Membership. On 1 April we had 68 members of which 49 are full members.

Welfare. John Small is undertaking rehabilitation following a stroke and Dean da Costa is confronting some health challenges.

Motion: The reports be received.

Moved: Darren Rush Seconded: Glen McNamara. Carried.

General Business:

ANZAC Day. The President will be involved with wreath laying. The March will start at 0930 with the assembling beginning at 0830. The march will proceed from near the corner of Limestone Avenue and ANZAC Parade and will take the same route as last year.

National Conference. This will be held in the Tradies in Dickson on 17/18 May 2023.

Meeting Closed. There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 1410.

Next meeting will be on Thursday, 4 May 2023 at 1330 at the Eastlake Football Club Gungahlin.

Alan Masters

Secretary

NAA (ACT)

Notes from the Committee Meeting 6 April 2023

Present: David Manolas, Alex McGown, Peter Cooke-Russell, Dennis Lyons, Stewart Gordon, Joe Slaats, Alaric O'Neill, Alan Masters.

Discussion focused on the upcoming ANZAC Day activities, the fate of the Section's administrative records, the ESORT meetings and meeting the new DVA Secretary.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 4 May 2023 at 1100.

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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.

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Social Program

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

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| 4 May | Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200 |
| 18 May | Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200 |
| 1 Jun | Lunch Eaastlakes Gungahlin 1200 |
| 15 Jun | Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200 |
| 6 Jul | Christmas in July Lunch |
| 20 Jul | Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200 |
| 3 Aug | Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200 |
| 17 Aug | Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200 |
| 7 Sep | Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200 |
| 21 Sep | Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200 |
| 5 Oct | Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200 |
| 19 Oct | Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200 |
| 2 Nov | Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200 |
| 16 Nov | Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200 |
| 7 Dec | Christmas Lunch |

Social Secretary
Joe Slaats

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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:

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GPO Box 9998

BRISBANE QLD 4001

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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>

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