

# The Bosun's Call



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#### Maritime partnerships strengthened—Exercise Malabar

The Royal Australian Navy this month joined key partners Japan, the United States and the United Kingdom for the Maritime Partnership Exercise in the Indian Ocean.

Anzac-class frigate HMAS *Ballarat* and replenishment oiler HMAS *Sirius*, with ships and aircraft from the other participating nations, engaged in complex multi-domain training in the Bay of Bengal from October 11-14.

This followed the first phase of the exercise, held in August near Guam.

Commander of the Australian Fleet Rear Admiral Mark Hammond said the Maritime Partnership Exercise reinforced effective habits of cooperation between participating forces.

"The Maritime
Partnership Exercise
demonstrated our
capacity to work together
to support the security
and resilience of the Indo
-Pacific," Rear Admiral
Hammond said.

Ships and aircraft from the navies of Australia, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States participate in training in the Indian Ocean during the Maritime Partnership Exercise.

Photo: Leading Seaman Ernesto Sanchez "The Royal Australian Navy has benefited from multiple engagements with regional navies this year, sharing in the knowledge and experience of our partners, and enhancing our interoperability in the maritime domain.

"Close cooperation with key partners made the Maritime Partnership Exercise all the more valuable, and I thank our fellow navies for this opportunity to work together.

"Notably, this exercise included the UK's Carrier Strike Group for its Indo-Pacific deployment.

"We are pleased to see our European partners strengthening their engagement in the region and supporting our shared interest in safeguarding the rules-based international order."



#### **Events coming up**

4 Nov GENERAL MEETING Eastlakes Club Gungahlin 1330

**Lunch 1200** 

18 Nov Fish 'n Chips Snapper CYC BYO 1200
2 Dec Christmas Lunch Gungahlin Lakes CVIub 1200



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# General Meetings Dates and Locations Programme

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

4 Nov Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
2022	
3 Feb Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
3 Mar Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
3 Mar AGM on Completion of General Me	eting
7 Apr Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
5 May Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
2 Jun Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
4 Aug Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330

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

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

#### Change

G'day Members,

Canberra is slowly opening up to freedom of movement and the federation induced border restrictions are being removed. Western Australia was reluctant to come into the Australian Federation in 1895 and looks like it has put up a human fence to go along with the dingo, rabbit and starling border controls. Perhaps the Navy should move back to the East Coast, which would solve a lot of the Navy family problems. No matter, Australia is governed by a federation of States and the consequential effects have become clearly apparent over the last two years.

With the relaxation of movement and a successful two jab campaign we can get together again. The Snapper Fish 'n Chips supply depot is a going concern and two members have reported its successful operation in delightful weather. Whether you go or not is up to you but it is a great place to swap stories, have a feed and be surrounded by seagulls.

If you like a more formal approach to getting together, come to the meetings. They start with a relaxed lunch at midday in the host club house. One hour and a half later a move is made into a meeting, but you don't have to stay for the meeting. It is, however, a restful atmosphere and gives you a chance to digest your lunch in comfort. We have one on the 4th of November. It is the only one before we have our Christmas lunch on 2 December. Bookings have been made for both of these events.

Let's hope that the world has settled down by 2022 and we are prepared to live with the possibilities that COVID-19 is treated similarly to the way we have treated influenza over many years. Have your annual jabs and ensure that proper precautions are taken in your lifestyle.

Looking forward to getting back together.

Editor

#### **Committee meetings**

East Lakes Gungahlin
1130 Thursday 4 November
2021

#### Veterans claims system to be overhauled

# **16 October 2021 The Hon Andrew Gee MP**Minister for Veterans' Affairs Minister for Defence Personnel

The Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Defence Personnel Andrew Gee has announced the appointment of independent consultants to overhaul the Department of Veterans' Affairs' claims processing system.

Consultants McKinsey & Company will work with families who have lost loved ones to suicide, to formulate recommendations that will overhaul the system to better serve our veterans.

Minister Gee said the backlog of claims is unacceptably high which is delaying veterans and their families access to vital services and funding.

"One of my top priorities is to improve the claims processing system and cut waiting times for veterans and their loved ones, and as such, I have directed that this rebuild takes place as a matter of urgency," Minister Gee said.

"This is not another review.

"McKinsey will immediately examine how the Department can simplify the claims process, how it is currently processing claims, and identify how we can have a faster, more efficient and effective system for all veterans and their families.

"As part of this vitally important work, I have directed McKinsey to hold meetings with families of veterans who have suffered the tragic and devastating loss of a loved one, so that those rebuilding the system can gain a first-hand understanding of the impact of veteran suicide and the importance of a quick and efficient claims processing system.

"We can't wait for the Royal Commission to get cracking on this crucial reform.

"In the recent Budget \$98.5 million was delivered for hundreds of new claims processing officers for veterans which is welcome news. However, I don't want to see these officers dropped into an inefficient system, tangling themselves up in red tape.

"If that budget boost is to have maximum effect we need to make sure that the fundamentals of the claims processing system are right."

Karen Bird, who lost her veteran son Jesse to suicide, said she was eager to participate in the meetings, together with her lawyers who represented the family during the coronial inquest, and hopes that the feedback will provide clear direction on what is required to overhaul the claims processing system, making it a positive experience for veterans and their families.

McKinsey will deliver its action plan in December 2021. Minister Gee has reiterated that he wants to



see immediate progress so that veterans and their families can receive the support they deserve and require.

"McKinsey will be tackling the issue with an independent set of eyes to ensure that claims are processed in a timely manner. I won't be waiting to action this roadmap," Minister Gee said.

"McKinsey will provide recommendations with clear milestones and deliverables that can be tracked, measured and monitored by the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Australian Government at three, six, 12, 18 and 24-month intervals.

"The Australian Government is currently supporting more than 336,000 veterans and their families and we're committed to ensuring they have the support they need, when and where they need it.

"Our veterans have served our nation with courage and distinction and we must give them the best possible care and support. They deserve nothing less."

If any veteran or their family member has information that will help this process, I encourage them to get in touch by emailing office.ministergee@dva.gov.au.

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Open Arms — Veterans and Families Counselling provides 24/7 free confidential crisis support for current and ex-serving ADF personnel and their families on <u>1800</u> <u>011 046</u> (international: <u>+61 8 8241 4546</u>) or visit <u>www.OpenArms.gov.au</u>

#### How to get proof of your COVID-19 vaccinations

Services Australia ABN - 90 794 605 008

Find the best way to get proof of your COVID-19 vaccinations for your situation.

#### If you're a veteran

If you're a veteran, there's support to get proof of your COVID-19 vaccinations.

If you're a DVA gold card holder and you have a Medicare number, you can access your COVID-19 digital certificate through either:

- Your Medicare online account through myGov
- The Express Plus Medicare mobile app.

If You do not have an online Medicare Account go to the internet; go to myGov and select Create a MyGov account;

- take Step 1: create an account; and
- then follow the directions on the screen.

If you're a DVA gold card holder and don't have a Medicare number, you'll need to access your My Health Record and link it to your myGov account. This way, you'll be able to get proof of your COVID-19 vaccinations.

To do this, you'll need to call the My Health Record enquiries line. They'll verify your identity and give you an access code, also called an Identity Verification Code, to link your accounts.

#### My Health Record enquiries

My Health Record help line: 1800 723 471 (option 1), available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Find out how to get COVID-19 vaccination proof through My Health Record from the Australian Digital Health Agency website.

If you can't get proof online, you can also call the Australian Immunisation Register. Select option 4 for the AIR veteran and defence support line. Then ask us to send your proof to you. It can take up to 14 days for your statement or certificate to arrive in the post.

Updated: 19 October 2021

myGov is used to access Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support, all in one place. This guide shows you how to create a myGov account.

#### Pathway to Defence industry popular

The Defence Industry Pathways Program has been a hit in Western Australia, as people of all ages take up the chance to get a taste of life in the state's Defence industry.

The program aims to give school-leavers and others an initial experience in Defence industry through placements with relevant employers.

It also provides participants with a Certificate III in Defence Industry Pathways from Western Australia's South Metropolitan TAFE.

Running over 12 months, with up to 120 trainees taking part through to 2023, the goal is to build the nation's future Defence industry workforce by showing school-leavers and those looking for a career change what Defence industry options are available, as well as introducing them to its workplace culture.

The program was developed with input from South Metropolitan TAFE and the Western Australian maritime Defence industry.

To date, 50 employers have applied to train and mentor the applicants, including L3 Harris Technologies, Austal, BAE, BRE Engineering, and Nihar Consultants.

It is hoped the wide range of businesses taking part in the program will give the successful applicants exposure to a variety of sectors within Defence industry, providing them as many options as possible as they decide on the best path to take in the sector.

However, it is not just employers in Western Australia who are enthusiastic about the program.

Within 90 minutes of its launch in June, the program had more than 100 applications.

According to data from the first two intakes, they were a diverse group.

While more than half of those accepted into the program were aged 18-21, almost a third were aged over 30, and about a third of the group were female.

Head Maritime Systems Rear Admiral Wendy Malcolm said the popularity of the program across all age groups showed the strong interest in working in Defence industry.

"There are so many opportunities over future years in this industry, and the Defence Industry Pathways Program is a great way to attract people to the sector, whether it is school-leavers, people looking for a career change, or those who are just exploring opportunities," Rear Admiral Malcolm said.

"Ultimately, we all benefit from this program, since we will be able to grow the size of our Defence industry workforce to meet the challenges of the future."

Applications for the January 2022 intake of the Defence Industry Pathways Program are currently open through the website <u>Programmed</u>.

By Captain Angela Bond

Below: Minister for Defence Industry Melissa Price, Rear Admiral Wendy Malcolm, and CIVMEC Executive Chairman Jim Fitzgerald with Year 12 students and South Metropolitan TAFE students at Henderson shipyard, WA.

Photo: Petty Officer Yuri Ramsey



#### New uniform being rolled out

18 October 2021

Navy personnel in North Queensland and the Northern Territory are the first to be issued the new maritime multi-cam pattern uniform (MMPU).

The MMPU uniform replaces the disruptive pattern Navy uniform (DPNU), which has been in service for the past 12 years.

Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Michael Noonan said it was great to see the roll-out of the new uniform.

"Our people are at the forefront of what our Navy achieves, and we rely on our people to be able to perform at their best in a variety of challenging environments," Vice Admiral Noonan said.

"It's important that their kit is fit-for-purpose and evolves to meet the needs of our fleet and the environments that we operate in.

"The new MMPU is based on design feedback directly from our sailors and will provide our people with greater utility and comfort to perform the important work they do in support of our nation.

"I look forward to seeing our members in Darwin and Cairns kitted out in the MMPU, providing them with greater comfort as we move into this summer season."

The roll-out of the MMPU across Navy is scheduled to take place progressively across states and be completed late next year.

The new lighter-weight contemporary uniform uses the latest technology, enhancing the safety and comfort of members wearing it.

It brings uniformity across Defence as it features the familiar design of the Australian multicam camouflage uniform and the Air Force general purpose uniform, but retains the maritime grey tones and a few key differences unique to Navy requirements.

It took several years to undertake research and trial the

MMPU before the design was finalised.

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The contribution of Australian industry, working in collaboration

Right: Seaman Maritime
Logistics Supply Chain Caitlin
Palmer (left) and Petty Officer
Maritime Logistics Supply
Chain Ross Currie wear the
Royal Australian Navy's new
Maritime Multi-Cam Pattern
Uniform at Fleet Logistic
Support Element - Darwin,
HMAS Coonawarra.

Phot LSIS Shane Cameron

with the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group, was critical to the development of the uniform

The garments are manufactured in Australia by Australian Defence Apparel in Bendigo and Melbourne, Victoria, and Workwear Group in Melbourne, Victoria, using fabric manufactured by Bruck Textiles in Wangaratta, Victoria.

Two versions of the MMPU are available, depending on the roles and duties of personnel.

The flame-resistant option, featuring reflective strips, meets work, health and safety regulations for members on sea-going duties and shore-based roles requiring a higher level of protection.

After Darwin and Cairns, the MMPU will be rolled out to WA towards the end of the first quarter of next year.

More photos on the Defence image gallery.

Below: Old DPNU— 9 August 2019; Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Michael Noonan, AO, RAN, presents Warrant Officer Paul Ross with a Commendation and Innovation award in front of Submarine Force personnel on Diamantina Pier at Fleet Base West, Rockingham, Western Australia.

Phot LSIS Richard Cordell



#### Former French mayor Dr Patrick Simon honoured

3 July 2021

As a lasting legacy to a man who has done so much to preserve the memory of Australian First World War veterans and for Franco-Australian relations, former Mayor of Villers-Bretonneux, Dr Patrick Simon AO, has had a room dedicated in his name at the Sir John Monash Centre (SJMC).

Secretary of the Department of Veterans' Affairs Liz Cosson AM CSC, said this is a fitting tribute at the centre of Australia's Anzac Centenary legacy on the Western Front, the SJMC.

"Former Mayor Simon was known fondly as a friend to Australia, going above and beyond to strengthen relations between our two countries, with much of his efforts focussing on ensuring Australian service on the Western Front is never forgotten," Ms Cosson said.

"He led and participated in numerous activities including the renovations of the Franco-Australian Museum in Villers-Bretonneux which holds a significant collection of Australian artefacts; signing of the twinning charter between Villers-Bretonneux and the Australian town of Robinvale; and most

recently before his passing, fundraising for the victims of the Australian bushfires."

At an official ceremony, the Australian Ambassador to France, H.E. Gillian Bird, unveiled the 'Patrick Simon AO Room' in the presence of his widow, family members and local French dignitaries.

Ambassador Bird, in paying tribute to Patrick Simon, acknowledged "his commitment to the Franco-Australian friendship and to the memory of the Anzacs in France."

"The Patrick Simon AO Room will be the location of hands-on and engaging activities for visiting school children, as they come to the SJMC to learn of Australia's involvement in the First World War, and how the nearby town of Villers-Bretonneux was saved," Ambassador Bird said.

"The name of Patrick Simon will oversee the continuing education of younger generations and ensure the historical links of this region of France, one he proudly called home, and of the Australian soldiers who fought there, live on."

Learn more about the SJMC at <u>Home I Sir John</u> <u>Monash Centre I Sometimes harrowing, often</u>

moving (simc.gov.au)

Set in the grounds of the Villers-Betonneux Military Cemetery in northern France, and adjacent to the Australian National Memorial, the Sir John Monash Centre is the hub of the Australian Remembrance Trail along the Western Front, and establishes a lasting international legacy of Australia's Centenary of ANZAC 2014-2018

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Defence All-hours Support Line

1800 628 036

#### **Super News in Superannuation**

COTA Australia's Treasury submission heralds big changes and great things

COTA ACT magazine Spring 2021

If you've been employed in Australia at any time since 1992, chances are you have (or had) some employer-funded savings accumulating in a superannuation ('super') fund account - perhaps more than one. Currently, Australians have collectively saved around \$3 trillion (yes, trillion!) for their retirement in super funds.

An important change is coming to help people plan for their retirement and live off their savings in super (in addition to what they may be entitled to under the Aged Pension). It's a proposed 'Retirement Income Covenant', which will require non-self-managed super funds to create specific solutions for retirees. These will differ from the current focus on building nest eggs over many decades, suitable for younger fund members who have plenty of time to save and don't yet have retirement plans on the horizon. Under the new Covenant, funds will need to offer super pension solutions that focus more on preserving capital and generating income that retirees can live off. We're still waiting for the draft legislation, but

we expect the Covenant to be in place by 1 July 2022.

COTA has been involved in this important development and has long advocated that super funds move beyond their 'nest egg' focus to look after the specific needs of retirees. We've suggested to Treasury (as it drafts the new rules) that the law specifically state the purpose of super to be to generate retirement income. And we've asked Treasury to consider compelling funds to move beyond just telling fund members their total super account balance, to also estimate the retirement income (super pension) that can be funded from this balance. That would give much more meaningful information to those planning for, or in, retirement — a welcome step forward in what can be a complex financial season in a person's life.

You can check out COTA's full submission to Treasury on the COTA Australia website: Retirement Income Covenant - COTA Australia

#### Computer takeover scams on the rise

ONE COTA magazine Spring September—November 2021

According to the ACCC's Scamwatch, almost 6,500 Australians have reported phone calls from scammers trying to convince them to download software that gives access to home computers and their bank accounts.

Commonly called remote access scams, scammers pretend to be from well-known organisations such as Telstra, eBay, NBN Co, Amazon, banks, government organisations, police, and computer and IT support organisations.

"Remote access scams are one of the largest growing scam types in Australia. Scammers take advantage of the digital world and the fear of fraud and cybercrime to access people's devices and steal their money," ACCC Deputy Chair Delia Rickard said.

Scams of this nature will often be an unexpected phone call saying you've been billed for a purchase you didn't make, your device has been compromised, or your account has been hacked. The scammer will pretend to assist you or ask you to assist them to catch the scammer. They will tell you to download remote control software

such as AnyDesk or. TeamViewer. Once the scammer has control of your computer or device, they will ask you to log into applications such as emails, internet banking or PayPal accounts, which will allow the scammer to access your banking and personal information to impersonate you or steal your money.

"If you receive contact from someone claiming to be from a telecommunications company, a technical support service provider or online marketplace, hang up.

People who think they may have been scammed should contact their bank or financial institution as soon as possible. If they installed any apps or programs, they should also delete them from the device. Support in recovering from these scams including how to check if your identity and computer is secure is available through IDCARE on 1800 595 160 or <a href="https://www.idcare.org">www.idcare.org</a>

People can make a report on the Scamwatch website <a href="https://www.camwatch.gov.au">www.camwatch.gov.au</a>

They can also follow @scamwatch\_ gov on Twitter and subscribe to Scamwatch radar alerts.

#### Oldies are goldies

#### The secret spending power of our senior community

**COTA ACT magazine Spring 2021** 

It's a fact that's been hiding in plain sight for quite some time, but data on consumer habits from the World Data Lab (2021)\* has shown that the spending of older people is a vital part of our economy. It is also anticipated that this group of consumers, dubbed 'the silver economy', will play an integral part in the post-COVID-19 economic recovery in the years to come. So why aren't marketing companies paying attention to the huge spending power of our seniors?

As the advertising world continues to perpetuate images of youthful models in an attempt to sell products and services, it seems many companies are falling short of expected sales targets. There is disquiet amongst those consumer watchdogs who champion diversity and inclusion, and the conversation around the representation of older people within advertising is beginning to build to a gentle roar.

The silver economy, classed as those consumers 65 years and above, is currently projected to make up 66% of all consumer spending by the end of this decade. This figure outpaces all other age groups, whose spending is projected to increase by only 41% over the same time period. This is partly due to the fact that the number of those people classed as seniors is increasing by 3.2% each year compared to a 0.8% increase in the overall population, but it is also due to the capacity and willingness of these seniors to spend more. In one of many sector examples, the US motor industry has consistently employed youthful stereotypes within their advertising campaigns over the past few decades, but the tide has shifted recently to represent the actual age and spending power of their major buyers, resulting in greater sales and a design aesthetic in line with the tastes of an older market. Says Don Esmond, senior vice president of Toyota Divi-

"These are consumers looking for adventure. They will want to head out on the highway to travel, camp and perhaps run a little wild. They want Choppers, not walkers, minibuses with flowers painted on the side, and God knows what else. Auto makers, better get your motor runnin."

The various factors in the increased power of the silver economy include the rise of the senior professional, those in the community who stay in employment, often in executive positions, past an age at which retirement is often considered. This leads to greater wealth and spending capacity, which boosts the economy as the mighty spending power of these seniors injects funds into a variety of goods and services across the community.

It is this same age group that gained assets and wealth through low fixed mortgage rates in the 60s, the availability of defined benefit pension plans, as well as the ample opportunity to invest in stocks and bonds with healthy returns.

Comparative economic data has shown across the generations that the younger demographic have less access to these options, greater financial pressures and are less confident they will secure financial stability later in life, leaning heavily on the support of banks and other lending institutions, as well as their own families for assistance. Again, it is the power of the silver economy at work here, an aged population whose funds are required and leveraged by the young to service longer and less financially secure lives.

There's a call to action by various consumer groups and authorities such as the ACCC, to recognise the power of senior spending using less ageist and more appropriate advertising. Large companies such as Google have invested in market research which reveals that ageism in advertising reinforces toxic prejudices at work and in the community. The research also reveals that curating advertising practices to exclude the aged sector reaps very real and measurable financial detriments. And with these silver spenders in a real position to lead a post-COVID-19 economic recovery, it is the right time to celebrate our seniors, acknowledge the wealth and activity they inject into the economy, and to bring marketing and advertising in line with diversity, inclusivity and overall best practice.

\*World Data Lab is a data enterprise which produces consistent and credible estimates of spending and demography, using global, granular and forwardlooking data models.

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2022 Committee Elections
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#### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS38 for 2022**

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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 . .

4 Nov Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
18 Nov Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
2 Dec Christmas /New Year Lunch
Gungahlin Lakes Golf Club 1200

16 Dec Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200

#### 2022

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17 Mar	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
21 Apr	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
19 May	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
16 Jun	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
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#### Social Secretary

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#### A Happy Birthday to you in November 2021

3 Tim Haydon

7 Viv Littlewood

10 Graeme Quinn

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