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HMAS Castlemaine's 80th Anniversary coincides with Navy Day Vic 2022, Williamstown, Victoria.

Photos: Leading Seaman James McDougall

The return of Navy Day Victoria on October 9, after a pandemic hiatus, coincided with the 80th anniversary of HMAS Castlemaine's commissioning in Williamstown.

The people of Hobsons Bay were treated to a wet winching display from an MH-60R Seahawk and musical entertainment from the Royal Australian Navy Band.

An Air Force PC-21 Roulette put on an aerial display and flyover, while Navy technical trades, Defence Force Recruiting and the Australian Navy Cadets kept people occupied on the ground.

The day culminated in a ceremonial sunset on board Castlemaine, one of 60 corvettes produced by Australian shipyards during WW2.

Hundreds of visitors passed through Castlemaine

during the day, getting a taste of life on the old corvette and seeing the work of the HMAS Castlemaine Association volunteers, who are restoring the ship to her previous glory.

The event was an opportunity for Navy to emphasise its strong links to the community and showcase some of the opportunities for potential recruits.

CDRE Yorke SNO VIC said Navy Day was a chance to show off some of our new technical equipment and show our community what Navy does and how we do it. It's very important in this day and age to get technical-minded people interested in careers they could have in Navy. It's a highly technical force and the more we can encourage this, the better off we'll be," Commodore Yorke said.

Events coming up

19 Nov Last Post Ceremony AB J Salmon HMAS Sydney 81st anniversary of her loss
23 Nov Last Post Ceremony AB WLE Danswan HMAS Torrens, Mine explosion Beachport SA 14 July 41
1 Dec Last Post Ceremony SBLT James Buckland RAN 80th Anniversary Loss of HMAS Armidale



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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 Oct	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
3 Nov	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
2023		
2 Feb	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
2 Mar	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
	AGM on completion of GM	
6 Apr	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,

May I extend my appreciation to you all for your forbearance whilst my attention has been distracted in recent weeks in my capacity as the NAA National President.

Following on from my attendance at the Funeral Service for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, the 'Report of Proceedings' being compiled for posterity within the NAA is nearing completion and so too a 'Line-Book' (Photo Album) of images from the Service.

In this edition of the NAA ACT Section Bosun's Call, we see there is a message from The King to the members of the ADF; messages from the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, The Hon Matt Keogh MP; and, images of the ADF providing support to flood response efforts in Victoria and New South Wales.

We need now to be looking ahead to the Remembrance Day ceremonies and the opportunities for our members to witness and participate in Services that day.

Please also be aware the forthcoming NAA National Council Meeting will take place in Sydney on the 23rd of this month (November). If there is an issue you feel ought to be shared at that meeting, please let either myself or Alex know at our Section Meeting on 3rd November 2022.

Thank you.

Yours aye,

David Manolas

President

NAA ACT Section

Committee meeting

Eastlakes Gungahlin

1100 Thursday 3 November



CHIEF OF THE DEFENCE FORCE ORDER OF THE DAY

A MESSAGE FROM HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III

Please find a message below from His Majesty King Charles III expressing his deep gratitude and appreciation to the men and women of the Australian Defence Force.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

On the occasion of my Accession as Sovereign, I would like to send to all who serve in the Australian Defence Force my heartfelt gratitude for the unstinting loyalty and professionalism you displayed throughout the reign of my beloved mother.

I know that The Queen took the greatest possible pride in the way servicemen and women from Australia performed their duties in many parts of the world, and often in the most testing and difficult circumstances.

I share my mother's high regard for your courage and commitment. I know, for my part, that you will continue to serve your country with the dedication and bravery which you have demonstrated with such success over the years.

ADF continues support to flood response

Up to 650 ADF personnel are deployed on Operation Flood Assist 22-2 as part of the Australian Government's response to flooding in Victoria and NSW.

The ADF continues to work closely with National Emergency Management Australia in monitoring potential floods across the community.

The ADF remains postured to provide additional support to State Emergency Services should a request be received via National Emergency Management Australia.

Victoria

What has happened?

- Defence has made available up to 400 personnel to support Victoria's flood response.
- Tasks conducted have included: filling and distribution of sandbags, transport support to isolated families and emergency services stakeholders, diversion of water from a small dam and construction of three levees, door knocking to support flood-affected residents, clean up activities, and transport of SES water rescue personnel, Army medics and stores to Shepparton and Echuca via CH-47.

What is happening today?

- As at October 23, about 350 ADF personnel are supporting local authorities with flood-related tasks across regional Victoria including Kerang, Wangaratta, Rochester, Echuca, Shepparton, Seymour, Bendigo and Barmah.
- Two CH-47 Chinook helicopters are available to assist with reconnaissance, the evacuation and relocation of communities, lifting and moving heavy equipment, provision and resupply of

essential food supplies to isolated communities, and provision of feed and fodder for livestock.

Visit <https://www.ses.vic.gov.au/> or <https://nema.gov.au/> for support or further information.

NSW

What has happened?

- Defence has made available up to 250 personnel to support the NSW flood response.
- Two helicopters are providing night-time search and rescue in the Northern Rivers region.

What is happening today?

- As at October 23 about 100 personnel are assisting in Moree, Dubbo, Condobolin, Deniliquin and Hillston with flood preparations, community engagement and sandbagging.
- About 100 personnel are assisting flood preparations, community engagement and sandbagging in Northern NSW.
- About 50 personnel are on standby to assist the Hunter region.

What is happening in the future?

- From PM October 24, a third helicopter will be on standby for night-time search and rescue on the South Coast.

Visit <https://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/> or <https://nema.gov.au/> for support or further information.

Imagery of Operation Flood Assist is available on the [Defence Image Gallery](#).

Below: Ground crew from 816 Squadron replenish a MH-60R Seahawk Helicopter at RAAF Base Williamtown in preparation to support the NSW flood response.

Photos LAC Samuel Miller



Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
Media release—1 September 2022
Understanding the wellbeing characteristics of ex-serving ADF members

Most veterans faring well in education, employment and income

The majority of ex-serving Australian Defence Force (ADF) members had attained higher education qualifications, were employed, earned higher incomes than the Australian population, owned their own homes (including those paying mortgages), and were socially connected by living in a family type household, according to a new report released today by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW).

The report, *Understanding the wellbeing characteristics of ex-serving ADF members*, uses data from the 2016 Census to examine experiences of education and skills, employment, income and finance, housing circumstances and social support among 72,000 veterans who had served at least one day of service on or after 1 January 2001 and were ex-serving as at 31 December 2015.

Today's release expands reporting on the [Veteran-centred model](#) as part of an ongoing body of work in partnership with the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) and contributes to understanding the wellbeing needs of veterans and their families after separation from the ADF. For the first time, comprehensive information is available on the wellbeing characteristics of female ex-serving ADF members.

'Education is an important factor when transitioning from the ADF to civilian life. In the general population, higher levels of education are associated with better health and wellbeing outcomes,' said AIHW spokesperson Ms. Caitlin Szigetvari.

Nearly 2 in 5 (38%) ex-serving female members of the ADF held a university qualification in 2016, 1.4 times higher than all Australian females (26%). While one quarter (25%) of ex-serving males had a bachelor degree or higher, similar to all Australian males (22%).

Attainment of higher education is closely associated with rank. Four in five (81%) ex-serving females who were Commissioned Officers at the time of separation held a university qualification, 3.1 times the rate of ex-serving females who were other ranks (26%). More than two-thirds of ex-serving male Commissioned Officers (68%) held a university qualification, 4.5 times the rate of ex-serving males who separated as other ranks (15%).

'The ADF provides secure and stable employment, and following their separation, many veterans aim to transition to the civilian workforce,' Ms. Szigetvari said.

Over three quarters of ex-serving ADF males and females (78% and 76% respectively) were em-

ployed in 2016, compared with 67% of Australian males and 57% of Australian females. After adjusting for age, ex-serving females were employed at a higher rate than Australian females, while ex-serving males were employed at a similar rate to Australian males.

'Employment following separation from the ADF is a key issue among the veteran community, as those managing mental and physical health impacts are likely to face challenges in returning to work,' Ms. Szigetvari said.

Ex-serving males and females generally had a higher weekly personal income compared to the Australian male and female population.

More than 3 in 4 (76%) ex-serving ADF males earned a weekly personal income of \$800 and above, compared to around half of Australian males (52%) in 2016. Three in five (60%) ex-serving ADF females earned a weekly personal income of \$800 and above, compared to just over one third of Australian females (34%).

'The findings in this report present a largely positive picture of wellbeing outcomes following separation from the ADF, however, it is important to note this is not the case for all veterans,' Ms. Szigetvari said.

'Those who separated from the ADF involuntarily for medical reasons experienced wellbeing challenges such as higher unemployment rates, had lower levels of education qualifications, and were receiving lower incomes in 2016 than those who separated for any other reason. Those who served fewer years or who separated from the Navy experienced similar wellbeing challenges when compared to those who served longer or who served in the Army or Air Force'.

The varied experiences of Australia's veterans reinforce the importance of today's release and AIHW's ongoing partnership with DVA for research that supports the needs of Australia's veterans and their families.

Further work is underway to expand reporting on the health and wellbeing of Australia's veterans and their families, including the exploration of data from the 2021 Census, Australian Tax Office, Government Payment Benefits from the Department of Social Services, and health service use and medications from the Medicare Benefit Scheme and Pharmaceutical Benefit Scheme.

Full Report

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Canberra

Cat. no. PHE 224

Federal Government takes action on veteran and family support

30 September 2022

The Hon Matt Keogh MP
Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Minister for Defence Personnel

The Albanese Government has this week passed two vital pieces of Legislation supporting Defence personnel, veterans and families.

Legislation extending the Incapacity Payments for Veterans Studying Pilot Program, and the Defence, Veterans' and Families' Acute Support Package will both go a long way to ensuring veterans and families get the support they need and deserve.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Keogh said extending the pilot program until June 2023 means that veterans undertaking study as part of their Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) funded return to work rehabilitation program will continue to receive incapacity compensation payments calculated based on 100 per cent of pre-injury earnings.

"This pilot program will ensure that hundreds of veterans can continue their education as they transition from service without having to worry about changes to the household budget. This will ultimately increase their capacity and, indeed, opportunities for employment, which is a key predictor of success as they return to civilian life. It will ensure they are best placed to succeed," Minister Keogh said.

"This Legislation is backdated so those veterans whose payments ended on 30 June 2022 due to

the inaction of the previous Government are not out of pocket.

"Making sure our veterans and their families are well supported and looked after as they transition from the Australian Defence Force is an important task and responsibility of government—a solemn commitment. And that's why it is so disappointing the former Liberal-National Government did not deliver on the passage of these pieces of Legislation in the last Parliament."

The Defence, Veterans' and Families' Acute Support Package will enhance the existing program by expanding services available to families in times of crisis and allowing families greater choice in how they use those services.

Minister Keogh said the Acute Support Package will better equip working-age families to adjust to new or challenging life circumstances when they occur and also in the future.

"This Legislation will better improve support for families who are bereaved, and those who are in crisis—no matter the nature of that crisis. We want to ensure supports are wrapped around families when they need it—and quickly." Said Minister Keogh

The Federal Government is committed to the task of saving lives and ensuring a better future for our Defence and veteran communities.

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Plan your own commemoration this Remembrance Day

Wednesday, 19 October 2022

The Hon Matt Keogh MP
Minister for Veterans' Affairs
Minister for Defence Personnel

The Department of Veterans' Affairs has released a digital kitbag to help families, schools and community groups conduct their own commemorative service on Remembrance Day.

Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Keogh said that during the First World War the kitbag was a soldier's connection to home, a place to safely store your possessions alongside practical things like a trench coat, helmet and tin opener.

"With this modern day digital kitbag you can download all the tools you need to conduct your own Remembrance Day service in your community or at home," Minister Keogh said.

"The kitbag includes printable sheets and essential information including an Order of Service, the Ode

of Remembrance, the Australian National Anthem and sample speeches.

"A selection of short video reflections from the Second World War and Vietnam, told by those who lost mates and loved ones during their service reveals the true cost of war."

"There are also social media images to use, craft activities for children and even a Spotify account with a selection of appropriate commemorative music.

"I encourage everyone to make use of these free resources as we prepare to honour our fallen on 11 November."

The kitbag and other resources are available to download:

<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/remembrance-day-kitbag>

<https://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/research-education/schools/remembrance-day-resource-pack>

Recollections of Escorting HMY *Britannia* during the 1986 Royal Visit to Victoria and South Australia

Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh visited Australia in March 1986 a few weeks before her 60th birthday. They arrived in Canberra on Sunday 2 March where Her Majesty signed a proclamation making Australian law independent of British parliament and courts. The next day Her Majesty unveiled the naval memorial commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the formation of the RAN. Following a short visit to Sydney the Royal Party arrived in Melbourne Wednesday evening joining the Royal Yacht HMY *Britannia* late Thursday where they travelled by sea from Port Melbourne to Western Port. A new Queen's colour was presented for the Shore Establishments of the RAN in a ceremony at HMAS *Cerberus* on Friday 7 March. *Britannia* sailed for Adelaide that evening, arriving at Inner Harbour Adelaide Sunday afternoon. Her Majesty attended a range of events held to mark the 150th Anniversary of the colonisation in South Australia before departing Australia by air late afternoon Thursday 13 March.

During the 1986 Royal Visit the duty of escort ship to HMY *Britannia* fell to HMAS *Darwin* of which I was in command. Following exercises in the Bass Strait area *Darwin* detached on Thursday 6 March and at 1000 berthed at Station Pier, Melbourne. At 1400, *Britannia* under the command of Rear Admiral John Garnier CBE, LVO berthed astern and at 1600 *Darwin* 'chopped' to Flag Officer Royal Yachts and began her duty as Royal Escort as a member of the Royal Squadron. A detailed brief was given to *Darwin*'s officers by *Britannia*'s Navigation Officer and subsequently the ship's company was briefed on their involvement in Royal Duty. Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh embarked in the Royal Yacht at 2145 and both ships sailed at 2215 for Western Port. A large crowd had gathered on the wharf which, prior to Her Majesty's arrival, had been entertained by a ceremonial Beat the Retreat conducted by *Britannia*'s Royal Marine Band. On sailing, those sailors on the upper deck were pleased to receive an ovation from the very enthusiastic crowd remaining.

HMAS Darwin steams past HMY Britannia conducting her Royal Escort Steam Past for HRH The Queen and Prince Philip who are in the foreground

Darwin anchored in formation with the Royal Yacht at 0900 the next morning, a manoeuvre made quite difficult with the large number of boats greeting Her Majesty obstructing the way. A 21-gun salute to Her Majesty was fired as the Royal Couple made their way to Stoney Point Jetty. Following the presentation of the new Queen's Colour at HMAS *Cerberus* the Royal Party embarked in *Britannia* and the Royal Squadron sailed for Adelaide late afternoon with a westerly gale blowing. Following a transit through Backstairs Passage, Sunday 9 dawned with calm seas and at 1100 *Darwin* conducted her Royal Escort Steam Past in full view of the Royal Party. Three cheers for Her Majesty the Queen were given in hearty fashion with the ship fully manned. Her Majesty's pleasure at the high standard of the 'man and cheer ship' was reflected in a congratulatory message from Flag Officer Royal Yachts. Given the mixed results when practising for the event, the excellent result was a relief.

The Royal Party disembarked in Adelaide Outer Harbour to follow their program and *Darwin* berthed ahead of *Britannia* in Adelaide Inner Harbour at 1830. An interesting period of Royal Duty followed as the Royal visitors engaged in celebrations associated with the South Australian 150th Anniversary. Of interest to *Darwin* was the firing of a 21 gun salute on Monday 10 to mark the 22nd birthday of His Royal Highness The Prince Edward. Prince Philip had expressed an interest in visiting *Darwin* and on Tuesday morning, accompanied by Flag Officer Royal Yachts, RADM Gar-

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Recollections of Escorting HMY *Britannia* during the 1986 Royal Visit to Victoria and South Australia



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nier and Captain of the Queen's Flight, Air Vice Marshal John Severne LVO OBE AFC, toured the ship. The Prince showed a keen interest in the FFG class and to the enjoyment of the ships company held many discussions with them.

A VIP sea day was held on Wednesday 12 while Her Majesty and His Royal Highness visited Whyalla. *Darwin* and *Britannia* sailed at 1015 and when at sea *Darwin* performed several manoeuvres and displayed her weapons systems to the guests onboard the Royal Yacht. These were mainly local businessmen, and one was heard to remark during the demonstration that he was 'unaware that the RAN had modern ships like that'. *Darwin* took the opportunity to embark ship's company families. Some members of the local police force and a number of No 92 Wing RAAF personnel. The ship returned to Adelaide Inner Harbour, berthing at 1615.

Shortly after berthing, at Her Majesty's request. I introduced ten members of *Darwin*'s ship's company to her onboard *Britannia*. Despite having had a busy day she took the time to have a short and friendly chat to all. That evening I had the honour of dining with Her Majesty onboard *Britannia* and afterwards in her company, viewing the Royal Marine Band conduct a Beat the Retreat on the wharf. I was interested to note from her questions over dinner that she had remembered some elements of the conversations with the tern personnel she had met earlier. Later that evening I attended a formal 'farewell' in Her Majesty's study where she presented me with a signed photograph.

The Royal Squadron disbanded at 1645 Thursday 13 March following the departure of Her Maj-

esty The Queen and His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh by air for the UK. Her Majesty sent a congratulatory signal to Darwin as follows:

From FORY

To HMAS DARWIN

I am commanded by Her Majesty The Queen to convey the following message:

Thank you for your escort during my visits to Victoria and South Australia. I have been much impressed by the admirable way in which you have carried out your duties and by the smart appearance of your ship and her company. Prince Philip and I greatly enjoyed your splendid steam past on Sunday, and he has spoken highly of what he saw during his visit to you. I also understand Darwin acquitted herself very well during yesterday's sea day demonstration. Please convey the best wishes of Prince Philip and myself to all onboard and our hope that you enjoy a well-deserved leave period in Sydney.

Splice the mainbrace.

Darwin remained in Adelaide for the weekend conducting a program of social and sporting event with the Royal Yacht. I paid a departing call on Flag Officer Royal Yachts at 0805 Monday 17 sailed in company with *Britannia* shortly afterwards. At mid-day as *Britannia* was due to turn west, *Darwin* detached east for Sydney at speed after passing close by and receiving three rousing cheers from *Britannia*'s ship's company together with the strains of Waltzing Matilda from the RM Band gathered on the forecastle.

Hector Donohue
CDRE AM RAN Rtd

Top: CAPT Donohue being introduced to HM The Queen

Below: HMAS *Darwin* departing for Sydney

Photos: Donohue collection



Motions For the National Council meeting of 23 November 2022

The following items are in the Agenda for the National Council meeting to be held in Sydney on 23 November 2022. The complete agenda will be sent to the ACT Section Committee for discussion. Should members wish to read the agenda before the ACT meeting to be held on 3 November, please advise the ACT Secretary ASAP.

By-law Amendments for approval

Amend By-law Section 5 to provide detailed policy directive in the use of Social media with respect to NAA activity

Constitution– amendments for discussion and amendment prior to being put to the 2023 AGM for approval;

1 With regard to the increasing use of Zoom type video meetings, amend meeting procedures at Annex A with regard to privacy protocols:: ie: Recording of Verbal Communication - Oral, Telephonic, or Electronic Recording of Meetings

2. Insert a Section 5 into the Constitution stating the Policy directive in Facilitation and Operation of Digital Communication Media within the Naval Association of Australia (NAA)

3. That the NAA Constitution articulate the core elements of the existence and purpose of the NAA by clearly defining and annunciating these concepts by the following description.

The Naval Association of Australia – Mission – Vision – Core Objectives

Our Mission: To provide care and camaraderie to the naval community and, to commemorate those who have and are serving at sea and ashore in peace and in war.

Our Vision: To share 'Naval Fellowship' with all who share our (aspirations) ideals.

Our Core Objectives (Goals) (In Systematic Order) are:

1. Care
2. Camaraderie
3. Commemoration
4. Cadets (support of Australian Navy Cadets [ANC] Units)
5. Community (Engagement)

4. Further reduction in the time frames for advising members of agenda items taking into consideration the electronic communication systems now available. See Table below.

Issue	Current Time Frame	Suggested Time Frame
Calls from NS for proposed amendments to the constitution prior to the AGM	9 months	3 months
Proposed amendments must be received by the NS prior to NC	6 weeks	4 weeks
Proposed amendments to be considered at AGM after NC meeting agreement	4 months	6 weeks
Other agenda Items must be received by NS prior to AGM	4 months	6 weeks
Supplementary Agenda Items for the AGM	2 months	delete

AWM Development Project Progress

I am writing to inform you that as the Development Project enters its next construction phase we will make changes to the accessibility of the plaques that are displayed in the Captain Reg. Saunders Courtyard area. The plaques listed in the attached document will be behind construction fencing from mid-October 2022 through to October 2023. During this time these plaques will be unavailable to view.

All plaques are National Collection items and, as such, have been photographed and are available to view on the Memorial's website. To view a plaque online, go to www.awm.gov.au/plaques and enter the name of the plaque.

Through the period of the Development Project, the Memorial will remain open and accessible to visitors including the heart of the memorial, the Commemorative Area.

If you are planning a visit, please note all visitors require a free ticket to enter the Memorial or attend the Last Post Ceremony. Session times and online booking is available at www.awm.gov.au/visit Due to limited capacity during construction, I highly recommend that you book your ticket(s) in advance as during peak periods, such as school holidays, sessions are often at capacity.

Thank you for your understanding during this time and I look forward to welcoming you and your membership to the Memorial.

To find out more about the Development Project, please visit www.awm.gov.au/ourcontinuingstory.

Matt Anderson PSM
Director AWM

Beginning of the ACT Section

At the request of JJ and Thelma Harrison's family, Alex McGown and I sorted through JJ's naval memorabilia. It included ACT Section Meeting minutes from its inception on 1 July 1944 to the end of 1967. The first page of the minutes is below. The minutes will go to the NAA Archive store in Frankston. A significant amount of JJ's collection was given to of the Sea Power Centre, Naval History Section. Part of it will be held by the Fleet Air Arm Museum at HMAS Albatross.

PC-R

1st July, 1944.

Minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Ex-Naval Mens Association of Australia, Canberra Section, Saturday 1st July 1944, at the Hotel Kingston.

opening of meeting	The meeting opened at 8 PM. The Federal President Mr A. J. Martin, occupied the Chair, & was assisted by the Hon. Federal Secretary, Mr G. W. Scott.
object & sanction for meeting & formation	The Federal President explained the object of the meeting & stated that the Federal Council had given its sanction to the formation of a Section, in Canberra, of the Ex-Naval Mens Association, to be called the ACT Section. He had been given full authority to convene the meeting & form the Section.
nominations	The Federal President then took nominations for the official positions.
nominated by Mr A. Caten Seconded - Mr R. Radford	<u>President.</u> Mr N. Y. Kearsley. (declared elected unopposed)
nominated by Mr R. Bull Seconded - Mr A. Caten nom. by Mr Maughan Sec. " Mr R. Radford nom. by Mr L. J. Guy Sec. " Mr D. Gill	<u>Vice Presidents</u> Mr L. J. Guy Mr J. Benjamin Mr A. Hinkling Mr Guy was elected Senior Vice President, by ballot.
nom. by Mr Maughan Sec. " Mr J. Williams nom. " Mr L. J. Guy Sec. " Mr D. Gill	<u>Hon. Secretary.</u> Mr A. Caten Mr W. Yates Mr A. Caten declared elected Hon. Sect. by ballot.
nom. by Mr N. Kearsley Sec. " Mr L. J. Guy nom. by Mr R. Radford Sec. " Mr A. Caten	<u>Hon. Treasurer</u> Mr W. Yates Mr R. Bull Mr R. Bull declared elected Hon. Treasurer by ballot.
nom. by Mr A. Caten Sec. by Mr R. Radford	<u>Hon. Organising Secretary</u> Mr W. Yates Mr Yates declared elected Hon Organising Secretary unopposed

The early minutes are written in a bound book, The above page has come adrift and could be scanned without damaging the remainder

Head-to-head charity run for veterans

Navy has supported a 57km charity run from Sydney's North Head to South Head that raised vital funds for Australian veterans.

A small group of Navy people were among those who completed the head-to-head Run, which travelled through Navy establishments HMA Ships Penguin, Waterhen, Kuttabul and Watson.

Organised by military charity Bravery Trust, the Bravery Trek goes for 31 days as an official Veterans' Health Week event and can be completed on foot, on a bike or in the water.

The head-to-head run in Sydney was completed in just one day as a launch activity to kick-start efforts to raise money for veterans.

Aviation warfare officer Sub-Lieutenant Tiffany McCormack finished the run and said it was great to be alongside a group of like-minded individuals all working towards the same cause.

"I always felt as though I appreciated the necessity of supporting veterans but this experience really made me realise just how much this support can mean to someone who is struggling," Sub-Lieutenant McCormack said.

"Awareness is such a key factor and Bravery Trek allowed us to speak to so many people along our 57km adventure – people who potentially hadn't considered the effect service life can have mentally and physically."

Navy veteran Murray Bruce, a former submariner who joined at the age of 15 before returning to high school and later re-joining as a weapons electrical engineering officer, ran the course to launch the trek on October 10, accompanied by the Navy per-

sonnel and other runners.

Mr Bruce served in submarines and developed a passion for veteran advocacy that he has channelled into Bravery Trust and the Bravery Trek event.

"It's OK not to be OK when you leave the military. We often carry home a hidden kit bag full of health and mental health struggles we've incurred during our service," he said.

"Sadly, veterans often distance themselves from those around them and feel isolated and disconnected.

"Bravery Trek raises vital funds to close that gap, to increase awareness of the available support, to say 'it's OK to not be OK', and to put roofs over families and meals on tables when they are needed.

"In addition, through counselling they're helping vets and their families dig themselves out of unenviable holes that their circumstances have forced them into."

Go to braverytrek.com.au for more information.

By Leut Max Logan RAN

Runners and support team of the annual Bravery Trek charity fun run, with Commanding Officer HMAS Waterhen Commander Michael Miller at HMAS Waterhen in Sydney.

Photo: Able Seaman Benjamin Ricketts



Flying in the fast lane at Bathurst

Tickford Racing driver Thomas Randle experienced a 'hot lap' of a different kind at the weekend at Bathurst 1000.

Switching out his Ford Mustang for an EC-135 helicopter, the V8 Supercar driver got a bird's-eye view of the Mount Panorama circuit with the Commanding Officer of 723 Squadron, Commander Sam Dale, at the controls.

When the opportunity arose to represent the Navy at the Bathurst 1000, it was an opportunity Commander Dale couldn't turn down.

With a background in motor racing in various forms, he has kept a keen and lifelong interest in motorsports.

"I think it is important to highlight the parallels between motorsport and military aviation. Managing risks, making high-speed decisions, and working in a team are all key elements across both endeavours," Commander Dale said.

"That's why it is great to take an aircraft to Bathurst – we've got dozens of young people just like Thomas Randle in our classrooms and aircraft, training for their own great race, and we've got room for plenty more.



Thomas Randle with aircrew from 723 Squadron before his 'hot lap'.

Photo LS David Cox

A small team of personnel from 723 Squadron set up a static display of the EC-135 aircraft from October 6-9, engaging with the public at the Bathurst 1000. Similar support will be provided to the MotoGP at Philip Island from October 14-16.

By SBLT Jess Gould

Email to the Editor

Good morning Peter

FYI. This is the response I received from SBS.

I emailed them back and thanked them for replying to me but pointed out that the South Vietnamese in 1972, when we left South Vietnam, had over 1 million men under arms, a navy albeit small, an air force with high quality aircraft and over twice as many artillery and armoured assets than did North Vietnam. I reiterated we were never defeated on the battlefield the only defeat was suffered by politicians and senior union members who subsequently became politicians.

Regards

Allan

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Rosie (SBS Australia)"

<help@sbs.com.au>

Subject: [SBS Australia] Re: Australia Come Fly With Me

Date: 5 October 2022 at 8:39:52 am AEDT

To: Allanjoyce <allanjoyce@icloud.com>

Reply-To: SBS Australia <help@sbs.com.au>

Rosie (SBS Australia)

5 Oct 2022, 8:39 am AEDT

Dear Mr Joyce,

I refer to your letter on 1st September in regards the SBS series "Come Fly with me". The SBS Ombudsman has referred your complaint to me for a response as it did not meet the criteria for a Code complaint, being out of time.

Firstly I would like to apologise for any distress caused and we thank you for bringing this to our attention.

In researching this film and consulting with historians, one could reasonably argue that in general terms Australia was defeated in Vietnam because, in tandem with the United States, it failed to prevent a communist takeover of South Vietnam. However, as you point out we fully acknowledge that there is also a valid counter argument to this view.

As such, SBS agrees the narration could be better framed, as it currently could seem to imply that the reason or fault lay with The Australian troops. This was never intended to be an interpretation.

As a result we will edit out the narration that states "defeated." We will make this change for any subsequent broadcast and for our SBS On Demand Platform. (This may take a week or so.)

I hope this is of some comfort and addresses your concerns.

Very best wishes,

Joseph Maxwell

Head of Documentaries.

Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 6 October 2022

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

Present: 13 members as per attendance book.

Apologies: J Small, M. Hardwick, K. Reid-Smith

Minute of Last Meeting. The minutes of the General meeting on 1 September 2022 appeared in the October 2022 edition of the Bosun's Call. It was considered there was no outstanding business from that meeting.

Motion: The minutes of the General Meeting held on 1 September 2022 be accepted.

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

Reports.

President. Birthday greetings were extended to shipmates celebrating their birthdays in October. In my role as National NAA President, I attended the funeral service for Queen Elizabeth 2 in London. After this meeting I will share with members images of the occasion.

Vice President. There will be a Last Post service on 21 October and a volunteer is sought for this service

Secretary. Business as usual. Thanks were extended to Dennis Lyons for his secretarial work during my absence.

Treasurer. Little change in the state of the finances and thanks to Peter Cooke-Russell for performing the Treasurer's role during my absence.

Membership. We have 56 financial members, 15 restricted members and 8 still to renew their subs.

Welfare. Thelma Harrison, wife of late Shipmate JJ Harrison, passed away and her funeral will be held on Friday, 7 October.

Social. The December meeting will be replaced by a Christmas lunch at our meeting venue.

Motion: The reports be received.

Moved: Stewart Gordon. Seconded: Graeme Quinn. Carried.

General Business:

Bosun's Call. The Bosun's Call (BC) is the main communication medium for the Section and its distribution to members is important. The cost of such distribution is increasing and to reduce such costs we ask members who currently receive the BC by hard-mail, and who have an e-mail address, to swap to a delivery via hard

mail copy. The advantage of the e-mail copy is that it is in colour. To see the difference in quality of presentation view the NAA website. Simply, advise the Secretary of your e-mail address.

KOC Meeting. Members of the KOC are considering the creation of a Google Calendar for the sharing of information.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be on Thursday, 5 May 2022 at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club starting at 1330 following lunch starting at 1200.

Meeting closed at 1350.

Next meeting will be on 3 November 2022 at 1330 at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club.

Alan Masters
Secretary / Treasurer
NAA (ACT)

Notes from Committee Meeting 6 October 2022 Held at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club

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

Apology: Kate Reid-Smith, John Small, Dennis Lyons

Discussions focused on the agenda items for the General Meeting.

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

Alan Masters
Secretary / Treasurer
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Annual Subscription for 2023 **\$38.00** (Due now)

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Nomination Form

2023 Committee Elections

Position

Nominee

Proposer: Name (Block Letters)

Signature

Second: Name (Block Letters)

Signature.....

Date:.....

Endorsement by Nominee

Nominations are to be delivered to

The Secretary, s
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not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting to take place; ie by 1.30 pm Thursday 23 February 2023

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS38 for 2023

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

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

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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 . .

2022

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| 3 Nov | Lunch Eastlake Club 1200 |
| 17 Nov | Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200 |
| 1 Dec | Christmas Lunch |
| | Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200 |

The Snapper Takeaway and adjacent eating area are now in operation. CYC redevelopment is still very much underway.

Social Secretary

Joe Slaats

DVA CONTACTS

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

PHONE NUMBER:

Telephone:
1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372)

International callers:

+61 2 6289 1133

POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES:

Health Approvals & Home Care Section department of Veterans' Affairs

GPO Box 9998

BRISBANE QLD 4001

DVA WEBSITE:

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

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

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

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**A Happy Birthday to you
November 2022**

Tim Haydon

Viv Littlewood

Graeme Quinn



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