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David Manolas elected National President of the NAA

The NAA National Council held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday 19 September via Zoom Video Conference facilities hosted by the Queensland Section. The AGM was to have been held in Adelaide in April but, as you are aware, the COVID 19 pandemic made interstate travel impractical. Consequently the ACT Association Incorporation legislation was amended to permit Associations incorporated under ACT Legislation to conduct their AGM.s via electronic means, even if their Constitution did not provide for that method of conducting meeting.

The agenda for the meeting had been issued in February and that agenda was the basis of the September meeting. Nominations for the National Executive positions closed off on 7 December 2019 with four positions receiving nominations, the remaining four were made from the floor with two nomination being made for National Membership Registrar.

The following members were elected to the National Executive:

National President

David Manolas ACT Section

National Vice Presidents (3)

Gordon Fuller TAS Section

Lorraine Grey NSW Section

Tony Cornell VIC Section

National Secretary

Russell Pettis VIC Section

National Treasurer

Eileen Galway TAS Section

Assistant National Secretary

Patricia McKay QLD Section

National Membership Registrar

Glenn Williams QLD Section

The following results came out of the AGM:

- Subscription for 2021 to remain at \$38.00 to be divided as follows:

Single Membership

Joining Fee \$ 5.00

National Council \$17.00

Section Council \$10.00

Sub-section \$11.00

Couple Membership

Joining Fee \$10.00

National Council \$25.00

Section Council \$15.00

Sub-section \$15.00

- A Rules Committee consisting of three members is to be established as a sub-committee of the National Council.
- Access to the Association's books be limited to Full Members..
- The motion for Complimentary Membership for the first year or part thereof was not passed due to its inaccuracy..

October General Meeting to be held on 1 Oct 20 at the Eastlake Football Club Gungahlin starting at 1330. Lunch in the Club from 1200

Events coming up

1 Oct	General Meeting East Lakes Football Club Gungahlin 1330 Lunch at 1200
18 Oct	Last Post Ceremony ERA4 HN Richards HMAS Sydney II
27 Oct	Last Post Ceremony CPO DM Viney HMAS Perth



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General Meetings Dates and Locations Programme

Should the pandemic be lessened over the next two months the following provisional meetings are advised. The Committee meetings are back. Venue is to be advised, see Page 3.

1 Oct	East Lakes Club Gungahlin	1330
5 Nov	Place to be advised	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 Note

Shipmates,

I have the honour to advise that as of this afternoon, I am the newly appointed National President of the Naval Association of Australia. It is fitting that my very first email in that capacity be to my Shipmates in the NAA ACT Section, wherein I wish to sincerely thank you all for your fellowship, support and encouragement. You have all played an integral part in me reaching this point in my life as a member of the NAA and for that I am very appreciative.

I will continue to serve you as the President of the ACT Section for as long as you wish me to do so, or for some unforeseen set of circumstances I need to re-evaluate my ability to undertake these duties. I would also like to thank Alex for volunteering to take on the role of Vice President of the NAA ACT Section; it means a great deal to us to have you serving in the Section Committee in that capacity. Thank you and congratulations Alex.

Thank you all, I am looking forward to seeing you when we can next meet together.

Yours aye,

David Manolas

President
NAA ACT Section
19 September 2020



In-coming National President's Introductory Statement to the NAA Council and Membership

Shipmates,

The circumstances at hand do not allow me to meet you all face to face as I want so much to do, so with your consent may I provide this introductory statement.

I express my thanks to all the members of the Naval Association for affording me this opportunity and in return I pledge to fulfil my responsibilities to you to the best on my ability and very much hope that you will assist me wherever possible for the safeguard and progress of our Association.

It was not until I was asked to consider nominating for the position of National President that I gave this opportunity due consideration. I come to this appointment, one that is steeped in representational privilege and responsibility at a national level, with no entrenched views or opinions or an agenda of my own, nor a vision of my own personal design.

Rather, I have an unwavering belief that the Association is for and of us all, and that naval fellowship is our inherent strength and most valued asset. For myself, I have always strived to adhere to the adage that as a member of the Naval Association I am duty bound to promote and protect but in no way seek self-promotion.

The way ahead has not always been as clear as we would hope. Sometimes that has been due to factors we cannot influence or control, but there are opportunities to have considerable impact on what it is we can do for each other, the Navy and the wider naval community. Our retiring National President, Graham Savage, and the National Secretary Russell Pettis have been exemplary in making it clear to the Prime Minister that we would actively campaign for the award of a VC to Teddy Sheean, and their success in having the White Ensign Magazine made available to all within the Navy. Their efforts light up the way ahead. Hopefully through our Centenary Celebrations we can build upon their work and strengthen our Association for the betterment of each and every member.

My first task is to thank Graham and Russell for your outstanding contribution in what has been a troubled time. Be assured, that in consenting to my nomination, knowing that Russell would still be there as our National Secretary and that Graham would be on hand to offer guidance and support, gave me much encouragement and reassurance.

Graham in your role as President, you have always made me feel so very welcomed and given

so freely of your time and companionship. I have so very much appreciated your wise counsel and that you have always treated me with courtesy and in good humour. At a time when we needed a steady hand at the helm you stepped forward selflessly with no regard for self-promotion or accolades but an inherent sense of duty and love for this Association. Standing steadfastly by your side, Russell took on the responsibilities of the 'Navigator' and together you brought us through that storm and now it is time for our much loved and highly respected 'skipper' to complete his watch. Rest easy in the knowledge that you served us well and that the ship is on a steady course, the watch has been handed over and all are at their allotted stations ready to proceed.

Bravo Zulu Graham on a job well done.

To you all at this our conference; may I congratulate you on your appointments and I look forward to getting to know you and to making whatever contribution I can to the overall success of our joint endeavours. I also wish to express my admiration and appreciation to the incumbent office bearers for all that you are doing on behalf of the members within every Section and Sub-Section. It is my sincere hope that we will all enjoy working together and therein benefit from our collective knowledge and experience and that in naval fellowship we will make a meaningful contribution to the wellbeing of each other, our members, and the Association to which we are so proudly dedicated. It is my earnest wish when circumstances allow, to visit and meet as many of our members in their Sections and Sub-Sections as is possible.

In closing, may I extend my personal thanks to my Shipmates in the ACT Section for their support and forbearance as I embark on this new adventure. I also sincerely thank all within the Association who have afforded me their support and encouragement. For that and your friendship, I am truly appreciative.

Until, '*we meet again don't know where don't know when*', may I wish you all 'a fair wind and a following sea',

Yours Aye,

David Manolas

National President

Naval Association of Australia

19 September 2020

Shared vision for Indo-Pacific



Left: HMAS Hobart, foreground, joins Indian Navy Ships Sahyadri, left, and Karmuk to conduct passage exercises in the North-east Indian Ocean.

Right: HMAS Arunta's crew waves the Philippines flag on the Gun Director Platform during the Officer of the Watch Manoeuvres exercise, as part of Regional Presence Deployment 2020



Australian and Indian warships have conducted a two-day passage exercise in the north-east Indian Ocean.

Together they practised maritime manoeuvres, communication and aviation drills and maritime warfare serials.

Commanding Officer HMAS *Hobart* Commander Ryan Gaskin said the Australian officers and sailors enjoyed working alongside their Indian colleagues because they were professional mariners who share a common goal for the Indo-Pacific.

"The last few years have witnessed closer Australia-India maritime relations and we look forward to any opportunity to exercise with the Indian Navy in the future," Commander Gaskin said.

Commander of the Australian Maritime Task Group Captain Phillipa Hay said improving interoperability between the Australian and Indian navies was important to maintain the positive trajectory of the relationship.

"Navy is committed to ensuring we are able to work seamlessly with all of our partners in the Indo-Pacific in support of our shared vision for the region," Captain Hay said.

"To achieve this, it is important we train and operate together across different platforms as a matter of routine.

"Safe and secure seas are essential for security and growth. The right of access and freedom of navigation in and around the Indian and Pacific is crucial for ensuring peace for the entire region."

HMA Ships *Hobart*, *Stuart*, *Arunta* and *Sirius* are part of a Regional Presence Deployment focused on engaging with partners in the Indo-Pacific region.

So far the Australian ships have exercised with 11 nations from around the region, including Japan, the Republic of Korea, Brunei, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines.

Warships from Australia and the Philippines have exercised for the third time in as many months during a Regional Presence Deployment.

HMA Ships *Arunta* and *Stuart* and BRP *Apolinario Mabini* conducted maritime manoeuvres and communication drills in the Celebes Sea.

Arunta's Commanding Officer Commander Troy Duggan said the exercises demonstrated the close relationship between the two navies.

"This exercise has shown what can be achieved between key partners even during a global pandemic," Commander Duggan said.

Commander of the Joint Task Group Captain Phillipa Hay said it was important that Australia continued to demonstrate its commitment to the region.

"I am so pleased we were able to conduct a number of exercises with the Philippines. These were great opportunities to demonstrate our strong friendship during COVID-19," Captain Hay said.

"We remain committed to our partners and to the shared vision of a secure and prosperous Indo-Pacific."

Indian Report

Published on 25 September 2020 LCDR Todd Fitzgerald (author), LSIS Christopher Szumlanski (photographer)

Philippines Report

Published on 23 September 2020 LCDR Todd Fitzgerald (author), LSIS Ernesto Sanchez (photographer)

Imagery is available on the Defence Image Gallery: <https://images.defence.gov.au/S20203032>.

Eastlake Football Club—Gungahlin NAA Meeting place 1 October 2020



View of the Club from Hinder Street, Efkarpidis Street is to the left of the picture

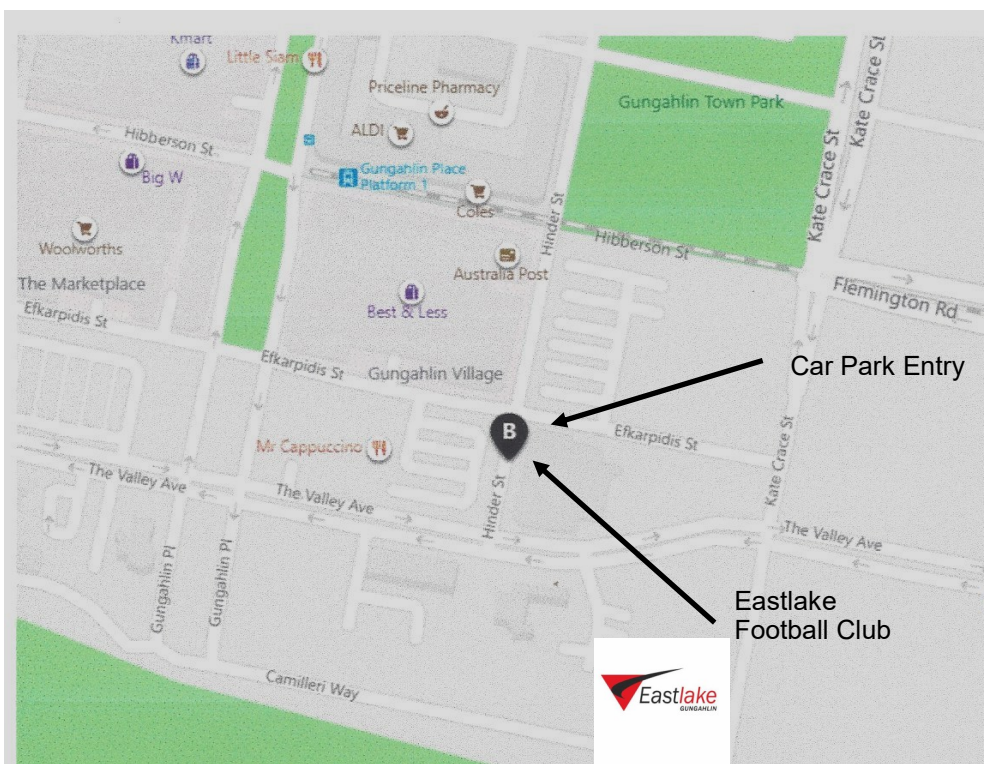
Since the closure of the Eastlake Club in Kaleen, the committee has been attempting to find an alternative venue to hold our monthly general meetings. We have now been able to secure a meeting room at the Eastlake Gungahlin Club, 51 Hinder Street, Gungahlin, with our first meeting planned for next Thursday 1 October 2020.

We have booked lunch for 25 members from 1200, followed by a general meeting from 1330 to 1500. A menu, similar to what was available at Kaleen, is on display and includes \$15.00 'Blackboard' specials. There are 78 parking spaces under the club house, the entrance is in Efkarpidis Street. If you have difficulty finding a space under the club, there is street parking close handy. The Gungahlin Place Light Rail station is approximately 300 mtrs from the club.

The club has asked that we confirm

numbers no later than 1230 on 29 September 2020 as, due to COVID-19 restrictions they are limited to the number of patrons that they can have in the club at any one time. If you intend to come on 1 October 2020, please let Alan Masters know before 1230 on 29 September 2020 by sending an email to:

secretary.naa.act@gmail.com or by contacting 'Tiger' Lyons on 0447793001."



HMAS Cerberus—100 years old in September 2020

Purchased in 1911 and called Flinders Naval Depot, it was commissioned as HMAS Cerberus 10 years later. It comprises numerous training and recreation facilities, two chapels, small marina and attractive grounds.

Construction commenced in 1913 with plans to incorporate a Torpedo School, a Destroyer Base and a Submarine Base, and be capable of accommodating up to 2000 personnel. A wharf and hospital were erected first, followed by A, B and C Blocks. The Wardroom, Warrant Officers' Mess, Captain's and other Officers' residences were built between 1915 and 1917. The Drill Hall, Gunnery School and Torpedo School were established in 1917 at the height of building activity. The power house and other residences were built between 1918 and 1920.

The base was officially opened in September, 1920. The idea of using it as a Fleet Base was soon abandoned and it became known as Flinders Naval Depot in 1921. It was commissioned HMAS Cerberus on 1 April 1921.

In 1930, during a period of Naval retrenchment, the Royal Australian Naval College moved from Jervis Bay to HMAS Cerberus, where it remained until 1958 when it returned to Jervis Bay.

The outbreak of World War II found the facilities inadequate to deal with the needs of wartime recruits who were passing through Cerberus at the rate of 400 a month. Temporary buildings were erected to cope with the needs of this sudden influx.

The first WRANS arrived in 1942 and, apart from a short post-war break, were a part of the RAN ever until 1985. 1942 also saw the introduction of an Officers' Training School to train selected recruits as officers for war service. The school trained 1000 sailors during the war and closed in 1945.

Since 1945 many of the temporary buildings have been progressively dismantled and replaced.

The Roman Catholic Chapel, Our Lady Star of the Sea, was opened in 1948, followed by St. Mark's Chapel in 1954. Other additions include the present accommodation blocks, cinema, Senior Sailors' Mess, Club Cerberus, Gymnasium and Aquat-

ic Centre, Seamanship School and Wharf, Communications School, Recruit School and Health Centre.

The primary role of HMAS Cerberus has always been Navy personnel training. Within the establishment today are several tri-service schools training personnel from the three services in addition to traditional naval schools.

Despite the addition of modern buildings, the historic character of HMAS Cerberus remains. Its historic presence, heritage buildings, chapels, sports facilities and gardens are conducive to an effective training environment.

Historic quotes. (from a Naval Historical Society Paper)

Rear Admiral Creswell, 1917: "One great advantage of the Flinders Naval Base is the climate. Of course, we can get willing work anywhere, but I have in the course of my work experienced every climate in Australia.....and I think there is no place where you can stand so much drill without fatigue as in a bracing climate like that down here."

Rear Admiral Creswell - (First Naval Member) 21st February 1917: "Generally speaking, my view of the place is, and always has been, that it should be the main place for the producing of trained human war material for the Navy in Australia.....One of the most important features to be realized in connection with the establishment of FNB is the suitability of the climate for the purpose for which the Base is chiefly proposed. I consider that we can get 50% more work out of a man, and with less fatigue, at Westernport, that we would get from the same men in almost any other locality that might be selected. Climatic conditions at Jervis bay are good.....but the climatic conditions at Westernport are pre-eminently fine and bracing. At Jervis Bay, during a portion of the year, the climate is rather relaxing.

Mr Marks (M.P. - Federal) 15 th) May 1924: "It is a pity that the Admiral who recommended that Flinders should be a sub-naval base did not, on the way down, slip on a piece of orange peel or a banana skin, because Flinders is the worst place in Australia for such a purpose."



*Wardroom
HMAS Cerberus 1921
AWM 304303*

HMAS Cerberus—100 years old in September 2020



Left; Main Gate into Cerberus until about 2014. The Friday Leave Train track can be seen in the foreground

Right; View taken over the back of the Wardroom looking towards Crib Point and covering the Ensign Mast, Gunnery School and Stores area



Left; Cerberus in the early 1950's and

Below in 2014 showing the new main entrance at the old Inner West Gate at the bottom of the picture



COVID-19: Overseas financial assistance

Support for vulnerable Australian citizens whose return to Australia has been impacted by the pandemic.

23 September 2020

On 2 September, the Australian Government announced additional support for vulnerable Australian citizens whose return to Australia has been impacted by the pandemic.

If you are unable to return to Australia due to COVID-19 restrictions and you are experiencing financial distress, you may be eligible to access financial support from the Australian Government.

The support comes in the form of both *loans* and *grants*. It aims to help cover living costs and/or a flight back to Australia.

Living costs

You may be eligible for a one-off *loan* to help cover **emergency living costs** until a commercial flight becomes available.

If you're an Australian pension holder, you may be eligible to receive a *grant* instead of a loan. This means you wouldn't have to pay it back.

Flight back to Australia

You may be eligible for a one-off *loan* to help cover part of the **cost of a flight back to Australia**. The loan amount is equivalent to a standard one-way economy class airfare from the region you're in. See the table below for the amounts.

- The Australian Government will pay for the difference between the economy class component and the remaining cost of the ticket.
- If you're an Australian pension holder you may be eligible to receive a *grant* instead of a loan. This means you wouldn't have to pay it back.

Minors (child under 18 years or age) may also be covered by a *grant*, which does not have to be repaid.

More information is available on the [Smart Traveler website](#).

HMAS Penguin's dress and bearing focal points

Among the many enhancements taking place at HMAS Penguin, a number of the more notable and innovative inclusions has been the introduction of boot cleaning stations in main locations around the establishment.

Three of the former pylons from the original 1942-built jetty have been given a new life. The pylons have been cleaned and restored to their former glory. They will take on a new purpose as boot cleaning stations located outside the Administration Building, the new Weapons Training Systems Facility and the Leadership School.

information for veterans about health

We may have The NILE Virus (Type C)

We think you would want to know about this virus. We think it might have been around for a while! Even the most advanced computer programs from Norton, McAfee, and others cannot take care of this one.

It appears to target those who were born prior to 1948. The lockdown seems to be increasing the chances of being affected!

Virus Symptoms

1. Causes you to send the same e-mail twice.
2. Causes you to send a blank e-mail.
3. Causes you to send an e-mail to the wrong person.
4. Causes you to send it back to the person who sent it to you.
5. Causes you to forget to attach the attachment.
6. Causes you to hit SEND before you've finished.
7. Causes you to hit DELETE instead of SEND.
8. Causes you to hit SEND when you should DELETE.

This virus is called the C-NILE virus! A lot of us have already been inflicted with this deadly disease and unfortunately as we age it gets worse.

And if you can't admit to doing any of the above, you've obviously caught the other strain - the D-NILE virus



Petty Officer Boatswain Brendon Chafer demonstrates one of three boot cleaning stations recently installed at HMAS Penguin, Sydney.

Winds of change in METOC technology

HMAS Canberra, off Australia's east coast in May 2020, encountered very rough conditions but was able to avoid the worst of the weather thanks to up-graded weather forecasting technology used on board the ship by the METOC.



Upgraded weather forecasting technology for Royal Australian Navy meteorologists is getting its first lengthy sea trial during the Regional Presence Deployment 20 (RPD20), offering a boost to capability with quicker and more accurate information.

The role of deployed Meteorology and Oceanographic (METOC) teams is to provide timely advice to Command about the environment's effect on weapons, platforms, and sensors.

Commander Barbra Parker of the Maritime Geospatial Warfare Unit said the upgraded weather forecasting system provided deployed units with a tactical advantage.

"The METOC systems delivered under project SEA 1770 have provided a quantum leap forward in capability.

"These systems include a portable weather detection RADAR, a portable weather station and a deployable weather forecasting system matching the capability of a shore based forecasting centre," Commander Parker said.

The system replaces the dated practice of relying upon public facing open-source information, enhancing the cyber-worthiness of the system as a whole.

The process also ensures that the deployed METOC has access to up to over a week of data at a time, an important factor in strategic and tactical forward planning.

Although the weather forecasting system was first put to use in 2018, work this year at the Maritime Geospatial Warfare Unit has seen this capability come into its own.

A robust pipeline through which model data and weather observations could be transmitted to sea in the most efficient format was developed.

The end result was that more information was able to be transmitted to the deployed METOC more reliably while using the same or less data than previous techniques.

The weather forecasting system uses powerful software which allows the forecaster to properly interrogate weather data to the same level as forecasters do ashore.

The system is being utilised by HMAS Canberra and served useful when the ship negotiated rough weather off the coast of Australia in May 2020.

Lieutenant Commander Fiona Simmonds, Canberra's METOC officer, said the ship was able to avoid the worst of the weather due to the capability of the new system.

"The forecasting system was instrumental in the provision of METOC advice as we could predict the rough weather in our location without relying on shore-based systems.

"Having the data right there at my fingertips meant that the environment could be considered in the planning process in real-time," Lieutenant Commander Simmonds said.

The capability underpins METOC services to the battle-ready and deployed force, as proven when Canberra sailed with a five-ship Task Group in RPD20.

Published on 21 September 2020 LEUT Matthew Bell (author), LCDR Fiona Simmonds (photographer)

Notes from Committee Meetings 3 and 17 September 2020 and held at Veteran's Support Centre, Page and Snapper at SCYC

Notes from Committee Meeting

3 September 2020

held at Veteran's Support Centre, Page.

Present: Alan Masters, Peter Cooke-Russell, Alex McGown, JJ Harrison, Dennis Lyons,

Apologies: David Manolas, John Small

The following are brief notes of the discussion matters.

ACT Section Meeting Venue. In addition to the committee members present four other members arrived for the lunch. This is probably not enough people to base a decision on the future meeting venue and so further investigation will ensue. _Subject to approval from Eastlakes Gungahlin management the next meeting and lunch will be at the Gungahlin venue.

DVA Medallions and Certificates of Appreciation presentations. The Secretary has the Medallions and Certificates for Lionel Mead, Doug Blake, Ed Bryant, Merle Hare and Tim Holt and is awaiting delivery of same for John Cruickshank. While it would be highly desirable to formally present them at an occasion when we have members present it was considered in these COVID times the least riskiest approach would be the best course of action. Thus at this stage we will proceed with arrangements for the presentations to occur at the homes of the recipients .

NAA National AGM. This is to be conducted by ZOOM on Saturday, 19 September 2020. The committee confirmed the voting choices for the Section delegate.

Next Meeting. We will meet on Thursday, 1 October 2020 at the Eastlakes Gungahlin venue with the Committee meeting to start at 1100.

Alan Masters

Secretary/Treasurer



Notes from Committee Meeting

17 September 2020

held at Southern Cross Yacht Club, Yarralumla.

Present: Alan Masters, Peter Cooke-Russell, Alex McGown, David Manolas and Dennis Lyons

The following are notes on the business discussed:

Election of Office Bearers for Vacant Positions. David Manolas has been acting as the Section President and the Vice President position remains unfilled. It was unanimously agreed that David should be confirmed as President and Alex McGown as Vice President. Both nominations were moved and seconded by Peter Cooke-Russell and Alan Masters and agreed to by David and Alex.

Alan Masters

Secretary/Treasurer

DVA Main Telephone Number Change

DVA's new number 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372) will become DVA's primary access number for veterans and their families.

This change is part of DVA's Veteran Centric Reform Program which includes improvements to our telephone channel to make it easier for veterans and their families to speak to the right person at the first point of contact.

You will start to see 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372) rather than the previous general enquiry number 1800 555 254 in our publications and correspondence and on our website and other online portals. This is a gradual process and 1800 555 254 will remain active for some time yet until 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372) is well embedded. Some other external-facing numbers will remain for specific needs, including the transport bookings and Ex-service Organisation lines.

Phone numbers for other non-DVA services will stay the same. For example, the current phone numbers for Open Arms and the Veterans' Review Board, will stay the same.

I appreciate your support when communicating with your members to please start referring them to 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372) as the primary contact number for DVA.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS38 2021

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

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

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

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

Social Program

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

15 Oct	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
19 Nov	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
3 Dec	Christmas lunch
17 Dec	Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200

Bus trip program is in abeyance

Bev Joce
Social Secretary

DVA CONTACTS

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

PHONE NUMBER:

Telephone:
1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372)

International callers:

+61 2 6289 1133

POSTAL ADDRESS FOR ALL STATES AND TERRITORIES:

Health Approvals & Home Care Section department of Veterans' Affairs

GPO Box 9998

BRISBANE QLD 4001

DVA WEBSITE:

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

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

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

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**A Happy Birthday to you in
October 2020**

- 5 Robert Drew**
- 10 David Bowditch**
- 10 Carl Hyauiason**
- 28 Tony Vickers**
- 29 Bert Gosch**
- 30 Ross Smith**

Older Persons ACT Legal Service (OPALS)

The new Older Persons ACT Legal Service (OPALS) is a specialist service within Legal Aid ACT offering flexible legal assistance to older people. OPALS can help in many situations, such as if you:

- have concerns about your safety
- are being pressured to change your living arrangements, sign documents, or provide details of your finances
- are having money taken from you without your permission
- owe money and are not sure how you will pay
- are being abused, threatened or bullied
- are being denied access to grandchildren, other members of your family or support services
- are being discriminated because of your age

OPALS has a strong community legal education and outreach component and provides information and referral services to concerned family, friends and workers. OPALS draws on the expertise of other practices in Legal Aid ACT when providing advice and representation services.

OPALS is a **free** service and all cases are treated in confidence. We can also help make referrals to other specialist services if you choose not to take legal action.

If you think you need legal advice, please feel free to contact OPALS:

Address: 2 Allsop Street, Canberra, ACT; or

Telephone: (02) 6243 3436 or 1800 353 374

Email: opals@legalaidact.org.au

www.legalaidact.org.au/opals



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