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THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

On behalf of our members past and present

it is with the deepest sadness and respect that we offer our condolences

in remembrance of our Sovereign Lady

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022

to whom we promised that we would be a safeguard to Her Majesty

and to the British Commonwealth of Nations

Her Majesty honoured the Association with her patronage from

16 October 1952 to 8 September 2022

Laid by The National President of the NAA

Lieutenant Commander David Manolas RAN Rtd

Events coming up

- 15 Oct Last Post Ceremony ERA4 Harold Richards HMAS Sydney 20 Nov 1941
- 21 Oct Last Post Ceremony AB Francis Spur HMAS Australia 21 Oct 1944
- 8 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:

4 Aug	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
1 Sep	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
6 Oct	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
3 Nov	Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330

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

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

President's Message

Shipmates,

On this, the day after the Funeral Service for HM The Queen, I first made my way to the Australian War Memorial here in London to pay our respects. I then made my way back to Westminster Abbey to confirm that the public will have access to the church tomorrow. My plan is to return to hopefully see those areas that were not visible from where I was seated and to dwell a while in that place.

On Monday I had made sure I was at the designated assembly area early and as a consequence, I was able to find myself a seat very close to the Western Door through which it transpired, all the dignitaries, the Royal Family and the funeral party would pass. This placed me within several metres of those passing by.

We were most fortunate to have received the invitation, wherein we then had the opportunity to pay our respects to Our Queen and Patron, at her Funeral Service here in London. It was an honour and a privilege to be present on behalf of our Association and I thank you for your support and encouragement in this special endeavour.

I am scheduled to depart the UK on Thursday night (22nd Sep 22) arriving home on the 24th. I am looking forward to catching up with you all in due course.

Yours aye,

David Manolas
National President
NAA ACT Section

Received 24 September 2022

PS. The National Secretary, Russell Pettis and Peter Cooke-Russell represented the NAA at the National Memorial Service in Canberra on 22 September 2022

Committee meeting
Eastlakes Gungahlin
1100 Thursday 1 September

Vale
Her Majesty The Queen
1926-2022



Honoured to take part



Royal Australian Navy personnel taking part in Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II state funeral at Wellington Barracks, London. (L-R) Petty Officer William Garlick, Warrant Officer of the Navy Deb Butterworth OAM, CSM & Bar, Lieutenant Commander Kara Wansbury and Leading Seaman Cameron Green..

Photo Cpl John Solomon

Australian Defence Force personnel represented the nation in the United Kingdom following the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 8 September 2022. On behalf of the three services and Defence organisations which the Queen was directly associated with, the 40 personnel participated in official commemoration and memorial ceremonies as part of the official national contingent alongside the Governor General and Prime Minister of Australia.

All the military personnel marching in the procession are undertaking a rigorous training program to ensure that on the day all will proceed in a timely and respectful manner.

On a cold and overcast English morning, a full dress rehearsal was conducted in the early hours to prepare the formation for marching through London, and to provide valuable practice for those involved in the ceremonial activities.

Slow-marching through the streets of London in a dress rehearsal for next week's royal funeral procession is an experience one Australian sailor won't forget.

Parade and ceremonial staff from the Royal Navy, British regiments and the Royal Air Force have put on an impressive display of instruction and exper-

tise in the planning of the Queen's funeral.

The 39 ADF personnel trained every day from the moment they arrived, including a full dress rehearsal in the early hours of Thursday morning.

The Australians joined a Commonwealth platoon of more than 100 personnel from Canada and New Zealand. The Commonwealth contingent was led by a mounted detachment of Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The contingent slow marched along the route of almost five kilometres with officers' drawn swords reversed.

The Australian contingent represented each of the services, coming from Australia's Federation Guard and the special relationship organisations, where the Queen had held Honorary military appointments.

It was reported by Lieutenant Anthony Martin on 16 September that Leading Seaman Avionics Technician Cameron Green, from Hobart said, "As a member of Australia's Federation Guard, I am very impressed with the ceremonial skills and drill on display,"

"Standing here in the darkness this morning really brought home the significance of this occasion

An Emotional Farewell to the Queen

and I am so humbled and proud to be here and contribute. I am honoured to be here to pay my respects to Her Majesty the Queen,”

In an emotional farewell to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, 39 members of the Australian Defence Force (ADF), along with troops from Canada and New Zealand, led the Queen's funeral procession through the streets of London.

Senior representatives of ADF organisations, with which the Queen had a special relationship, as well as the Head of Australian Defence Staff in London, Brigadier Grant Mason, also attended the service.

“Being in the Abbey for the service was a deeply moving experience for all of us and one that I doubt we will ever forget,” Brigadier Mason said.

The Brigadier, along with the senior officers, took their place in the march, ahead of the State Gun Carriage carrying the Queen's coffin, as an estimated audience of 4 billion people around the world watched.

As the 3000 military personnel taking part were gathering at Wellington Barracks, Captain Joshua Downs felt the weight of history.

“There was palpable electricity among all of us. We knew this would be a special moment in time,” Captain Downs said.

The Commander of the Australian contingent for the march, Commodore Ray Leggatt, paid tribute to those taking part.



Edited version of reports by Lieutenant Commander John Thompson and Lieutenant Anthony Martin

Photos Sgt Jarod McAneney



National Memorial Service for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



*Below:
Deputy Chief of Navy - representing Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral Chris Smith CSM and Special Operations Commander - Australia, representing Chief of Army, Major General Paul Kenny DSC, DSM attend the National Memorial following the passing of Her Majesty The Queen. The two NAA representatives present also placed wattle sprigs in to the wreath*



Great Hall Parliament House Canberra 22 September 2022

Above:

Left to Right: Deputy Chief of Navy - representing Chief of Navy, Rear Admiral Chris Smith CSM, Special Operations Commander - Australia, representing Chief of Army, Major General Paul Kenny DSC, DSM and Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Robert Chipman AM, CSC attend the National Memorial following the passing of Her Majesty The Queen



New Cat Laws—ACT To Protect Pets and Native Wild Life

Released 10/02/2022

The ACT Government has introduced new legislation to help Canberra's cats live longer and healthier lives, while better protecting native wildlife.

"Cats provide love and companionship to many Canberrans. This new bill will promote responsible cat ownership, cat health and protect the environment," said Minister for Transport and City Services Chris Steel.

From 1 July 2022 all cats will be required to be registered, with details to be updated annually. Existing owners will be able to register their cat for free while new owners after this date will pay a small one-off fee. The new requirement for cat registration and fees mirror the ACT's annual dog registration scheme.

"Introducing annual registration for cats will mean we can reunite lost cats with their families more quickly by having up-to-date contact details and will ensure better education and enforcement of responsible cat ownership," said Minister Steel.

The legislation also expands cat containment across Canberra for cats born from 1 July 2022. Cats born before this date will be continue to be allowed to roam, unless they live in one of Canberra's 17 declared cat containment suburbs.

"We understand that existing cats and their owners may not be prepared for, or used to, full containment. The grandfathering approach for existing pet cats strikes the right balance to allow a fair and gradual transition," Minister Steel said.

In line with current ACT Government policy, new Canberra suburbs will continue to be declared as cat containment areas as they are developed. However, the bill also updates the rules for declared cat containment areas to allow cats to be walked on a leash in these suburbs.

"Pet cats who roam live shorter lives on average and have higher rates of disease than those that are contained to the home. They also cause significant harm to native wildlife like Canberra's great bird population," said Minister Steel.

The bill contains new strict liability offences for pet owners who do not register their cats or keep them contained when they are required to be. However, the ACT Government will be taking an educative approach to compliance during the transition to the new scheme, to give pet owners and the Canberra community time to understand the new requirements.

These reforms to cat registration and containment implement key elements of the [ACT Cat Plan](#) released in 2021.

[Chris Steel, MLA](#) Media Releases

Timeframes for implementing actions

is proposed to implement the actions in the plan over the next decade in three stages.

Short term (1–2 years) »

- Promote responsible cat ownership and build community awareness (actions 1, 2, 6, 7, 22, 26). »
- Improve de-sexing rates in partnership with community organisations (action 3). » Improve animal welfare and management systems and compliance and enforcement, including introducing compulsory registration for cats (actions 4, 5, 9, 10, 11). »
- Encourage voluntary cat containment and define how, where and when mandatory containment areas will be expanded (actions 13, 14, 15). »
- Review and amend the Domestic Animals Act 2000 to address updated cat containment requirements (action 15). »
- Increase cat-free conservation areas—extend predator proof fence (action 21).

Medium term (3–5 years) »

- Support cat management facilities to improve management of semi and unowned cats including adoption and rehoming (action 12). »

- Improve management of semi-owned and unowned cats (action 8). »
- Educate, plan and research to support feral cat control (actions 17, 18, 19). »
- Work with rural landholders to improve management of domestic cats (actions 23, 24). »
- Review legislation (actions 5, 16).

Longer term (5–10 years) »

- Expand area of mandatory cat containment (actions 15, 25). »
- Improve feral cat control (actions 20).

Monitoring, reporting and review

Data from the Canberra Pet Census will be utilised to provide baseline information about cat ownership in the ACT.

Data on de-sexing, microchipping, cat containment, euthanasia and nuisance levels will be collected from: »

- ACT's Domestic Animal Services » s
- service providers including RSPCA ACT »
- surveys, queries and complaints received through Access Canberra.

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Spring cleaning? Do it the sustainable way

If you're planning a spring clean to spruce up your home, apartment, or townhouse there are several re-sources available to help you minimise your waste. <https://www.act.gov.au/our-canberra/>

ACT recycling fast facts:

- Around 250 tonnes of recycling from the ACT and our surrounding councils are sorted each day at the Materials Recovery Facility in Hume. 12% of an average landfill household bin are items that could have been recycled. Whatever you're looking to dispose of search for it in our [Recyclopaedia](#) for options to help you reduce, reuse and recycle.

Furniture and bulky waste

Items in a reusable condition can be dropped off for free at [The Green Shed](#) (conditions apply).

Book a [free bulky waste collection](#)—one free roadside bulky waste booking each year.

Electronics

Disposing of an old TV, computer, printer, modem, phone or other electronic device? Electronics are full of recyclable materials.

Free e-waste recycling is available at the Mitchell or Mugga Lane [Resource Management Centres](#).

Clothing, blankets and fabrics

If you're cleaning out the wardrobe, consider donating, selling, swapping and reusing before disposing of garments and clothes.



- Donate to businesses or charities such as the Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul, Another Chance, GIVIT or Koomarri Cut Cloth.

Drop it off for free at [The Green Shed](#).

Hazardous waste — Cleaning products, oils paint and batteries. It's important not to place hazardous waste in your kerbside wheelie bins or put them down the drain as they are harmful to the environment.

- Hazardous waste, including cleaning products, paints, pesticides, batteries, pokons, pool chemicals, gas bottles and oil, can be dropped off for free at a [Resource Management Centre](#).

Paper, cardboard, glass bottles, aluminium and steel cans

The ACT has five recycling drop-off centres where you can recycle excess empty household containers and packaging for free. The centres are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

You can also drop off eligible bottles, cans and cartons to earn 10 cents per item with the [Container](#)

- [Deposit Scheme](#). There's 19 return points across the ACT.

From Canberra Legacy Newsletter September 2022

Notes from the Committee Meeting 1 September 2022

Present: David Manolas, Alex McGown, Peter Cooke-Russell, Dennis Lyons, Stewart Gordon, Joe Slaats.

Apology: Alan Masters, John Small, Kate Reid-Smith .

Discussion focused on the agenda items for the General Meeting.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 6 October 2022 at 1100.

Dennis (Tiger) Lyons
Acting Secretary
NAA (ACT)

Emails to the Editor

SBS Misreporting

A recent television series broadcast on SBS television entitled 'Australia Come Fly With Me' charted the history of Qantas. The program was very interesting and consisted of three episodes. However, in the third episode a short segment dealt with Qantas' role in flying Australian troops to and from South Vietnam in the 1960s and 1970s, the narrator said, "Defeated, the last Australian troops left in 1972."

I happened to record the program and viewed it a few weeks after it was broadcast. Because SBS gets 80 per cent of its funding from the Commonwealth, I wrote to the responsible federal minister for the SBS, Michelle Rowland, complaining about use of the word 'defeated' in describing our withdrawal from Vietnam.

I pointed out The Oxford Companion to Australian Military History states:

'In keeping with Australian doctrine, [infantry] companies spent much of their time on patrol ... operations conducted between June 1970 and February 1971 placed constant pressure on the Viet Song infrastructure, were far more significant in terms of restoring government control in the province ... By 1971 the provincial enemy forces had been pushed out of Phuoc Tuy and relied on reinforcements from North Vietnam to make up their numbers. while Highway 15, the main route between Saigon and Vung Tau, was open to unescorted traffic.'

In his book 'The Battle of Long Tan', Lex McAulay states:

'By early 1971, the once proud D445 [VC Battalion] had been reduced to a total strength of 80. These split into five groups of about 15 which dispersed to the far corners of the province - to grow food avoid contact and wait until the Australians had left. Entire VC units and village organisations had ceased to exist, and no recruits could be enticed to join. The local population had seen the repeated success of 1ATFs patrolling and ambushing operations too often to consider life in the VC as worthwhile.'

These are not the actions of a defeated army.

I believe the SBS comments that we were defeated are insulting to those of us who served in Vietnam and displayed a total ignorance of history on the part of the SBS. I requested the comments in the program about our 'defeat' be edited out and producers reminded of the need to check their facts before putting programs to air.'

After a follow up, Minister Rowland's office replied she could do nothing to assist because 'The SBS has editorial independence from the Australian

Government so that its programs can be free from political interference.'

A 2019 Senate Inquiry accepted 'political interference' as being when political actions are 'improper'. There is nothing improper in correcting a lie and protecting the integrity of the ADF. Either Minister Rowland was unaware of what constitutes 'political interference' or a complaint from a veteran was not worth bothering with. Whatever the reason, it adds fuel to the fire lit by the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide that government treatment of veterans amounted to a gross dereliction of duty.

At a time when government's and government departments have come under some scathing criticism from the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide regarding their treatment of veterans, I expected a more positive response from the Minister in correcting the inaccurate SBS reporting.

A complaint was lodged with the SBS and on 19 September 2022, SBS responded that because the complaint was made more than four weeks after the airing of the broadcast it did not qualify as a complaint under the SBS Code of Conduct. The complaint was considered as an informal complaint and has been passed to the relevant SBS for a response.

In the meantime, I have forwarded the complaint to Senator Jacqui Lambie seeking her assistance in resolving this matter.

Allan Joyce

Good afternoon

I have been helping a veteran with some advice concerning domestic violence. This has resulted in an interim domestic violence order (DVO) being taken out at the magistrates court against the other party. As my knowledge of family law is limited I thought I would seek assistance from a law firm here in the ACT with expertise in the area.

Three law firms that I have approached open behalf of the veteran have been extremely helpful and one of them, Parker Coles Curtis and Farrar Gesini Dunn have both agreed to provide the **first half hour** of legal consultation free of charge for the veteran. If any veteran is unfortunate enough to be in need of family law assistance the firms approached are:

- Robinson and McGuinness, Tel 6225 7040, Level 2, 1 Farrell Place, Canberra
- Parker Coles Curtis, Tel 51143 2660, Level 9, 1 Hobart Place, Canberra City.
- Farrar Gesini Dunn, Tel 6115 9000, 1/10 Rudd Street, Canberra City.

Allan Joyce

Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 1 September 2022

Meeting started at 1310

Ode. The Odes were recited by David Manolas. He asked those present to remember passed shipmates, in particular John 'JJ' Harrison who crossed the bar on 22 August 2022.

Present: 13 members and two visitors as per the attendance book.

Apologies: A. Masters, J. Small, M. Hardwick, R. Kendall, K. Reid-Smith, R. Horne.

Birthday wishes. The President extended best wishes to those celebrating a birthday in September.

Votes of appreciation. The President expressed his appreciation to Peter Cooke-Russell for another outstanding edition of the ACT Section's newsletter.

The President also expressed his appreciation to Stewart Gordon for his work in co-ordinating the very successful HMAS Canberra Memorial Service.

Minutes of the Last Meeting. The minutes of the general meeting on 4 August 2022 appeared in the September 2022 edition of the Bosun's Call. The president said that he had the offers of Honorary Membership of the Naval Association of Australia (ACT Section) to VADM Mark Hammond, AM, RAN for the term of his service as Chief of Navy and to Her Excellency Caroline Kennedy for the term of her Ambassadorship of the United States of America in Australia in hand. He also said that he will approach the President of the WRANS Naval Woman's Association (ACT) asking them to join us for lunch on a social level.

Motion: The minutes of the General Meeting held on 4 August 2022 be accepted.

Moved: Anthony Vickers. Seconded: Joe Slaats. Carried.

Reports.

President. The President said that he sat in on a Zoom conference with DVA yesterday. The aim was for DVA to give us a heads-up on the outcome of the Australian Institute into the Health and Wellbeing report on the three services on how they were handling the people leaving the services. The report is being released today and they found that the Navy did not come out very well in the report. This would seem to be because most sailors finished their service in a sea billet and were not able to attend training.

The President reported that Shipmate Allan Joyce has put together a very comprehensive submission to be put before the Royal Commission on Deaths and Suicide in the ADF. Allan has advised that some who he has spoken with are worried that they may fall foul of government because of the unlawful release of official

information as well as those who do not wish to be named in their submission. Both of these problems can be handled by the commission. Allan went on to say that if one of us or someone we know wishes to write a submission to the royal commission, but does not know where to start they can make contact with him through the Veterans Support Centre at Page and he will assist them.

Vice President. The Vice President reported that nine naval Last Post ceremonies are programmed to be held before the end of 2022. He asked for volunteers to represent the NAA at those ceremonies.

Secretary. The acting Secretary reported "Business as usual". He informed those present that he was currently taping the meeting and asked if anyone disagreed. No one objected.

Treasurer. The acting Treasurer reported that with income of for the month totalling \$340.00 and outgoing amounts totalling \$516.28, the Section's bank account balance remains stable.

Membership. As at today, we have 56 financial members, 14 restricted members and 8 still to renew their subs, bringing the potential membership to 78. The membership Secretary reported that he has been unable to contact shipmate James 'Sandy' Sandison and asked if anyone present knew of Sandy's whereabouts. No one was able to help.

Welfare. The Welfare Officer reported that there were no members on the sick list.

Social. Joe Slaats outlined the social program for the next month. Joe also discussed the venue for the 2022 Christmas lunch to be held on 1 December 2022. He recommended and it was agreed that the lunch be held at the Eastlakes Club Gungahlin.

Motion: The reports be received.

Moved: Darren Rush. Seconded: Stewart Gordon. Carried.

General Business:

There was no General Business for discussion.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 6 October 2022 at Eastlakes Gungahlin Club starting at 1330. A table has been booked in the club's bistro for lunch commencing at 1200.

The meeting closed at 1335

Dennis (Tiger) Lyons

Acting Secretary

NAA (ACT)

Electrified Bushmaster on the Army's think tank wishlist

Striving to achieve stealth in the air with a modern fighter aircraft – or under the water with a submarine – is a multibillion-dollar exercise, but to do the same on the ground could be as simple as a retrofit, thanks to electric-vehicle technology.

After 30 years of production and on the cusp of retirement, the loud diesel rumble of the Australian Army's venerable Bushmaster armoured vehicle could be banished by the installation of a battery pack and electric motors, injecting further life – and considerably more pace – into the old battlefield workhorse.

Known to the acronym-loving army as the ePMV (electric protected mobility vehicle), the electric Bushmaster is the latest project from an internal tech think tank that dips into such wide-ranging areas as robotics, autonomous systems and quantum sensing.

For more than three decades, the Bushmaster has been flogged across deserts, jungles and wastelands, carrying soldiers into battle and lugging the wounded out while protecting them from mines, shrapnel and small-arms fire.

More than 1000 have been delivered and most recently it has been providing similar sterling service to Ukraine's army, with 20 of the big Bendigo-built machines flown to the northern hemisphere to aid in the battle against Russian invaders.

In designing a steel-hulled vehicle that weighs more than 12 tonnes unladen and is the size of a bull elephant, stealth was never in the army's original Bushmaster brief. And yet, strangely enough, after all this time, removing the rumble and soot of the 7.2-litre Caterpillar turbodiesel engine has given the big soldier-lugger a new-found ability to creep into places where it previously could not.

Replacing the Bushmaster's diesel engine with two powerful electric motors and big lithium-ion batteries built by 3ME Technology in Newcastle saves about two tonnes, has lowered the ePMV's centre

of gravity rearwards and downwards for more stability, freed up a lot of space inside the cabin, and taken a big weight burden off the front axle.

Though driving range is reduced from 1000km in diesel form to about 200km in electric, a parallel project is under way in the think tank to attach mini-generators to the outside of the vehicle so that it can self-charge during downtime and extend the range to at least match that of the combustion version.

There is also enough battery power aboard to run an average Australian home for about six days.

The side benefit is that by lifting the flip-up side panels, the vehicle becomes a remote electric command post, capable of powering up field equipment and communications.

Colonel Robin Smith, in charge of the army's robotic and autonomous implementation and co-ordination office (RICO), described the zero-emission Bushmaster as "wickedly fast" for a huge, armour-plated people-mover. While the diesel version lumbers to 100km/h in 42 seconds, the high-torque electric version takes about 12 seconds.

"Changing to battery power delivers a number of immediate benefits: it moves much more quietly and quickly, there's a very low thermal signature so it's a harder vehicle to detect, and there's less fatigue on the driver and crew," he said.

"The army is about to take a fresh look at what alternatives there are to the Bushmaster.

"But perhaps the alternative isn't all that different but uses a different drivetrain, perhaps electric, perhaps hybrid."

Field trials of the electric Bushmaster will be held in the next few months.

STEPHEN CORBY *the Australian* 16 SEP 22



The Bushmaster (pictured) is an 11-tonne armoured military vehicle and is proving very popular with Ukrainian defenders since Australian sent 20 to the besieged country in April

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS38 for 2022

Action to renew membership for 2022 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 2022 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 . .

2022

- 6 Oct Lunch Eastlake Club 1200
- 20 Oct Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
- 3 Nov Lunch Eastlake Club 1200
- 17 Nov Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
- 1 Dec **Christmas Lunch**

Social Secretary

Joe Slaats has been elected

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 epartment 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>

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



**A Happy Birthday to you
October 2022**

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