

# The Bosun's Call



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## STS Leeuwin II



The STS *Leeuwin II* was left mangled with broken masts, rigging and debris strewn across the deck after cargo ship *Maersk Shekou* ran into her while berthing in Fremantle Port about 6am on August 30. Photographs of the aftermath showed the *Leeuwin* as a crumpled mess but at the time the extent of the damage was not clear. See page 7

Witnesses have told of poor weather as the *Maersk* tried to berth about 6am on Friday, with a possible big wind gust pushing the vessel into the *Leeuwin*.

It is believed the *Maersk* was tied to tugboats as it berthed but the ropes broke. It appeared to have a huge gash on its side as it was being guided away from the scene by a tugboat. Two crew members aged in their 20s and 60s were aboard the *Leeuwin* at the time of the incident and were taken to Fiona Stanley Hospital and Royal Perth Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The men were sleeping in the hull when they were woken by a loud crack. It is believed they were injured while escaping the tall ship.

30 August 2024 WA News Perth

### Events coming up

- 23 Oct Last Post Ceremony 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Battle of Leyte Gulf
- 26 Oct Last Post Ceremony FS Edward W. Franklin HMAS Sydney II Wreath Tiger Lyons
- 29 Oct Last Post Ceremony Stoker Duncan C.S. McDonald HMAS Torrens Wreath Joe Slaats
- 5 Dec Christmas Lunch 1200—venue to be advised



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**General Meetings  
Dates and Locations  
Programme**

**2024**

3 Oct Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
7 Nov Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330

**2025**

6 Feb Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
6 Mar Eastlakes Club Gungahlin	1330
3 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.**

**Committee meeting  
Eastlakes Gungahlin  
1100 Thursday 3 October 2024**

**National Council Meeting  
30 October 2024**

The next NAA National Council meeting will be held in Brisbane on 30 October 2024. There is one motion known at present that will affect the NAA By-laws—Annex I. It is moved by the NSW Section seeking to raise the number of Life memberships that a Section or Sub-section can award each year from one to two.

*“The number of Full Members required in each Sub-Section, or Section without Sub-Sections, for nominating more than one member per calendar year for NAA Honours is considered to be excessive. Recently the members of a NSW Sub-Section voted to nominate two members for Life Membership in a calendar year, because it was considered that both members met the criteria for award of this Honour.”*

**Comment**

Annex I was introduced in 2006 to give 13 sub-sections with more than 75 members approval to award two or more Life memberships annually. No sub-sections are known by the Rules Committee to have more than 75 members at present. The NAA Rules Committee's view in summary is as follows;

*“It is the Rules Committee's view that the existing table is adequate and has served the Naval Association of Australia well over the last 18 years since it was unanimously accepted by the National Council at the National Council meeting of October 2006 amending the NAA By-laws. In examining the awards made and the membership of Full members during those 18 years it is the Rules Committee's conclusion that the problem lies within the sub-sections and that increasing the ratio of awards to the full members in a declining membership will only degrade the value of the awards.*

*Membership of the NAA has declined over the last 18 years and the existence of sub-sections with a membership in excess of 75 financial Full Members has reduced from 14 to 2 by 2016. It continues to decline.*

*It is the Rules Committee view that the current Annex I of the By-laws does not need to be amended. The problem lies with the sections and sub-sections not ensuring exceptional service of members is recognised. The reduction of the length of service required for nomination of a Full Member for Life Membership from 15 to 10 years in 2023 will open up the opportunity for the award process to improve in due course.*

*It is recommended that Annex I of the Naval Association of Australia's By-laws not be amended as moved by the NSW Section and remain as it is at present.”*

Editor

*Vale****Louis Donald Wallington****10<sup>th</sup> May 1942 — 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024**RAN 8<sup>th</sup> February 1963 — 7<sup>th</sup> February 1967**Member 20 years**Vale****Carl Walker Hyauiason****10<sup>th</sup> October 1934 — 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**RAN 13<sup>th</sup> July 1953 — 12<sup>th</sup> July 1958**Member for 25 years***Senate Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs Defence and Trade**

The seven submissions below have been added to the 25 which were reported in September's Bosun's Call prior to the 10 September 20224

26	<b>Mr Bruce W. Tisdell RFD</b> ( <a href="#">PDF 223 KB</a> )
27	<b>Sandgate RSL Sub Br Inc</b> ( <a href="#">PDF 1200 KB</a> ) 27.1 Supplementary to submission 27 ( <a href="#">PDF 6 KB</a> )
28	<b>126 Signal Squadron (Special Forces)</b> ( <a href="#">PDF 204 KB</a> )
29	<b>Mr Gregory Isolani</b> ( <a href="#">PDF 378 KB</a> )
30	<b>Mr Roderic Thompson</b> ( <a href="#">PDF 129 KB</a> )
31	<b>Mrs Julie Anderson</b> ( <a href="#">PDF 52 KB</a> )
32	<b>Mr Ross Dunn OAM</b> ( <a href="#">PDF 64 KB</a> )

**Defence Honours and Awards system**

On 3 July 2024, the Senate referred an inquiry into Defence honours and awards system to the Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Reference Committee for inquiry and report by **28 November 2024**.

Further detail about the scope of the inquiry is provided in the [terms of reference](#).  
Submissions are sought by **30 August 2024**.

On the 19 September 2024, the Senate agreed to extend the reporting date to **28 February 2025**



## About this guide

This is a guide to the final report of the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide (Royal Commission). The final report has seven volumes and contains 122 recommendations. In this guide, we provide a broad outline of each volume and describe what it contains.

This guide is for anyone who wants to understand quickly what is in the final report and find the information they need.

## Volume 1

### Executive summary, recommendations and the fundamentals

Volume 1 of the final report introduces the work of the Royal Commission, along with a foreword from the Commissioners.

It also includes the executive summary, which provides a useful overview of the scope of our inquiry, and a list of all of our recommendations. It outlines how the Royal Commission was conducted, as well as impediments to our inquiry.

#### Part 1 – Understanding the fundamentals

Australia's defence capability is primarily dependent on personnel – the roughly 89,000 current serving members of the Navy, Army and Air Force. Many of the features that distinguish military service from other occupations, including how members are trained, equipped and employed, are necessary to achieve Defence's mission of maintaining our collective security and defending Australia's national interests.

Part 1 explores the unique nature of military service more fully. It also helps readers understand suicide among serving and ex serving ADF members. This includes the complex interaction of risk and protective factors for suicide and suicidality associated with military service, and statistics that highlight the severity of these issues and the need for change.

It also includes lessons we learned from overseas about how our closest allies are responding to the issues of suicide and suicidality in their own military communities.

## Volume 2

### Serving the nation and Defence culture and leadership

#### Part 2 – Serving the nation

Part 2 of the final report discusses ADF recruitment and initial training, postings and deployments, and the military employment classification system. This is a personnel management tool used to determine medical fitness and employment status of serving members.

It explores how the ADF working environment can expose members to extreme physical and psychological stressors, risk factors for suicide and suicidality, and the emerging evidence that military cultural values may be associated both directly and indirectly with suicide risk.

We also look at ADF retention issues, voluntary separation, and involuntary separation – on medical grounds or for the reason 'retention-not in-service-interest' – which is associated with a significantly heightened risk of suicide.

We found that while some members experience symptoms of psychological distress immediately following exposure to risk factors, others may not do so until years later. Similarly, the physical and psychological effects of service are often carried into post-service life, while specific stressors associated with separation, transition and post service life can also contribute to, or exacerbate suicide risk. Read the full Volume 2 on our website

Our recommendations in Part 2 aim to help prevent harm and mitigate the risk factors associated with service and post-service life. This includes a number of recommendations related to ADF culture and leadership.

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### Volume 3

#### **Military sexual violence, unacceptable behaviour and military justice Part 3 – Misconduct, complaints and military justice**

##### **Part 3 – Misconduct, complaints and military justice**

In Part 3, we discuss military sexual violence, unacceptable behaviour and complaints management, and the ADF military justice system.

During our inquiry, we received detailed historical and contemporary accounts of bullying, harassment, discrimination, misogyny, and physical and sexual violence experienced during training as well as during service life, reinforcing the findings of countless previous inquiries and reviews.

We also identified factors within the military justice system that can cause or aggravate poor mental health outcomes and contribute to risks of suicide and suicidality, including real or perceived issues with fairness in the administration of military justice.

Many of our recommendations are directed towards addressing unacceptable behaviour, including preventing sexual misconduct, along with stronger workplace protections, better management of incidents of military sexual violence, and stronger repercussions for perpetrators of military sexual violence. Our recommendations also focus on improvements to complaints management processes, and reform of the military justice system.

##### **Part 4 – Governance and accountability**

Part 4 discusses governance and accountability, and workplace health and safety. We found numerous deficiencies in Defence's governance mechanisms that reduce its ability to identify, escalate and address areas of risk to health and wellbeing. Defence has failed to recognise and articulate suicide prevention as an enterprise wide priority in core governance frameworks, contributing to a lack of attention on minimising harm. Read the full Volume 3 on our website

Our recommendations in Part 4 focus on addressing limitations in Defence's governance structures, the role and functions of the Inspector General of the Australian Defence Force, and greater oversight of ADF workplace health and safety.

### Volume 4

#### **Health care for serving and ex-serving members**

##### **Part 5 - Health care for serving and ex-serving members**

Part 5 of the final report focuses on healthcare for serving and ex-serving members, including a discussion of ADF healthcare services and problems associated with healthcare provision in the ADF.

We heard that physical and psychological injuries are often poorly managed within the ADF and there is ongoing stigma attached to injury and illness, particularly mental ill health.

Many of our recommendations are directed therefore towards early intervention and providing timely supports tailored to individual needs. They express a vision towards reducing psychological distress and treating and rehabilitating physical injury to enable recovery, including assessing and treating neurocognitive issues, whatever their cause.

We also make recommendations for **postvention** following a serving member's death by suicide (or suspected suicide), and to **prevent**, minimise and treat moral injury, which can significantly impact personal wellbeing and interpersonal relationships, and heighten suicidal behaviours.

### Volume 5

#### **Transition, DVA and support for ex-serving members**

##### **Part 6 – Transition and support for ex-serving members**

Part 6 looks at the support available to ex-serving members during their separation from the ADF and transition from military to civilian life. With between 5,500 and 6,500 members leaving full-time ADF service each year, separation and transition was a critical area of focus for our inquiry.

We found that separation and the early post service period are often characterised by instability and uncertainty, as well as social and psychosocial disruption. These reintegration challenges can expose members to risks of suicide and suicidality.

There also remains a clear need for more integrated service delivery and better coordination among service providers, to enable a more responsive and connected system of care for veterans and their families. We therefore make several recommendations to improve separation and transition processes, and better support member wellbeing during this phase of their lives and careers.

Part 6 also contains detailed discussion of the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA), and its delivery of services and programs to support serving and ex-serving ADF members and their families. This includes access to income support, compensation and other financial entitlements, and

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health and other care services.

We identify aspects of DVA culture, processes and systems that have historically, and in some cases continue to, negatively affect the mental health and wellbeing of ex-serving ADF members and their families. We examine the progress made in response to recommendations in our interim report delivered to the Governor-General in August 2022, including recommendations to Read the full Volume 5 on our website simplify and harmonise the legislative framework for veterans' compensation and rehabilitation, to enable more efficient and timely claims processing within DVA, and to address the backlog in unallocated compensation claims.

In light of ongoing concerns, we outline further recommendations to improve DVA service delivery and its engagement with veterans, with the aim of empowering veterans to thrive and ensuring they receive the help and supports they need.

### Volume 6

#### Families, data and research and establishing a new entity

##### Part 7 – Matters of importance to the whole Defence and DVA ecosystem

Part 7 of the final report explores the critical role played by the families of serving and ex-serving ADF members. We look at the stressors that military service and post-service life can place on the family unit, and make recommendations to help address these issues.

Volume 6 also contains numerous recommendations to strengthen Defence and DVA research, data collection and analysis, and data sharing. This is imperative to enhance their ability to identify,

understand and monitor the impact of risk and protective factors for suicide and suicidality among serving and ex-serving ADF members. It is also necessary to support Defence and DVA's ability to monitor and evaluate suicide prevention initiatives and organisational reforms to support member health and wellbeing.

### Part 8 – Beyond the Royal Commission

We recognise that there is no quick fix to the problems we have identified in our final report, and that reform will take time.

Part 8 sets out our vision beyond the Royal Commission. We recommend establishing a new statutory entity to support governments, Defence, DVA, and the wider defence and veteran ecosystem to prioritise and build on the positive work that has commenced during this Royal Commission. By monitoring the Defence and veteran ecosystem through the lens of suicide prevention, the new entity can promote long term change and drive system reform.

Establishing a new entity would clearly signal that the Australian Government recognises the gravity of this crisis. It would demonstrate that the lives of those who serve this country are valued. And it would confirm that Australia is committed to protecting the lives of those who protect us.

### Volume 7

#### Appendices

##### Part 9 - Appendices

Part 9 contains information about the Royal Commission's operation and administration, along with summaries of our research, a list of previous reports and inquiries that relate to matters associated with suicide and suicidality among serving and ex-serving ADF members, and procedural fairness

## Our work (DVA) in response to the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide

18 September 2024

On 9 September 2024, the Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide handed down its Final Report, which is available on the [Royal Commission's website](#) (along with useful resources to help people understand and read the document) and the [Australian Parliament House website](#).

The Report comprises more than 3,000 pages of evidence, commentary and findings across 7 volumes.

The Report seeks to highlight the scale, contributing risk factors and overarching drivers of suicide and suicidality. It acknowledges that suicide and suicidality of serving and ex-serving members of the ADF is a multifaceted problem.

The Final Report represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity for meaningful change.

A total of 122 recommendations have been made to address identified systemic risk factors and overarching drivers of suicide and suicidality in serving and ex-serving ADF members.

The recommendations are largely directed to Defence and DVA; as well as other agencies separately or in combination with Defence and DVA.

The Government will take some time to appropriately consider the recommendations and provide the whole-of-Government response.

DVA, working in partnership with Defence, will make every effort to address suicide and suicidality among our serving and ex-serving ADF personnel.

# STS Leeuwin II— 30 August 2024

STS Leeuwin  
Leading Master  
James Rakich has  
also thanked the  
community for its  
“outpouring of  
support”.

“It is with a heavy  
but hopeful heart  
that I write this,  
after Friday’s inci-  
dent where the  
vessel was dis-  
masted whilst  
alongside at B  
Berth,” he said.



been through the ship and its  
watertight integrity was  
“maintained”.

“We have closed underwater  
valves and watertight doors,  
and the ship appears for the  
time being safe in its position  
alongside B Berth,” he said.

“I’m thankful for the  
medical care and  
support provided to  
our two crew mem-  
bers aboard at the  
time, and the out-  
pouring of support  
from throughout the  
Leeuwin community  
— asking how can  
they help?”

“The masts, spars  
and rigging have all  
been significantly  
damaged, with the  
masts all having  
fallen most of the  
way to deck, still  
under tension.” Mr  
Rakich said he had



[Final Report – all volumes | Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide](#)

[A guide to the Final Report\(royalcommission.gov.au\)](http://royalcommission.gov.au)

## Exercise KAKADU—2024

22 September 2024

The 16th iteration of Australia's largest biennial maritime warfare exercise, Exercise Kakadu, has come to a successful close at the port of Darwin, Northern Territory.

Exercise Kakadu involved warships and personnel from over thirty nations contributing to planning, briefings, sporting and cultural events, to the full spectrum of maritime warfare from constabulary operations through to high end, anti-submarine and anti-air warfare.



*Above; Kakadu participants secured alongside at HMAS Coonawarra Darwin*

*Left: Japanese ship Ariake arriving at HMAS Coonawarra*

*Below: A stern view, Vietnam Peoples Navy Ship 18 and HMCS Vancouver rafted up to Japanese Ship Ariake*

*Photos Defence*



Commander Australian Fleet, Rear Admiral Chris Smith, said the enduring success of Exercise Kakadu lay in the development of people-to-people connections.

“The exercise is about so much more than ships and aircraft,” Rear Admiral Smith said “This is about bringing our partners together; to discuss shared values and security challenges and to continue to strengthen our mutual understanding.”

The harbour phase of the exercise featured a Regional Fleet Commanders’ conference, including presentations on humanitarian and disaster relief responses and discussions between star ranked officers from over 30 nations.

“One of the outcomes of this is the assurance that we are all united in a common purpose – the security of a peaceful, stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific region,” Rear Admiral Smith said.

Exercise Director, Captain David Tietzel, said the exercise also included a number of “firsts”.

“We were delighted to welcome the participation of the Vietnamese People’s Navy corvette VPNS18 in a constabulary role,” Captain Tietzel said.

A number of expeditionary logistics tasks were successful including a parachute air drop of stores



from a Royal Australian Air Force C-27 Spartan aircraft to HMAS Warramunga and a replenishment of the frigate from fuel reserves at Port Melville in the Tiwi Islands.

“These types of activities demonstrate the versatility of our ships, aircraft and personnel to maintain a competitive edge,” Captain Tietzel said.

Exercise Kakadu, held in the Darwin region, provides a unique and challenging training environment for all participants.

“I’d also like to extend my gratitude to the Northern Territory Government and members of the local community for their ongoing support of the Royal Australian Navy and Exercise Kakadu,” Captain Tietzel said.

*Defence*



## Sea change for Army's new Black Hawks

Army's UH-60M Black Hawks gained their sea legs at recent first-of-class flight trials, completing the first phase of the helicopter's Australian shipboard operations certification.

The trials, conducted by Navy's Aircraft Maintenance and Flight Trials Unit, assessed the aircraft's suitability for operating off the deck and its integration with the ship's aviation facilities, and determined its limitations for ship-board operations.

A Black Hawk from the 6th Aviation Regiment, Holsworthy, was used for the trials conducted at Jervis Bay aboard the Navy's multi-role aviation training craft, Merchant Vessel (MV) *Sycamore*.

Navy MH-60R Seahawk test pilot Lieutenant Peter Jacobs, who was at the controls of the helicopter, said the Seahawk's characteristics were very similar to those of the Black Hawk.

"The Black Hawk is a great aircraft," Lieutenant Jacobs said.

"It's very similar to the Seahawk, however, as the Black Hawk is much lighter there are many other operations and manoeuvres you can conduct with it.

"Overall, the biggest challenge for ship-board operations occur in higher sea states when there is high deck motion. You also have to be mindful of high wind conditions that can lead to additional turbulence around the ship and exceedances in aircraft limitations."

A member of Army's Aviation Command, which was also involved in the trials, said it was: "a little trickier than land operations, because while the aircraft is moving in three dimensions, the landing surface is also moving in three dimensions, making it quite dynamic".

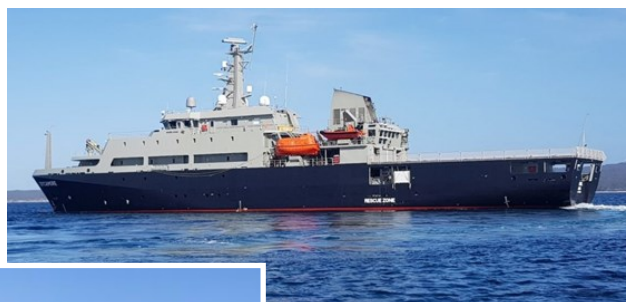


"As an aircrew member, we help the pilots operate the aircraft in a safe manner. We are the eyes and ears rear of them. We have to make sure the tail wheel is over the deck as it is located further back on a Black Hawk than on other helicopters. We also provide extra sets of eyes to ensure clearances between the rotor and the ship," he said.

"Overall, the transition to the UH-60M has been great. It's an aircraft I am familiar with because I was previously a crew member on the S-70A-9 Black Hawks operated by Army. Our new helicopters are interoperable with US Army Black Hawks and other worldwide users. This means we can operate this aircraft efficiently wherever we go."

Forty UH-60M Black Hawks are being delivered to Army under the UH-60M Black Hawk Utility Helicopter Project (LAND 4507).

*By Major Cameron Jamieson*



*Above: MV Sycamore*

*Photo: Defence*



*Other 2: An Army UH-60M Black Hawk trials on the flight deck of the multi-role aviation training vessel MV Sycamore during first-of-class flight trials in Jervis Bay*

*Photos: Private Alex Brown*

## Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 5 September 2024

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

**Present:** 17 members and 4 visitors (one being a companion dog trainee).

**Apologies:** J Small, M. Hardwick, W. Lissing, D. Rush, H. Beardsell

**Minute of Last Meeting.** The minutes of the General meeting on 1 August 2024 appeared in the September 2024 edition of the Bosun's Call. It was considered there was no outstanding business from that meeting.

*Motion: The minutes of the 1 August 2024 General Meeting be accepted.*

*Moved: Joe Slaats Seconded: Pauline Gribble Carried.*

### Reports.

**President** The President invited Allan Joyce to give members the latest information regarding the progress made with the NAA submission to the Senate Committee working on the "harmonisation" of the existing Bills that provide benefits to veterans. Allan advised that the NAA submission is with the Senate Committee along with many more submissions. He also spoke of an idea put forward by ESORT members ( Ex Service Organisations Round table) for the establishment of an Institute of Veterans' Advocates. This is a move to raise the professionalism of the advocacy provided to veterans contemplating making a claim. It is a work in progress and details will be provided as they emerge. He also made clear that with the end of the Royal Commission into Veterans Suicide the Defence and Veterans Legal Service ceased to exist. (See Editor's comments in September BC) but wished to assure members that legal services will be made available from Legal Aid, ACT.

**Vice President** Opportunities exist for members to participate in Last Post Services at the AWM. These are listed in the BC and if you would like to lay a wreath for a lost sailor please contact Alex McGown.

**Secretary** Business as usual.

**Treasurer:** The Australian Taxation Office has granted the Section tax free status, and the Treasurer is our nominated person for dealing with the department. Our funds remain in a healthy state.

**Membership** The membership remains steady with an all up membership of 66 including all membership types..

**Social:** More attendees at the Fish'n Chips at the Yacht Club would be appreciated. With warmer weather around the corner, it makes for a convivial setting to mix with shipmates.

*Motion The Reports be received.*

*Moved: Dennis Lyons Seconded: Alan Masters Carried*

### General Business

**Hospital Liaison Officers:** The provision of Hospital Liaison Officers in Canberra hospitals seems to have disappeared. The President raised this as an issue worthy of further investigation. Originally these officers were paid by the hospitals not by DVA as some people have thought. COVID made a significant impact on their presence, and it appears they have not been replaced. If anyone has strong thoughts on this matter then please share them with the president .

**Honours and Awards.** At an ESORT meeting, the members were advised that the Minister for Veterans' Affairs has advised there will be changes to the conditions relating to honours and awards. These mainly relate to actions that occurred a long time in the past. Those that are over 20 years in the past must be submitted by the Heads of the services or their equivalents This is another work in progress..

**Next Meeting** Next General Meeting will be held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on Thursday, 3 October 2024 starting at 1330.

**Close of Meeting** There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 1422.

Alan F Masters

Secretary

NAA (ACT)

## Notes from the Committee Meeting 5 September 2024

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

The President previewed the agenda items and following were discussions on the HMAS Canberra Commemorative Service. This year the weather was fine but the attendance numbers were down. The discussion focused on whether there was a need to consider other formats. This will necessitate further consideration

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 3 October 2024 at 1100.

Alan Masters

Secretary

NAA (ACT)

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

### \$40 for 2025

Action to renew membership for 2025 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 2024 is \$40

- 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.

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## Social Program

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

### 2024

- 19 Sep Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
- 3 Oct Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
- 17 Oct Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
- 7 Nov Lunch Eastlakes Gungahlin 1200
- 21 Nov Fish 'n Chips CYC 1200
- 5 Dec Christmas Lunch 1200 venue to be advised

Bev Joce

**Social Secretary**

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

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BRISBANE QLD 4001

### DVA WEBSITE:

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

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**A Happy Birthday to you  
October 2024**

Pauline Gribble

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