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80th Anniversary of the Loss of HMAS Canberra (1)



The Catafalque Party 'presents arms' as the Australian White Ensign is lowered to 'half mast' at the memorial service held at the HMAS Canberra Memorial, Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra for the 80th anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Canberra I during the Battle of Savo Island in the Second World War.

Photo POIS Bradley Darvill

Hosted by the ACT Section of the NAA, Personnel from the Royal Australian Navy, Royal Navy, Royal New Zealand Navy attended the memorial service for the 80th anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Canberra I during the Battle of Savo Island in the Second World War. Held at the HMAS Canberra Memorial on the northern shore of Lake Burley

Griffin in Canberra senior naval personnel, government officials, the Naval Association, WRANS and RAN Womens' Association, War Widows Association, RAAF Association, HMAS Canberra/Shropshire Association, Naval Historical Association representatives all came together to remember the lives lost during the Battle of Savo Island

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,

I wish to thank all who participated and contributed to the HMAS *Canberra* Memorial Service on 9 August 2022. It was a particularly moving ceremony made so with the presence of several hitherto unknown *Canberra* crew member descendants and, the presence of a noteworthy number of Service and Government dignitaries. The indications are that we can look forward to this ceremony growing in significance and participation.

I join with you all in expressing our heartfelt sadness in learning of the passing of our long-term shipmate John "JJ" Harrison, who has 'Crossed the Bar' after a short illness. In his presence and all that he did, JJ's grace and sense of service embodied all that we in the Naval Association of Australia strive to emulate in word and deed. A quiet unassuming man whose tireless dedication and exemplary conduct, personified all that we would ever wish to behold and to experience as a member of our Association.

Our thoughts and prayers are very much with Thelma and all the family and friends.

His funeral will be held at 1500 on Monday 29 August 2022 at Norwood Park Crematorium, 65 Sandford St, Mitchell, ACT. All members are requested to attend. Medals are to be worn.

Vale John James Harrison OAM (JJ)

Yours aye,

David Manolas

President

NAA ACT Section

Committee meeting
Eastlakes Gungahlin
1100 Thursday 1 September

HMAS Canberra (I) - Memorial Service marking the 80th anniversary of her loss



Above: Mr Des Jones at left with Chris Johnson President HMAS Canberra/ Shropshire Association and CDRE Leggatt Patron HMAS Canberra/ Shropshire Association

Right: Des Jones laying wreath



Above: ABMUS Rachael Byrnes, RAN Band Sydney, sounds the Last Post



Below ; Deputy Chief of Navy RADM C Smith CSM RAN and AIRCDRE P Gordon representing the Chief of Air Force laying wreaths



Above: Miss Emma Davidson MLA, representing the ACT Chief Minister and Miss Elizabeth Lee, Leader of The ACT Opposition lay wreaths

Photos: POIS Bradley Darvill



HMAS Canberra (1) Memorial Services

During Regional Presence Deployment 22-3 HMA Ship's *Canberra*, *Warramunga* and *Supply* sailed in formation while HMAS *Canberra* conducted a Memorial Service at sea on the flight deck to pay tribute to the 84 lives lost during the battle of *Savo Island* 80 years ago. HMAS *Canberra* (I) sustained significant damage causing her to be abandoned, she subsequently sank and now rests 760 metres below the surface of Iron Bottom Sound.

Royal Australian Navy ships across two task groups are currently conducting regional presence deployments throughout the Indo-Pacific region. During their deployments the ships and their embarked ADF units will undertake joint exercises and other engagements with Australia's regional partners.

Regional Presence Deployments demonstrate Australia's commitment and engagement with the region. These deployments play a vital role in Australia's long term security and prosperity by protecting Australia's interests, preserving a rules based order, enhancing cooperation and relationships with regional partners and allies and developing capability and interoperability

Right: HMAS Canberra's (III) Commanding Officer Captain Jace Hutchison delivers a speech to Ships Company at sunset during the 80th anniversary commemorative service for HMAS Canberra

Photo LSIS Matthew Lyall



Above: HMA Ships Canberra, Warramunga and Supply sail in-company through the Pacific Ocean during a commemorative service to mark the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Savo Island.



Left: As seen in the top photo, HMA Ships Warramunga and Supply to port of HMAS Canberra during a service to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Savo Island and the loss of HMAS Canberra (I).

Photo LSIS Matthew Lyall

HMAS Canberra (I) Memorial Services



Above: (L to R) Captain Ashley Papp, CSC, RAN, Director Maritime Combat Support and Amphibious Capability; Rear Admiral Chris Smith, CSM, RAN, Deputy Chief of Navy; Mr Des Jones the last survivor of HMAS Canberra (I) and Commodore Raymond Leggett, AM, CSC, RAN, Chief of Staff Navy Headquarters at the memorial service held at the HMAS Canberra Memorial, Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra. Both Smith and Papp have commanded HMAS Canberra (III)



Below: HMAS Harman's Catafalque Party and Midshipmen from ADFA,

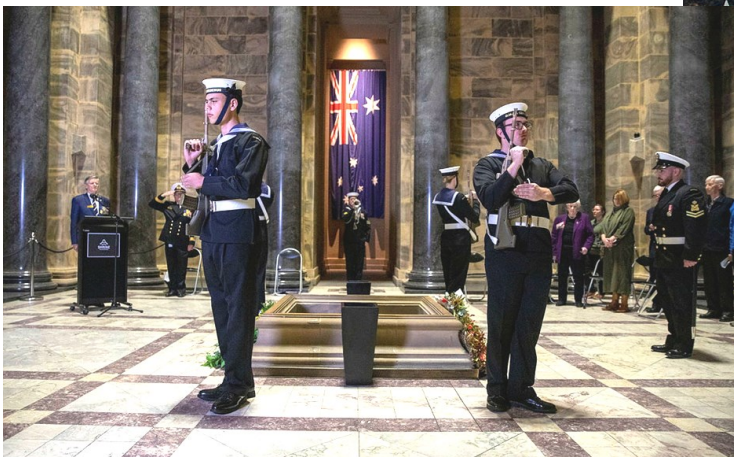
(L to R) Able Seaman (AB) Emily Thomas, AB Angela Laing, Midshipman (MIDN) Harrison Wetherall, Petty Officer Benjamin Hale, MIDN Mia Findlay, AB Zachary Kidson and Seaman Connor Dayman at the memorial service held at the HMAS Canberra Memorial, Lake Burley Griffin, Canberra to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the sinking of HMAS Canberra (I)

Photos from the ADF Website

Right: (l-r) Mr Des Jones and Chris Johnson after completion of the 80th anniversary of the loss of HMAS Canberra (I), held at the north end of Garden Island, Sydney.



Below: HMAS Cerberus Catafalque Party presents arms as the Last Post is sounded during the HMAS Canberra (I) Commemorative Service held at the Shrine of Remembrance, Victoria.



Vale

John James (JJ) Harrison OAM

NAA Life Member and Meritorious Service Medal

10 May 1929—22 August 2022

New therapy to treat PTSD for veterans

17 August 2022

The Assistant Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Thistlethwaite today launched a new world-first therapy to treat post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The Department of Veterans' Affairs, in partnership with the Department of Defence and Phoenix Australia, has developed this innovative new method, which is an accelerated and effective treatment that is now being offered to help improve the lives of veterans and Defence members through Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling.

It is a sad reality that veterans experience symptoms of PTSD at higher rates than the broader Australian community. For many years now, prolonged exposure (PE) therapy has been one of the best ways to treat PTSD and improve quality of life for veterans. This PE is a form of cognitive behaviour therapy. It teaches patients how to approach trauma-related memories in a safe and controlled way. It is human nature to avoid things that remind us of past trauma. But doing so can reinforce feelings of fear. By facing what has been avoided a patient can decrease symptoms of PTSD. This is PE's objective.

The Rapid Exposure Supporting Trauma Recovery (RESTORE) trial investigated a new method of delivering PTSD treatment through an intensive

form of exposure therapy delivered within a two-week period, instead of the usual 10.

The results show this new method of treatment to be equally as effective as standard treatment while potentially offering additional lifestyle benefits. Over half of the participants in the trial lost their diagnosis of PTSD. Participants were also 4 times less likely to drop out of the condensed version of the therapy than the standard model.

The 10 week duration of PE therapy can be difficult for current and ex-serving Australian Defence Force personnel to commit to, especially if they are transitioning from the military or seeking employment.

RESTORE is about offering veterans a choice. Both forms of treatment, the standard and condensed, are now available for serving and ex-serving Defence personnel through Open Arms – Veterans & Families Counselling. Veterans can feel empowered to choose a therapy that best suits their circumstances.

To find out more, contact Open Arms on 1800 011 046 or visit www.openarms.gov.au.

Full details about the RESTORE trial, including associated findings, are published in the [Psychological Medicine Journal](#)

Release of Royal Commission Interim Report

11 August 2022

The Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide released its Interim Report on 11 August 2022. It provides a number of recommendations to help prevent those who have served in the Australian Defence Force from taking their own life.

The Royal Commission continues to examine past deaths by suicide, including suspected and attempted suicides, from a systemic perspective. So far, hearings have been held in Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Townsville, and Hobart

The Interim Report has highlighted several key issues on which DVA must reflect and act. These include the simplification of DVA's legislation, bolstering staffing and resources to reduce the claims backlog, improving the transition process for those leaving the ADF, and increasing availability and

access information and services. Submissions will remain open until 13 October 2023, with the final report expected in mid-2024. A brief on the Interim Report is on pages 7 and 8.

The Royal Commission is independent of Government, including the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, DVA, and the Department of Defence.

You can find a copy of the Interim Report on the [Royal Commission's website](#).

Making a submission

The [Royal Commission's website](#) outlines information about the process for the Royal Commission and how to make a submission or contact the Commissioners.

Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide

Summary of Interim Report

On 11 August 2022, the Royal Commissioners engaged by the Australian Government to Inquire into Defence and Veteran Suicide handed their Interim Report to the Governor General. The report was released to the public the same day and can be found in full on the Royal Commission's website www.defenceveteransuicide.royalcommission.gov.au

As of 31 July 2022 the Commission had received 1,912 submissions from individuals and organisations. In addition, it conducted private hearings, public hearings, video or telephone conferencing, its own research, round table discussions, departmental background briefings and written submissions.

A final report is to be handed to government by June 2024, but the Royal Commission will be accepting written submissions up until 13 October 2023.

The Royal Commission noted that service in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) was included for the first time in the 2021 Census. The response from the census indicated that 84,865 were still serving and 496,276 had previously served in the ADF.

The Royal Commission at the outset acknowledged the importance of families of current and former veterans of the ADF and the impact that service in the ADF has on families, especially children. One submission submitted by the daughter of a former ADF member told about the heavy drinking and smoking by her father and the adverse impact it had on the family.

Another important part of the Royal Commission's inquiries was to take evidence from people with 'lived experiences' of ADF service and DVA. The Royal Commission saw this as very important as it is distinct from some government reports in that it reflected what veterans and their families had experienced or continued to experience.

The Royal Commission made 13 recommendations. An interesting inclusion in the recommendations is that in funding the recommendations, resources should not be taken from current DVA programs. In other words, there should be no robbing Peter to pay Paul. The Royal Commission also provides recommended timelines by which recommendations should be implemented. The recommendations include:

- Harmonisation of the three Acts covering veterans and their entitlements. The harmonisation to be completed by December 2023 and presented to parliament no later than early 2024. The Royal Commission suggested legislative reform could be:
 - One consolidated Act with MRCA subsuming the VEA and DRCA. The Commission agreed one consolidated Act would do little to improve the current situation.

- MRCA predominates but DRCA and VEA continue to exist for existing claims
- MRCA as the only Act
- Eliminate DVAs backlog of claims by 31 March 2024, then regularly monitor DVA to prevent further backlogs. The current backlog is 329 days which is described by DVA as being the median time for MRCA despite a government commitment to resolve MRCA in 90 days, VEA claims backlog is at 391 days. DVA said it currently has 62,396 claims yet to be determined.
- By 31 March 2023 and at least twice yearly DVA provide government about future funding needs.
- Remove the DVA average staffing level (ASL). The current employment cap means that 33% of people working at DVA were labour hire staff. DVA told the Commission that the cost of a labour hire member was 14/1% more expensive than an APS member
- Increase protections for persons engaging with the Commission. Providing information to the Royal Commission by government claiming parliamentary privilege or national security has hampered information gathering. The Royal Commission cited as one example, the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) report on cultural reform in Defence. The Royal Commission pointed out that although the report is contained on the ANAO website, under parliamentary privilege, they are not able to question Defence staff about the report.

The Royal Commission made it clear it is considering and will continue to consider a range of issues not mentioned in its Interim Report but could be raised in the Final Report. It argues that as it received new evidence or information, its thinking will continue to develop.

The Royal Commission identified 1,273 deaths by suicide among current and serving members of the ADF between 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2019. This number is broken down to 211 who are serving and 1,062 who were former members of the ADF. However, the numbers who died by suicide prior to 2001 are not captured. In addition, there are no figures for family members who have taken their own life.

The Royal Commission acknowledged that the rates of suicide are alarming and noted that they are higher amongst those who no longer serve full time in the ADF. Information supplied to the Royal Commission indicates for every person who dies by suicide, 135 people are directly or indirectly impacted.

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Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide

Summary of Interim Report

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- Using these figures and based on the 1,275 known suicide deaths by ADF and former ADF members, between January 2001 and December 2019, this means 172,000 people are affected by the suicides. There are no figures for those who attempt suicide or have suicidal ideations.

The Royal Commission will continue its inquiries with overseas research visits to the UK, Canada, NZ and the USA.

Although service in the ADF was criticised by some witnesses, not all comments were negative. Some submissions commented favourably on the mateship experienced, the feeling of pride experienced by belonging to the ADF and the gaining of life skills. The positive aspects of ADF service could be a two edged sword. Although it engenders a sense of comradeship and belonging whilst in service, some of those who leave, find this kinship is missing and hard particularly mentally when trying to re-establish life away from the ADF. This loss of belonging or mateship has been cited by some veterans as contributing to their mental health issues. The leaving is especially hard on those who are discharged against their will, for example, medical discharges.

Some submissions related experiences of physical and mental abuse, bastardisation, bullying, rituals, discrimination, cover ups of illegal behaviour and lack of support by senior leadership. Some submissions related to inadequate medical or psychological care when a member fell ill. The Royal Commission noted that despite adverse publicity and reports in the past, on the subject of bullying etc., it still remained a problem within the ADF.

As was to be expected, some veterans were especially critical of DVA policies and practices, their entitlements, veterans' legislation and treatment by DVA staff. Other veterans said they did not know what their entitlements were. In some cases, veterans said DVA staff did not know what entitlements individuals were entitled to receive. Some submissions indicated the heavy psychological toll placed on ex-ADF personnel and their families in dealing with DVA. One ex-ADF member said he found the claims process 'so frustrating, prolonged and biased that it is not worth the stress and aggravation'.

Another observed, 'If I need an advocate to prepare my submission, then DVA has completely failed in its mission'.

The Royal Commission also quoted international and Australian research indicating that relationship breakdowns, especially among 18 to 34-year-old males, increased the risk of suicide.

A former Minister for Veterans' Affairs told the Royal Commission his office had received clear directions from the Prime Minister's office that no major initiatives were to be undertaken while the Commission was sitting. The Commission commented euphemistically, they were '...disappointed that the Australian Government of the day may have used this Royal Commission as a reason not to progress reform urgently. This Royal Commission is not an acceptable reason to continue to delay legislative reform until after that date.'

Another excuse cited by both government and DVA for delays in reform was a lack of 'a single voice' among veterans as being a barrier to reform. The Royal Commission did not accept this as a valid excuse to delay reform.

The Royal Commission also recommended the service differential be removed when prescribing the level of care, support and compensation provided to veterans. This was supported by the CDF, General Angus Campbell. The contemporary view was an injury was an injury whether it occurred in Australia or in a war zone.

The Commission repeatedly heard complaints about the time taken from when a claim is lodged to when a final decision is made. Some submissions said these delays and the associated uncertainty cause undue stress and anxiety. The delays and the lack of information from DVA has led some veterans to lose faith in the process. One submission said delegates often put hurdles in the way to ensure a claim is rejected.

The father of a veteran described how his son, a veteran, lodged a claim in October 2018, for medical and psychological conditions, but it was not until 16 June 2021, 18 months after the veteran committed suicide that DVA sent a letter accepting the claimed conditions.

Allan Joyce

19 August 2022

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HMAS *Stirling* marks 44 years of service

10 August 2022

Navy's biggest base celebrated a birthday milestone recently as HMAS *Stirling* marked 44 years of service to the nation.

The base, located 4km offshore from Rockingham on Garden Island, Western Australia, was commissioned in 1978 and named in honour of Captain James Stirling who established the Swan River Colony in 1827.

Commanding Officer *Stirling* Captain Gary Lawton said before the arrival of Captain Stirling, Garden Island played a significant role in the lives of First Nation people.

"This island was known as Meandip by the Whadjuk people, the traditional owners of the land, and played an important cultural part in their day-to-day lives," Captain Lawton said.

The Commonwealth purchased the island in 1913 and in 1966 began planning for a naval establishment to be built there.

"The base has certainly changed a lot over the past 44 years with plenty more buildings, personnel, ships and, of course, almost the entire submarine force."

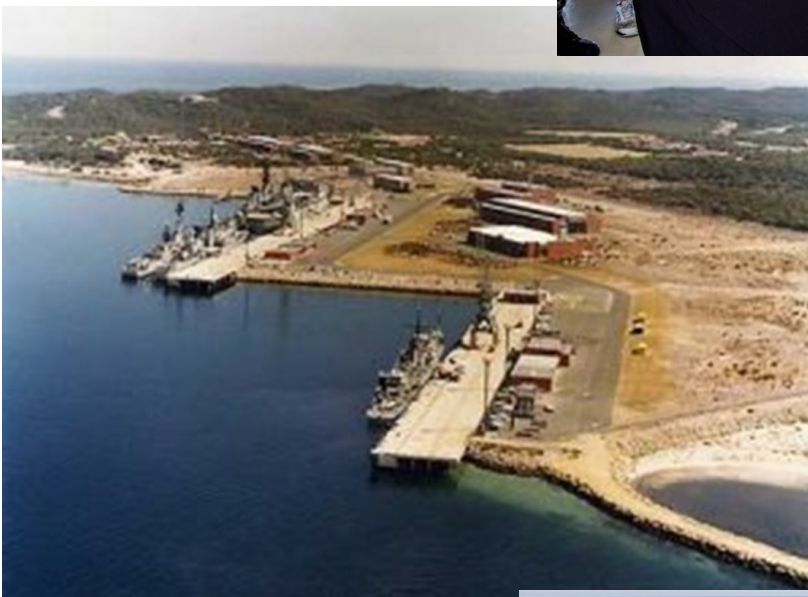
Garden Island is included on the Commonwealth Cultural List for its natural values.

By Lieutenant Gary McHugh



Above: Commanding Officer HMAS Stirling Captain Gary Lawton cuts HMAS Stirling's birthday cake with the base's youngest member Seaman Amity Coyer.

Photo: Lieutenant Gary McHugh



Left: HMAS Stirling on commissioning 28 July 1978. HMA Ships Stalwart, Perth, Vendetta and Derwent were berthed at the main wharf and HMAS Diamantina (I) at the smaller wharf.

Below: HMAS Stirling 44 years later. The wharf at the top of the picture is named after HMAS Diamantina (I).

Photos: Defence

In 1973, a 4.3km causeway linking the island to the mainland was completed and work began on *Stirling*, which was subsequently commissioned five years later..

Chief Petty Officer Physical Training Instructor Tim Ayling was present at the commissioning ceremony and is still a serving member today.

"In the early days, there were only a handful of buildings and a bus would come around and collect us to take us for lunch at the Junior Sailors Mess because the distances between buildings was so vast," Chief Petty Officer Ayling said.



**Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting
held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 4 August 2022**

Meeting started at 1330

Ode. The Odes were recited by David Manolas.

Present: 13 members as per the attendance book.

Apologies: A. Masters, J. Small, M. Hardwick, JJ Harrison, R. Kendall, B. Joce, G. McNamara.

Birthday wishes. The President extended best wishes to those celebrating a birthday in July and August.

Minutes of the Last Meeting. The minutes of the general meeting on 2 June 2022 appeared in the July 2022 edition of the Bosun's Call.

The President informed the meeting that the minutes of the June 2022 National Council Meeting of the NAA in Adelaide had not yet been published. He did however give a general overview of the success of the meeting.

It was considered that there were no further items of business outstanding from the 2 June 2022 meeting.

Motion: The minutes of the General Meeting held on 2 June 2022 be accepted.

Moved: Darren Rush. Seconded: Peter Cooke Russell. Carried.

Reports.

President. The President said that he had information in regard to the HMAS Canberra Memorial Service but would hold over that information until later in the meeting.

Vice President. The Vice President reported that no naval Last Post ceremonies were programmed to be held before October 2022 when two have been programmed for that month. He said that he will give details of those ceremonies at the next meeting.

He advised the meeting that the Kindred Organisations Committee (KOC) has been revamped. Both the President and himself went to the first meeting but there was nothing to report. The next meeting is due to be held on 11 August 2022.

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 fees for the month totalling \$304.00 and outgoing amounts totalling \$148.99, 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. Raymond Horne has applied for

membership of the association. Peter Cooke-Russell proposed that the application be accepted and Alex McGown seconded the proposal.

Carried.

Welfare. The Welfare Officer reported that JJ Harrison was still recovering from the injury he suffered to his leg.

Social. It was moved by Alex McGown and seconded by Kate Reid-Smith that Joe Slaats be elected to the position of Social Events Co-ordinator. **Carried.**

Motion: The reports be received.

Moved: Darren Rush. Seconded: Kate Reid-Smith. Carried.

General Business:

1. HMAS Canberra Memorial Service:

The President reported that the HMAS Canberra/HMAS Shropshire Association of Sydney are holding a memorial service at Garden Island, Sydney on 7 August 2022. Guests invited to the service in Sydney include Mr Des Jones, who at the age of 99 years is the last living member of HMAS Canberra I and 97 year old Mr Lionel Mead, who served in HMAS Shropshire when the ship replaced HMAS Canberra I. Both have also been invited to attend the HMAS Canberra Memorial Service in Canberra on 9 August 2022.

CDRE Ray Leggatt RAN, the current Chief of Staff, Navy Headquarters and former CO of HMAS Canberra II, is the Patron of the HMAS Canberra/HMAS Shropshire Association of Sydney and will also attend the service in Canberra. CMDR Ash Papp RAN, a former CO of HMAS Canberra III, will also attend on 9 August 2022, together with about 20 crew members.

Mrs Vicki Coates, the naming and commissioning lady for HMAS Canberra III has also been invited to attend. Mrs Coates is the widow of RADM Nigel Coates a former CO of HMAS Canberra II. The current CO of HMAS Canberra III has sent his apologies, due to operational requirements, but has asked that Mrs Coates represent him and his ship's company at the Canberra Service.

The Deputy Chief of Navy RADM Smith RAN, a former CO of HMAS Canberra II and III, will represent the Chief of Navy at the Canberra Service. CN will be attending a memorial service in Guadal Canal.

2. Honorary Membership:

Motion: Honorary Membership of the Naval Association of Australia (ACT Section) be offered to VADM Hammond for the term of his service as Chief of Navy.

Moved: David Manolas. Seconded: Stuart Gordon. Carried.

Motion: Honorary Membership of the Naval Association

Minutes of NAA (ACT) General Meeting held at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 4 August 2022

tion of Australia (ACT Section) be offered to Ms Caroline Kennedy for the term of her Ambassadorship of the United States of America in Australia.

Moved: David Manolas Seconded: Kate Reid-Smith. Carried.

3. WRANS Naval Women's Association (ACT):

It was agreed that the President will approach the President of the WRANS Naval Woman's Association (ACT) asking them to join us for lunch on a social level.

4. NAA National Council Meeting:

The President reported that the next NAA National Council Meeting will be held in Sydney from 21-23 November 2022.

5. Mugs

Shipmate Darren Rush passed around a coffee mug displaying the NAA crest on one face and the words: "One Navy, Always Navy" on the reverse face. The artwork on the finished mug is both microwave and dishwasher proof. He is selling the mugs for \$10 each and they can be purchased individually. The mugs can be ordered at NAA meetings. Ship's Mugs can also be ordered.



Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday 1 September 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 1420.

Dennis (Tiger) Lyons
Acting Secretary
NAA (ACT)

Notes from the Committee Meeting 4 August 2022

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

Apology: Alan Masters, John Small.

Discussion focused on the agenda items for the General Meeting, in particular the 2021 HMAS Canberra Memorial Service. It was agreed that Peter Cooke-Russell would approach the St John's Ambulance Brigade and offer them up to \$100.00 to provide First Aid if needed at the service.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be at the Eastlakes Gungahlin Club on 1 September 2022 at 1100.

Dennis (Tiger) Lyons
Acting Secretary
NAA (ACT)



Live Entertainment attractions Coming to Queanbeyan

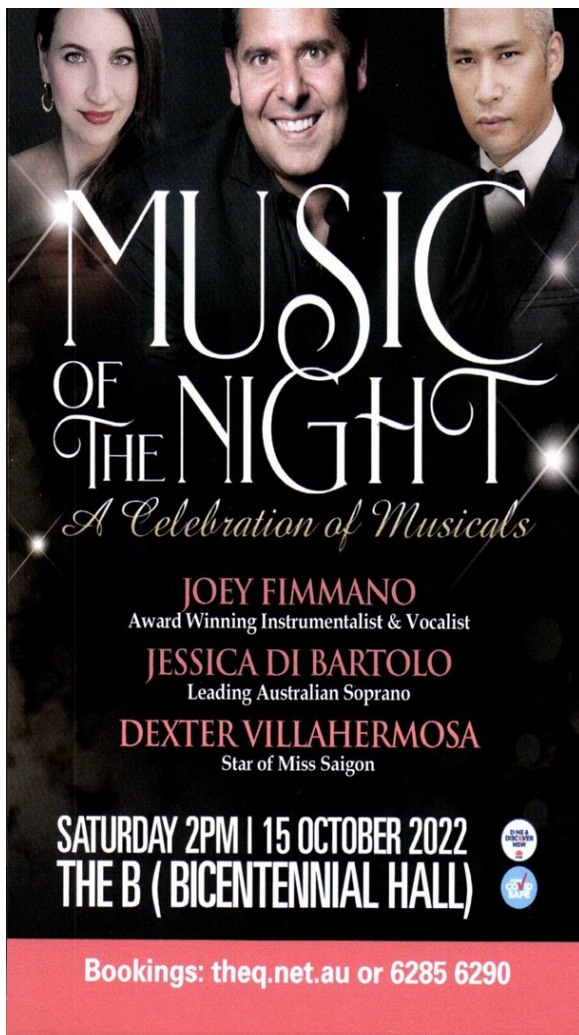
The opportunity to see Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta

HMS Pinafore

was raised in other business at the 5 May general meeting. A majority of almost all those present indicated that they were interested in attending the Q-Theatre Queanbeyan production in October. If you are interested in going to a performance on



Sunday 23 October, 2.00pm



please let me know. If there are ten or more bookings, a reduced ticket price will be available.

Price \$45

Andrew Lloyd Weber's musical

Music of the Night

will be performed on

Saturday 15 October

in the Queanbeyan Bicentennial Hall, starting at 2.00 pm. If you would like to go and get a cut rate ticket for \$63, please let me know.

Peter

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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.*
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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

1 Sep	Lunch Eastlake Club 1200
15 Sep	Coffee/Lunch Gungahlin Lakes 1100
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:

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**A Happy Birthday to you
September 2022**

Mike Hardwick

Rex Kendall

Stephen Youll

John Coombe

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