



NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Queensland Section INC

66th Section AGM & Conference

**14TH & 15 MAY 2021
KEDRON-WAVELL SERVICE CLUB
CHERMSIDE 4032**



Once Navy, Always Navy

1. CONFERENCE COMMENCED at 09:36 by State President, Ray Sandford.

“I would like to acknowledge the Turrbal people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are gathered today and pay our respects to the Elders, past, present and emerging.”

On behalf of the State Executive, I would like to extend a welcome to you all to our Sub Section Delegates, Affiliate Representatives and Observers.

- a. On behalf of you all I would like to welcome and formally recognize our official guests:
 - i. CAPT Robert “Bob” Dagworthy AM RAN R’td
 - ii. CMDR Ken Spicer RAN Executive Officer HMAS Moreton
 - iii. Shipmate David Manolas our NAA National President
 - iv. Ms. Tara Hatzismalis, DVA Deputy Commission Queensland
 - v. Mr. Kel Ryan, Alliance of Defence Service Organisations
- b. We remember, at this time, all members of the Australian Armed Forces, in particular RAN personnel currently serving at home and overseas.
- c. Also, it would be remiss of me to not remember those many Australians currently fighting the invisible enemy that is the Coronavirus and where-ever possible praise and recognize the work of our frontline services.
- d. Our special thoughts to our shipmates who are hospitalized at this time, those members of the Naval Community who have been affected by the current drought, bush fire events, virus outbreak and we remember those shipmates who have ‘crossed the bar’ since the 2020 State AGM.

This AGM reaffirms the support and assistance of the Naval Association of Australia to all serving and former members of the RAN and their families.

2. RECITAL OF THE NAVAL ODE – State Vice President Ross Wiseman AM

They have no grave but the cruel sea,
No flowers lay at their head,
A rusting hulk is their tombstone,
A’fast on the ocean bed

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn,
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Lest we forget

3. PLEDGE OF LOYALTY – State Secretary, Helen Yench

‘The sixty-sixth Annual General Meeting of the Naval Association of Australia, Queensland Section Incorporated, assembled at Kedron-Wavell Service Club and via Video Link, humbly and respectfully request Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, to accept our fervent and devoted Loyalty.’

4. Opening of the AGM – State President, Ray Sandford.

- a. OFFICIAL OPENING – 2021 NAA QUEENSLAND SECTION ANNUAL STATE AGM State President Ray Sandford asked Shipmate James O'Connor to introduce CAPT Dagworthy and for the Captain to open the AGM. Vice President Bianchi responded to the AGM opening by CAPT Dagworthy. VP Bianchi thanked CAPT Dagworthy for his interesting opening speech.
- b. Shipmate James O'Connor to introduce CMDR Ken Spicer RAN HMAS Moreton
- c. Shipmate James O'Connor to introduce Mr. Kell Ryan Alliance of Defence Service Organisations.
- d. Shipmate James O'Connor introduce Ms. Tara Hatzismalis DVA Deputy Commission Queensland
- e. Shipmate David Manolas our National President

5. Morning Tea.

6. CONFERENCE PROCEDURES – James O'Connor

- a. I would now like to draw the Delegates' attention to some procedural matters:
 - i. All motions and amendments are to be moved through the Chair. If you wish to have a matter discussed, first move the motion. Once the motion has been seconded, the matter may be addressed. This is to ensure that all delegates are aware of the matter you wish the AGM to consider.
 - ii. When you are recognized by the chair and before moving a motion, speaking for or against a motion, or asking or responding to a question on a motion, please state your Name and your Sub-section or Affiliate clearly so that your contribution may be recorded correctly in the minutes.
- b. If you have not been recognized by the Chair and wish to talk please leave the room or mute your microphone.

7. Roll Call of State Executive Members, Sub Section Delegates, Affiliates, Observers and Guests.

State A/ Secretary, Patricia Nuss.

STATE EXECUTIVE and Staff	
President	Ray Sandford
Vice President	Trever Klaehn
Vice President	Rudi Bianchi
Vice President	Ross Wiseman, AM
Vice President & Membership Registrar	Marg Dean
Secretary	Helen Yench
Treasurer	Steve Zahra
Assistant Secretary	Patricia Nuss
Assistant Treasurer	Sandy Sandford
ANC	Brian Scotney
Media Coordinator	Jayne Keogh
Facebook Coordinator	James O'Connor

SUB SECTION DELEGATES	
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Bayside	Glenn Williams, Graham Hargreaves
Bribie Island	Not in attendance
Brisbane	Not in attendance
Bundamba	Apology received
Beenleigh	John King
Capricornia	Not in attendance
Coral Coast	Not in attendance
Darling Downs	Ian Appleby – via Zoom
eFleet	James O'Connor, Ross Wiseman, AM
Fraser Coast	Danny Meredith and Sue Meehan in attendance and Peter McDermott – via Zoom
Gold Coast	Ken Heath – via Zoom
Greenbank	Tony Holliday, Henk Winkeler
Ipswich West Moreton	Phil French and Deb French
Logan & District	Not in attendance
Maroochy Waters	A F Rowsell
Pine Rivers	Pat Ringold, Gus Dundas and Ron Carroll
Redcliffe	Geoff O'Mara and Karl Seddon
Sandgate	Darby Ashton and Kevin Wilson
Stanthorpe & District	Norm Gale and Helen Gale
Sunshine Coast	George Mock
Townsville	Desley Alexander – via Zoom
Navy Women	Julie Blinkhorn and Judy Prewett

National Representative	David Manolas National President
AFFILIATES	
OBSERVERS	Bernie Franklin – Navy Women
	Jenny Rathbone – Navy Women
	Wendy and Dave Siebrecht – Pine Rivers
OFFICIAL GUESTS	
	Tara Hatzismatlis, DVA
	CAPT Robert "Bob" Dagworthy
	CMDR Ken Spicer, RAN
	Mr Kell Ryan ADSO

Confirmation by Membership Registrar: Margie Dean.

All subsection delegates confirmed as financial to 31st December 2020 or 2021?

8. APOLOGIES

Russ Adams, State Grants	Wendy Griggs, Navy Women
Gary Rankin, Bundamba	Graham Selway, Beenleigh & District
Jim Kearns, Bayside	

Motion by Assistant Secretary State, seconded by Bayside that apologies be accepted.

All in favour.

CARRIED

9. Minutes of the 65th State Conference, [as distributed] hosted by the State Executive at Pine Rivers Sub Section are attached and are tabled as read.

Motion by the State Secretary Helen Yench, seconded by Pine Rivers that the Minutes of the 65th State Conference be accepted.

All in favour.

CARRIED

10. BUSINESS ARISING from the previous minutes. Nil.

11. Lunch 12:30 - 13:15

12. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

- a. Attendance of Executive Members at State Executive Meetings.
A quorum plus, was achieved for each Executive Meeting in 2020
Due to COVID-19 and the fact that most meetings have been via Zoom this report has not been complied this year.
- b. **State President's Report**. Fully circulated prior to meeting.

I am pleased to present my report for the year ending 31 December 2020 to the AGM.

Throughout the agenda you will note highlights and achievements in what has been a challenging year. In true Navy spirit our members have accepted the COVID challenge with resilience, courage and humour.

Project Jackstay has run its course and has confirmed the course to true North: The 4 Pillars!
Care, Camaraderie, Commemoration and Cadets.

Each Pillar addressed and developed to a point of sustainability, but with work still to be done. I refer you to the reports included.

Business for the Queensland Council and State Executive activities does not simply stop with the 4 Pillars. There is also Planning, ESO engagement, National Council business and Sub-Sections engagement.

Members are the beating heart of the Association. Sub-Sections are unique, determining their own priorities and networks within their local community groups. Membership has been and still is the most concerning and pressing matter. The National Executive are reviewing the membership process. Meanwhile the QLD State Exec continue to do what they can to raise our profile.

Community engagement has been lifted significantly in 2020 by the work done by Jayne Keogh by engaging the Sunday Mail, ABC and Channel 10 and with the courage shown by Rudi Bianchi, to profile some of our little know history via our commemorative events at Jack on the last Thursday of every month. Achievable with the continuing support from HMAS MORETON (CMDR Phillipa Hay). I would encourage all Sub-Sections to develop a recruitment/retention strategy. I have spoken previously about considering serving children of members as Club members, also you may well consider kindred organisations within your community as Club members or Affiliates.

ANC have been in lockdown throughout 2020. However, we have established a robust flotilla network over the last 3 years. As ANC come out of hibernation, we are well placed to continue our support. The work done by Sub-Sections with and for TS units, goes mostly unnoticed outside their local community.

We have embraced technology, maintaining State Council Meetings and State Executive meetings via Zoom, as well as day to day activities of the Executive office. We continue to engage via telephone link with DVA Communication Forum, and feedback has been distributed to Sub-Sections.

A casualty of COVID has been at the RSL/Legacy ESO forum: we can look forward to their resumption when it is safe to do so. This forum is an integral part of the ESO communication network. As a founding member of ADSO, we remain connected at a National and State level and receive regular activity updates.

Due to restrictions, the Executive were unable to visit as many Sub-sections as we would have liked. We visited Bribie Island and had an enjoyable meeting and BBQ after, Bayside, being our home port and Sunshine Coast as well as a Greenbank dinner.

I wish to thank the hard-working Executive for their effort and courage throughout 2020. Farewell from the Executive to Ross Wiseman and Trever Klaehn who are not standing for re-election but remain an intimate part of the NAA family.

The President would like suggestions for commemorations at Jack as well as subsections volunteering to organise and run a service at Jack. These can focus on an event or person with family members or descendants invited to attend. Forward ideas to State. Monthly services at Jack have transformed the area, attracting many attendees at the services with many passers-by also stopping to join the service, especially when the Last Post is sounded. It is generally agreed these commemorations enhance the area in many positive ways.

Motion by Ray Sandford seconded by Navy Women that the State President's Report be accepted.

All in favour

CARRIED

c. State Treasurer's Report and Audit Report

Firstly, I would like to thank Sandy Sandford for her assistance though out the year, this job would be exceedingly difficult to do remotely without her assistance.

I would like to thank all our volunteers both elected and non-elected, for the hours of work they put into NAAQLD Section for without these people we would not have a Section, we don't all get it right all the time, but we try our hardest.

To all the Sub Sections who have been doing Direct Deposits and Electronic Banking thank you, for other Sub Section please investigate with your bank the possibility of doing online banking it would assist Sandy and I very much.

ANZAC Day Trust and Best Grand applications will be done over the next few weeks.
Three thousand dollars' worth of trophies have been provided by us to ANC training ships.

As per the Auditor's recommendations the information **that is reported to the State Council Meetings will be more comprehensive, these reports will** be dated at end of the month preceding Council meetings and where possible sent out with the agenda.

Current Account Balances as of 30 April 2021

Business Account \$10008.64

Society Account \$25520.69

Term Deposit \$61229.77 Maturity Date 27 July 21 @ 0.85%. (I doubt very much if we will get a similar rate in July)

Motion by Steve Zahra, that the State Treasurer's be accepted. Seconded by eFleet.

All in favour CARRIED

Motion by Steve Zahra, that the Auditor's Report be accepted. Seconded by eFleet.

All in favour. CARRIED

13. Supplementary Reports as attached to the agenda are taken to be read.

Further reports will be tabled as read with one Mover and Seconder to accept them.

a. Care Coordinator – Wellbeing Report



The graph above highlights official activity but it no way captures the wonderful support in the Navy Community by Sub-Sections for NAA QLD members and non-members alike. There has been 13 weeks of Covid lockdown with no hospital or Nursing Home visits. By converting the volunteer hours to paid health care, our contribution to the community amounts to the equivalent of \$74,900.

Additional activities undertaken:

1. 11 advocacy Referrals
2. 7 Poppy Services
3. More than 2000 R U OK telephone calls by Sub-sections.
4. Delivery of 60 RSL hospital care packages.
5. Arranged for supply and delivery of 117 WW11 medallions to ex sailors, many in Nursing Homes who were not aware of this presentation.

Through the most difficult year of lockdown and isolation the NAA-QLD has confirmed the commitment to Care and Mateship.

What cannot be measured is the smile and joy that a visit by a shipmate brings.

To the mostly unrecognised volunteers from the NAA QLD, your community thanks you.

NAA certified ATDP advocates 2020

Michael Barbeler – Bayside SS

Neil Torkington – Bayside SS

Ray Sandford – State Exec

Carol Edwards – Fraser Coast SS

Brenda Gordon – Fraser Coast SS

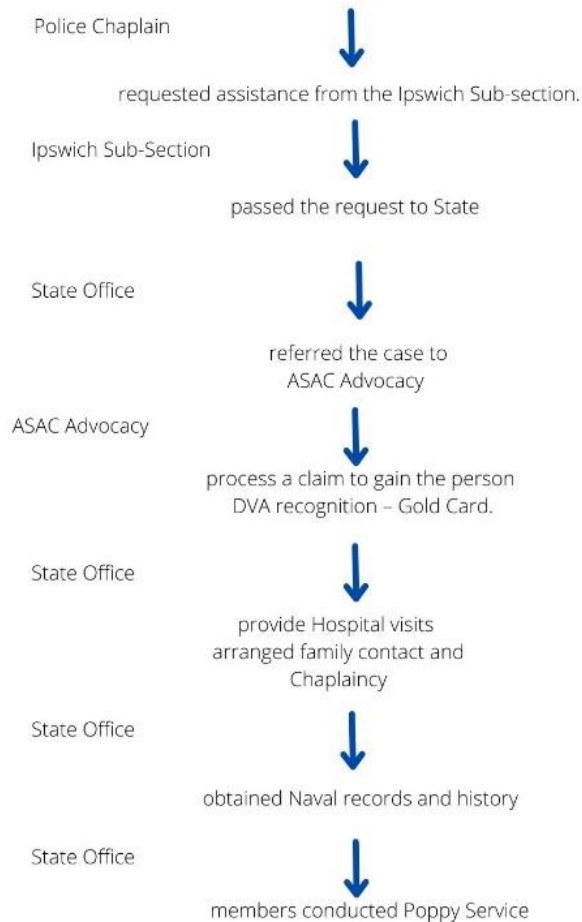
Peter McDermott – Fraser Coast SS

The Wellbeing Care visitation network, while being nimble, includes 43 contact points of members and non-members alike.

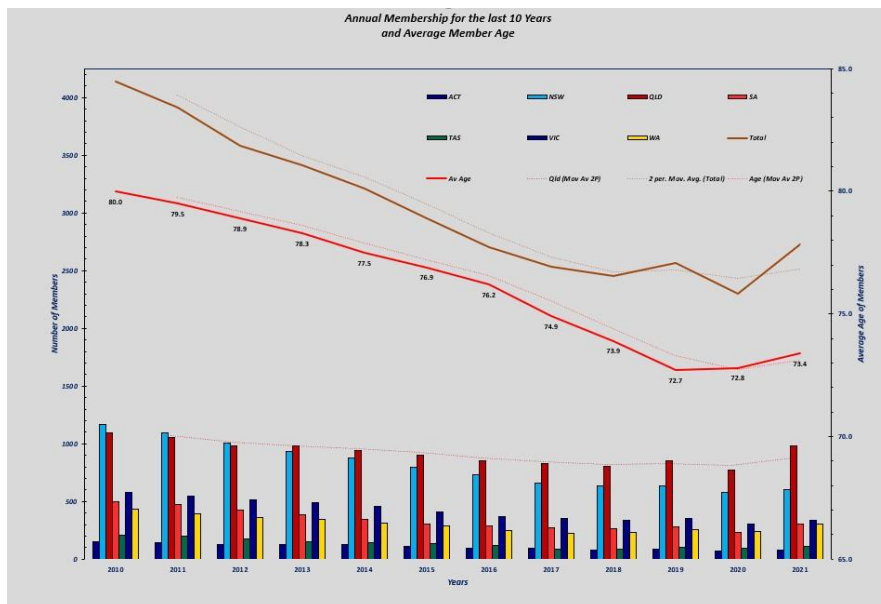
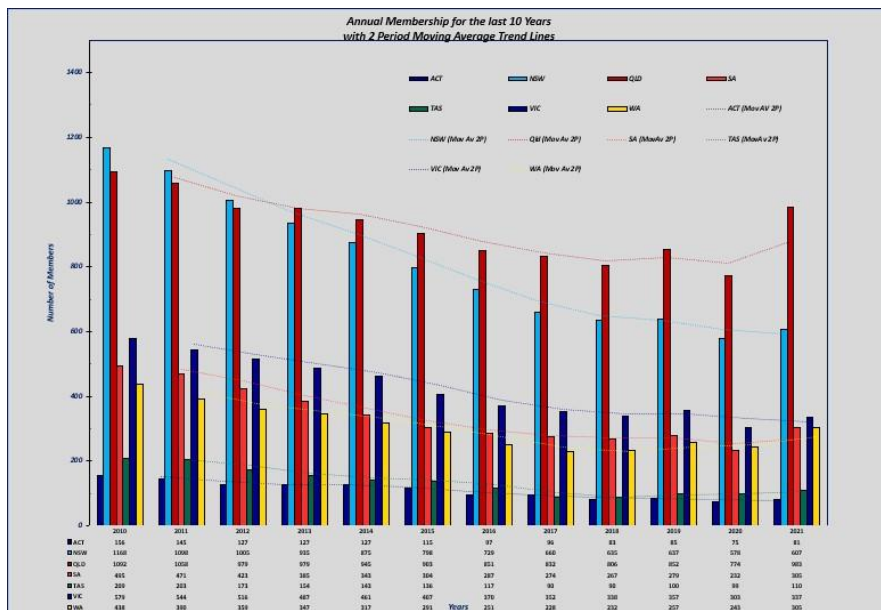
Case Study

Care Network Case Study

Situation there was an ex-sailor hospitalised with long term illness and was not known to DVA.



- b. Grants Coordinator – Ross Wiseman rwiseman@internode.co.net
- c. Commemoration Coordinator – Rudi Bianchi twintubs1@gmail.com
- d. Hospital Visitations Coordinator - John King jsking44@icloud.com. Visits last year were curtailed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Only the NAA has approval to conduct hospital visits at Greenslopes, due to John’s continued liaison with staff and regular visits to patients.
- e. Membership Registrar - Margie Dean NAAQLDMR@outlook.com. Currently we have 569 full members, with a total membership of 1,235 (full, social, club, partner) but not all paid up for 2021. Members must keep their personal details up to date. Subsections are reminded that if members are not paid up, they are not covered by PLI. It is suggested that Subsections contact non-financial members.



The Constitution and By-Laws are a bit short on information about the online system but Section 2.3.2 - Payment of Membership Fees o. (1) - (7), has a little bit about it.

Essentially when an expression is sent from the Website the Section and Sub Section selected received an email about the EOI. If there were any objections to the application after 7 days and there was proof of Naval Service was attached, then the application was unblocked, and they were given the opportunity to pay their fees online and complete their registration after being contacted by the Sub Section.

They were considered Prospective members until their applications form were completed and lodged by the Sub Section.

As this process was not working as well as it should have been, a meeting was held with members of the National Executive and it was discussed, and a decision was made that the EOI would not be unblocked after the 7 days and that the EOI would be followed up by the relevant Sub Section or Section and applicant invited to a meeting to introduce him to the members and formally complete his paperwork.

- f. Australian Navy Cadets Coordinator. - Brian Scotney qld.cadets@navalassoc.org.au
1. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all Queensland ANC Flotillas stood down from active operations in March last year with the exception of essential maintenance and administration. Since September 2020, these Flotillas have slowly resumed limited functions in compliance with National ANC Headquarters directions.
 2. Flotilla Commanders have generally suspended or reduced key Annual Awards whilst acknowledging the efforts the Cadets have made to maintain efficient operations and training commitments. It is hoped that 2021 will see a return to normal activities when Unit assessment criteria can be recommenced.
 3. The development/production of new NAA (Q) Cadet trophies and awards is continuing with a new manufacturer presently being considered.
 4. I raise the following proposal for the consideration of Queensland State Executive and Councillors:
 5. "ATTACK Flotilla (FNQ) currently supervises and actively interacts with two ANC Units in the Northern Territory, and preliminary enquiries indicate that there is no dedicated Naval aligned Association sponsoring these Units with exception of support from the RSL and community organisations. Pending further investigations and with the agreement of National ANC Headquarters and the Cadet Units themselves, I ask that NAA(Q) consider sponsoring or including these Units as part of our commitment to supporting the Australian Naval Cadets in the Northern Territory?"
 6. In concluding my report, I wish all Queensland Naval Association members a Safe and Merry Festive Season and thank you for your support during this challenging year.
- g. Media and Communications. NAA QLD Publicity Coordinator - Jayne Keogh
naagldmedia@outlook.com - jayne@jkpr.com.au – 0418882408
- h. FACEBOOK Coordinator – James O'Connor email: jamesoc@bigpond.net.au Mobile 0439570500. Members are requested to check the Section Facebook page for news and updates. Sub-sections wishing to have their stories and photo posted, please sent them to Jim directly or via State Secretary.

- i. The number of hits has increased, and we are enjoying a boost.



Pine Rivers proposed that the Supplementary Reports be taken as read as they were circulated prior to the meeting. Seconded by Maroochy Waters.

All in favour

CARRIED

14. PROJECTS –

- a. Jack’s Memorial – Plaque to Women of the Navy
- i. As reported to the State Section Council meeting the Government is still holding the funds for the State Section which was given for a Navy Women’s plaque to be attached to Jack. Unfortunately, this is not feasible, so discussions re this are ongoing.
- b. Navy Women’s Memorial – South Brisbane Memorial Park. VP Bianchi
- i. At the time of writing, we are still awaiting the release of the Southbank 30-years plan. Interpretive Signage is being considered to inform visitors of a memorial in the planning stages. A quote for the memorial comes in around \$130,000.00, not including other costs associated with the project. Navy Women would like the memorial completed in time for their National Navy Women’s Reunion September 2022, but there are several hurdles to overcome including the Southbank 30-year plan and the possibility of a successful Brisbane Olympic bid. It is acknowledged that these complicated memorials take time to plan and complete.

15. MEDALS AND AWARDS – Nil.

16. ELECTION OF QUEENSLAND STATE SECTION OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2021

The President moved that Standing Orders be suspended. Seconded by Pine Rivers.

All in favour

CARRIED

Returning Officer, Pat Ringold to take the chair.

(The returning Officer was appointed at State Council meeting November 2020)

All positions declared vacant by Returning Officer).

Statement by Membership Registrar, Margie Dean

“I hereby certify that the members listed below are financial to the 31st of December 2021”:

- a. Ray Sandford - Bayside
b. Rudi Bianchi - eFLEET

- c. Margaret Dean - Navy Women
- d. Peter McDermott -Fraser Coast
- e. Helen Yench - Navy Women
- f. Stephen Zahra - Fraser Coast

Declaration by Returning Officer.

As there is only one nomination for each position there is no requirement for an election and the nominees are appointed to the following positions.

17. Declaration of Results:

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| a. President: | Ray Sandford | Elected |
| b. Vice President | Rudi Bianchi | Elected |
| c. Vice President & Membership Registrar | Margaret Dean | Elected |
| d. Vice President | Helen Yench | Elected |
| e. Vice President | Peter McDermott | Elected |
| f. State Secretary: | VACANT | |
| g. State Treasurer: | Stephen Zahra | Elected |

The Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of Secretary from the floor. Nomination proposed was not accepted. The position is vacant.

Returning Officer, Pat Ringold confirmed the above appointments and proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Executive Committee for a job well done. Seconded by Stanthorpe & District
All in favour CARRIED

18. Other Appointments to be confirmed.

- a. Auditor: It is proposed by the Treasurer that Mr. Ian Barfoot C.P.A. of CAAS Accounting (Gold Coast) be appointed as Auditor for the 2020 Year. Seconded by Ipswich & West Moreton.

All in favour CARRIED

- b. Honorary Solicitor: It is proposed by the outgoing Secretary that Mr. Terrence Joseph O'Connor, BA, LLB, M. Def. Stud, be appointed as Honorary Solicitor to be confirmed. Seconded by Fraser Coast.

All in favour CARRIED

It is proposed by the Returning Officer that the following Appointments to be confirmed.

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| c. Honorary Naval Chaplain: | Vacant |
| d. Assistant Secretary: | Patricia Nuss |
| e. Media & Comms Coordinator: | Jayne Keogh |
| f. Facebook Coordinator: | James O'Connor |
| g. Care Coordinator: | Helen Yench/Peter McDermott |
| h. Hospital Visitations Coordinators: | John King, |
| i. ANC Liaison Coordinator: | Brian Scotney |
| j. State Office Administrator: | Sandy Sandford |

Seconded by Navy Women.

All in favour CARRIED

19. Resume Standing Orders

Motion by Greenbank, seconded by eFleet, that Standing Orders be resumed.

All in favour

CARRIED

20. Notice of Motion.

Supplementary Motions 1.

The Queensland Executive moves that the Association's **Four Pillars** be incorporated into the Constitution in Section 1.3 Objectives.

Seconded by eFleet

The proposed change is as follows.

Delete 1.3 Objectives and insert a new section as follows:

1.3 Objectives.

*1.3.1 The principal objectives of the Association are contained with **Four Pillars**:*

- a. Care (Wellbeing),*
- b. Commemoration,*
- c. Australian Navy Cadets*
- d. Camaraderie.*

*1.3.1.1 **Care (Wellbeing)** - diverse and crucial support of Navy and ex-Navy men and women.*

- a. Promote and assist activities in the wider Naval community to improve the health and wellbeing of that community.*
- b. Provide such practical and financial assistance as may be possible to:
(1) former and serving Naval personnel and their immediate families, and
(2) surviving spouses and dependent children of deceased Naval personnel who are in necessitous circumstances, whether death occurred during or subsequent to Naval service.*
- c. Encourage the social, intellectual, and general well-being plus advancement of its members.*
- d. Assist community charitable activities that contribute to the health and welfare of the ex-Service community.*

*1.3.1.2 **Commemoration** - maintaining the legacy of past service and sacrifice.*

- a. Encourage members to participate in commemorative activities that recognise the legacy of those who have served in the Navy at sea and ashore in both peace making and peace keeping capacities.*

*1.3.1.3 **Australian Navy Cadets** - Assisting youths to become better citizens through support to the ANC.*

- a. Assist and support the Australian Naval Cadet (ANC) movement.*

*1.3.1.4 **Camaraderie** - meet and socialise with like-minded Navy and ex-Navy men and women.*

- a. Unite and develop comradeship among all former and serving Naval personnel.*
- b. Provide for the entertainment of visiting Naval personnel.*

1.3.2 In order to achieve the objectives, the Association will:

- a. Assist, co-operate with and promote interest in the Royal Australian Navy.*
- b. Assist former Naval personnel to obtain employment.*

- c. *Where appropriate, purchase or lease property for the provision of clubrooms, offices or such other facility as may be considered necessary for the efficient operation of the Association and*
- d. *Print, publish and circulate such books, magazines and papers as may be considered necessary or desirable to advance the objectives of the Association.*

Reason:

Concept of the four pillars was introduced by the National Executive to Annex A the Standing Orders for Meetings via change 7 to the constitution. The pillars under pin and guide the association's objectives and efforts in providing service to the wider Naval Community. It would therefore appear that as a natural course of action that the four pillars be incorporated into the constitution's stated objectives.

This proposal would formalise the objectives into the reportable pillars and allow the overall achievement of the NAA work in the support of serving and ex-service men and women to be clearly stated.

The ten objectives promulgated within article 1.3 of the Constitution have in this proposed change have been allocated into the four pillars: Care (wellbeing), Commemoration, [Australian Navy] Cadets and Camaraderie. These four headings have already been included within Annex A and need to be addressed at each general meeting so that there is some regard for the outcome of the NAA work.

The intention of this proposal is to ensure the objectives reflects Constitutional objectives at every meeting, whether National, Section or Sub-Section into the stated pillars.

All in favour

CARRIED

Supplementary Motions 2.

Bayside Sub-Section moves at the Next State Council meeting or at the AGM that the Queensland Section moves at the Next National Council meeting to:

Motion: Confirm support for the actions of the ADSO in the matter of suicides within the ADF community.

Seconded by Maroochy Waters

Reason: Nil Provided

All in favour

CARRIED

Supplementary Motions 3.

Bayside Sub-Section moves at the Next State Council meeting or at the AGM that the Queensland Section moves at the Next National Council meeting to:

Motion: That DVA identify by service incidents of mental health and self-harm.

Seconded by Redcliffe

Reason: orally presented

All in favour

CARRIED

Supplementary Motions 4.

Bayside Sub-Section moves at the Next State Council meeting or at the AGM that the Queensland Section moves at the Next National Council meeting to:

Motion: The National Council appoints a coordinator responsible for reporting on activity and findings of the National Commissioner for Defence and Veteran Suicide Prevention and, that the coordinator is at a minimum to provide a report to each National Council meeting.

Seconded by eFleet.

Reason: orally presented

All in favour

CARRIED

Supplementary Motions 5.

Nomination of David Manolas to AWM Development Project - Veterans Advisory Group

The State Executive moves that the National President, "David Manolas" be nominated to represent the NAA as a member of the Australian War Memorial Development Project - Veterans Advisory Group and that any payments in regard to this position be donated to the NAA Welfare Fund.

Seconded by eFLEET.

All in favour

CARRIED

Reason:

The Australian War Memorial is undertaking a major development project, announced in November 2018 by the Prime Minister, the Hon. Scott Morrison MP. The project will deliver significant and necessary increases in gallery and public spaces by mid-2028.

This Development Project has the potential to provide acknowledgement of contemporary Australian service and sacrifice more effectively in conflict, peacekeeping and humanitarian and disaster relief operations. The opportunity to preserve the national significance and increase the presence of the Memorial through enhanced visitor experiences is unprecedented.

The Memorial Gallery Development team have commenced the community engagement process which will continue throughout each stage of the project. As part of the Memorial's ongoing commitment to community engagement with the establishing of five (5) Advisory Groups to assist shape the visitor and Veteran experiences for the new galleries. The Advisory Groups will represent the following communities: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, Veterans, Universal Access, Diversity and Youth. The Naval Association of Australia has been invited to provide a member of the Veterans Advisory Group.

The Memorial Management has indicated that it would greatly appreciate the Naval Association of Australia assisting the Memorial in ensuring the new galleries appropriately recognise and reflect the diverse views and needs of our visitors and Veterans. The Advisory Group will meet twice a year either in-person (only those living in the ACT) at the Australian

War Memorial or online (those not living in ACT) for up to four (4) hours. In recognition of the contribution of time and expertise, all members will be paid a sitting fee for meeting attendance. Appointments will be for a period of three (3) years, at which time your representative may then elect to continue to serve in two (2) year terms, serving a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms (up to 7 years in total).

To learn more about the Australian War Memorial's Development Project visit and read Our Continuing Story information booklet which can be found at

https://www.awm.gov.au/sites/default/files/162531/files/digital-pages-ocs-information-booklet_fa.pdf

or visit the Memorial's website at

<https://www.awm.gov.au/ourcontinuingstory>

The Memorial has indicated that it looks forward to working with the Associations successful nominee in the develop and deliver galleries that will tell the stories of a new generation of Australian servicemen and servicewomen.

21. GENERAL BUSINESS

State Executive

- a. National Web Master Glenn Williams provided a training/update session on National Website and Membership Register.
- b. Merchandise
 - i. Approval must be gained from National for the use of NAA badges/logos/emblems on polo/tee shirts/memorabilia, also where and when such badges are used.
 - ii. In the last 12 months we have pre-ordered merchandise then attempted to sell.
- c. Electronic Banking – covered in Treasurer's Report.
 - i. why are Sub-Sections still using cheques?
 - ii. Need to encourage Sub-Sections to move away from Cheques.
 - iii. State Treasurer has stated that some banks will not allow 2 signature direct transfers.
- d. Distribution of minutes and agendas upload to National website
 - i. Sub-sections are to be encouraged to upload Agenda and Minutes on to their Page within the National Website.
- e. Insurance Declaration to Incoming Committee Members and to Members at AGM. The Associations Incorporation Act, section 70 (2), requires that the "management committee must report its decision about the need for public liability insurance for the association to the association's members at this Association's annual general meeting" (as per Auditor's direction). VP Wiseman explained the importance of insurance, so we are covered for any issues that come up. NAA is covered legally. It is the duty of all Subsections to ensure all members are paid up and comply with the system and record all members in each subsection.
- f. PRESENTATION OF MEMBERSHIP SHIELDS
 - i. Presentation of Alex Nichols Shield

The Alex Nichols shield is presented to the Sub Section gaining the most new members on a percentage basis, during the preceding year.

Won by **Stanthorpe & District** subsection.

ii. Presentation of the Sunshine Coast Sub Section shield.

The Sunshine Coast Sub-Section shield is presented to the Sub Section gaining the most new members overall during the preceding year.

Won by **Bayside** Subsection.

The National President congratulated the shield winners. Well done.

22. Venue for 2022 State Conference, 13 and 14 May 2022. Stanthorpe Sub-Section has indicated that they would like to nominate to host the AGM/Conference 2022. Please note that the proposed host will also be conducting events to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Coral Sea on the same weekend.

Stanthorpe & District moved that they be approved to hold the next State AGM and Conference in Stanthorpe. Seconded by Pine Rivers.

All in favour

CARRIED

23. Sub Section Comments and Discussion:

Sub Section reports submitted by email prior to 17th April 2021.

- a. Bayside - Q54 – Have concerns around suicide and mental health.
- b. Beenleigh and District -Q65. New subsection (was Rankin). 8 members with 12 possibles. Aiming for 20 members. High number of ex RAN are members of Beenleigh RSL, but difficult to locate them. The RSL is very supportive of the subsection though.
- c. Bribie Island - Q35 –
- d. Brisbane - Q36 – In trouble and intend to close. State has been asked to hold their Charter and Bank Accounts to given them time to try to regenerate members. Many existing members have moved to other subsections.
- e. Bundamba - Q41 –
- f. Capricornia - Q57 –
- g. Coral Coast - Q56 –
- h. Darling Downs - Q39 – (See under Toowoomba/Darling Downs.)
- i. E-Fleet - Q63 – Going well and unaffected by COVID.
- j. Fraser Coast - Q66 – congratulations to Peter McDermott being nominated at VP State.
- k. Gold Coast - Q51 – very quiet as meetings were cancelled due to COVID and also meeting venue problems. 2021 office bearers same as 2020.
- l. Greenbank - Q55 – Recovering from COVID having lost members. Around 30 financial members with possibility of new members soon.
- m. Ipswich & West Moreton - Q42 - Nil.
- n. Logan & District - Q43 –
- o. Maroochy Waters – Q62. Still in discussion with Sunshine Coast regarding amalgamation.
- p. Navy Women (WRANS-RAN) Qld - Q53 – Report submitted. National Navy Women’s Reunion being held in Brisbane in October 2022.
- q. Pine Rivers - Q48 – All OK. They have a member who has notched up 54 years – is there anything to give him via Honours and Awards? State will look into this.

- r. Redcliffe - Q49 – All OK. Substantial new memberships. Discussion regarding cadets and their inclusion in official events which involved the RAN Band. It has been mentioned that the cadets have not always been seen in correct/complete uniforms when appearing in public at ceremonies. State will discuss with CPO Cannard of HMAS MORETON, but it is thought he has little to do with training cadets. ANC liaison, Brian Scotney should be included in discussions too. The 35 cadets prepared to support the Ceremonial Sunset tonight are very disappointed they can't parade. Issue ongoing.
- s. Sandgate - Q50 – All OK. Lost 4 members, found 4 and have 3 in hospital. Mentioned a National memorial to Chaplains in Toowong Cemetery.
- t. Stanthorpe - Q64 – Two new applications for membership, one from a currently servicing WO posting from Darwin. They raised \$2,000.00 selling Navy memorabilia. They may be able to help with names and contact details of prospective members for an NT subsection.
- u. Sunshine Coast - Q52 – Moving towards combining with Maroochy Waters subsection.
- v. Toowoomba/Darling Downs – Issues re venue for meetings. They now have regular meetings and working to raise profile and increase membership.
- w. Townsville & District - Q46 – Nil.

24. Closing remarks by State President

Jim O'Connor and wife Joan are off Grey Nomading and are wished an enjoyable safe holiday. The President thanked Jim for all his work especially in the electronic area in State Office and at State Conferences to ensure everything runs well. Jim has all the accolades NAA can offer, but State thanks him whole-heartedly for all his help.

Richard McMillan is representing NAA at QMM to assist with the rescue of the museum. We don't want to lose all the Naval artifacts or Naval History.

David Marsden has agreed to be the QLD representative at the NAA Rules Committee.

John Cowan has been nominated to the Veteran's Review Board in QLD. Also, to be on the Anzac Day Trust Committee.

Paul Trangmar has volunteered to assist.

CMDR Phillipa Hay has joined Navy Women's subsection.

Glen Green and Chris Smith with us on their care and wellbeing of golden oldies

Bob Dagworthy supports Jack and NAA will attend subsection meetings.

Lou Rego - update to State & suicide & transitions.

State works hard in the background to ensure QLD State continues to function.

The President thanked National President, David Manolas for attending.

We must fill the secretary position. It is not essential to continue the Section but is important to the running of State Office. Data entry/general computer skills are essential. Subsections are asked to canvas their members for nominations for the position.

Steaming ahead and looking astern.

25. Annual State Conference closed at 1415 and the next Annual General Meeting will be held in 2022 on 13 and 14 May in Stanthorpe.

Signed

State President

State Secretary

Ray Sandford

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