

**C’tee Meeting 15 June 2012**

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1. **Location**

The monthly meeting of the HMAS CANBERRA HMAS SHROPSHIRE Association WA Division was held at the NAA Sub Section, 64 High St (cnr Pakenham/High Sts), Fremantle, WA.

Dave Shine opened the meeting at 1100 and welcomed all attendees.

1. **Apologies**
2. The following personnel were **unable to attend** the meeting:

Ray Graham ­ - on patrol

Teresa Blackman

John Scarfe

Bill Kynaston

Lee Webster – overseas work (due back 25th June)

**Jack Gallagher - Belated happy birthday for 2 May** (WW11 seems so far ago Jack)!

1. **‘Vale” – Lest We Forget**

No new reports

1. **M.I.D (Members In Distress)**

No new reports

Nick Payne (Navigation Officer) FFG 02 – Hospitalised – reported last May

John Spready– Mine Host NAA Sub Section, Fremantle. – discharged mid May. Seen 15 June in good spirits and at work.

* 3. **Attendance**
* The following personnel attended the Meeting:
  1. David Shine
  2. Wade Green
  3. Al Daish
  4. Ernie Rudland
  5. Wayne faulkner
  6. Damian Lamont
  7. Greg Brumby
  8. Barry Chalk
* 4. **Financial Status (monies in/monies out/balances).**
* Membership balance $1330

Other income $ 500

Total $1830

$100 to be donated to ‘Ride to Conquer Cancer - Oct 2013’ Charity in Assoc. name. Assoc. representative will be Lee Webster on this 200km ride

* 5. **Meeting Agenda**

1. **Minutes from previous meeting**

Accepted: Wade Green

Seconded: Greg Brumby

1. **Membership update**

28 fully financial members on the books as at 15 June

* 1. A hearty Welcome to:

Eric Radford

* 1. Damian Lamont
  2. Barry Chalk

1. **The following personnel have been recorded by the Treasurer as being full financial members**

Tom Gangin

* 1. Barry Dann
  2. Paul Bowan
  3. Robert Hann

1. **The following personnel have previously indicated interest. Associated paperwork has been re-sent to them**

Justin Grey (paperwork and fee forthcoming)

Brett Wolski

Dave Thomas

Cameron Vievers

Ed Tait

The Pres. will talk personally to these people to assist them in process.

1. **The following personnel have submitted paperwork however it is incomplete and cannot be processed until full detail is known. Associated paperwork has been re-sent out**

023 Don Yates

Trevor Smart

Pat Gillian

1. **Carry over of business from previous meetings – No change since previous meeting**
   * + - 1. Members card
         2. Insurance for personnel on premises / Assoc’n business
         3. 2014 reunion and LHD 02 commissioning – hold over till Pres. returns to Aust.
2. **New Business**
3. **DVA meeting at St Georges Tce .**

Pres & Sec met with DDVA WA and Snr Advocate

**See attached notes**

1. **August Memorial service** – Draft letters for support and application and a Checklist were submitted to the Committee. As there was no negative response, the finals will be sent to the authorities later this month

Support services

Bugler (date penciled in by Band Master)

Bunting tossers,

Catafalque party,

SBA/Ambulance, (risk assess)

Chairs for aged, water, umbrellas, etc (self supporting)

Invitations

CO Stirling, Bugler, SBA.

RSL

DVA

USA Consular Rep

RAN Rep

USN

Order of service

As per 2012 Service

Social venue?

Tba/tbc!

1. **Constitution Rewrite** - Following plan submitted to C’m’tee. No negative feedback.

End Jun - Draft marked up by Sec (track changes in red font) and mail out.

July – submissions to Sec for insert into Draft

August – submissions closed

Sept rewrite, submit draft to C’tee

Oct proof submitted to AGM

1. **Assoc’n Annual audit.** Vicki Graham (Actnt) asked (via Ray Graham) if she would conduct the Audit? Pres emailed 7 Jun to confirm arrangement. No answer. What are her audit parameters? Waiting for an answer.

Following plan submitted to C’m’tee. No negative feedback.

Proposed programme :

Aug – stakeholders gather material and review

Sept – Submit items for audit

Oct – proof submitted to AGM.

Nov – report to Regulatory Authorities (Incorp).

1. **July – Volunteers - Sub committee required for annual dinner.**

Request C’tee to give some thought as to what we want. Commence planning Jul/Aug. Bookings (if necessary) before Xmas rush

Considerations:

Timing

Venue

Soiree name (set a tradition)

Type based on a dinner, Ladies Dine in Night or Matelots Cockers Pee or ball/dance night

Band

Caterers

Risk assess (commercial and health/safety)

1. **Future Anzac marches –** invite FFG Assoc. to march under Canberra/Shropshire Banner? Pres. has contacts**. Investigate when Pres returns from oversea.**

**C’tee welcomes this** initiative believes it would be advantageous and would swell our numbers at marches and as an assoc. **DVA** would look upon this enterprise favorably as the current direction is to amalgamate groups to provide a stronger voice**.**

1. **Invite NAA Ftle in as Associate Members?** (no voting rights)?

Same response and reasoning as above. To be sounded out with NAA over the next month.

1. It was proposed that a National Coord. be appointed to drive the consolidation of all sub sections into a singular identity. This item to be placed on next months agenda.
2. Proposed that DVA DC Letter to be posted onto the assoc. Website. This will be done this month.
3. Shropshire artifacts donated to Assoc (P Gunson) – sea bag ‘Porthole’ (ships cruise book), ‘Fire Across the Pacific’ The Australian Story of the Shropshire and a photo of the 6’ shell room and crew. Items to be catalogued.
4. V.P. (Wade Green is posted to Sydney and Adelaide for next 8 mths on naval consultancy business. He will act as on-site coord for commissioning ceremony of Canberra 3 and consultant with Sydney Sub Branch/ WA sub Branch. Wade will have a very busy period ahead of him and we wish him and his family well in his endeavours
5. Contact from Pres of Junee RSL. Member there is a WW11 veteran. Article from Junee RSL featuring Shropshire crew member residing in Junee. Offer to assist/support where possible/practicable. Article is attached. Article is emailed direct to Bill Kynaston for info and potential circulation to other WW11 vets
6. DVA requests Assoc contact email addresses to allow articles to be distributed to assoc. Members. Executive C’tee addressees will be emailed to DVA to allow Exec C’tee to receive items hot off the press and to choose how best to disseminate the information to the Members and affiliated groups.
7. Updated Schedule of Events tendered at meeting and c’tee advised that it was emailed out to all on 7Jun13
8. DVA rep delivered an info session to the C’tee. DVA operates on a 3 Pillar Principle:
9. Condition of illness/problem
10. Condition attributable to Military Service
11. Evidence of condition and military service

DVA Advocates must be cognizant with relevant Act relating to the time the Member was in the Service. i.e. VEA, SRCA, MRCA.

DVA Rep advised that Members should visit the Dept’s website and explore. In particular there are two sections that may have particular importance to the Member. They are;

1. Self Entitlement Tool, and
2. My Account

The Self Entitlement Tool allows a member to insert his details and the tool will assist the member to progress down the correct path for making and assessing a claim.

My Account is an internet gate way to a range of services DVA offers, giving you choice, control and convenience. It allows youb top manage your information (My Details), helps you with transport directions and arrangements/entitlements, provides a downloading forum for all DVA forms and publications. Every 6 months this forum will be updated with new initiatives

DVA rep also advised any person who had a niggly or serious problem/doubt/condition to get in touch with the **Vietnam Veterans Counselling Service** at Leeuwin Barracks (HMAS Leeuwin) and they will assist/advise the member to which path he/she should tread. This advice applies to all current serving members and veterans. **It is not exclusive to Vietnam veterans**. **Their ph # is 1800 011 046**

Alternativel, the Assoc/NAA Ftle DVA Advocate is;

<jeffwake@westnet.com.au>

**It is never too early or too late to call them and have a doubt or problem sorted**

1. DVA will repeat this session to the C’tee and interested NAA Ftle personnel at the next C’tee Meeting. The assoc. will send an email to the NAA advising and inviting them to this session
2. DVA advised that a DVA Expo will be carried out at the Mandurah RSL at 0930 on 25June.
3. **The next association meeting** is scheduled for

**20 July 2013**

at the NAA Sub Section, 64 High St (cnr Pakenham/High Sts), Fremantle, WA.

1. **Meeting closed** at

**1220**

