

# HMAS CANBERRA HMAS SHROPSHIRE Association WA Division

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### Minutes of Committee Meeting conducted 1100 on 18 May 13

1. **Location**

The monthly meeting of the HMAS CANBERRA HMAS SHROPSHIRE Association WA Division was held at NAA Sub Section, High St, Fremantle, WA.

1. **Special Note - C’tee Meeting for 16Apr13.**

C’tee Meeting for 16Apr13 did not proceed due to a low attendance. General discussions was held without minutes taken. Those who attended were;

Greg Brumby

Don Yates

Jason Gordon

Lee Webster

Wayne Faulkner

The President holds a list of apologies

1. **Committee Meeting - 18 May 13 opened: 1100**

16 Mar 2013 Committee Meeting minutes accepted by Wade Green and seconded by Wayne Faulkner

1. **Attendees**

Dave Shine

Tom Gangin

Wayne Faulkner

Barry Dann

Wade Green

Greg Brumby

Lee Webster

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

Ray Graham

Peter Reed

Jason linford

Grant Pilgrim

Teresa Blackman

Alistair Daish

Bill Kynaston

Jack Gallagher

Ernie Rudland

It is recognized that many members work as FIFO, overseas, interstate. The

Stalwarts’ (WW11) also take into account the change of season where cold and damp conditions put them at risk.

1. **‘Vale” – Lest We Forget**

Michael ‘Dixie’ Lee 23 March 2013. (St Vincents Sydney – Cardiomyopathy) Ashes to be scattered over FFG 02 by RAN

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

Nick Payne (Navigation Officer) FFG 02 – Hospitalised

John Spready – (ex HMAS D’tina) – Mine Host NAA Sub Section, Fremantle. F’tle Cardio ward

* **6. Meeting Agenda**
* **General Business**

Membership update

24 Financial Members

1 Social Member

7 welcome packages were sent out on 22 May to members who have recently deposited members fees

A further 6 membership applications are out there, the Assn is waiting for returns. The President will speak to these personnel to ascertain their status.

4 other persons have sent in their applications from interstate. These personnel with their agreement have been redirected to Q’ld and NSW/Vic. Sub Divs, being closer to their place of residence.

* Financial Status (monies in/monies out/balances).

Balance $1750

Expenses

$5.24 – FFG 02 banner

Expenses incurred for set up costs $?.?? ($670? personal loan to Assn from Member # 004). This loan is currently outstanding

1. Intention to repay Member # 004 up to $800 after 01Jul13. It was further recommended by a member that the sum should be paid back in its entirety if possible prior to the next AGM (Oct 2013). The Committee endorsed this plan as noted in the march 2013 C’tee Minutes.

Intention to donate $100 to charity ‘Ride to Conquer Cancer Representatives from the assoc. will be taking part in the 200km bike ride in Oct 2013..

* **LHD 02 Commissioning Ceremony**

HMAS CANBERRA-HMAS SHROPSHIRE Association 2014 and FFG 02 Reunion

**Commissioning Ceremony**

The President met with LHD03 Officers in April with the view of informing them of the Association plans and to encourage them to set up a planning committee. He gave a brief on the status of the vessels festivity planning for the big occasion.

The Navy Events Cell will be liaising with the Association for the Commissioning Ceremony, numbers of personnel that will be able to attend the Commissioning has not yet been determined.

A tentative prestigious date has been put forward but will not be released to the public until CNS has ratified the date and the federal Govt .is in agree-ance. This is expected soon (budget and election issues?).

To date, the survey conducted in April committed 90 ex FFG 02 crew to attending the ceremony and the re-union.

Another 60 ex-crew have indicated they will also be attending, circumstances permitting.

**Anyone who has not already registered interest in attending the commissioning, now is the time to flick an email to Lee Webster** [**president@hmascanberra-shropshire.asn.au**](mailto:president@hmascanberra-hmasshropshire.asn.au)**. or miss the opportunity**.

The president has a list of names for the above numbers. Navy is pleasantly surprised at the level of interest shown by all sub sections

*An unknown number from the WW11 veterans from all sub sections will also attend. They should have pride of place . it is important that we get numbers/names to ensure front seating, shade, shelter , water, refreshments and escorts to be provided for them*

Partners and friends of the above personnel are also expected to attend.

**2014 Reunion**

This is currently being planned. It will be held on the weekend of the Commissioning of HMAS CANBERRA 3 in Sydney, NSW.

The Reunion is open to all members of the Ships Company of HMAS CANBERRA 1-2-3, HMAS SHROPSHIRE, members of HMAS CANBERRA-HMAS SHROPSHIRE Association and guests.

Registration for the Reunion is on the Association Website

<http://www.hmascanberrashropshire.asn.au/news/2014Reunion.html>

**Tentative Program**

Fri: Commissioning Ceremony HMAS CANBERRA 3

Sat: Association Function (Reunion)

Sun: Memorial Service - HMAS CANBERRA- HMAS SHROPSHIRE

Sun: Farewell Lunch

* **Other sub section news**

The Queensland sub-section (Andrew Black - driving force in Qld) is operational and is growing. It is a fully Incorporated Association. They marched on Anzac Day under their own banner.

The ACT sub-section (Brian ‘Box’ Brennan - driving force in ACT) is up and running.

A **Merchandising Officer** has been appointed in the ACT and Q’ld Sub Divisions and Jason Gordon has kindly offered his time as the MO for our WA Sub Div. These three MO’S will work to standardize some items and also provide state recognised items. Any ideas or help, please make them to: [**jlgordon@bigpond.net.au**](mailto:jlgordon@bigpond.net.au)

* **ANZAC Day Perth and Fremantle**

**Dawn Service**

The Association was well represented at the Fremantle Monument . The public turn out was apparently in record numbers ( As was Kings Park and other centres such as Black Boy Hill Sunset Service on ANZAC Eve). At Fremantle, attendees had to park 20 mins away from the monument and had r\to shoulder their way into the crowd.

The gunfire breakfast at NAA Fremantle Club was well worth the effort of attending.

**Anzac Parade**

Again, the Association was well represented with 40 marching. **Several WW11 vets put in a big effort to march and to their credit, they reached the finish line. Bravo Zulu to them!. Next year, the association must have more consideration to their well being to ensure they receive full satisfaction**.

People in need of assistance to attend are welcomed. Arrangements can be made if the ASSN is informed early.

On completion of the march, the members broke off to family and shipmate groups to carry on with the days festivities**.**

Members from other associations that had expired also asked to march with us and were happily accepted in to the ranks.

**FFG02 Banner**

The new FFG 02 banner arrived on the day before the march and was unfurled for its first official duty. It took second place as superumary to the original Canberra-Shropshire banner. **Bravo Zulu to all involved in the organization of the banner. You should be chuffed**!

* **Schedule of Events**

The calendar for 2013 has been updated with arising administrative detail e.g. annual Audit, Constitution Amendment submission date, WW11 vets birthday. it will be sent out again in the near future

* **DVA Grant**

The President and the Treasurer attended a meeting with DVA senior executives to outline the status of the Association and to ascertain criteria for future assistance (physical and monetary). The verbal report was very positive and details have been lodged with Pres and Trsr for future planning. DVA will assist with Assoc’n running expenses, the LHD 02 and reunion expenses but will not cover alcohol and possibly food. The emphasis is on material assistance and subjects encompassing Veterans wellbeing e.g. cost of hall hire, tables and chairs, band, etc.

Members are reminded that DVA support is available for many different reasons that cannot be summarized here. Many of these reasons are very personal. The Commonwealth and the ADF do not seek out the ex-serviceman/woman or the serving member for resolution to problems or assistance.

Each individual must make the initial approach,. The NAA and the RSL have dedicated DVA Advocates who will assist and do battle for you. But **you must make the first move.** **You must contact the Advocate and ask for a meeting**.

**Your advocate at the Navy Club in Fremantle is;**

**Jeff Wake**

**Ph. or fax: 9336 3752**

Email: [**jeffwake@westnet.com.au**](mailto:jeffwake@westnet.com.au)

* **Ride To Conquer Cancer**

Lee Webster has raised to date, $1830. This is a 200km pushbike ride that will occur in October this year. To be able to ride, a person must raise $2500. Anyone who has a spare $ , please contact Lee and make your offer

**7. New Business**

* **Artefacts and memorabilia**

A workshop day will be held at the Presidents residence, hopefully in this period before the next C’tee meeting (15June). The intention is to catalogue all memorabilia items held in trust for the Assoc. at Lee’s home

A viewing cabinet has been obtained by the Assoc. Curator. This will be located in the Fremantle NAA Clubroom and will be stocked with memorabilia

A 3 Draw filing cabinet to store Assn. material in has been found. Lee Webster will make arrangements to deliver it to the Navy Club.

* **DVA Support**.

**The President and the Secretary will meet with DVA again on the 24th May to bring the Department up to speed with the status of all Sub Divisions of the Association. DVA is being very pro-active and very interested in the demographics of the Assoc. as our members are aged between 32 through to 98 and is an Assoc. that is expanding when many other Assoc’ns are shrinking. Also many other Assoc’ns deal with Vietnam War era or earlier conflicts. There are few that have membership that served from Cambodia to the present conflicts.**

* **Magazine Articles**

**White Ensign Magazine Issue #74 (2013)**

The magazine printed an article on page 4 titled ‘A Future For Choules’. The article made reference to HMAS Canberra (FFG02) running aground in American waters, creating a delivery delay to Australia. This is incorrect. The Canberra did not ground at any time in the USA. The article should have made reference to HMAS Adelaide which suffered significant damage, a long delivery delay and several court martials. The Association has written a letter asking for a retraction/correction and the White Ensign has responded with an apology and will print a correction in the next edition. This letter was written to correct a myth before it became fact over time.

**NAA Journal White Ensign (Summer Edition 0412)**

The magazine printed an article on page 3 contains an expose on the Canberra/Shropshire Association reactivation in WA, Q’ld, and ACT. This article further raises our visibility in the Veterans and the Defence Communities eyes Australia wide and overseas.

* **Pocket holder for medals**.

Example shown to C’tee. It provides a Perspex sleeve which allows the medal bar to attach to it a sleeve can be inserted into jacket breast pocket. This means your suit over the years does not get a mass of holes in it and it also means your medals are lined up horizontally at a uniform height. The address for the holder is available to the Association for procurement.

* **Annual dinner.**

A sub committee will need to be picked soon to organize the inaugural Annual Dinner. A suitable name should be chosen, perhaps along the lines of an action the Canberra or Shropshire was in. A guest speaker should also be considered along with a venue, menu, entertainment, etc.

* **1983 NWIO deployment**

The President is putting up a case to Defence – Honours and Awards to have the deployment recognized as an Operational deployment and have the OSM/ASM awarded to the crew. This deployment involved anti piracy patrols and combat aircraft control in a warlike, hazardous area. Anyone who has detail on this deployment is urged to contact the Prtesident [President@hmascanberra-shropshire.asn.au](mailto:President@hmascanberra-shropshire.asn.au)

* **Insurance**

The Naval Association of Australia (Ray Pettis) offers the Sub Division insurance to cover members while on Assoc’n business or being entertained at Sub Div sanctioned or organized activities. The President is investigating the applicability for our members. It appears to be the way to go with a small cost, however more detail is required to make an informed decision

* **Membership Forms**

All incoming membership forms should be passed onto the Secretary [secretary@hmascanberra-shropshire.asn.au](mailto:secretary@hmascanberra-shropshire.asn.au) to register the person details before forwarding onto the Treasurer and President.

1. The **next Association Committee Meeting** is scheduled for **15 Jun 2013**
2. There being no further business arising**, Meeting closed** at 1243

Yours Aye,

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Lee Webster

President

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