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HMAS CANBERRA SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION (WA) Inc



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HMAS CANBERRA HMAS SHROPSHIRE Association WA Division

Minutes of Committee Meeting conducted on Saturday 20 October 2012.

1. The monthly meeting of the HMAS CANBERRA HMAS SHROPSHIRE Association WA Division was held at the Fremantle Navy Club, High St, Fremantle.

2. Apologies were accepted for the following personnel were unable to attend the meeting:
 - Peter Reid
 - Wayne Faulkener
 - John Scarfe
 - Theresa Blackman
 - Mark Bohle
 - Bill Kynaston
 - Donovan Yates
 - Jason Gordon
 - Gary Bussenden
 - Mike Smith

3. The following personnel attended the Meeting:
 - Lee Webster
 - Wade Green
 - Greg Brumby
 - Dave Shine
 - Ernie Rutland
 - Tony Robinson
 - Alistair Daish

4. The Meeting Agenda
 - Minutes from previous meeting
 - Brief status of Incorporation of Association in WA
 - Membership Process
 - Financial Status
 - Affiliation with NAA
 - New Business
 - Meeting Closed 12:10

5. Lee Webster opened the meeting at 11:05 and welcomed all attendees. A review of the previous minutes was held and the minutes were accepted by the members present.
6. A brief on the current status of the of the incorporation process for the WA Branch was provided outlining that the WA State Government approval has been granted and a certificate had been received. As a result of incorporation being granted Lee has now applied for an Association ABN and is waiting on advice that it has been established. Once the ABN has been granted the association can commence financial operations and make a request for funding from Veterans Affairs.
7. Mark Bohle submitted his resignation from the association committee position of Membership Coordinator citing personal commitments preclude him from performing his duties effectively.
8. Lee Webster discussed the status of membership and provided a copy of the 'Application for Membership' form. All members present filled out copies of the form to confirm their membership and a number of people paid their annual membership subscription. A total of \$350.00 has now been collected in membership fees. Greg Brumby indicated that he was aware of a number of ex-HMAS Canberra 2 sailors that were interested in joining the association and he would follow up with them.
9. Lee Webster discussed the intention to become affiliated with the Naval Association of Australia (NAA). Following on from a meeting with the NAA National President it has been decided that affiliation with the NAA should be established. Affiliation with the NAA provides access to a range of member services including insurance for social events held by our association.

New Business

10. HMAS CANBERRA 1 survivor Ernie Rutland was presented with Honorary Lifetime membership by the committee. Ernie was honoured to accept his membership and expressed his gratitude to all present. Ernie presented the Association with some historical artefacts he had collected during a visit to Guadalcanal. The artefacts consisted of some Shrapnel, a Grenade Pin and a Bullet collected from the Guadalcanal battle sites of WW2. These artefacts were handed to the Navy Club staff who intend to have them mounted and displayed within the club.

11. Al Daish informed the Committee that he had a contact that may be able to assist in producing a Banner for the HMAS CANBERRA 2, he will investigate and report back to the Committee.

12. The next association meeting is scheduled for 1100 on the 10 Nov 12

13. Meeting was closed at 12:10

Lee Webster

President

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