



HMAS CANBERRA - HMAS SHROPSHIRE Association WA Division Inc



INAUGRAL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
23 NOVEMBER 2013



Minutes – Annual General Meeting 23 Nov 2013

1. Location

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

A Big Thanks is extended to the management and staff of of the NAA and the Navy Club for their help in the setup of our organization and the provision of a convenient and centralized HQ

The meeting was opened at 1100 (chaired by outgoing Pres) and members present were welcomed and the Ode was recited by Wayne Falkner.

All Offices held up to that moment were declared open to nominations

2. Members

There are 31 financial members, 6 more are expected to be announced shortly and a further 3 with incomplete paperwork that it is also hoped to have finalized in the near future

Attendance	Apologies – unable to attend	Welcome to New Members
Peter Reed	Bill Kynaston	Barry Chalk – June 2013
Ernie Rudland	Ryan Edmonds	Damian Lamont – June 2013
Wade Green	Grant Pilgrim	Eric Radford – June 2013
Ray Graham	Teresa Blackman	Justin Grey – July 2013
Mark Bohle	John Scarfe	John Scarfe – Sep 2013
Donovan Yates	Jack Gallagher	Ellen Shine – Nov 2013
Jason Gordon	Ellen Shine	Carol Webster – Nov 2013
Allister Daish	Damien Lamont	Phillip MacDonald – Nov 2013
Tony Robinson	Eric Radford	Ryan Edmonds – Nov 2013
Barry Chalk	Alan Thompson	Awaiting for Membership application paper work and bank confirmation formalities
Wayne Faulkner		Sally-Anne Plewis
Tom Gangin		Tristian Kelly
Dave Shine		Gavin Dawe
Lee Webster		Jason Lindford
Greg Brumby		Andrew Fitzgerald

New Members, your welcome package will be sent to you asap now that we have an amended constitution and the administration formalities are complete

Vale 2012-2013



Lenny Bills



Bill Salter



Donny Tallon



Michael Lee



Peter Arnoldt



Greg Earle

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HMAS CANBERRA (1)
HMAS SHROPSHIRE
HMAS CANBERRA (2)
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“Two Ships, One Crew”



Members of the Assoc'n mourn the passing of the above valued veterans,
Our sincere condolences to family and friends.
Fair seas and a clear sky.
Lest We Forget

3. Financial

Many forms of donations have been given over the past 12 months such as electronic support, administrative support, Govt fee support, a banner, business cards, and wreaths to mention a few. These items were necessary for the Assoc. to be set up as an Incorporated entity. The Association thanks these members for their assistance, especially the members who anonymously donated cash. Bravo Zulu!

The Association has received a donation from HMAS CANBERRA (1) survivor and NSW Division member Mr George Falkner of \$400 for the coming year. The Secretary will ensure a letter of heartfelt thanks is posted to that person.

The Associations Financial Status for the past financial year was audited by Ms. Vicki Graham and was found acceptable; The Statement below was tabled by the Treasurer to the Members. Proposed as accepted by Donovan Yates, seconded by Tom Gangin.

HMAS CANBERRA/HMAS SHROPSHIRE Bank Reconciliation Statement		For the 12 month period to 30 June 2013		
	BALANCE Brought Forward 1 JULY 2012		\$0.00	
	Add: INCOME (donation \$500)	\$1,880.00		
	Deduct: EXPENDITURE (Donation to Ride to Conquer Cancer 2013)	-\$100.00		
	SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)		\$1,780.00	
		BALANCE PER CASHBOOK		\$1,780.00
	BALANCE PER BANK STATEMENT 6 of 6		\$1,630.00	
	Plus: Deposits not shown	\$0.00		
	Cash at hand not banked	\$150.00		
			\$0.00	
		BALANCE PER BANK STATEMENT		\$1,780.00

Side note. Lee Webster representing the Association raised \$4400 as a donation to Ride to Conquer Cancer 2013. The challenge was to ride 250km on a pushbike over 2

days. Several thousand riders took part. raised – „BZ“ Lee Webster

4. Meeting Agenda

AGM Outline - HMAS CANBERRA- HMAS SHROPSHIRE WA - 23 Nov 2013

The Objective of this AGM is to communicate to the Members the achievements and the challenges of the Association since its re-birth on 1st April 2012 and to provide a path for the way ahead during the coming year.

As this is the Inaugural AGM, There are no previous Minutes to present. The past General Meeting Minutes had been communicated electronically to all members

The past 18 months. Points to ponder:

4.1 Successes

- a. Four very effective reunions over the years outside the existing Association parameters, planned then by some of the now current C^{tee} members and Association members and carried through to a successful outcome
 - I. 25th Anniversary Reunion onboard C2 – HMAS STIRLING WA
 - II. Decommissioning Ceremony and Reunion C2, tours, parties and subsequent ships ball – Fremantle and HMAS STIRLING WA
 - III. Scuttling Reunion C2 – Geelong Vic.
 - IV. 30th Anniversary Reunion C2 – Maroochydore Qld
 - V. >>>>>>?

It is acknowledge that these events were prior to the re-birth of the Association

- b. Assoc. Inception or rebirth date – 01 April 2012
- c. Website established, social media communications established
- d. Draft Constitution drawn up and inaugural Office Bearers voted in
- e. Attendance to C3 Naming Ceremony
- f. Advanced planning for attending the Commissioning C3 is in place
- g. Association received „Incorporated“ status
- h. The Treasurer established an Association Bank Account
- i. President and Secretary updated to a central register any lists of members and contact details (eg. Reunions, ANZAC Marches, Memorial attendance, persons indicating interest, crew lists, etc).
- j. Objectives of the Association set – Constitution section 3.0
- k. Any administrative instrument issued under the Association Common Seal must be authorized by the following signatories;

- I. Executive detail eg. Constitutional amendments – 2 signatures required – President/Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer
 - II. Financial detail eg. Bank withdrawals – 3 signatures required - President/Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary.
- l. Drop box folders established containing master lists for Executive C^{tee} administrative actions
 - m. Memorabilia Curator appointed
 - n. Ipads & laptops– install „Simple Mind“ to map project head liners and items
 - o. Oct 2012 - Initial Constitution approved by State Govt. Assoc. proforma established, eg. Objectives, Membership application, Welcome Package, letterheads, Assoc. crests, logos, motto"s, report lay outs, funeral notices, flag ceremonies, Assoc. business cards, approved „Thank You letters, Memorabilia records, etc.
 - p. Welcome Package containing the Ode, Constitution, Assn objectives, Schedule of Events, blank Application Form for Membership, blank C^{tee} Agenda form, banking details and Anzac day details emailed/mailed out to all members
 - q. Three WW11 members made Lifetime Members in honour of their service to the Country and to early duties to the Assoc. and appointed as Special Advisers, WW11
 - r. Established good relations with C3 (LHD02) Command to further the Association objectives and plans
 - s. ACT Sub Div tentatively formed
 - t. Qld Sub Div reformed
 - u. Pres visits NSW Division
 - v. New C2 banner arrives in time for ANZAC Day
 - w. Ride To Conquer Cancer raises \$4400. Assoc. represented
 - x. Constitution reviewed and members input for amendments incorporated. Copy to be sent to State Govt for blessings. Key amendments to the Constitution are;
 - I. Table of Office Bearers and their duties to reflect current and future demands of Assoc.
 - II. Definition of Executive and General Committee Office Bearers
 - III. Closing loop hole on „confidentiality of members details“
 - IV. Membership application path defined
 - V. Voting rights defined
 - VI. Electronic voting methodology established

- y. Annual schedule of events drawn up and followed. Key events for past 18 months were;
 - I. Attendance to 2 DVA meetings in Perth to establish relations and the „Jay of the land ahead“ with key figures
 - II. Attendance to 4 DVA workshops to report back to the members potential DVA assistance for those in need and also to learn what is available to members
 - III. 2 DVA presentations delivered to members at 2 General Meetings
 - IV. 2 successful Anzac Day Parades planned and carried through
 - V. 2 successful C1 (and by Extension – SHROPSHIRE) Memorial Services planned and carried through
 - VI. AGM (+ and – communicated)
- z. Financial review by non Association Auditor carried out – good result - \$1780 in bank account for F/Y 12-13 (see statement)
- aa. A variety of donations had been received to defray costs thereby preserving the kitty
- bb. Draft Charter for the Assoc. Sub Divs to form into a National Body drawn up
- cc. Bill Kynaston attends Vic Sub Div AGM and represents WA
- dd. 17 General Meetings planned for 18 month period. 13 carried out. (3 no quorum, 1 cancelled due to conflict of interest on same weekend)
- ee. Vice President Wade Green resigned on 23 Nov 2013. Wade was an inaugural member of the re-birthed Assoc and was invaluable in getting the association running smoothly. Wade’s employment has taken him to the Eastern States for the majority of the past year making it difficult for him to participate in meetings. Despite the hardship, Wade contributed electronically and was instrumental in establishing good relations with CANBERRA 3 crew and assisting Lee with good public relations to various groups in the East. Wade remains an active member of the Association. BZ Wade and thanks.
- ff. Vice President position filled by Peter Reed as of 23 Nov 2013
- gg. Currently Financial Membership WA stands at 31



4.2 Challenges (items planned but not carried through)

- a. Ten Golden Rules for C'tee electronic administrative communications to be put in place eg. Communicating with Gov't authorities and/or other associations
- b. A quarterly newsletter to be produced and sent out to members. Consideration to be given to forwarding this letter to the White Ensign for inclusion and raising of public awareness of the existence of the association.
- c. A two part essay be composed and sent to the White Ensign detailing;
 - I. History of the English shire of SHROPSHIRE and its relation to the named Cruiser, the RAN WW11 requirement to be attached to the RN Pacific Fleet, Malayan Emergency, Indon. Confrontation and FESR/China Fleet duties,
 - II. History of the District of CANBERRA and Australia's Capital City, link to CANBERRA 1 and existence of the USS CANBERRA and the honour bestowed on Australia by that vessels name, link in C2 and C3.
- d. Letter with objectives of the Association to be raised and sent out to all known ex and serving personnel who were crew on the 3-4 ships asap to raise awareness that a healthy Association exists, and is seeking membership to remain a vibrant and helpful association.
- e. Apply for \$ support from Veteran Affairs. Ideas from members to justify the request?
- f. Association Honour Board. To include early history of Assoc. Assistance? Old records?
- g. Membership Coord. resigned from C'tee. No volunteers! (This position filled by Al Daish as of 23Nov2013)
- h. General Activities Officer and Publicity Officer Committee positions were never filled. No volunteers! (these two positions have been combined and filled by Tony Robinson as of 23Nov2013)
- i. Invite NAA Ftle in as Associate Members? (no voting rights)?
- j. Cannot get a C3 commissioning date from CNS
- k. Inaugural Annual Dinner had to be cancelled due to unavailability of personnel (workforce requirements – FIFO) and high cost (\$2100 in kitty, dinner approx. \$4000)
- l. Recruiting drive. Many members make a strong Assoc.
- m. NAA insurance. The Naval Assoc offers a very competitive 3rd party insurance cover that will provide members cover while on Assoc duties or at Associated functions and memorials, etc.

Benefits:

- I. The Affiliated Organisation has the opportunity to send a representative to National Council Meetings, as an observer. This means the representatives get to meet with the National governing body of the NAA, allowing opportunities to gain and provide feedback on issues relevant to the affiliated body.
- II. Additionally, for a fee of \$17.00 per person, the affiliate individual members can receive 4 quarterly copies of the Australian Warship magazine, incorporating the White Ensign Magazine, which is posted to their homes on a yearly basis
- III. The most significant benefit to a small organization is the opportunity to access Public Liability Insurance (PLI) coverage at a fraction of the cost which would normally apply to a small group PLI premium.

Cost:

- I. NAA Affiliation Fee \$100 (Assocⁿ. cost, not members)
 - II. PLI coverage \$2.00 per member
 - III. As the Association engages in fund raising events, Family days etc PLI may be required
- n. Three general meetings did not occur as a quorum could not be achieved and 1 was cancelled due to conflicting events. (17 meetings were planned over 18 months)
- o. Methods to raise our cash reserves; eg.
- a. Community and business grants/support
 - b. DVA/RSL/NAA support
 - c. Sale of Assoc. shirts, pins, medal holders and the like
 - d. Sausage sizzle
 - e. Raffles
 - f. Attendance at other bazaar or community events

5. Amended Constitution

Outline.

The Constitution is the corner stone of the Assoc. The Assoc. has a diverse demographic. It has serving Members in the Govt. (Police, Customs) and armed forces. Many Members are active in the civil workforce in FIFO situations (overseas, offshore or remote localities) or as shift workers still watch keeping. Others are retirees, some are WW11 veterans. This makes communication and attendance to functions and meetings difficult.

The original Constitution was given to the association to use as a template. It was designed for a much bigger State wide organization. It was not „user friendly“ for our assoc. However it served its purpose and the Assocⁿ. became Incorporated

Two issues stood out that made the smooth running of our Association difficult.

- a. The nature and demographics of our membership. The majority of our members are still active members of the workforce A large number of our working members are in Fly In – Fly Out (FIFO) situations and a quorum at the Monthly General Meetings is difficult to achieve

- b. The current constitution (rev 4) is not „user friendly“. Our membership numbers are small and the Constitution is designed for a large membership. FIFO makes it difficult for members to be able to regularly attend meetings and participate in discussion and voting

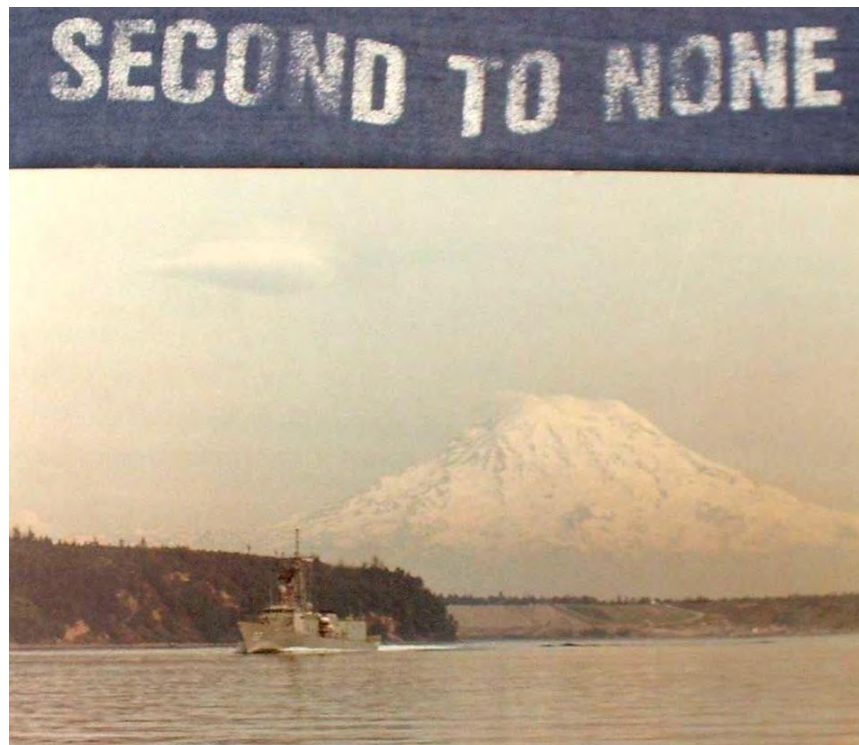
The Constitution has been amended and has been presented to the Members on several occasions, both electronically and in hard form at General Meetings. Members were asked to contribute and several additional amendments were incorporated. The Constitutional position of „Immediate Past President“ has not been filled as there has not been an IPP for this Sub Div.

Other administrative amendments were made. They were;

- a. Definitions and Office Bearer roles – now more explanatory
- b. Administrative channels and direction – More defined with flexibility
- c. Confidentiality – new section controlling personnel records and Assoc. business
- d. Quorum – percentile/numbers altered from an oversized organization perspective to a smaller proportion of Members to assist decision making
- e. Electronic voting – a procedure set up for unavoidable absentees to still participate in voting

All amendments were colour outlined and Members were consulted again.

There being no objections, the amended Constitution was tabled, proposed as accepted by Wade Green, seconded by Peter Reed and a „show of hands“ confirmed unanimously the acceptance. It will now be placed before the WA Govt. for ratification. **This amended copy will be known as Rev. 5a. Dated 23 Nov 2013**



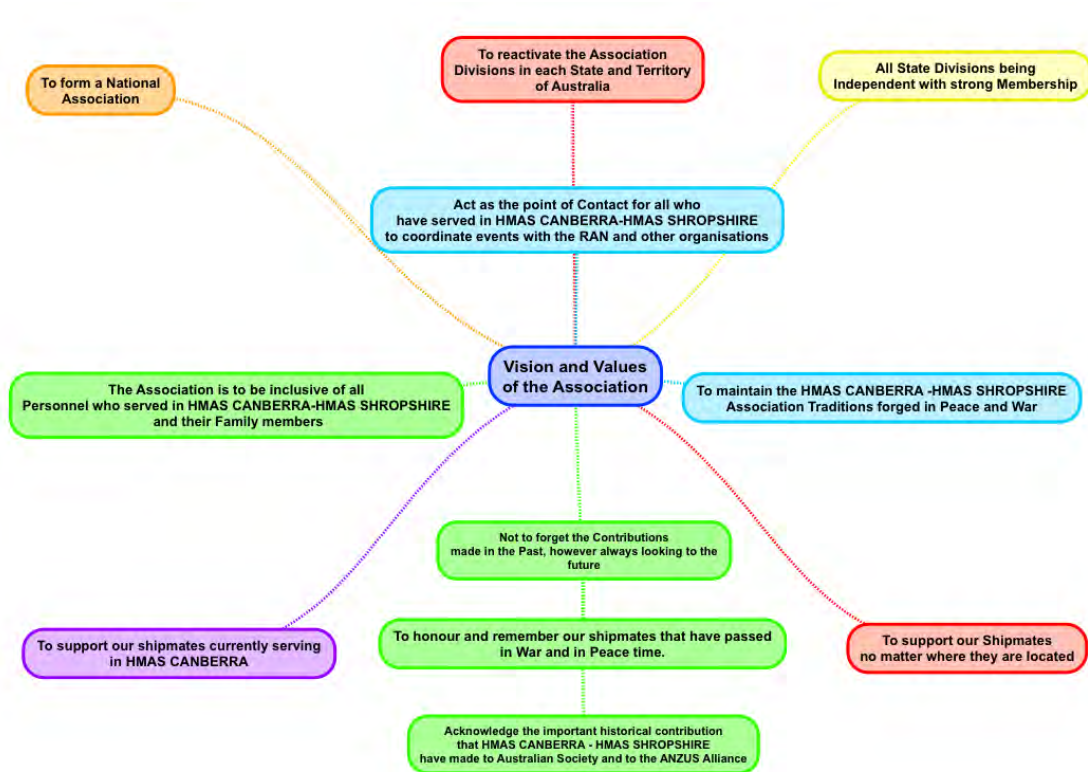
6. Committee Elections

A ballot was held at the meeting for all Executive and General Committee positions from 23rd November 2013 to 25th October 2014 and the result is as follows:

General and Executive Committee					
#	Office	Position	Nominee for 2014	Seconder	Members vote result
1	President	Executive & General	Lee Webster (re-stood)	Not required	show of hands-unanimous
2	Vice president	Executive & General	Peter Reed	Tony Robinson	show of hands-unanimous
3	Secretary	Executive & General	David Shine (re-stood)	Not required	show of hands-unanimous
4	Treasurer	Executive & General	Greg Brumby (re-stood)	Not required	show of hands-unanimous
5	Membership Officer	General	Al Daish	Barry Chalk	show of hands-unanimous
6	General Activities Officer & Public Relations Officer	General	Tony Robinson	Ernie Rudland	show of hands-unanimous
	Special Positions appointed by C'tee				
a		Memorabilia Curator	Wayne Faulkner	Incumbent	Appointed
b		Merchandising Officer	Jason Gordon	Incumbent	Appointed
c		Special Advisor WW11	Ernie Rudland	Incumbent	Appointed
d		Special Advisor WW11	Bill Kynaston	Incumbent	Appointed
e		Special Advisor WW11	Jack Gallagher	Incumbent	Appointed

Welcome and congratulations to the above Members. The trust embodied into your hands by the Members shows that the Association is operating as expected by the Members

6. Assoc. Vision and Values for 2014



7. Other Business

7.1 National Body

Future direction – National Body with a national newspaper.

To proceed with becoming a national body after the commissioning of C3. It will require preparation around the following subjects to ensure that we can get maximum benefit and participation nation wide.

- Feasibility
- Membership support
- Methodology
- Initiation

The following is a summary of the discussion held on the subject

Draft Charter

Intention: CANBERRA-SHROPSHIRE Assoc. to operate as a National Body

Objective: To provide *one strong national voice* when required to meet the Assoc. Objectives (items 1-5 below)

- a. To bring together those men and women who served in a ship bearing the

- name HMAS CANBERRA or HMAS SHROPSHIRE.
- b. To welcome and encourage participation in the Association by those men and women of the Royal Australian Navy who serve in any future ships bearing the name HMAS CANBERRA or HMAS SHROPSHIRE.
 - c. To foster and maintain friendships formed during service in peace and times of war, and to honour the memory of shipmates lost in action or since deceased.
 - d. To welcome and extend hospitality to Officers and Sailors of any ships bearing the name HMAS CANBERRA or HMAS SHROPSHIRE
 - e. To support members where possible who are in need in dire situations.
 - f. To support the RAN publicly in its endeavours to protect and serve the Nation
 - g. to bring together in friendship, families and associates of Officers and Sailors of any ships bearing the name HMAS CANBERRA or HMAS SHROPSHIRE
 - h. To work together with other ex-service Associations to achieve a common goal in the welfare and history of the Service person and their dependents

How:

- a) Recognise that WA, Qld and ACT have vibrant Sub Divisions, that NSW and Vic Sub Divisions are approaching a moribund state and further that Tas and SA have recently become dormant.
- b) **Individual State Sub Divisions (existing and future bodies) are to retain autonomy to ensure their existence based on state issues represented by their State Membership**
- c) A National approach be taken via a National Body where common issues relating to all Sub Divisions (veterans, serving members and families) occur,
- d) **Retain and follow the existing stated Objectives and the Association Motto (*Two Ships- One Crew*)**
- e) WA Membership is opened to all who have difficulty in gaining membership in other States due to dormant or nonexistent sub Divisions i.e. NT, SA, Tas, NSW and Vic.
- f) Support and encouragement is to be provided to all States to ensure a strong Association membership voice.

Action:

Lee Webster to investigate through the “Chamber Of Commerce Guidelines on The Setting Up of an Incorporation”, the legalities and formalities of forming a National Body. A draft Charter is to be drawn up and tabled at the next Committee Meeting

Proposed – Wayne Faulkner

Seconded – Barry Chalk

Motion Carried

7.2 Fund raising

Medal Holders – Plexiglass pocket slide - David Shine

Orders have been placed for medal holders for;

Barry Chalk (paid)
Wade Green
Lee Webster
Jason Gordon

Association shirts will become available soon
Sausage sizzle to be arranged next year
Raffles to be run
Car navigation rally?

7.3 DVA latest Newsletter is on the website.

Veteran Assistance contact links is embedded at the rear of this document

It is important to realize that these services are available to you or your next of kin, especially after you pass away. Don't leave the 'loved ones' in the lurch!

7.4. Museum catalogue and storage facilities

Our Curator, Wayne Faulkner has begun cataloging material and has been investigating avenues for displaying material at the Navy Club. Anyone who would like to have record kept of their memorabilia, contact the Sec via <secretary@hmasCANBERRA-SHROPSHIRE.assn.au and I will assist you.

7.5. CANBERRA 3 Commissioning plans.

Progress report by the Pres. Still no commitment by CNS as to a time/date. CANBERRA 3 is continuing to plan ahead and it appears it will be a good weekend.

It is planned for the Assoc. to dovetail in with the ships plans. Until there is a firm date, the Assoc. cannot speculate. As no fact has arisen, it is not for the Committee add to the rumours as we then run the risk of perpetrating unfounded rumour that may cost a member money.

7.6 2014 Schedule of Events

Please note 2014 schedule of events next page.

8. Next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **25 October 2014**

Meeting Closed 1320

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DRAFT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS – 2014

Day	Date	Event	Comments
	Mar-Jun	HMAS CANBERRA 3 Commissioning and Reunion	Garden Island, Sydney – date TBA end of Jan 2014 Reunion Function TBA
Saturday	15 February	Association Meeting	Navy Club, Fremantle
Saturday	15 March	Association Meeting	Navy Club, Fremantle
Saturday	April TBA	Association Fund Raising	Bunnings, Port Kennedy
Saturday	19 April	Association Meeting	Navy Club, Fremantle
Friday	25 April	ANZAC DAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn Service, Monument Hill, Fremantle • March, Perth • Navy Club, Fremantle
Saturday	17 May	Association Meeting	Navy Club, Fremantle
Saturday	21 June	Association Meeting	Navy Club, Fremantle
Friday	27 June	Restaurant Night	Location TBA
Saturday	19 July	Association Meeting	Navy Club, Fremantle
Saturday	09 August	HMAS CANBERRA 1 Memorial Service	Kings Park Cenotaph, Perth
Saturday	16 August	Association Meeting	Navy Club, Fremantle
Sunday	September - TBA	Family Day	Venue TBA
Saturday	20 September	Association Meeting	Navy Club, Fremantle
Saturday	18-19 October	Ride to Conquer Cancer	Perth
Saturday	25 October	Annual General Meeting	Navy Club, Fremantle
Tuesday	11 November	Remembrance Day	Venue TBA
Saturday	15 November	Restaurant Night	Venue TBA
Saturday	13 December	Association Meeting	Navy Club, Fremantle

1. It is intended to hold a national HMAS CANBERRA – HMAS SHROPSHIRE Association Reunion on the weekend of the Commissioning of HMAS CANBERRA 3 in Sydney in 2014, the Chief of Navy will make a decision of HMAS CANBERRA 3 commissioning date at the end of January 2014.

2. In 2014 a few more events have been planned, a Family Day is scheduled in March, 2 x Restaurant nights during the year in addition to some community fund raising events for Legacy and Cancer research.
3. The Association meetings are usually conducted every third Saturday of the Month at the Navy Club in Fremantle. The Annual General Meeting will be conducted at the Navy Club on Saturday 25 October 2014.
4. The Navy Club in Fremantle is the home of the HMAS CANBERRA HMAS SHROPSHIRE Association in Western Australia. In 2014 the Association will be establishing a display cabinet on level 2 of the Navy Club to exhibit HMAS CANBERRA and HMAS SHROPSHIRE memorabilia and historical artefacts.



<http://www.navyclub.com.au/>

The Navy Club is located at 64 High Street, Fremantle 6160, and Western Australia
I look forward to an excellent time in 2014 and moving forward to the Commissioning of HMAS CANBERRA 3 in Sydney.

Yours Aye,

Lee Webster
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Bill Kynaston's blazer pocket

HMAS Shropshire

This is a story with a happy ending, but we think it is not widely known that the heavy cruiser *Shropshire* had a critical engineering defect when first gifted by the British Admiralty to the RAN, to replace the lost *Canberra*, sunk at the battle of Savo Island.

The gesture was made at the behest of Winston Churchill, who had come into serious conflict with the Australian Government over the withdrawal of AIF troops from the Middle East, but who was nonetheless alert to the almost crippling losses the RAN had experienced

between the light cruiser *Sydney*, on 19 November 1941 and *Canberra* at Savo on 9 August 1942.

In 1943, Commodore John Collins was offered the alternative posts of planning officer for the British Eastern fleet, based in Mombasa, or reversion to a captain as CO of the gift cruiser *Shropshire*. Collins unhesitatingly chose the latter, proceeding to Britain to commission her into the RAN.

It was about then that he learned that the big cruiser was regarded in the RN as something of a lemon.

Collins's Memoirs, 'As Luck Would Have it' (Angus

and Roberston, Sydney 1965) takes up the story ...

'...Our first task was to carry out a post refit full power trial. This was of particular interest because *Shropshire* had been something of a lame duck all her life and had spent much time steaming on only three shafts as the outer starboard was always giving trouble. A gift horse cannot be looked in the mouth but it seemed possible that the Admiralty had been influenced by her record when told to select a cruiser to be given to Australia. We were hopeful that the long refit had cured the fault, whatever it was'.

"It was a sad disappointment therefore when

Commander [E] Armitage reported, after an hour at full power, that the starboard outer thrust block was heating up. We reduced speed and returned to harbour determined to find the cause".

"It was then that the lucky break came our way. The Senior Engineer had an inspiration and carefully examined the spare thrust-block pads in the engineer's spare parts store. He found that the spare pads for the port and starboard pad were identical whereas they should have been 'handed,' that is the pivots should have been offset in different directions. They were stamped by the maker "Port" and "Starboard."

The Chief could not strip the thrust block fitted to the starboard outer quickly enough. Sure enough it was 'handed' for the port shaft although stamped starboard.

"Owing to the mistake in stamping, the ship had been running for years with two port-thrust blocks on the outer shafts and two starboard ones in the store".

"We fitted the correct block to the starboard outer and *Shropshire* ran like a sewing machine for the rest of her life ..."

End of that story (Collins memoirs, as above, pp128-129).

The adjacent photo is courtesy of RAN Historical, Heritage Collection image ID NO. 01756.





SHROPSHIRE crew Yokohama 1945 after Japans surrender, bargaining for „Rabbits“.

Veterans Assistance Links

Credit rating	www.moneysmart.gov.au	Credit report. How to? What to do? Changes? Default?
DVA Photographs	www.flickr.com/dvaaus	Trips & interest
Mental health strategy & tools to manage	www.at-ease.dva.gov.au	Strategy, PTSD Coach Australia, free from App Store or Google Play („On Track“, „Right Mix“).
Recently left ADF-mental health	www.dva.gov.au/obas.htm	On base advisory service
YouTube videos	www.youtube.com/DVAAus	Veteran experiences with mental health & recovery
eHealth records	www.ehealth.gov.au	Register for eHealth online
Asbestos exposure	www.defence.gov/dpe/ohsc/Programs/Asbestos/default.htm	Defence Asbestos Exposure Evaluation Scheme
Tinnitus		DVA 133 254/1800 555 254
MyAccount	www.myaccount.dva.gov.au	On line claim forms,

		review or establish DVA claims
Entitlements & Services (MyAccount)	www.dva.gov.au/esa	Claims, Reassessments & Entitlements self-assessment
myGov	www.mygov.au	Link with a range of gov. online services in 1 secure place, 1 user name & password
Veterans Health	www.dva.gov.au/vhw.htm	Participate in organized events & physical activity in your area
DVA fact sheets	(try) www. Factsheets.dva.gov.au	Email: factsheets@dva.gov.au
Benghazi war cemetery		
Last Post Ceremony	www.awm.gov.au	AWM interest portal



Well fed and fit Japanese POW working party Kokopo Rabaul 1946 with alert Islander sentry, cap „flat a“back“ in close proximity with .303 and sheafed bayonet



HMAS CANBERRA enroute to Cockatoo Island – Spaghetti Factory in background (a bit before Ernies time!)

Three generations of CANBERRA – SHROPSHIRE crews



Bill Kynaston - HMAS SHROPSHIRE



Left – Mick Jenkins. Right – Jack Gallagher. Both HMAS SHROPSHIRE
Centre – Dave Shine HMAS CANBERRA 2 - 20 Jan 2013 Albany.



Ernie Rudland HMAS CANBERRA 1 – holding court with Senior Naval Officers
and the US Consul General



John Spreadborough – Secretary and Treasurer of the Navy Club in Fremantle



CANCOMCREW- FFG02 25th Anniversary Reunion – mostly a bunch of scallywags



Our Support Crew. Without them we would be „dead In the water“.
Ellen Shine, Carol Webster, Deb



2013 Cancom 3 crew LHD 02 – alongside fitting out wharf Williamstown N.D.



NUSHIP CANBERRA 3 fitting out at W.N.D Oct 2013



Barry Chalk, Peter Reed, Ray Graham and the Robinsons O/C of the AGM - 2013



Lest We Forget