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Merle turns **99 years old is on 20th January 2019** and we will have a lunch for her at the Ainslie football club near that date given that is Merle's local club. If you are able to come it would be appreciated in helping Merle celebrate this milestone. We will send out an email /Facebook announcement reflecting the date



2019- Upcoming events

January

- 15 January 2019 – Exec meeting – 1800 hours
- Thursday 24 January at 1200 – Ainslie football club – Merle's 99th birthday

February

- 5 February 2019 - Exec meeting – 1800 hours
- 11 February 2019 – AGM – 1800 at the Sth Cross Club Woden

The next **WRANS reunion** will be held in Perth between 27 - 30 August 2020.
<http://www.wranswa.org.au/wrans-ran-perth-reunion-27-30-august-2020/>

WRANS - RAN Women's Association WA

warmly invites you to Perth for the 2020 National Reunion
27th August – 30th August 2020.

Expressions of interest to be returned by email to: - reunion2020@bigpond.com

Or post to

Reunion 2020, PO Box 3094,
Mandurah East. 6210

Registrations will commence in January 2020.

Name:.....

Maiden Name:.....

Service No:.....

Years of Service:.....

Contact Details: (Address, email or phone no)

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Please pass this Newsletter along to your Navy friends for information.

**WRANS – Naval Women’s Association (ACT)
EVENTS PROGRAM 2019**

DATE	TIME	FUNCTION	VENUE	RSVP
Mon 11Feb	1800	General Meeting followed by the AGM and Dinner	Southern Cross Club Woden	To secretary@wransact.org Ph: 0412 122 527
Thu 25 Apr	1000	ANZAC Day March Please arrive prior to 1000.	TBA	To secretary@wransact.org Ph: 0412 122 527
Thu 25 Apr	1230	ANZAC Day Lunch	TBA	To secretary@wransact.org Ph: 0412 122 527
Mon 13 May	1800	General Meeting and Dinner	Southern Cross Club Woden	To secretary@wransact.org Ph: 0412 122 527
Sat 15 June	1230	Mid-Winter Lunch	TBA	To secretary@wransact.org Ph: 0412 122 527
Mon 12 Aug	1800	General Meeting and Dinner	Southern Cross Club Woden	To secretary@wransact.org Ph: 0412 122 527
Sat 19 Oct	1100	Annual WRANS Commemoration Service	WRANS Memorial at HMAS <i>HARMAN</i>	To secretary@wransact.org Ph: 0412 122 527
Sat 19 Oct	1230	Lunch following Memorial Ceremony	TBA	To secretary@wransact.org Ph: 0412 122 527
Mon 11 Nov	1800	General Meeting and Dinner	Southern Cross Club Woden	To secretary@wransact.org Ph: 0412 122 527
Wed 11 Dec	1830	Christmas Dinner	TBA	To secretary@wransact.org Ph: 0412 122 527

Membership renewals are now due so if you have not already done so, could you please pay your annual membership subscription of \$20.00 before the next Annual General Meeting either by –

The Treasurer,
WRANS – Naval Women's Association (ACT),
PO Box 402,
WODEN ACT 2606

BSB Number 633000
Account number 120 827 027
Account name WRANS - Naval Women's Association (ACT)

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME JOINING FEE IS \$10.00 PLUS THE
ANNUAL \$20.00 SUBSCRIPTION
(Application Form on website)
INVITE YOUR NAVY FRIENDS ALONG TO OUR MEETINGS!**

We need to continually update our contact details so if you have changed address, email etc., would you please complete the following and either return it to the Membership Secretary, PO Box 402, Woden ACT 2606 or hand it in at the next General Meeting.

Surname Given Names

Address

Telephone (Home) (Work)

(Mobile)

(Email address)