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Summary

Unfortunately, this year has started off only slightly better than the last two years. Let's hope that things improve as the year progresses. Our best wishes to all those who have suffered from Covid and we trust that you all make a speedy recovery.

At the AGM on 21 February 2022, our President, Pauline Gribble stood down as did Heather Milward, the Vice President, Leanne Tingey, the Treasurer and Kerry Holmes, the Events Co-ordinator after serving the Association well for many years. All positions were filled except for the President and at the committee meeting following the AGM, the committee agreed that the new Vice President, Sigi Kropp would chair the meetings and the President's representational duties would be shared by all members of the committee. The list of the new committee members can be found later in this newsletter.

Also agreed at the AGM was that the Association should march in the Queanbeyan Anzac Day march as the Canberra march will be much reduced due the renovations at the War Memorial. Some of our members live in Queanbeyan and HMAS Harman personnel have always marched there because of their close location to the city.

Other changes agreed to include alternating the monthly morning teas around the first Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the month with the new dates listed on the calendar of events to be found later in this newsletter. Also, the General Meetings have been moved from a Monday night to a Saturday morning as some of our members do not like going out at night. For the same reason, the Christmas Dinner has been changed to a Christmas Lunch.

Judith Rowe

Secretary, WRANS – Naval Women's Association (ACT)

Activities of the WRANS – Naval Women's Association (ACT)

The first morning tea of the year was held on Thursday 6 January at the Ainslie Football Club as our usual morning tea venue, 'Tulips' was still closed for the Christmas break. Only a small group attended but it was enjoyed by all.



From left to right, standing: Rae Milfull, Margaret Hanley, Gaye Doolan.
Sitting: Janice Stewart, Vicki Chin, Merle Hare and Di Lawrence.

The first Sunday lunch of the year was held on Sunday 16th January and was a celebration of the upcoming 102nd birthday of Merle Hare (born 20 January 1920).



From left to right – Back row: Joe Henstock, Jennifer Parker, Trish Goddard, Katey De Costa, Keryn Northrope, Di Sell, Danielle Radnidge, Judith Rowe, Di Lawrence and Lyn McCoy.

Second back row: Sigi Kropp, Joan Henstock (behind Sigi), Gaye Doolan, Dollah West, Heather Milward, Sue Wheeler and Sheila Middleton.

Front row: Janice Steward, Kerry Holmes (at back), Pauline Gribble, Danielle's daughter, Merle Hare, Rosemarie Millar (at back) and Heather Schmitzer.



The February morning tea was back at 'Tulips' again and the ladies enjoyed sitting out on the deck.

From left to right – Back row: Rae Milfull, Gaye Doolan, Pauline Gribble, Lyn McCoy.

Front row: Sylvia Sinfield, Merle Hare and Judith Rowe.

On 20 February the monthly Sunday lunch was held at the Ainslie Football Club



From left to right – Standing: Olwyn Anne Cook, Janice Stewart, Dollah West, Di Sell, Leanne Tingey, Beth Roberts, Margaret Manley, Keryn Northrope, Rae Milfull.

Front row: Kerry Holmes, Judith Rowe, Pauline Gribble, Merle Hare and Di Lawrence.



Morning tea on the 3rd of March was also enjoyed on the deck at Tulips.

From left to right: Lyn McCoy, Carol Harris, Sylvia Sinfield, Kathryn Spurling, Trish Goddard, Judith Rowe, Merle Hare and Margaret Manley.

The March Sunday lunch was held on 20 March at the Ainslie Football Club.



Left to right – Back row: Rosemarie Millar, Rae Milfull, Olwyn Anne Cook, Judith Rowe, Heather Milward, Beth Roberts.

Front row: Pauline Gribble, Janice Stewart, Heather Schmitzer and Merle Hare.



Left to right – Back row: Janice Stewart, Juanita Strachan, Judith Rowe, Pauline Gribble, Kerry Holmes, Alison Gillett (in front of Kerry), Chris Hennessy, Di Bosworth, Sue Shaw.

Seated in the front: Joan Henstock, Joe Henstock, Sylvia Sinfield, Gaye Doolan, Merle Hare and Dorothy Weston.

The April morning tea was the first time it was not held on the first Thursday of the month. As mentioned earlier, the morning teas will now be alternated around Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. This morning tea was held on Tuesday 5 April and was very well attended. Some of the ladies present, had not been able to attend previously due to commitments on a Thursday.

On Friday 22 April, Vice President Sigi Kropp represented the Association at the Australian War Widows (ACT) 27th Field of Remembrance Dedication at Sir Leslie Morshead Manor, Lyneham. She planted a cross on behalf of our Association.

On Anzac Day a small group of our members marched in the Queanbeyan march because of the disruption to the main Canberra march due to the renovations at the War Memorial. HMAS Harman personnel formed a large contingent and it was followed by the veterans in one big group. Our members marched together and stood out because of our white hats.

Having a coffee prior to the march



From left to right: Judith Rowe, Trish Goddard, Pauline Gribble, Leanne Tingey, Margaret Manley, and Heather Milward.



Also marching were

From left to right: Olwyn Anne Cook, Pauline Gribble, Judith Rowe, Juanita Strachan and Julie Lewis.

ACT Office of Seniors & Veterans News

The ACT Office of Seniors & Veterans has many services available to Veterans in the ACT. Information on this is located at <https://www.act.gov.au/veterans/home>

DVA News

The Royal Commission into Defence and Veteran Suicide has extended the date that their final report is due. The date is now the 17th June 2024.

Lawn Mowing – Home and Garden Maintenance

Update: The provision of Home and Garden Maintenance for VEA clients is being hampered by the lack of providers for this service. DVA expects that sufficient providers will be available by no later than early 2023. Emergency garden maintenance will continue to be provided as required.

DFRDB Update - ADFRA

The hearing of Clinton McKenzie's Federal Court matter, which will be 'live streamed', has been set down for Wednesday, 11 May 2022, at 10:15 am (EST).

Because it can take a week for our emails to reach all our members, we will post the link to the 'live stream' on the ADFRA website <https://www.adfra.org/>, as soon as it is made available to the public. The link will appear directly under **LATEST NEWS**.

We will also circulate a reminder one week before the hearing date.

Clicking on the link should take you directly to the hearing. If it doesn't, copy the link and paste it into your web browser's address bar.

There will usually be a warning text about taking video or still images or other recordings of the proceedings. There will also be a 'tick-box' that must be ticked to acknowledge the warning before access will be granted.

As we learnt from the directions hearing on 11 March, the 'live stream' won't commence until the proceedings begin. If there is some technical 'glitch' or other form of delay, the 'live stream' may not start at the scheduled time. In that case, please wait until the stream begins.

NASHO Update

The two-year National Servicemen are trying to get a better deal for NSM with operational and nonoperational service. I think their major problem is that NSM with acceptable conditions either don't know what to do or just have not got around to it. On their list is the Gold Card for all ex-servicemen/women over 70 years of age, I know it has been tried before but many people could benefit if they are successful. They need numbers to give them a degree of authority, I served with some wonderful NSM and if you are interested in boosting their numbers their web site is <https://nashofairgo.com.au>

Regards

Jim Hislop

Important Dates

Royal Commission started –	8 July 2021
Rent Assistance Eligibility for TPIs begins –	1 January 2022
Royal Commission Submissions close –	14 October 2022
Royal Commission Interim Report –	11 August 2022
Royal Commission Final Report –	17 June 2024

OPEN ARMS
Veterans & Families Counselling

Open Arms – Veterans and Families Counselling, provides support for current and ex-serving ADF personnel and their families. Free and confidential help is available 24/7.

Phone 1800 011 046 (international: +61 1800 011 046 or +61 8 8241 4546) or visit www.OpenArms.gov.au

2022 calendar activities

May

- 04 May – Wed – morning tea commencing 1000 – Tulip's café Pialligo
- 15 May – Sun – monthly lunch commencing 1200 – Ainslie Football Club, Ainslie
- 28 May – Sat – General Meeting, Sthn Cross Club, Woden commencing at 1100.

June

- 02 June – Thurs – morning tea commencing 1000 – Tulip's café Pialligo
- 19 June – Sun – monthly lunch commencing 1200 – Ainslie Football Club, Ainslie

July

- 05 July – Tues – morning tea commencing 1000 – Tulip's café Pialligo
- 17 July – Sun – monthly lunch commencing 1200 – Ainslie Football Club, Ainslie

August

- 03 Aug – Wed – morning tea commencing 1000 – Tulip's café Pialligo
- 21 Aug – Sun – monthly lunch commencing 1200 – Ainslie Football Club, Ainslie

September

- 01 Sep – Thurs – morning tea commencing 1000 – Tulip's café Pialligo
- 03 Sep – Sat – General Meeting, Sthn Cross Club, Woden commencing at 1100
- 18 Sep – Sun – monthly lunch commencing 1200 – Ainslie Football Club, Ainslie

October

- 04 Oct – Tues – morning tea commencing 1000 – Tulip's café Pialligo
- 16 Oct – Sun – monthly lunch commencing 1200 – Ainslie Football Club, Ainslie
- 22 Oct – Sat – WRANS Memorial Service – HMAS *Harman*

November

- 02 Nov – Wed – morning tea commencing 1000 – Tulip's café Pialligo
- 20 Nov – Sun – Xmas lunch commencing 1200 – TBA

December

- 01 Dec – Thurs – morning tea commencing 1000 – Tulip's café Pialligo
- 18 Dec – Sun – monthly lunch commencing 1200 – Ainslie Football Club, Ainslie

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Vacant
Vice President	Sigrid 'Sigi' Kropp (Engel)
Correspondence Secretary	Judith Rowe (Knight)
Minute Secretary	Judith Rowe (Knight)
Treasurer	Rachael 'Rae' Milfull (Cooper)
Assistant Treasurer/Membership:	Christine Lamb (McNicol)

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Events Co-ordinator:	Pauline Gribble (McCormick)
Catering Sub-committee	
DVA/KOC Liaison:	Pat McCabe

EX-OFFICIO POSITIONS:

Webmaster:	Pat McCabe
Facebook Manager:	Rose van Dijk (Wood)
Welfare Officer:	Pat McCabe
Scrapbooking:	
Newsletter Editor:	Pat McCabe
Librarian:	Sigrid 'Sigi' Kropp (Engel)

The full list of elected officials is on the WRANS website.

MEMBERSHIP DUES 2022

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 –

cash or by cheque made out to the WRANS – Naval Women's Association (ACT) and forwarded to

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

or if you prefer you could pay online by direct transfer. The account details are –

BSB Number 633 000
Account number 120 827 027
Account name WRANS - Naval Women's Association (ACT)

Payee Reference – your Surname/Mship 2022

**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!

Personal Details - New email address – have you moved?

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.

PERSONAL DETAILS – UPDATE

Surname Given Names
Address
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Telephone (Home) (Work)
 (Mobile)
 (Email address)
