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HMAS Canberra Memorial Service

The Memorial Service marking the loss of HMAS Canberra was held in beautiful weather on Saturday 8 August 2009. Tremendous support was given by HMAS Harman in providing the facilities and refreshments after the service.

The address was given by Air Commodore Leo Davies representing the Chief of Air Force. The Navy's Principal Chaplain Gary Lock provided the prayers for the service and Midshipmen from ADFA read the lesson and recited the Naval Ode. The catafalque party was formed by Cadets from TS Canberra and members of Harman's ships company provided tremendous support. The event was coordinated by David Evans Bravo Zulu to you all.



Cadet Luke Searle of TS *Canberra* resting on his arms reversed at the Memorial Service commemorating the loss of HMAS *Canberra*

Photo Karleen Williams

Naval Memorial Service 1 October 2009

All members and their families where possible are urged to attend the Naval Memorial Service to be held at the Naval Memorial in ANZCAC Parade. The Chief of Navy, VADM Russ Crane will deliver the Occasional Address.

It was agreed that a get together for lunch on completion of the service would be a great way to conclude the day's activity. A Bistro Lunch at Olims

Hotel Ainslie has been selected as the social way ahead.

30 members of the NAA Ballina Sub-section will be in Canberra and will attend the service. They have made arrangements to take lunch at Olims and it would be great to meet with them there after the service and have a few yarns over lunch with them.

Events coming up

3 September Meeting at the Kaleen Sports Club
Meeting starts at 1300 Galley is open from 1200

1 October 2009 Naval Memorial Service
Naval Memorial ANZAC Parade Please be there by 1045
Followed by lunch in the Olims Hotel Bistro



Newsletter of the ACT Section of the
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General Meeting Dates and Locations

3 Sep Kaleen Sports Club	1300
7 Oct <i>MV Southern Cross</i>	1930 Wed
5 Nov Kaleen Sports Club	1300
3 Dec Manulka Services Club	1930
4 Feb Annual GM Venue tba	1930
4 Mar Venue TBA	1930

Committee meetings are held on the same day as the General Meeting but commence one hour before the General Meeting starts

President's Note

The response to our last meeting being held in the Canberra Services Club in Manuka was great and the Club has been booked for our December meeting.

I attended the Vietnam War Memorial Service held in ANZAC Parade on 18 August 2009. It was very well attended with the Governor General and the Prime Minister doing their bit in the order of service. The service allowed, as it has in the past, for a tribute in the form of a book/s to be laid instead of a wreath. The books would then be donated to a school after the service. I took the book option and laid two books, one a very recent publication written by David Mearns "The Search for the Sydney". The other was a book written several years ago by Lex Mc Aulay, "In the Ocean's Dark Embrace". It describes the activities of the eight teams of Clearance Divers who went to the Vietnam War from February 1967 until May 1971. This a little known part of the RAN's contribution to the war effort.

The books were donated to Melba Copland Secondary School and presented personally by me at a general assembly (clear lower deck) of the school to the School's Principal, Mr Gerard Barnett, the following day (19 Aug).

The OIC of the Second CDT 3 team that went to Vietnam was LEUT Bob Burns RAN. His two sons, Andrew and David were students at Copland College as it was known at the time they were there. Mrs Jenny Burns, Bob's widow, was with me and participated in the presentation.

The Naval Memorial Service has been written up on the front page. The page also mentions an after service informal lunch time get together with the Ballina Sub-section. It is a great opportunity to meet other old salts and have a great yarn. Please try and get there to make it a great day.

Regards

Peter Cooke-Russell

NAA ACT Section Event Diary

1 October	Naval Memorial Service Naval Memorial Anzac Parade Time 1100
1 October	Gathering for lunch at Olims Hotel Ainslie with Ballina Sub-section after the Naval Memorial Service
25 October	Fish and Chips Evening Canberra Yacht Club foreshore Starts 1700
1-11 Nov	Poppy Selling
22 Nov	BBQ. At Don Joice's house 30 Marsden Street Dickson
29 Nov	Fish and Chips Evening Canberra Yacht Club foreshore 1700

NEXT STEP FOR REVIEW OF MILITARY COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS

On 15 July, the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Alan Griffin, announced that the Review of Military Compensation Arrangements' steering committee has been appointed, and met to commence its consideration of almost 50 submissions from the service and ex-service communities.

"The appointment of this steering committee is the next step toward delivering the Government's election commitment to review the current military rehabilitation and compensation arrangements," Mr Griffin said. "The steering committee members combine an extensive knowledge of veterans' entitlements, rehabilitation, safety and compensation law and policy."

The review's steering committee is chaired by Ian Campbell, Chair of the Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Commission. Its members are: Major General Craig Orme, Department of Defence; Ms Peta Furnell, The Treasury; Ms Joan Ross, Department of Finance and Deregulation; Ms Michelle Baxter, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations; and Peter Sutherland, an independent expert in military rehabilitation and compensation law and a Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University College of Law.

"We need to ensure that the experiences of those who have been through the military rehabilitation and compensation system are considered as part

of the Review, and I am grateful to those organisations and individuals who have made submissions," Mr Griffin said.

"The next stage of investigations and consultations will include visits to Defence Force facilities and consultations with current and former members of the Australian Defence Force, ex-service organisations, key agencies and other stakeholders. The Prime Ministerial Advisory Council on Ex-service matters and the Ex-Service Roundtable will also be consulted for their views during the Review process.

"The Review is critical in identifying solutions for wider concerns relating to military rehabilitation and compensation. It is a significant step by the Government towards addressing concerns with military rehabilitation and compensation legislation and the administration of the schemes."

The Review is examining the adequacy and suitability of military rehabilitation and compensation arrangements including perceived disparities and inequities between legislative schemes. Its terms of reference and further information about committee members can be found on the review web page from links at www.dva.gov.au. The Review is expected to report to Government in the first half of 2010, subject to the complexity of the matters raised.

\$379,000 for Projects to Honour Australia's Veterans

Projects honouring Australia's wartime heritage received a financial boost on 29 July with the announcement of \$379,487 in funding approved by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, Alan Griffin.

Mr Griffin said the funding for 152 projects is part of the Australian Government's *Saluting Their Service* Commemorative grants program to help communities across the nation honour and commemorate our wartime history.

"The grants will fund local activities and initiatives that recognise the service and sacrifice of Australians who have served in wars, conflicts and peace operations," Mr Griffin said.

"The Government is announcing funding for a range of projects including restoring and displaying wartime memorabilia, upgrading community war memorials, purchasing association banners and

holding commemorative events. In particular, helping regional and rural communities across Australia maintain their places of remembrance is an important function of this grants program as these memorials play a central role in honouring local sons and daughters who have served the nation.

Commemorative activities in local communities play a major role in encouraging Australians – especially younger Australians – to learn about our wartime experiences and provide an opportunity for veterans to share their stories.

Australia has a proud wartime history that has been part of the lives of so many Australian families. The Government remains committed to honouring those who have served and continue to serve, ensuring their legacy is remembered for generations to come."

**From Australian Government Department of Veterans' Affairs
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Complaints Investigation Scheme Review**

Dear Mr Dwyer

I am writing to advise that a request for submissions on the review of the operation of the Department of Health & Ageing's (DoHA) Aged Care Complaints Investigation Scheme (CIS) was advertised recently.

The CIS began on 1 May 2007, with compulsory reporting requirements coming in to effect on 1 July 2007. In its first two full years of operation, the CIS received almost 24,000 contacts, of which more than 15,000 were 'in scope'.

As the CIS is now two years old, it is appropriate to consider and evaluate its effectiveness to ensure that it continues to meet the needs and expectations of service recipients, service providers and other interested parties.

A consultation paper and Terms of Reference is now available on DoHA's website at www.health.gov.au/ocqc.

The review of the operation of the CIS will consider the following aspects of the scheme:

- Whether the Complaints Investigation Scheme (CIS) provides natural justice to all parties involved;
- Communication between the CIS, its investigators, family members, residents and advocacy groups who lodge complaints as well as the aged care providers and their staff, and provide advice on improvements. This should include considering the treatment of anonymous complainants;
- The adequacy of training provided to investigators to assist them in undertaking their role, including in investigative methods, reporting and communications;
- Adequacy of access to clinical and investigative expertise;
- Appropriateness of the risk assessment framework used for the escalation of complaints;
- Adequacy of information collected and considered as part of the investigation;
- The relationship between the CIS and the Aged Care Commissioner, the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Ltd, and other relevant bodies;
- The processes, practices and the timeliness of responses to complaints to the CIS when compared to similar investigatory bodies; and
- Evidence based initiatives from similar investigatory bodies that might improve the operation of the Scheme so that it better meets the

needs and expectations of consumers, their families and aged care providers.

While a number of the above terms of reference require examination of internal processes within the Department of Health and Ageing, other terms of reference pertain to the relationship between the scheme and external parties, including residents and their family and representatives, advocacy groups and aged care providers, and the views of those important stakeholders are sought to inform the review.

Submissions may address the issues raised in the consultation paper which, in particular, seeks feedback from interested parties on the following matters:

- How can the communication between the CIS Investigators and involved parties (including: family members, residents and advocacy groups who lodge complaints, aged care service providers and their staff) be improved?
- Is the current CIS treatment of anonymous complaints appropriate? Where are the opportunities for improvement?
- What can the CIS do to better meet the needs and expectations of residents, their families and aged care service providers?

Persons who have had contact with the CIS (whether as a complaint, and aged care provider, or staff member for example) may wish to specifically comment on their experience, particularly in relation to communication with the CIS and the timeliness of the investigation.

Submissions can be made by email (in word format) to:

Email: CISreview@health.gov.au
Alternatively, submissions can be mailed to: CIS Review Project
Department of Health and Ageing
MDP 68
GPO Box 9848
CANBERRA ACT 2610

Submissions must be received by 28 August 2009

For more information about the review, people are invited to contact the Secretariat, CIS Review Project on Ph (02) 6289 3890

Signed

Ian Campbell
Secretary
13 August 2009



HMAS BATAAN

***Bataan* was the only Tribal-class destroyer not to be named after a people or nation of the British Empire. The Canadians took their names from Red Indians and the Australians from Aborigine tribes.**

Following this naming policy *Bataan* was originally scheduled as *Kurnai*. However, on 9 August 1942, the Australian cruiser *Canberra* was sunk while operating with US forces during the Battle of Savo Island. In recognition of her brave fight, the USN launched one of their new cruisers on 19 April 1943 as *Canberra*. As a return compliment the Australians renamed *Kurnai*, *Bataan*, in honour of General Douglas MacArthur who spent much of the war based in Australia.

Bataan and *Warramunga*, fresh from her Sydney refit, joined TF74 in Subic Bay on 26 July 1945. They were still there preparing for the final assault on Japan when the end of the war came. The invasion fleet turned itself into an occupation force and *Shropshire*, *Hobart*, *Bataan* and *Warramunga* sailed for Japan via Okinawa. Both *Bataan* and *Warramunga* were present at the official Japanese Surrender in Tokyo Bay on 2nd September 1945.

Their first task was the rescue of prisoners of war and internees from official and unofficial camps and centres all over Japan. Usually a hospital ship would be sent to the port nearest such a camp to 'process' the unfortunate people there. This clinical term covered the provision of medical attention, delousing, bathing and reclothing. If they were then fit enough to travel, they were transferred to the destroyers who had stocked up with extra survivor kits, beds, blankets, mess-traps, cutlery, cigarettes, chocolate and food. As each destroyer arrived in Tokyo Bay she was cheered by the other ships present.

On such a trip on 12th September, *Warramunga* embarked (from the hospital ship *Rescue* at Sendai) 132 men, 32 women and 15 children - English, Australians, Africans, Indians, Malaysians, Americans, Spanish, Armenians, Greeks, Arabs and Javanese. Some were aching to unburden themselves, some were just silent.

Bataan and *Warramunga* also went to Hamamatsu and Kamaishi on similar errands of mercy. By the end of September, *Hobart* and *Warramunga* had left for refit at Sydney, although *Shropshire* and *Bataan* stayed in Japanese waters until November.

In June 1950, *Bataan's* peacetime routine of exercises, visits and refits was interrupted by the outbreak of the Korean War. The Australian Government immediately placed her and the frigate *Shoalhaven* at the disposal of the UN and on 15 July they joined the first UN task force operating in the Yellow Sea. For most of the time *Bataan* was employed on routine escort and anti-submarine duties, although she did carry out some bombardments. She was transferred to the east coast and on 17 July joined *Juneau*, *James E. Kyes*, *Higbee* and *Collett* in covering the US 1st Cavalry Division landing at Pohang on the eastern flank of the Pusan perimeter. They shelled east coast targets before and after the landing, being temporarily interrupted by typhoon Grace on the 22nd.

By 1st August, *Bataan* was back on the west coast and being shelled by Communist artillery in the Haeju-Man. *Belfast* arrived to add her 6in shells to *Bataan's* retaliatory bombardment.

On 6th August, *Warramunga* sailed from Sydney to join *Bataan*, and the two Tribals spent a lot of time screening carriers off the west coast of Korea. Like *Athabaskan*, they helped to cover the Inchon landings and then shared patrols inshore and in the Yalu Gulf during the autumn. Both also took part in the Chinnampo evacuation in December. In March 1951, *Bataan* spent some time off the east coast screening the US carrier *Bataan*, but in April she followed *Athabaskan* back to the Yellow Sea.

In June, *Tobruk* and *Anzac* arrived from Australia, so *Bataan* returned home for refit. *Warramunga* should also have been relieved, but she stayed for a while to help screen west coast carriers. Every night from 24th to 29th July, at least one destroyer was sent to carry out a radar picket patrol along the 38th Parallel in case of surprise attack on the carriers. Once *Cayuga* and *Huron* took over an anti-submarine hunt started by US destroyers, but after a Squid ASW attack they decided it was not a submarine-contact. That, and a bombardment of Haeju-Man, was the only excitement. In August, *Warramunga* went round to the east coast to help shell Wonsan before returning to Australia for refit.

Bataan and *Warramunga* were back in Korean waters by early 1952. Off Taedong-Man at dusk, five 76mm shells straddled *Bataan*. Four were near misses, but one hit aft, wrecking the captain's cabin and ruining Commander Bracegirdle's old frock coat. Rear-Admiral Scott-Moncrieff made him a signal expressing sympathy for the loss of his tail. By now *Bataan* had acquired something of a legend among the offshore islands of Korea. She was known dramatically as "The Grey Ghost of the West Coast", enigmatically as 'The Big Top', and

more explicitly as 'Brace's Circus'.

Bataan added to this legend on 19th May, when she took part in a Round-Up operation. ROK guerrilla forces would land on a peninsula and drive along it towards an evacuation beach, dealing with all enemy personnel and equipment in their way. Air strikes and naval bombardment would isolate the peninsula and prevent enemy reinforcements interfering.

At 1000 *Bataan* anchored off Mu-do to cover the guerrillas landing on Ponggu-muon peninsula. First of all the evacuation beach had to be secured, but this part of the operation was held up because the junks slowed down when approaching, for fear of the Allied bombardment. Once the beach had been seized, *Bataan's* guns sealed off the peninsula, while her sick-bay operated on a guerrilla injured by a machine-gun bullet.

At 1130 *Bataan* covered the main landing and began bombarding enemy positions, mortar posts, troop concentrations and minefields further inland. Gradually the guerrillas worked their way down the peninsula and were evacuated at 1900. They had inflicted 150 casualties on the enemy and demolished 27 houses, 2 observation posts, one 76mm gun, one mortar, seven machine guns and one command post. One Communist soldier had been captured and ten Korean families evacuated. The guerrillas also took with them 120 bags of rice and 15 cows. Their leader showed his appreciation of *Bataan's* support by presenting Commander Bracegirdle with a liberated Commu-

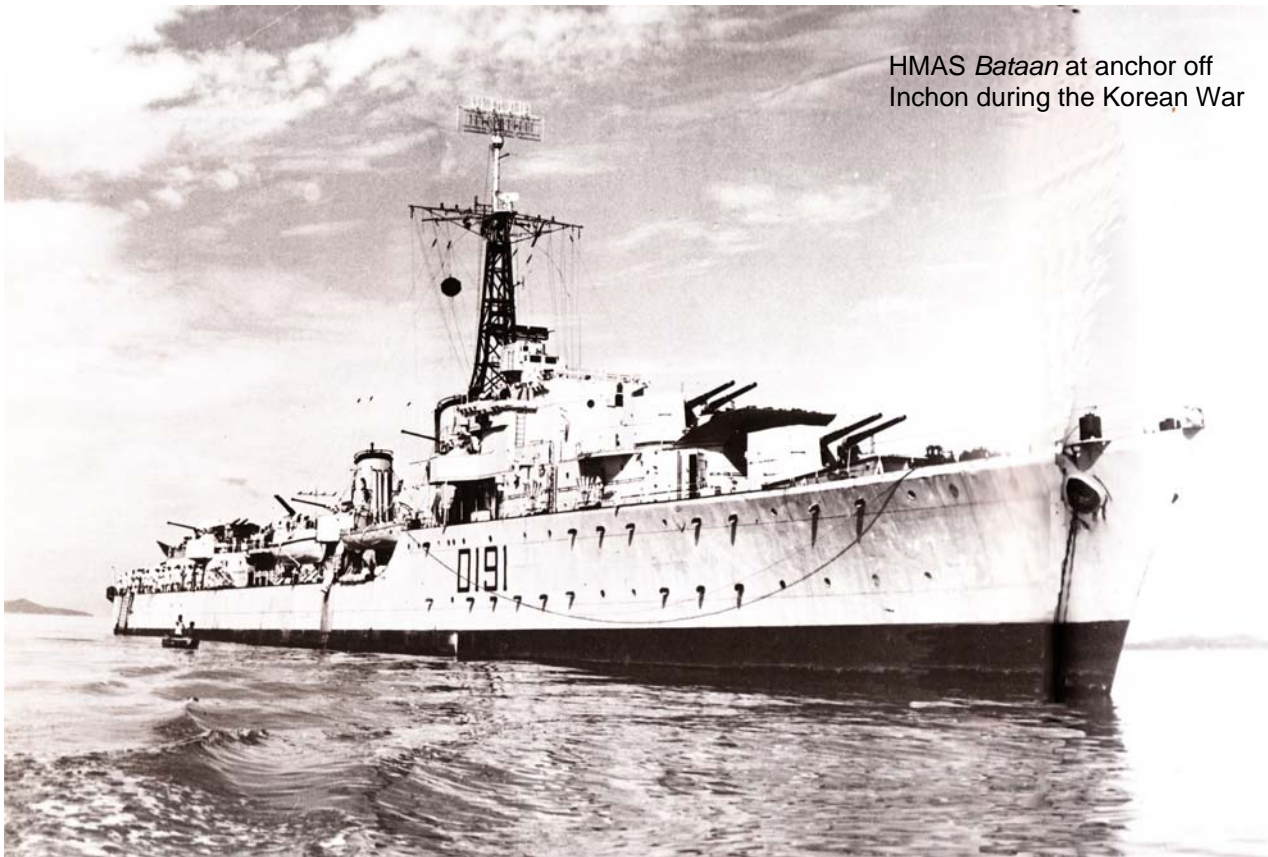
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The next Round-Up was scheduled for 31st May/1st June. *Bataan* was assigned to Ocean's screen while she flew off aircraft to cover a guerrilla raid up the Han River estuary. Amethyst was given the inshore bombardment, but this Round-Up was not successful. Fog and cloud hampered air strikes, while the junks were becalmed during their approach. Soon after landing they were ordered to withdraw.

Warramunga meanwhile had been operating on the east coast. On 25th April she had helped escort Iowa during a powerful air-gun bombardment of Chongjin. *Warramunga* had then carried out an interdiction patrol along the railway. Once, while shelling a railway bridge near Chongjin, she had stopped engines to turn close inshore when five guns straddled her with near misses. *Warramunga* went full astern out to sea, her forward guns silencing three of the field pieces.

In July *Warramunga* joined *Bataan* in the Yellow Sea. *Iroquois* and *Nootka* were there as well. The Tribals continued their usual routine of screening carriers with regular inshore patrols and bombardments, mainly around the Haeju-man.

Bataan remained in service with the RAN after the end of the Korean War. In 1954 she was laid up in reserve awaiting conversion to an anti-submarine escort similar to *Arunta*. In 1957 the conversion was cancelled and she was put on the disposal list. By the end of 1958 HMAS *Bataan* had been sold for scrap.



HMAS *Bataan* at anchor off
Inchon during the Korean War

Oldest Living Link to WWI

A 108-year old former RAN and WW11 veteran, living in Perth, is now the last surviving WW1 veteran.

Claude Choules is now the last remaining WW1 veteran. Born in England in March 1901, Mr Choules served with the Royal Navy after joining HMS *Impregnable* at age 15 in 1916.

He joined HMS *Revenge* in 1917 and witnessed the surrender of the German Fleet at Firth of Forth, near Scotland. The German surrender came 10 days after the armistice and Germany later scuttled its own fleet at Scapa Flow near the Orkney Islands.

Mr Choules travelled to Australia with the RN in 1926, to work as an instructor at Flinders Naval Depot before transferring to the RAN. He was a commissioning crew member of HMAS *Canberra* and served in it until 1931, when he discharged

from the RAN before rejoining as a torpedo and anti-submarine instructor in 1932.

As the acting torpedo officer at Fremantle in WW11, Mr Choules disposed of the first German mine to wash up on Australian soil during WW11, near Esperance on WA's south coast. He was also tasked with destroying harbour and oil storage tanks at the Fremantle port in case of a Japanese invasion.

Mr Choules remained in the RAN after WW11, spending his final working years with the Naval Dockyard Police before joining the crayfishing industry at Safety Bay, south of Perth. He now lives in a Perth retirement village.

Mr Choules is one of three remaining WW1 veterans in the world.

He was a member of the NAA City of Fremantle Sub-section from 1987 to 2001.

Travel Allowances Rise

Travel allowances for transport, meals and accommodation under DVA's Repatriation Transport Scheme increased from 1 July 2009 in line with the CPI.

The increase applies to travel by private vehicle, as well as accommodation and meal allowances in respect of travel for treatment purposes or disability and invalidity income support claims for all eligible veterans, war widows and widowers.

The intention of the scheme is to assist eligible people and an authorised attendant with travelling expenses, not necessarily to reimburse the entire cost involved. To claim reimbursement for transport a cost must be incurred. That is, free transport cannot be claimed and then reimbursed by DVA.

For more information about travel allowances contact Veterans' Transport Services on **1300 550 454** (for metropolitan areas) or **1800 550 454** (for country areas).

Type of allowance	Measure	New allowance 1 July 2009	Travel with an authorised attendant
Private vehicle	per kilometre	29.3 cents	x1
Public transport	actual fare	actual fare	x2
Commercial accommodation non-capital city – single #	per night	\$120.50	x2
Commercial accommodation capital city – single #	per night	\$143.10	x2
Attendant and veteran sharing commercial accommodation – shared #	per night	\$195.80	x1
Subsidised accommodation – single #	per night	\$75.30	x1
Private accommodation – single #	per night	\$37.60	x2
Meal allowance – more than 50km but less than 200km (each way) from your home in less than a day	per day	\$12.00	x2
Meal allowance – more than 200km (each way) from your home in less than a day	per day	\$24.20	x2

Independent Living Centre

The Independent Living Centre is an information resource centre that provides an:

- equipment display
- equipment reference library
- assessment and advisory service

The Independent Living Centre has a large range of equipment on display for people to try and compare.

Equipment is not available for purchase or hire, but staff can assist with information about products, where to buy them, approximate prices and other services and resources. All equipment on display at the ILC is on loan from suppliers.

Who can use the ILC?

Everyone is welcome to use the ILC services, including people with disabilities, older people, their carers, parents, advocates and other service providers, health professionals, architects, designers, builders, suppliers, manufacturers and students.

How can ILC help you?

1. Information Advisory Line

Health professionals are available to answer most enquiries. Where an answer cannot be provided immediately, details of your enquiry will be taken and your call returned as soon as possible.

Information, including product descriptions and suppliers can be provided over the phone or sent by mail, email or fax. You can also look up product information at www.ilcaustralia.org

2. Drop-in Time

If you would like to look around by yourself, perhaps to find out what the ILC offers, you are welcome to 'drop-in' *between 1200 and 1400 only Monday to Friday. Only limited assistance is available at Drop-in Time.*

Continence management products are not accessible during drop-in time. To view these or discuss incontinence, call to make an appointment.

Appointments are essential when detailed and extensive advice is required from a health professional.

3. Appointments

The ILC offers appointments with a health professional between 0900 and 1630 Monday to Friday (except public holidays).

Fees

Most services are free. Fees apply to the following:

- appointments for clients with compensable injury or illness
- appointments conducted by private providers
- meeting room hire

Ask ILC about

- household, eating and drinking equipment
- lounge and dining chairs
- back supports
- bathroom and toilet equipment
- beds and bedding products
- clothing and dressing equipment
- wheelchairs – manual and powered
- walking aids
- transport – resources and equipment
- fittings, e.g. grabrails continence management products

To contact ILC

Phone: 6205 1900
 Fax: 6205 1906
 Email: ilcact@act.gov.au
 Web: www.health.act.gov.au/ilc
www.ilcaustralia.org

50th Anniversary Medallion for Junior Recruit Memorial

The Junior Recruit Memorial Project for HMAS *Leeuwin* is under way with the dedication planned for 13 July 2010. A fiftieth Anniversary Commemorative Medallion has been struck and is being sold at \$85 as a fund-raiser. The medallions are available from Junior Recruit Memorial Fund Inc, 75 Lovett Street, Davenport, Tasmania 7310. The medallions can be engraved with your name and number for \$10. Post \$ 7.50.

Action Bus Gold Card

ACT residents aged 75 or over are eligible for an ACTION Gold Pass which may be obtained at any Canberra Connect Centre. This pass entitles a holder to free travel on any ACTION bus at any time of the week, including peak travel times.

All that is required at the time of application is proof of ACT residence and age; this is covered by a current ACT driver's licence. Should a person not hold a licence, then some type of primary identification (that includes photographic identity) is required. **Details may be obtained by calling Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.**

ACT Regional Community Bus Services

These are flexible bus services for ACT residents who may be isolated because of a lack of options to meet their transport needs, for example:

- seniors with mobility or confidence problems
- people living in nursing homes/retirement villages
- people with a permanent or temporary disability
- people who are eligible for HACC transport but cannot access them for various reasons, e.g. cannot self-transfer
- parents with young children
- people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, who currently lack support networks.

The buses generally operate from Monday to Friday between peak periods.

Pickup and set down points and times need to be arranged when making the booking.

People using the community bus services are invited to make a gold donation every time they use a bus.

For more information and to register for the service, contact your local regional Community Service:

Belconnen Community Service	6251 2100
Gungahlin Regional Community Service	6228 9200
Northside Community Service	6247 5757
Southside Community Service	6126 4723
Communities@Work (Tuggeranong & Weston Creek)	6288 4744
Woden Community Service	6260 5400

Reunions

24 – 27 Sep 2009	HMAS Moresby Canberra ACT. This happening very soon. Ring Joe Slaats Now 02 6255 7872
September 2009	HMAS Bataan Reunion
14-18 Oct 2009	HMAS Hobart Reunion Bundaberg QLD
October 2009	HMAS Quiberon Reunion—Hobart
November 2009	Ballina All Ships Reunion
July 2010	50th Anniversary JR Training Scheme
23 – 26 April 2011	RAN Communications Branch Association – Adelaide SA

HMAS Moresby Reunion

HMAS Moresby reunion will be held in Canberra from

Thursday 24th September to Sunday, 27th September 2009.

If you or anyone you know may be interested, contact:

**Joe Slaats
Organizer**

HMAS Moresby Reunion - Canberra 2009

PO Box 783

GUNGAHLIN ACT 2912

E-mail: JSL45689@bigpond.net.au



September 2009

Harry Beardsell, Eddie Bell, Phillip Chad, Daryl Fox, Mike Hardwick, Gary Hayes, Ian Holmes, Edward Sandberg, Dayle Stirton and Mike Taylor

A Happy Birthday to you all.



Irish Humour

Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place.

Looking up to heaven he said, "Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish whiskey!"

Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

Paddy looked up again and said, "Never mind, I found one."



Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and says to the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man said, "I do, Father."

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly, Father," was the man's reply.

"Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest.

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father."

The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."



Trafalgar Night Dinner

Royal Naval Association – Canberra Branch have invited the NAA-ACT Section members to join them to celebrate their 2009 Trafalgar Night.

The Trafalgar Dinner will be held on

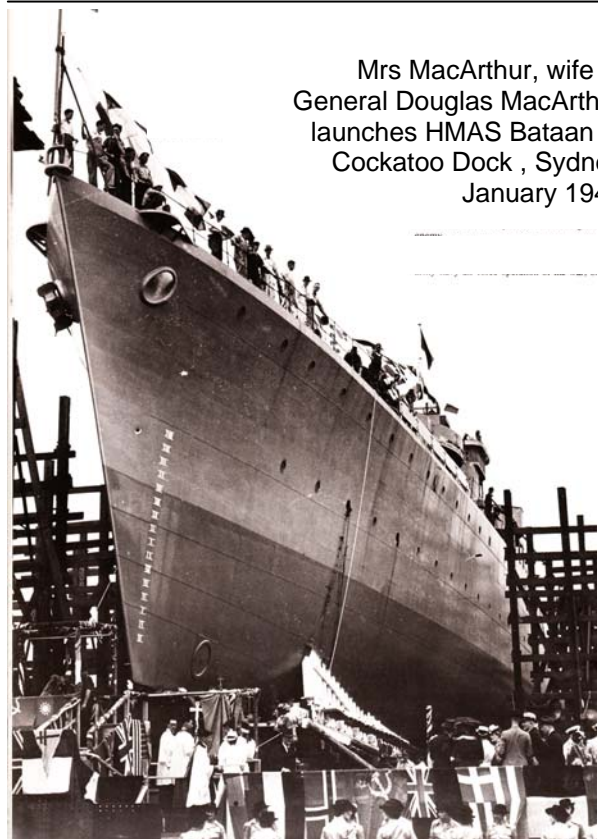
**Wednesday, 21 October
at 1900 for 1930
at the Southern Cross Club, Woden.**

Cost is \$35 per person
which includes wine and port and orange juice.

Dress will be black tie.

RSVP by the 24th September 2009 to:

The Secretary
Royal Naval Association – Canberra Branch
8 Conventry Close,
Gordon ACT 2906



Mrs MacArthur, wife of General Douglas MacArthur launches HMAS Bataan at Cockatoo Dock, Sydney January 1944

Answers to Five Minute Quiz:

1.The brain; 2.Count; 3.Lodge; 4.Limestone;
5.Table; 6.Jersey; 7.India; 8.Stars and Bars;
9.Tiger snakes; 10.Plato



Rivers Dining

At the Sports Club Kaleen
(sponsoring the printing of Bosun's Call)

...relax and enjoy yourself!!

Weekly Bistro Attractions

Monday Night Schnitzel

Plus a complimentary middy of beer, glass of wine or soft drink.

Tuesday Lunch Raffle

Purchase a meal from our Bistro between 12 pm and 1.30 pm and receive your complimentary ticket to go in the draw for a 1st prize of \$100 food hamper and three other prizes.

\$8.50 Friday Lunch

Great choice, great value!
Select from T-bone or Rump Steak,
Tempura Battered Fish or
Chicken Schnitzel with Chips & Salad

\$9.00 Sunday Family Roast

A meal the whole family will enjoy! Enjoy a selection of tender Roast Meats, Roast Potatoes, Roast Pumpkin & fresh Seasonal Vegetables.

Senior's Menu

are smaller portions

Fish of the Day (Battered or Grilled)	\$10.00
Roast of the Day	\$10.00
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FIVE MINUTE QUIZ

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1. Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease affects what part of the body?
2. What title was held by Paul Strzelecki, the first European to climb Mount Kosciuszko in 1840?
3. What do beavers build to live in, especially over winter?
4. Marble is a form of what type of rock?
5. Is a teapoy a chair, a stool or a table?
6. Which is the largest of the Channel Islands?
7. The Dravidian language group is mainly associated with which country?
8. What was the name given to the first national flag used by the American Confederate states following secession?
9. Tasmania's Chappell Island is famous for its population of what venomous reptiles?
10. Which philosopher first proposed the imaginary society of Utopia?



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