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Military Superannuation Indexation

MILITARY SUPERANNUATION INDEXATION - LETS GET TO THE SIMPLE FACTS!

Readers may by now be overwhelmed by the plethora of Government announcements, reports, press releases, media announcements, platitudes from politicians; or are just confused by the different indexation arrangements applying to different sectors of the Australian community. So just what are the basic facts ? Put simply:

- Some Australians receive generously indexed superannuation benefits from the public purse: pre 2004 Federal Parliamentarians for example.
- Some needy Australians rightly receive welfare benefits, but these are generously indexed so that some relativities can be maintained over time. The Government has acknowledged that CPI indexation for their payments is inappropriate. Many recipients contributed nothing (or little) to the payments they receive.
- Some Australians, as part of their employment conditions of service when they started their careers, contributed to their retirement by paying into superannuation throughout their working lives. In retirement they are punished by receiving an inadequate CPI based indexation and thus are forced into a continual reduction in their standards of living. These second class citizens are Australia's 63,000 military superannuation recipients as well as some

300,000 retired Commonwealth public servants.

- During the lead up to the last election Kevin Rudd acknowledged that three Senate inquiries since 2001 recommended that a wage-based index for former ADF families was appropriate, and criticised the then Government for not acting on the recommendations. Now he has chosen to accept a one-man inquiry (the Matthews Report) that conveniently says the CPI is adequate for military superannuants, even though no other inquiry over the last 37 years recommended sticking with CPI !
- The Government says the cost for improving indexation for military superannuants would be prohibitive. This is simply not true, especially given the Government can find billions for a one off stimulus package! Independent actuarial studies support a Department of Finance estimate that an indexation change for some 300,000 public servant superannuants would be in the order of \$30m a year ... the cost for military superannuants would therefore be less than that, and in any case the vast majority would be ploughed back into the economy on a regular basis ... how that's for an effective stimulus package Mr Rudd ?

The Association will continue working with others to right this wrong. All we want is to be treated fairly, and not be discriminated against. Is that really asking too much ?

Extract from DFWA Update 243 of 3 Sep 09

Events coming up

1 October 2009 Naval Memorial Service

Naval Memorial ANZAC Parade Please be there by 1045

Followed by lunch in the Ollims Hotel Bistro

7 October **WEDNESDAY** Monthly meeting onboard MV *Southern Cross*
Commencing at 1930



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

7 Oct	MV Southern Cross	1930 Wed
5 Nov	Kaleen Sports Club	1330
3 Dec	Manuka Services Club	1830
4 Feb	Annual GM Manuka Service Club	1930
3 Mar	MV Southern Cross	1930 Wed
1 Apr	Kaleen Sports Club	1330
3 Jun	Manuka Services Club	1930
1 Jul	Manuka Services Club	1930
5 Aug	Kaleen Sports Club	1930
2 Sep	Manuka Services Club	1930
6 Oct	MV Southern Cross	1930 Wed
4 Nov	Kaleen Sports Club	1330
2 Dec	Manuka Services Club	1830

President's Note

We had a good meeting at the Kaleen Sports Club with quite a lot turning up and eating their lunch together in the Club's Restaurant prior to the meeting. In view of this success, the commencement of meetings at Kaleen has been delayed by 30 minutes so that the committee can enjoy their lunch with other members in the restaurant.

The Matthews report on the Review of Military Superannuation was received by the Federal Government on 28 December 2009. The Report has been endorsed by the Federal Government and it has taken until the beginning of this month for it to release the report which in essence says that there is no basis, within his Terms of Reference to recommend any other indexation process other than CPI which is being used at present to maintain the "value" of both military and commonwealth Public Servants pensions. Comment from the DFWA is on page one. A response from an individual, Peter Thornton, who concludes his paper addressed to the Minister for Finance and Deregulation, Mr Lindsay Tanner, with the following statement is very much to the point;

"However, if the Government persists with its endorsement then it will be morally and legally obligated, without equivocation or reservation, to amend the wage based indexation mechanisms that are afforded not least to the Judicial and Parliamentary pension schemes. This is because Mr. Mathew's [sic] fundamental premise is that the Government should not afford retired members of the Commonwealth with "a share of productivity increases" earned by current and future employees. As such: How can the Government now justify allowing retired Judges and Politicians a share of the "productivity increases" earned by past, current and future judicial and parliamentary members?"

Our condolences and deepest sympathy to Jack Aaron on the passing of his wife, Eileen.

Regards
Peter Cooke-Russell

NAA ACT Section Event Diary

- 1 October **Naval Memorial Service** Naval Memorial Anzac Parade Time 1100
- 1 October **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 Joce's house 30 Marsden Street Dickson \$15 per head.
- 28 Nov **Jack Staff BBQ** at Ken Doolan's house 60 Whisker's Ck Road Carwoola BYO See page

HMAS SYDNEY IV Berths in London

HMAS *Sydney* berthed at Canary Wharf, the question on everyone's lips was not what should we do? but what do we do first? London was a major port visit for Northern Trident 2009 and one of many highlights so far for *Sydney*.

"Travelling up the Thames in a warship was pretty spectacular and probably a once in a lifetime opportunity for most of us onboard," said *Sydney's* Commanding Officer, CAPT Peter Leavy RAN. We berthed at Canary Wharf, which is right in the heart of the banking and finance district and not far from the City of London. We were shown plenty of English hospitality during our stay and learnt a lot about the famous and historical city."

Getting around London to take in all the sites proved fairly easy, with some people catching the famous London underground or "tube" as it is affectionately known, with others choosing to enjoy the mild 21-degree sunshine and conduct their own walking tour of London's famous sites".

"I was surprised at how detailed Big Ben was. Its colour and craftsmanship is not really that visible in photos and its clock face was really huge. When it struck eleven it was really loud and seemed to go on forever," said Able Seaman Ben Bittner.

A number of the ship's company attended the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace and walked around the streets made famous from Monopoly: The Strand, Park Lane, Trafalgar Square, Regent Street, Leicester Square, to name but a few. West End shows also proved popular as did the English pubs with their famous hospitality, pints of lager and hearty food.

Sydney's five day visit followed a period of training in Plymouth where the ship's core warfare skills and seamanship were scrutinised by staff from the Royal Navy's Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) organisation.

"The FOST guys really put us through our paces but *Sydney's* crew rose to the challenge and I know



HMAS SYDNEY berthed in South Quay on the Thames

that everyone on board really enjoyed the training and the opportunity to further their skills within the training environment. With each exercise we improved and FOST relayed to me how impressed they were with *Sydney's* commitment and willingness to learn," said CAPT Leavy.

"The training will continue once we arrive in the vicinity of Portsmouth following our London visit, so hopefully the recent rest and relaxation will assist us to build on the great results that we achieved back in Plymouth," he said.

Portsmouth will hold a special significance for the Senior Sailors of HMAS *Sydney* after they recently attending a memorable mess dinner on-board Nelson's famous flagship, HMS *Victory*. Forty-five guests including *Sydney's* Commanding Officer, CAPT Peter Leavy RAN, Executive Officer, LCDR Bill Waters RAN and guest speaker retired Royal Navy Vice Admiral John McAnally CB LVO enjoyed pre-dinner drinks in the Senior Rates Mess followed by dinner on the Gun Deck on long tables and benches amongst the cannons.

"The atmosphere was incredible," said President of the Chief Petty Officers Mess, WO Bob McCann. "Just to be in a ship with such a famous history was humbling. To eat where battles had taken place was a once in a lifetime experience and truly memorable. I don't think anyone who attended the dinner will ever forget just what a great venue it was, and it was certainly all anyone could talk about in the days that followed," he said.

HMS *Victory* was Lord Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar. She is the oldest Royal Navy ship still in commission, and now sits in dry dock in Portsmouth, England as a museum ship. The Senior Sailors were fortunate to receive a personal



Ready to hit London town

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Release of the Loss of HMAS SYDNEY II Report

On 12 August the Minister for Defence, Senator John Faulkner, released the Commission of Inquiry Report on the loss of HMAS *Sydney* II.

"This report offers Australians confirmation of the circumstances surrounding the loss of HMAS *Sydney* II, and I thank the President of the Commission of Inquiry, Terence Cole, for his painstaking work," Senator Faulkner said.

The Chief of the Defence Force, Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston, AC, AFC said HMAS *Sydney* II was lost with all hands on 19 November 1941, following an engagement with the German raider, HSK *Kormoran*, off the Western Australian coast.

"For a long time our nation has struggled to understand how our greatest maritime disaster occurred. The unanswered questions have haunted the families of those brave sailors and airmen that never came home," Air Chief Marshal Houston said.

President of the Commission, the Honourable Terence Cole, AO, RFD, QC, said that the Inquiry's key findings confirm that "accounts provided by the HSK *Kormoran* survivors of *Sydney* II's last movements and of the damage she sustained during the engagement with the German raider are correct. When *Sydney* was lost, the Commanding Officer of HMAS *Sydney* II was performing his military duty in seeking to identify an unknown ship.

"The Commanding Officer of HMAS *Sydney* II was not expecting to encounter any merchant ship in the location where he encountered *Kormoran*. That knowledge together with his knowledge of the possible presence of a German raider should have caused the sighted vessel to be treated as suspicious," Mr Cole said.

Another key finding is that there is now additional compelling evidence to support the conclusion that the body recovered from Christmas Island in 1941 is that of a member of HMAS *Sydney* II's ship's company.

Mr Cole further concluded that "each of the many frauds, theories and speculations reported to the Inquiry were thoroughly investigated and none were found to have any substance whatsoever."

Chief of Navy, Vice Admiral Russ Crane AM CSM RAN encouraged those with an interest in HMAS *Sydney* II to read the report, and reflected that the loss of HMAS *Sydney* II needs to be viewed in context of the times.

"An appreciation of the training, tactics and procedures of the time and the particular circumstances of the day in question, including the fact that merchant vessels frequently did not properly respond to queries by warships, must be taken into account to help understand why HMAS *Sydney* II approached so close to HSK *Kormoran*," Vice Admiral Crane said.

"In 1941 and today, command at sea of one of HMA Ships is an extremely complex and challenging job in a very harsh and unforgiving environment. This is even more-so during times of conflict. The crewmembers of HMAS *Sydney* II were highly trained professionals doing a tough job, in a period of war. They took great pride in the fact that they were defending Australia, our values and our way of life," Vice Admiral Crane added.

The Commission was appointed in May 2008 to inquire into and report upon circumstances associated with the loss of HMAS *Sydney* II and consequent loss of life and related subsequent events.

Scientific Analysis Key over the Loss of HMAS SYDNEY II

On 14 August Greg Combet, Minister for Defence Personnel, Materiel and Science, commended the Defence Science and Technology Organisation for its work in support of the Commission of Inquiry into the loss of HMAS *Sydney* II.

Mr Combet praised the efforts of the Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) and the Royal Institution of Naval Architects (RINA) whose reconstructive work was crucial in uncovering the circumstances surrounding the loss of the ship.

"Through the Commission of Inquiry's report we now have a better understanding of the circumstances which resulted in Australia's greatest naval tragedy, the loss of HMAS *Sydney* II and all 645 crew members," Mr Combet said.

"The expertise of DSTO and RINA was invaluable in assisting the Commission's determination of what happened to the *Sydney*."

A key piece of evidence placed before the Commission was a computer-generated simulation produced by DSTO to depict the final hours of the ship.

The simulation, based on extensive scientific computer models, an exhaustive analyses of video imagery and photographs of the wreck site, as well as historical documents and photographs, illustrated the extent of the torpedo and shell damage sustained by the vessel.

"While some World War II vessels survived single torpedo hits or damage from larger calibre shells, the *Sydney* endured sustained attack at close range," Mr Combet said.

"I hope the publishing of this report ends the controversy that has surrounded the loss of the HMAS *Sydney* II.

"The relatives of the crew can take some comfort from the comprehensive and dedicated work undertaken to determine the final hours of the tragedy," Mr Combet said.

A copy of the report can be found on the Defence Internet site at: <http://www.defence.gov.au/sydneyii/finalreport>

Operation JAYWICK

Of all the units to serve in World War II one of the strangest and arguably the bravest was the very top secret, highly trained 'Z Special Unit'. More commonly but also incorrectly referred to as 'Z Force', in fact these were two entirely different units.

All of its missions were cloaked in ultimate secrecy and even though it's been over 50 years since the end of World War II very little is known of its 182 missions.

Z Special Unit recruited men from many branches of the Armed Forces and as well as being most secret it was probably the most 'multi-cultural'. Although most of its members were Australian, there were also British, New Zealanders, Dutch, French, Malays, Canadians, Americans, Indonesians and Chinese - All experts in various subjects to do with clandestine operations.

Of all the missions undertaken by 'Z Special Unit' the most spectacular and well known were the two raids carried out against enemy shipping in Japanese Occupied Singapore Harbour. The first of these, Operation 'Jaywick', 26th September 1943 resulted in 38,000 Tons of enemy shipping sunk. The second - Operation 'Rimau', 11th September 1944 involved the use of small one man submarines. They were compromised before arriving at their destination which resulted in the capture of the raiders and consequently their ceremonial execution (beheading) by the Japanese.

Operation Jaywick - a seemingly suicidal plot to destroy Japanese shipping in Singapore Harbour was one of the most daring raids of World War Two. In September 1943, ten Australian and four British servicemen struck at the heart of the Japanese supply line to New Guinea.

The Operation was planned by Australian and British Commando and Intelligence Officers and was to take place at the same time when the Salamaua, Lae and Finschafen operations were taking place against the Japanese in New Guinea. Disorganisation of Japanese shipping was deemed to be an essential factor in the success of these operations. So great was the secrecy of Operation Jaywick that Major Bob Page of Grafton, New South Wales, died in a later operation without even knowing he had been decorated for his part in it. For nine months the party trained at a secret camp on the Queensland coast.

The vessel assigned to them was the '*Krait*', a former Japanese fishing boat, 70 feet long, 11 foot Beam with a range of 11,000 miles and a top speed of 6.5 knots. *Krait* had originally been sailed to India from Singapore, after its fall to the Japa-



A group photograph of personnel connected with
OPERATION JAYWICK,

Front row L TO R, Unidentified, LT Carse, LT. Page; Second row LDG. TELEG. Young AB. Marsh, AB. Jones; Third row, CPL. Morris, AB. Falls LDG. SEAMAN Cain MAJOR Lyon; Back row, MAJOR Campbell, LDG. STOKER McDowell, Unidentified Un-identified. AWM

nese, where she was commandeered by Military Intelligence for 'possible future use'. Later, she was sent on a perilous voyage across the Indian Ocean to Australia and refitted for her new role.

Krait departed Exmouth in Western Australia laden with weapons, limpet mines and rubber canoes, which were stowed out of sight, and headed north toward the Lombok Strait in the very dangerous occupied waters around Surabaya, Indonesia.

She was sailed to within 21 miles of the 'Singapore Roads' and then the canoes were loaded with rations and water for one week plus operational stores and weapons. The canoe-borne raiders arranged their rendezvous with *Krait* for the night of October 1st at Pompong, 28 miles from the ad-

vanced operational post, for which Dongas, eight miles from Singapore Harbour, had been selected.

At 8:30 on September 22, the three canoes, with their six raiders a piece reached Dongas. The arduous nature of the long paddle necessitated a day of rest for the canoeists and the next day Singapore Harbour was reconnoitered for likely targets. At no time during their five day observation was there less than 100,000 tons of shipping present in the harbour. On September 24 the three canoes attempted infiltration of the harbour but adverse tides forced abandonment of the mission. All during this period the raiders were under the constant threat of being detected by the numerous and active Japanese water and shore patrols. The next night the base of operations was altered to Palau Sambu where the tides were more favourable and on the night of 26 September the successful raid was launched.



FV Krait moored during operational training

Canoe 1 reached a 10,000 ton tanker and two limpet mines were attached to her hull, one at the place of the engine room and another on her propeller shaft. Canoe 2 twice crossed the boom of the harbour in search of worthy targets and finally selected three of the most tempting - one 5,000 ton freighter, the 6,000 ton '*Taisyo Maru*' and another 5,000 ton tanker. Canoe 3 covertly examined ships and sentries along the lighted wharves before selecting the modern freighters '*Nasusan Maru*' and '*Yamataga Maru*'. The attacks began soon after 8:00 pm. At dawn, the canoes were back at their operations base camp and there the crews settled back to watch the forthcoming show.

Seven separate explosions were heard between 5:15 am and 5:50 am and both sea and air patrols were observed setting out searching for the attackers. At dusk on 27 September the raiders set out for their rendezvous with *Krait* which was cruising in the vicinity of Pompong Island and despite the frantic and exhaustive air and sea searches by the enraged Japanese the canoeists slipped through the net and made their rendezvous.

Lieutenant Carse and the seven member crew of *Krait* had been waiting and playing cat and mouse with Japanese patrols for 16 anxious days when all of the raiders were picked up safely. The *Krait* then stole away unnoticed bound for Australia where there were one or two close calls along the way - such as being interrogated by an inquisitive enemy destroyer, but she reached Australia without the loss of a single man (a remarkable achievement for such a hazardous mission). The seemingly impossible 'Operation Jaywick' had been a resounding success.

Ex HMAS CANBERRA (II) Scuttling

The target date and time for the scuttling is scheduled for **Saturday 12 September 2009** at 0900. However, it is subject to change through weather and other influences out of the Contractors control.

It should be noted that the actual scuttling is dependent on prevailing weather conditions and may be delayed or possibly brought forward.

The ship is currently undergoing final preparations and will be towed to a holding point within Port Phillip Bay on Thursday 10 September and towed to the scuttling site on Friday 11 September in readiness for scuttling the following day.

The Victorian Government has been consulting with Defence to identify a suitable location to view the scuttling and hold an Official Function from 0845 until 1000 on Saturday 12 September to view the scuttling which will include ex-HMAS *Canberra* (11) Ships Company.



More Transport Support for Woden

Woden Community Service Home and Community Care Program has received a \$205,000 boost to expand services in Woden.

Some of the money will go towards case management, domestic services and personal care for the aged and for people with a disability, or for carers of a person with a disability in the Woden area.

The money will also fund a new vehicle to boost its community transport support scheme in Woden. This will help even more elderly citizens and people with a disability to access more activities in the community such as gentle exercise classes, doctors' appointments, social gatherings, shopping etc.

For more information, contact Robyn Rutherford on 6234 6850.



Pension on Track

Age pensioners will receive their final quarterly utilities allowance in September, when the new pension system begins. It will be paid to age pensioners as soon as possible after 20 September.

Payments under the new pension system – including the new Pension Supplement which incorporates utilities allowance, telephone allowance, pharmaceutical allowance and the GST supplement – will start being paid fortnightly from 20 September.

Under the new system, Carer Payment recipients will receive the pension increases as well as a permanent Carer Supplement of \$600 per annum.

Carer Allowance recipients will receive an additional \$600 per annum for each eligible person in their care.

The Carer Supplement will be paid on 1 July each year and will replace the previous one-off bonuses for carers.

Enquiries to the Centrelink Retirement line on 132 200.

HMAS DIAMANTINA Interactive DVD

Brian Berry (Greenbank Sub-section) has now completed a DVD that provides a virtual tour of HMAS *Diamantina* and it is ready for distribution.

His work on developing the DVD came about after purchasing an interactive CD-ROM on Nelson's ship, HMS *Victory*, from the Royal Naval Museum in Portsmouth in 2004. He saw this method as a way of bringing one of Australia's most significant and valuable Museum exhibits alive and making it available to everyone. One of the problems he recognised was the fact that the majority of the visitors to the ship did not really understand or appreciate the significance of the many empty spaces they saw as they walked through her. Even those who have the good fortune to have one of the Museum's experienced guides showing them through the ship still have only their own imaginations working to fill in the gaps. To the majority, the world we old sailors inhabited is largely a mystery.

This ship has a great story to tell and the DVD is aimed at doing just that. Rear Admiral Andrew Robertson, OA, DSC, RAN (Ret'd), told a group of veterans some years ago that we old sailors should take every opportunity we could find to remind our fellow Australians how vital a strong maritime defence force is to our survival as a nation and this ship is the perfect vehicle for that purpose. For that



HMAS *Diamantina* Sailing from Sydney 1978

reason alone, this endeavour has been worth all of the effort it has entailed.

The recommended retail price is \$34.95 but, alternatively, they are available to the NAA Sub-Sections in lots of 25 for just \$20.00 each, plus postage and handling.

Orders should be placed with the Secretary Joe Slaats on 026255 7972 to enable bulk buying

Hobart Class Air Warfare Destroyers

Australia' *Hobart* Class air warfare destroyers are a step closer, following the signing of contracts for the construction of hull blocks. Once these ship sections are joined together and their systems integrated, they will rank as some of the world's most capable multi-purpose warships.

The Spanish Navantia-designed AWDs are a modified F100 destroyer class already in service with the Spanish Navy. They will be built using a modular construction method with hull blocks pre-fabricated then integrated to form completed ships.

The AWD Project is Australia's largest defence procurement and is tracking on time and on budget. In South Australia there has been considerable investment in people and facilities to build the ships. Additionally, fabrication shops constructing ship blocks will gear up in the next few months, increasing the nation's maritime workforce knowledge and skills.



Workforce planners are focussing on the need to have not only a fully competent crew for each ship, but also the shore staff to train and support the AWDs.

There are less than two posting cycles before the first AWD begins sea trials in 2014 and crew selection and training for the first of HMAS *Hobart's* crew of 186 will start from 2011. The ships and their crews will be home ported in Sydney with some initial training in Adelaide and overseas and then in Sydney.

(With thanks to "Defence magazine")



Brisbane's jackstaff in the Pool of London 1977



Ken and Elaine Doolan invite you to the ceremonial breaking of the ANF at the head of the *Brisbane* Jackstaff followed by a BYO BBQ.

Date: Saturday 28th November 2009

Time: 1100 to 1500

Outline Programme: Members of the ACT Branches of the Naval Association and the HMAS Sydney and Escorts Vietnam Veterans Logistic Support Association are invited to make their own way to our property "Grinkle Park." It is about a half hour drive from the centre of Canberra - a rough "mudmap" is attached. for your information. There is parking on the property for a large number of vehicles.

A short ceremony concluding with the ceremonial breaking of the ANF at the jackstaff masthead will commence at 1100.

I hope to have my new book *Steel Cat - The Story of HMAS Brisbane - Vietnam and Gulf War Veteran* published by then and may use this event as a book launch as well.

Thereafter we hope all will avail themselves of the opportunity of joining in a self -help, self-supply barbeque/picnic lunch.

Visitors may also wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of wandering around our property but will need stout shoes, long trousers and the commonsense to keep out of the way of any snakes they may encounter.

ACT Section Christmas BBQ



To be held in Don and Bev' Joce's garden in at
**30 Marsden Street Dickson 2902 on
 Sunday 22 November 2009**



**Commencing at 1200
 Entry fee \$15 per head**



Ham, pork and Christmas pudding etc is included in menu

**Bring a chair and grog or other refreshments
 Please make booking with Bev 02 6249 7230
 with money to the above address**

Reunions

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 Train- ing 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.**

**Joe Slaats
 Organizer**

**HMAS Moresby Reunion - Canberra
 2009**

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October 2009

Mike Astbury, Doug Blake, David Bowditch,
 Alex Goodieson, Albert Gosch, Chic Henderson,
 Carl Hyauison, Bob Jones, Philip McQuire,
 Melba Petrovich, Ross Smith and Irish Vickers

A Happy Birthday to you all.



Thanks to the Canberra Services Club Manuka, for its support



Paddy was in New York. He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, "Okay, pedestrians." Then he'd allow the

traffic to pass.

He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk.

After the cop had shouted, "Pedestrians!" for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, "Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?"

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

"Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher. "They say I died!!"

"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye callin' from?"

Irish Humour

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?" "Just water," says the priest.

The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

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tour that took them to places on board *Victory* that the public do not usually get to visit. Many took the opportunity to be photographed sitting in the Great Cabin at the very same desk that Nelson penned his last prayer, the day before Trafalgar.

"It was amazing that the ship is still relatively intact however it is certainly well looked after. Apparently when they do a repair they never throw anything away so that way they can recycle the timber to ensure authenticity," said WO McCann.

After dining on traditional English fare such as Roast Beef and Spatchcock, the assembled guests were entertained by guest speaker, retired Vice Admiral John McAnally who regaled them with stories of his time in Australia serving in both HMAS *Melbourne* (II) and HMAS *Torrens* (II) in the 1970's. He also spent two years as Navigating Commander of the Royal Yacht *Britannia* and in all, served in 17 ships and commanded five of them. "The Admiral was a fantastic guest speaker and told us some hilarious tales. He enjoyed himself so much that he didn't leave until the early hours of the morning, which for someone in his late sixties was an impressive effort," said WO McCann.

Among other invited guests were three Royal Navy Chiefs posted to *Victory*, who presented *Sydney's* 'Senior Rates' with a piece of timber and copper plaque from *Victory*. The plaque is to be kept in a display cabinet in *Sydney's* Chief Petty Officer's mess. After a very late evening, the dinner finally concluded with many agreeing that it was certainly one to remember.



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

Answers to Five Minute Quiz:

1. Copper and zinc; 2. Greenland; 3. Odin; 4. Roundheads;
5. Bulgaria; 6. Second; 7. Zeus; 8. World War I; 9. Germany;
10. Cardiff



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
Chicken Schnitzel	\$10.00
Weiner Schnitzel	\$10.00
Parmigiana Topping	\$ 1.50

Lunches Daily \$7.00

Rivers Dining Bistro is open seven days a week:

Lunch 12 - 2 pm

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FIVE MINUTE QUIZ

- Which two metals make up fake or Dutch gold? Answers Page 10
- What is the largest island in the world?
- In Norse legend, the Valkyries are the handmaidens of which god?
- What nickname was given to the parliamentary supporters during the 17th-century English civil war?
- The lev is the currency of what European republic?
- Which number amendment of the US Constitution guarantees the right to bear arms?
- What deity is the Greek equivalent of the Roman god Jupiter?
- Was the Brisbane Line a defence strategy in World War 1 or 11?
- Albert Einstein was born in which country?
- What is the capital of Wales?



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