Welcome to my report for this spring edition of the Perth Pundit.

As usual everything has been very quiet since my last report.

Due to a mishap with the email system we had to cancel the AGM that was to take place at Currambin RSL on the 1st September. The AGM will now be held on 27th October at the Southern Cross Club in Canberra.

However, we did hold our scheduled Committee meeting at the same venue.

It was good to see some Queensland members attend along with the usual suspects.

There was some discussion about how we can encourage new memberships from post-Vietnam Perth 2 and Perth 3 crew. Not much was resolved but should anyone know anyone from either of the above, they could encourage them to consider joining. The common reason given for not joining is “what’s in it for me?”. The answer of course is continuing contact with ex shipmates.

Another topic discussed was the lack of enthusiasm of current members to put their hands up for positions on the Committee or Executive.

Lyle Phillips
National President.
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A mention in this Titbits column of the June PUNDIT - one of Perth II CO’s, CDRE Mal Wise, had his postnominal as ‘CSM’. His postnominal is actually ‘OAM’ - this has been brought to notice by Mark Baker, a member from Queensland who is still serving as a WOCIS and served with CDRE Mal Wise in Bahrain for 6 months.

Mark also sent more information on the closure of Glendinnings Menswear stores:

All three store (HMAS CERBERUS, ROCKINGHAM and WOOLOOMOOLOO) have closed and the company has gone into liquidation. It will not return and further to this, the contents of the stores have been seen up for auction by liquidators on Gray's Online. Navy pushed out a signal when it happened which included details for members who had uniforms on order with the company. It also had the point of contact at the liquidators for members to contact as some members had accounts with the company that contained funds.

Most serving members who had funds in an account with Glendinnings, have been informed that priority debtors have not yet been paid and when this has been done the liquidators will then look at notifying members (unsecured creditors) of their funds.

Pity they didn't have it in them to close individuals accounts before liquidation hit. Noting that the majority of employees in the shop fronts appeared/were ex-serving members one can only assume that they were also kept in the dark about the financial situation of the company. For many years supported by defence serving personnel only to desert them when they deserved the return of their funds.

Just after Glendinnings have closed down, another organisation has surfaced. It’s called “Navy Shop” and is located in Fyshwick, ACT. They appear to have quite a variety of items for sale and their main sales method is online. Prices for some items are reasonable with some other (specialist) items being quite expensive.

Their range of ship-related items appear only to be for currently commissioned ships - i.e., there's nothing available for Perth I or Perth II. They may be able to produce items for decommissioned ships upon request, but the price may well be prohibitive.

The online address is: https://www.navyshop.com.au and the website has a very comprehensive catalogue of all items being sold. Locals may also visit their showroom at 65 Kembla Street, FYSHWICK ACT. Phone: 02 6123 2933
ACT AREA REPORT

Spring has arrived in Canberra and, similar to many other regions across our borders, we are in significant need of good rainfall.

Membership as at 21 August 2018 stood at:

- 24 Full members, including 6 NSW members who pay capitation to the ACT;
- 2 Life members; and
- 2 Associate members.

Members will be advised in due course of the next social function and ACT Area Annual General Meeting. The November pre-Christmas lunch at the Star Buffet, Kambah Burns Club, has proved most popular in recent years.

In closing, the ACT Area Committee extends its best wishes to all shipmates and their loved ones, particularly those who are not travelling too well at the moment. Let’s all keep in touch.

Jack Aaron
ACT Area Committee

N.S.W. AREA SEPTEMBER 2018

This quarter has been very slow and cold, thankfully spring is at hand. Events for this period 15th August V.P. Day at the Cenotaph, 18th August Vietnam Veteran’s Day at the Cenotaph and 5th September Battle for Australia at the Cenotaph. These events also had services in suburban and regional areas. Sunday November 11th 1100 is Remembrance Day.

Some of drought stricken N.S.W. has finally received some much needed rain, it is nowhere near enough but it is a start. I will not comment on the National political scene and in Sydney between the Light Rail and the Heavy Rail, the busses and ferries don't look to bad.

I am glad to report that so far this quarter none of our members have "Crossed the Bar" and 55 members have renewed their membership

Our next "Quarterly (pre Christmas) Meeting" will be held at the Hornsby R.S.L. on Saturday November 10th starting at 1100. All welcome.

Cheers
Mike
N.S.W. Area Sec.
Victoria Area Report for September 2018

HMAS Perth [Vic Area]
Up-Coming Events

Tuesday 11th September 2018—Bita Paka—Wreath Laying, 1100 hrs Sanctuary—Shrine of Remembrance.

Attended Events.

* Ex-Pow’s Lunch 4th July
* Weary Dunlop annual service. 12th July
* Battle of Savo Island—We had one survivor, Mr Roy Stephens attend.

Donations 2018.

HMAS Perth Vic area with the support of Lions Breakfast Club Geelong has donated the following.

* Sandakan Scholarship Trust: $1,000.00
* Weary Dunlop Foundation: $2,000.00
* EX-POW’s Victoria $500.00

Financial Situation.

Bank Acc. $1,791.15

All in All things are well in Victoria.

Regards,

Pete Johnston
Pete Johnston
Sec/Tres
HMAS Perth National Assoc.
Victoria Area

Qld report for Pundit.

Things in Queensland have been fairly quiet since our last Pundit, our President Trevor Rieken has now been in Hospital for the past 13 or so weeks and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Thankfully winter is coming to a close and warmer weather is on its way

Cheers

Terry McLeod
WA Area Report for September

At our AGM we reflected on the events since the last AGM over the past 2 years in that the Members regularly attended the Nedlands Yacht Club Regatta, the Memorial Church Services, Anzac Day Services, North American Memorial Events as well as attending our own organised meetings, BBQ’s and Christmas Luncheons.

Thanks were to Cheryl Bancroft for organizing the Christmas Events in the past and also the TS Perth Committee who as always did an outstanding job with the catering for the Lunch at Christmas as well as the morning tea at the Memorial Church Services.

Also thanks to Colin for his Treasury duties and Tom the Secretary for his contributions.

On the Sick List are John Marek, Shirley Stubbs, Brigham Young, Bob Lindsay, John Lindsay, Bev Jarvis, and Peter Knight.

We wish them all a full and speedy recovery.

Bob Mummery was asked to take on the role of returning Officer to oversee the election of the new Committee for the next 2 years.

Nominations for all positions and the following were determined:

- **President**: Peter Jarvis
- **Vice President**: Alan Nicholson
- **Secretary**: Tom van der Togt
- **Treasurer**: Colin Bancroft
- **Committee**: Peter Knight, Greg Shimmen, Ian Lorimer

Regards,

Peter

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The Bravo Zulu Project

From Ian Pfennigwerth

Special Discounted Offer for Advance Purchases

The second volume of Bravo Zulu, scheduled for release in October 2018, traces the history and significant events in Australia’s navy from 1975 to the RAN’s Centennial year of 2014, through the stories of those of its men and women selected to receive honours and awards. It covers the Navy’s amazing response to its call to arms for the 1991 Gulf War and its involvement since that time in enforcing UN sanctions on Iraq, the 2003 Iraq War and the service of its people in Iraq and Afghanistan. One chapter describes the RAN’s crucial role in the 1999-2000 UN operation to bring peace to East Timor.

Bigger than Volume 1, the book also details the efforts involved in successfully modernising the Navy’s equipment while coping with a stream of Defence ‘reforms’. Moving stories of the efforts of RAN ships and their crews to safeguard illegal immigrants intercepted at sea illustrate the Navy’s contribution to Australia’s border security, and naval support for peacekeeping in the South Pacific region is also recounted.

But above all, Bravo Zulu Volume 2 is about people – those recognised for their gallantry in action, bravery in all circumstances, and for labouring mightily to ensure that Australia’s navy continues to be acknowledged internationally for its and organisational capability and operational reach.

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A special offer of discounted prices will run from late July until 29 September 2018 to raise the funding to cover the printing of the book. There are four options:

1. Bravo Zulu Volume 2 hardcover @ $80 (RRP $90) + $13 postage = $93
2. Bravo Zulu Volume 2 paperback @ $70 (RRP $80) + $13 postage = $83
3. Bravo Zulu Volumes 1 and 2 hardcover @ $150 (RRP $170) + $26 postage = $176
4. Bravo Zulu Volumes 1 and 2 paperback at $135 (RRP $165) + $26 postage = $161

**Overseas postage costs on application.**

The offer is only valid for purchases in $A made through PayPal on Ian Pfennigwerth’s website [www.nautilushistory.com.au](http://www.nautilushistory.com.au), orders by email to [pfennigs1@bigpond.com](mailto:pfennigs1@bigpond.com), with direct deposit into Ian’s bank account with ANZ - BSB 012767, A/c No 3023 36677, or by cheque to Ian at PO Box 139 Salamander Bay NSW 2317 Australia. For the latter two options please ensure you supply a delivery address for your books.

All copies purchased will be signed by Ian and purchasers can email special inscriptions they would like entered in books intended as gifts, Christmas presents, and so on.

Delivery of copies ordered is scheduled for the end of October. However, please be aware that printing is the part of the book creation process over which Ian has neither influence nor control.

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**NEW INDUCTION FOR COMPLETION BY ALL VISITORS TO ANY AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE BASE**

Defgram 388/2018 was released on 23 July 2018 outlining Defence’s obligation under the Work Health and Safety Act 2011 and the development of a standardised ‘National’ base induction for all visitors. This induction has been discussed at the Base Management Forum (BMF) and should come as no surprise to resident units (RU) and the base population.

All persons entering HMAS Kuttabul/GIDP will be required to complete the new induction, including personnel posted to ships based at or visiting Fleet Base east as they are required to access the base. Once complete, this is registered and remains current for 12 months. This message relates specifically to visitors only. A separate instruction will be sent out shortly for the base population and our Defence Industry Partner who work at or routinely visit GIDP/Kuttabul. This will require RUs to record completion and submit this to Base Support. This requirement also applies to any other Defence establishment, including Army and Air Force.


Once on that web page, search for “Kuttabul” (located on the left hand side) and then click on “view base details”. Then click on “start induction”.

The induction has 5 parts that need to be read and understood, once you have gone through each section you will be asked to add your basic information such as name, date of birth, email etc. A copy of your “completion” will be emailed to you.

For personnel that escort visitors, a copy of the completion needs to be sighted by the access controller before the issuing of the visitors pass (printed out or shown on phone/iPad). The induction is valid for 12 months and it will be uploaded into the Pass management system. This means that visitors will not be asked again within 12 months of completion.

For those personnel who receive goods from couriers or other vendors, please advise your courier/vendor company of the requirement to complete the GIDP induction. You do not need DRN to complete this induction and it can be accessed 24/7. If a driver presents to GIDP without having com-
completed the induction they will be required to visit the GIDP Main Pass Office to complete the induction.

This process is already in place. All personnel who are hosting visitors to the base are requested to provide this information to their visitors as early as practicable for action at the earliest opportunity.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact the DSM or the Base Support team GID.

Please note!

The Induction process must be completed by ALL guests who are entering Garden Island Naval Base – please ensure those guests whom you invite complete the process.

A HISTORIC RADIO EVENT
100 YEARS AGO

On 22nd September 1918 direct wireless messages from England were received in Australia, creating considerable public interest and causing a political controversy. The messages were transmitted from the big Marconi station at Carnarvon in Wales and were received at the home of Ernest Fisk, the Managing Director of Amalgamated Wireless (Australasia) Limited (A.W.A.). Two communications were sent, one from the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. W.M. “Billy” Hughes, who was in England trying to raise enthusiasm for the Australian war effort in Europe because public support was waning and the disastrous English military leadership of the Australian forces was under serious question. The second message was from the Minister for the Navy, Mr. Joseph Cook, who accompanied Hughes. Australia's efforts to sell its farm produce to England were being frustrated by the English farmers and unions, which explains the jingoistic tone of Hughes and Cook's wireless messages. As it happened, Germany capitulated soon after this event and both men then took part in the Peace Conference and negotiations in November 1918.

The two messages were as follows:

1. 1.15pm Sydney time.

   "I have just returned from a visit to the battlefields where the glorious valour and dash of the Australian troops saved Amiens and forced back the legions of the enemy, filled with greater admiration than ever for these glorious men and more convinced than ever that it is the duty of their fellow-citizens to keep these magnificent battalions up to their full strength. W.M. Hughes, Prime Minister."

2. 1.25pm Sydney time.

   "Royal Australian Navy is magnificently bearing its part in the great struggle. Spirit of sailors and soldiers alike is beyond praise. Recent hard fighting brilliantly successful but makes reinforcements imperative. Australia hardly realises the wonderful reputation which our men have won. Every effort being constantly made here to dispose of Australia’s surplus products. Joseph Cook, Minister for Navy."

AWA published a souvenir document (right) of the event with the heading "The First Direct Wireless Messages from England to Australia," with a reproduction of the actual message forms as supposedly written down in Sydney and the following additional information:

"These messages were transmitted by arrangement with Senatore G. Marconi, G.C.V.O., D.Sc."
Spectacular as the event was, these were certainly not the first wireless signals received in Australia direct from England. During WW1 signals from the big transmitting station at Nauen in Germany had been heard regularly in Australia so there was every chance signals could be received from England and in fact AWA had been carrying out experimental work for more than a year prior to the official messages. At the AWA general shareholders meeting in August 1918 Ernest Fisk explained that ".... we are able to read messages direct from Berlin. These messages can be heard practically all day, ...".

In late 1916 Fisk had travelled to England where he discussed with Marconi the German wireless intercepts and the possibility of reception of wireless signals direct from England. It was agreed that AWA should set up a suitable receiver to listen for the Wales/Canada traffic from the Marconi Wireless Transmitting Station at Carnarvon in Wales. The UK Admiralty (which controlled the station during the war) later agreed to operate at other times, sending test messages for AWA.

On 26/2/1917 Fisk sought Australian Navy permission to erect an aerial at "Logan Brae", Station St., Pymble in Sydney, in one of the houses that AWA maintained for its staff, in order to listen for signals from the UK. (Fisk and his staff also carried out secret transmitting tests with the Pennant Hills wireless station from this time, using the call sign AWY). The reception equipment set up at Pymble was improved during the year and by December 1917 it was clear that signals from England could be received on a regular basis so the installation was moved to Fisk's residence at "Lucania" on the corner of Stuart and Cleveland Streets, Wahroonga. There Fisk erected a large square wooden tower about 25 metres high, with two antenna wires spaced about 3 metres apart and about 30 metres long, running from the Southeast to Northwest across to a mast on the western side of the property. Even though signals were being received, results were very variable and it took till September of 1918 before any real results could be achieved and publicised.

The Carnarvon 200 KW transmitting station, call sign MUU, was actually located near the village of Waenfawr, 10 Km SE of Caernarfon (the Welsh spelling). It had been built to communicate with Montreal in Canada and consequently the aerials were not aimed in the best direction for reception in Australia. The frequency of Carnarvon was 14,300 metres (21 Khz) and it was classed as only a low power station because the great circle distance between Carnarvon and Montreal is only 4,800 Km. and high power was not necessary. Despite this, there was enough signal to spread round the world and once it was shown that signals meant for Canada could be received in Australia, special tests were arranged at times thought to suit communications to Australia.

Because there was no two way communication between Sydney and Wales, the messages were sent several times, commencing 15 minutes after each hour. The log book shows that the messages were taken down again at least twice more that afternoon but then atmospherics became very bad.

Obviously Prime Minister Hughes and Navy Minister Cook were not standing by at Carnarvon at 3 o'clock in the morning. Their messages had been sent previously by wireless, or perhaps cable, from London to Wales. (Some cynics might even suggest that the entire text was known to Fisk and his staff before the event). Sydney had no facilities for replying by wireless so AWA sent a cable to England to proclaim the success.

"Lucania" still exists much as it was in 1918, but all evidence of wireless activity, apart from the monument on the street corner, is long gone. The land was subdivided many years ago so the area is...
smaller than in Fisk's time when Wahroonga was a rural area with large land parcels and dirt roads. The concrete foundation for the tower remains and is located on the north east corner, just inside the boundary of the property next door.

SO . . . . NOWADAYS

It’s now quite amazing to think that this experimental event 100 years ago has led us to such inventions and innovations as Digital Television, Mobile Phones, WiFi and many other things we now take for granted. All these now make our lives much more comfortable and productive.

This article has been sourced from OTC(A) Veterans Association and the pictures from the State Library of NSW website and other Sydney historical websites.

A ‘filler’ - the map of the 1939 world cruise made by PERTH I on her home voyage after commissioning in UK. The cruise commenced with the voyage to New York for the 1939 Worlds Fair.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT – 2018

MEMBERSHIP:
At 30 August:
Our current total is 252 members. We still have 36 members who have yet failed to renew.
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Decorated Vice Admiral's 90 years

From Emily Macdonald - as published in the local Woollahra newspaper

A former Woollahra Mayor and one of Australia's most senior retired Naval Officers, Vice Admiral David Leach, has celebrated his 90th birthday with tributes flowing in from across the country.

Among those to wish him well were both the Australian Fleet Commander and Deputy Chief of Navy, Rear Admirals Jonathon Mead and Mark Hammond, who came bearing a special letter acknowledging the milestone from the current Chief of Navy Vice Admiral Michael Noonan.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull also sent a letter of congratulations.

VADM Leach's lifetime of service began at just 13 years old when he entered the Royal Australian Naval College in January 1942.

Career highlights include serving as the Captain of HMAS Perth during her second deployment to the Vietnam War when the ship was awarded the US Meritorious Unit Citation.

VADM Leach retired from the Navy in 1985 but his commitment to the community didn't end there.

He was elected as an alderman of Woollahra council in 1991 and served as its mayor from 1995.

The Edgecliff resident marked the occasion at Matt Moran's Chiswick restaurant with his wife Pamela and loved ones.
Rabbits Available for sale

* Murphy has surfaced again - the polo shirts we previously had are no longer in production and we’ve now selected another model, 100% polyester, available this time in six colours: Aqua blue / white (pictured); Silver / white; White / black; Navy / white; Black / white & Pistachio (Lt green) / navy.

Available in: (Approx chest size in cm)

**Mens:** S(104), M(110), L(116), XL(124), 2XL(130), 3XL(142) & 5XL(158).

**Ladies:** 8(93), 10(98), 12(103), 14(108), 16(113), 18(118), 20 (124), 22(130) & 24(136).

These polo shirts are available, embroidered with either the ‘DDG ship’ crest (far right) or the PERTH III crest (right). When ordering please state colour, size and crest desired.

* We have official copies of a Navy Video on DVD, made in 1965 (as a film) of the commissioning of HMAS PERTH. The video is titled “The New Ship” and is selling for $15 including p&p. This PERTH II DVD, contains THE NEW SHIP (1965), ON THE GUNLINE (1968), PERTH TRIBUTE (1999) and an extra short film. These films were made by Navy during PERTH II’s life and have been recorded to DVD for the Association.

* We also have a DVD, containing videos of dives on PERTH I (2009) and HMS EXETER (2008), as well as a slide show of some pictures of PERTH I crew, by Dr Andrew FOCK of the Alfred Hospital in Melbourne. This DVD also has video of the PERTH I Commissioning ceremony and PERTH I sailing into Sydney.

* We can arrange for a name badge to be made to order similar to the one in the photograph at the right. The badge is coloured White with black lettering and the cost of $18.00 includes postage. This is a new design replacing the older navy blue badge and is available with either a pin clasp or magnetic holder. Please specify the holder you require when ordering. The badge is 3” x 1” or 75mm x 25mm.

* Postage and packing is additional to most of the prices quoted above, except where mentioned and would generally cost $8.50 for one to three items.

* These are just some of the rabbits we have available for sale to Members. Further photographs will be featured in future issues of Pundit to give you an idea of the total range of items we have for sale. We will hopefully be adding to our range from time to time, so watch this space for future releases.

PLEASE NOTE
All orders for rabbits are to be forwarded to:

The Secretary
HMAS Perth National Association
PO Box 626
MERIMBULA NSW 2548
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We would be very happy to accept your articles for publication in any issue of PUNDIT

Contributions should preferably be typed with a good quality of print for scanning or presented on a CD-R or CD-RW - returnable if requested. Disk contributions should preferably be in plain ASCII text without any formatting - save them from your word processor as “ASCII (DOS) text”.

Handwritten articles will also be accepted, although they may take a little longer to appear in print, as they will need to be re-typed.

Photographs supplied for the article should be either glossy prints or good quality JPEG files. Photos will be returned after scanning if requested. Please DO NOT send photographs embedded in an MS Word or ‘PDF’ document.

Please send your contribution to:
The PUNDIT Editor
HMAS Perth National Assn Inc
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Your contributions may also be sent via e-mail to:
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ASSOCIATION PRODUCTS FOR SALE

HMAS Perth Association Blazer Pocket (dk blue) ...... $20.00
DVD - The New Ship 1965, On the Gunline & PERTH Tribute 1999 - (inc postage) ........................................ $15.00
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HMAS Perth II decommissioning mug .................. $12.00
HMAS Perth Polo shirt - see previous page for colours - order only (including postage in Oz) .................. $45.00

The Mediterranean Diary by Jim NELSON
Reprinted for Association (inc postage in Oz) ....... $22.50
All Lapel Badges ( “We were winning”, White Ensign or Navy Anchor) ................................................ $5.00
Association name badge - white, order, with Magnetic or Pin attachment (please specify) ................. $18.00
Keyrings – Navy Anchor ................................. $5.00
Vietnam Service cloth Badges ............................ $5.00
PERTH (1) wall plaque ...................................... $???.
(plus $8.50 postage - NONE left)
PERTH (2) wall plaque ...................................... $???.
(plus $8.50 postage - NONE left)

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Please use this form only for an alteration to your personal details such as mailing address, email address, telephone or mobile number. You should include your membership number to ensure we change the correct database entry. If you wish to join our Association, please use the application form available from our website.

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I wish to have the capitation of $7.50 to go to ........ Area (Insert State / Area or leave blank)
If no choice is made above, the capitation will go to the Area Committee of your residence.

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