



Victoria Australia

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MASTHEAD No. 202

Chairman David Lines Opened the meeting and welcomed all. Chairman welcomed Ken Irons and Win Harrison good to see them back on deck again. Chairman Thanked all those who attended the Kick off meeting and made it a very enjoyable day. Cheryl the caterer did a great job with good food and service. He has been in touch with Cheryl and thanked her and Vicki the waitress. He thanked Gordon Canty for running a successful raffle, and for all those who donated the prizes and bought tickets. The auction for the Grange Hermitage wine was very successful. Our thanks to Ric Clark who was the successful bidder. Thanks to Ric for offering it for auction next year.

Secretary Thanked Janet and David for their hospitality.

Birthdays February Ann Hillman Best Wishes Ann

Apologies Maureen Hannant, Mary Stephens, Tom Clark and Jane, Sally Briscoe Ada Barnard and Sandi, Jean Rees, Charles Jenkinson.

Sick List Tom Clark is in Casey Hospital ward H. Owen Dingle has optical problems which may require surgery. Charles Jenkinson is undergoing medical procedures. Win Harrison has been in hospital with broken ribs after a fall. We wish them all well and hope all goes well.

Treasurers Report. Total monies in the Bendigo Bank account \$3,354:05. Treasurer explained that the while the cost of catering and waitress service increased, the committee had held the cost of the lunch to \$30 for all who attended. The true cost was \$36 and the division like every other organisation needs to at least cover costs. Even at a cost of \$36 for a three course meal with a seafood and alternative entrée, main course of choice roast meats vegetables and condiments, with any dietary requirements catered for then a choice from three desserts is good value. It was moved and seconded and approved that the cost of the KO lunch be increased to cover costs.

Correspondence Bank Statements.UK AGM minutes, an outline of proposals for the AGM and details of voter registration, Guzz newsletter, Thank you from Reverend Vernon Collins wife Marjorie and family for the flowers sent from the Victorian division. All correspondence received has been circulated by email and hard copy tabled for members to read. **Out** Sympathy cards to Fred Whitlock's family, thank you cards to Joanna and Brian for their medical assistance to a member at the kick off meeting. Get well card to Tom Clark.

UK Association. The Association is moving along positively. The Gazette as always was a very entertaining and informative issue. As explained in the correspondence proposals for the AGM ballot were circulated by the UK secretary and the details for those wishing to vote need to be registered with Basil Downing Waite as Electoral Officer. All details are in the information circulated if any eligible member has trouble contact Harry Harrison.

General Business 1) The Victorian Division Five Night Get Together has been confirmed as at the Cadell on the Murray resort Moama/Echuca. To date 35 people from Victoria and Interstate have indicated they wish to attend and others have shown interest. We have 20 rooms which have had a \$50 deposit paid this way we are sure of the rooms as the resort is very popular. Name tags will be provided as there are interstate members attending. Registration forms have been circulated also a flyer with details. Any other queries questions about the trip contact Chairman David Lines or Harry H the Secretary.

2) Of late there have been some of our members admitted to hospital or have not been well the committee and members has only become aware of by accident. We are aware that it is difficult at the time to be thinking outside of the immediate problem individually or by those close to us. We would appreciate being informed as to the situation as soon as is feasible so that the division and the committee are aware and can then help or assist in some way even if only a show of support by a visit or card.

3) All those requiring a Victorian Division HMS Ganges Association shirt see John Hannant for your size preferred name and year of joining. Associates are also welcome to purchase a shirt. John is also ordering caps. At the March 23rd. meeting John will be collecting \$30 for the shirt and \$12 for the cap. Harry Harrison asked for the approval of the Division to purchase a shirt for Mark Kinder as appreciation for the work and assistance he gives at our monthly meeting Mark tends the bar assists the caterers in serving and washing up and does so cheerfully and willingly. The meeting also approved that Mark be granted Honorary Membership of the Victorian Division HMS Ganges Association. Our Thanks Mark

AOB 1) It was brought to the attention of the meeting that Harry Kime has been elected as President of the Frankston Naval Memorial Club congratulations Harry.

2) Harry Kime explained that the club had purchased new tables to replace the existing ones which were showing wear and tear. Also the new tables will have a central pillar design to negate banging the knees on the table legs. The cost of

the new tables is \$220 per table. Instead of affiliated organizations donating the FNMC committee asks that they sponsor a table. It was proposed seconded and approved that the Victorian division sponsors a table at \$220. Action Treasurer.

3) Mike Bennett Chairman of the RNA explained the coming RNA meetings the March meeting will be an Saint Patrick's day theme, April will be a St Georges day brunch with black puddings, bacon Cumberland sausage etc. Also for the St Geordies there will be Haggis.

Mike also explained that he was a Volunteer with the Monash hospital group and vested the hospitals in the South East of metro Melbourne. So if you are in any of those hospitals if he knows he can call in and give assistance if required. Mike further explained that the volunteers were headed by Flo Livingston's daughter Jane. BZ to Mike Jane and all the volunteers.

Chairman Thanked Flo and Joan for an excellent lunch. Harry Kime and Mark Kinder for attending the bar There being no further business Chairman declared the meeting closed.

The next meeting is at Seven Bells ***(1130hrs) March 23rd.2016**. At FNMC

Regards – Harry Harrison

Thought for the month: - Hope is like the sun, which, as we journey toward it, casts the shadow of our burden behind us. Samuel Smiles



HMAS Canberra L02 landing and docking ship is carrying out its first overseas mission. Taking supplies and to assist Fiji after the devastating cyclone Winston. God speed.



Fratton Park circa WW1 Thanks to Shep Woolley who forwarded it