



Meetings held at the Frankston Naval Memorial Club (FNMC) 36 Barretts Road, Langwarrin South, Vic 3911

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**H.M.S GANGES ASSOCIATION
(VICTORIA DIVISION)
MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER**

FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

1st June, we hit the Winter season, back to long trousers and Jumpers, but it is not that bad, if we were in the U.K. It is the fact that it gets dark so early and the morning sunrise is quite late, plus no Sun, makes life a bit more dismal, the physiology of it all,..... "can we as humans ever be satisfied". This is our quiet period of the year, those who have the financial capabilities, disappear to Queensland to have the luxury of a warmer climate, and we wish them all the best.

Our May meeting was due to be held on Wednesday the 27th of May, however due to a miscalculation, a funeral had been booked in for that day, so the bright sparks in our group decided that as H.M.S. Ganges Association in England was celebrating the 50th anniversary of the closing down of that Establishment the weekend 5/6/7th June, we have decided to have a Lunch at the Seaford R.S.L. to celebrate the same. Our numbers are close to 30, which is a good showing for Victoria. I am endeavouring to see if we can arrange a TOT for this occasion, but have received 2 answers YES no Problem, then on checking again, NO we cannot do that, I am talking to the manager shortly to see what can be done, as I guess they are bound by the Liquor laws. There is a very good seniors Menu at this establishment, and for those who want sweets, you can either eat it there, or have a takeaway for \$5,00, good value.

We will be welcoming Ken Irons, who at his age 95 will be travelling 1903 kilometres to enjoy our Company, staying with his Old mate Harry Thacker for a few days, their livers will have to absorb a lot of Rum between them, Harry Harrison driving 4 hours to join the crew, plus John, Maureen Hanant, and daughter Joanne, with Brian and his wife Annette Cunliffe, who all have a 4 hour round trip to be part of this celebration. Not too certain whether our celebrity secretary will be with us, after his nearly 5 month sojourn to Germany, rumours he would be back, we will have to see.

That winds up this session, look after yourselves and keep warm, there are some nasty viruses around, the injection for R.S.V. is available for us of the older generation, it is more than worth while having. Janet had a 4 week bout with this virus and it is not a pleasant experience

Aye David

FROM THE TREASURER:

- As of 29 May, our Ganges bank balance was \$4,817.50, plus we have our normal \$50.00 float. Gordon will give us an update at our forthcoming meeting.



BIRTHDAYS'S IN APRIL, MAY & JUNE

❖	Eva Lee	~	17 April
❖	Annette Cunliffe	~	14 April
❖	Ken Irons	~	24 April
❖	John Hannant	~	24 May – John will be 92 years old
❖	Gordon Canty	~	11 June
❖	Alan Lee	~	16 June
❖	Joan Kime	~	19 June
❖	Harry Thacker	~	24 June – Fingers will be 95

- ✓ Many Happy Returns to all.
- ✓ A special mention is made for Harry, who will shortly be 95 (even though he looks 125) and John Hannant, who is just behind Ken and Harry on 92.
- ✓ Joan Kime also deserves a special mention for all the work she performs purchasing, cooking and serving our food. Happy birthday, Joan, and **THANK YOU** very much.
- ✓ Gordon Canty also deserves a special mention. He is not only our Treasurer Extraordinaire, but also our BBQ Manager etc! Thank you Gordon.

SICK BAY:

- Harry Harrison, as per normal, is progressing well healthwise and will be joining us at Friday’s Seaford RSL Mourning Session.
- Harry Thacker is still having issues with his knee. We hope they are sorted out soon, Harry. Harry will also be joining us for our collective mourning on Friday.
- Barry and Helen McDaniel will not be joining us this Friday, as Barry is having a knee operation on the Wednesday. Good luck with the op, Barry. See you both soon.

FROM THE SECRETARY:

- I am aware this will upset many of you, but I have finally returned to Aus. I couldn’t miss our Seaford RSL collective mourning. So, see you all Friday!



SOME LIGHT HUMOUR TO CLOSE WITH



~ Betsy Salkind...
Men are like linoleum floors. Lay 'em right and you can walk all over them for thirty years.



~ Jean Kerr...
The only reason they say "Women and children first" is to test the strength of the lifeboats.



~ Prince Philip...
When a man opens a car door for his wife, it's either a new car or a new wife.



~ Spike Milligan...
The best cure for sea sickness, is to sit under a tree.



~ Arnold Schwarzenegger...
Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have 50 million dollars, but I'm just as happy as when I had 48 million.



~ John Glenn...
As I hurtled through space, one thought kept crossing my mind: every part of this rocket was supplied by the lowest bidder.

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS:	
SEAFORD RSL	
BAR OPENS AT 1130 – Meetings Commence at 1200 (circa)	
Friday, 5 June 2026	HMS Ganges Mourning Session ~ Seaford RSL
Wednesday, 24 June 2026	Meeting and Luncheon ~ Bar opens at 1130.
Wednesday, 22 July 2026	Meeting and Luncheon ~ Bar opens at 1130.
Friday, 31 July 2026	Black Tot Day Commemoration Lunch – 1230 @ the Seaford RSL.
Wednesday, 26 August 2026	Meeting and Luncheon ~ Bar opens at 1130.
Wednesday, 23 September 2026	Meeting and Luncheon ~ Bar opens at 1130.
Sunday 18 October 2026 until Friday, 23 October 2026	Mulwala Get-Together
Wednesday, 25 November 2026	Meeting and Luncheon ~ Bar opens at 1130.
TBA	Christmas Party

ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION ~ PORT PHILLIP BRANCH	
ALL MEETINGS/EVENTS are held at the FNMC: BAR OPENS AT 1130	
Sunday, 14 June 2026	Meeting and Lunch. Bar opens at 1130
Sunday, 12 July 2026	Meeting and Lunch. Bar opens at 1130
Sunday, 9 August 2026	Meeting and Lunch. Bar opens at 1130
Sunday, 13 September 2026	Meeting and Lunch. Bar opens at 1130
Sunday, 11 October 2026	Meeting and Lunch. Bar opens at 1130
Sunday, 8 November 2026	Meeting and Lunch. Bar opens at 1130