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Monthly General Meeting March 8th 2017

President Allan Thomas opened the Meeting with the usual Toast to Absent Friends.

Guests: We welcomed Dave Barlow, Chairman of the Barrow R.N. Submariners Association. Dave has sat in on our Meetings several times & it was a pleasant surprise to see him in W.A. once more.


Secretary’s Report

Correspondence In:
From Don Currell. OAM thanking the Committee and members for the Donation of $200:00 towards the Submarine Heritage Trail in Queensland this was voted for at our February meeting.

Correspondence Out:
By email to Bill Williams Gosport Branch who is acting as our proxy at the upcoming N.C.C. meeting at the end of this month our votes are as follows:
Proposal 1. That a sum of GBP 1:00 / member be donated to the Submarine Memorial Fund / R.N.B.T. to replaced funds that previously were raised by branch raffles that have been discontinued. Members at the meeting voted to Abstain.
Proposal 2. That a member is deemed to be a Life Member in the year they reach the age of 90 members at the meeting voted to Abstain
Proposal 3. That the Association appoints a Dedicated Welfare officer. Members at the meeting voted Against

A New National webmaster David Woolterton has been appointed; I wish David every success.

Before the April meeting I will be attempting to find out the balance of funds held by Submarine Memorial Fund / R.N.B.T. and contact info for the aforesaid.

Treasurer’s Report

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Total Assets 8 March 2017: $25,841.15

President’s Report

We now have in our possession a portable Marquee/Gazebo. Anyone interested in using the Gazebo for a BBQ/Function, contact the President.

On Saturday 11th March, several Members were invited for a Tour around the U.S. Navy’s Fast Attack Submarine U.S.S. Oklahoma City at Garden Island. Oklahoma City was commissioned in 1983 & was one of a very successful number of Los Angeles Class SSN’s to enter service at the height of the Cold War. The following Members were given an informative & courteous tour of the boat. Gary Horsham & partner Jen Alderson, Bob Wood, Ted Manning, Ned Newcombe, Eoin Douglas-Smith & partner Anne Hurley, Allan & Pat Thomas. On completion of the Tour President Allan Thomas presented the Crew with one of our Association’s Plaque/Crests which was proudly accepted by the Officer of the day. A set of Dolphins & Ball Cap was presented to the Tour Guides. I would like to thank H.M.A.S. Stirling Base Representative: Andrew Bujdegan, for organizing Security & giving up his time to escort us around the Base. A special thanks to the U.S. Navy’s Commander Rick Salazar who liaised with the C.O. of Oklahoma City to give us a very memorable tour of this unique S.S.N.
Oklahoma City visits Western Australia during patrol
By Lt. j.g. Samuel Theodoris, USS Oklahoma City Public Affairs.

ROCKINGHAM, Australia (Feb. 23, 2017) Royal Australian Navy Able Seaman Boatswain's Mate Mitch Day-Kennedy, left and Able Seaman Combat Systems Operator Brock Cooper heave in a berthing line as the U.S. Navy's Los Angeles-class submarine USS Oklahoma City (SSN 723) arrives to visit Fleet Base West, Western Australia, as part of its Western Pacific deployment. (Royal Australian Navy photo by LSIS Lee-Anne Cooper) (View on Flickr)

General Business

Dawn Mc Kinnon of Brickmatch Pty Ltd, has offered to give all our Association Members 10% off all Bricks, roof tiles & pavers from W.A. Brickmatch. You will need to produce your Membership Card when purchasing.

Question of the Month: What is a Polynya? If you know the answer (without Googling or References) put it on a piece of paper with your name on to go into a Draw to receive a prize at Next Month’s Meeting.

10 Minute Dit: Treasurer John Harrison.
Next nominated person is Karl Campbell
Rum Raffle Winner: Alan Jameson.

Social Secretary’s Report & Coming Events

Sunday March 26th End of Summer BBQ 1200 @ Kings Park Pines BBQ Area. Featuring the new gazebo! Gifts for Raffles welcome.

Tuesday April 25th ANZAC Day March @ Fremantle. Followed by luncheon at Fremantle Sailing Club. Parking available at club which has been confirmed by Terry Baker, President of S.A.A. The Galle Restaurant has been booked, ready for 12noon. Bar Menu: 3 to 4 items include Beef Burgers, Fish & Chips, & Vegetarian option. Cost will be $25.00 per item, which will include a visit to a salad bar. Rum Raffle will be accommodated. If numbers go up, the Wardroom will be made available. Plenty of Parking available.

Friday May 26th Subvets Memorial @ Albany. Accommodation at Le Grande Motel. Evening: Meet & Greet.
Saturday May 27th Combined Dinner @ Albany. U.S. Navy, S.A.A. & RN Submariners.

Sunday May 28th U.S. Navy Submarine Memorial Service 1030 @ Albany. At Fort. Names & Numbers required by February MGM for booking purposes.

Saturday June 24th Mid-Year Luncheon 1130 for 1200 @ Mount Henry Tavern, Manning Road. Three-minute bus ride from Canning Bridge Station. Plenty of parking. Three course meal. Widows and guests most welcome Charles Costeau Trophy Presentation. Gifts for Raffle Welcome.

Golf Day TBC

Welfare Report

Sonja and Ken Read: Sonja remains fairly steady at her Innaloo Care Home. Ken feels a lot stronger after being in hospital for tests, none of which gave cause for alarm. Ken and son Nigel, have employed an agent to ease the stress and paperwork for getting Sonja a suitable place nearer home. Ken says “Many Thanks” to Mick & Wilma, Buster & Charlotte, and Roy & Margaret for their concern and visits.

Kath Poularis: Kath is not quite as bright as she has been and Reggie is still O.K.

Jim Major: Jim’s wife suffers from Alzheimer’s Disease and seems to be on a downward spiral. Jim hopes to meet up at the Association A.S.A.P.

Mick Hanlon: Mick is good, in fine fettle, and a lot stronger. The drain from his knee has been taken out and he is recuperating well. He has a review regarding his knee on the 25th. March. Pat his wife is well and Mick has high hopes of attending the next meeting in April.

Crossed The Bar

Alf Downer: It is my sad duty to report that Alf Downer, ex AB TD3, passed away on 3rd. February 2017, aged 92 years. He was a long-time member of the Vectis Branch on the Isle of Wight. Alf joined the Navy in 1941. He joined the Submarine Service in 1948 serving on HM Submarines Teredo, Trump, Alderney and Seraph. Regards, Brian Shipman. Vectis Branch S.A.

Ken Jones: It is my sad duty to report that Ken Jones, Official Number PSSX 832187, passed away on the 10th. February 2017. Aged 87 years. He was a member of the Colchester Branch. He served on HM Submarines Seraph, Thorough and Telemachus from 1948 – 1954. Regards, David Griffiths. Secretary, Colchester Branch S.A.

Bill Jackson: It is my sad duty to report that Bill Jackson has passed away. Although Bill lived in Kent he was a strong supporter of the Nottingham Branch. Served on HM Submarine Turpin and was a member of the Tank Training Staff in Malta. Regards, Paul Ellis. Secretary, Nottingham Branch S.A.

John Pentecost: It is my sad duty to report that John Pentecost passed away on the 22nd. February 2017. John served on the first crew of HM Submarine Dreadnought. He was not a member of the Association, but still he was a Submariner. Regards, David Cair. Hon Secretary Newton Abbot Branch S.A.


Charlie Payne: It is my sad duty to report that Charlie Payne, passed away 6th. March 2017. Charlie served on HM Submarines Superb, Spartan, Torbay, Trafalgar and Repulse. Charlie was a member of the Plymouth Branch and was Branch Treasurer for many years. Funeral will be at 15.00 on Friday 17th. March 2017 at Western Mill Crematorium. Regards, Mark Lipman. Secretary Plymouth Branch S.A.
Adam K Bergius DSC: It is my sad duty to report Adam K Bergius DSC, passed away Friday 3rd March 2017. Adam was a member of the West of Scotland Branch. Regards, Brian Tate. Secretary West of Scotland Branch S.A.

Vic Arnold: It is my sad duty to report that Vic Arnold passed away on Monday 6th March 2017. At a residential home in Norwich. Vic was a World War 2 Submariner. Regards, John Taylor. Secretary Norfolk Branch S.A.


Crossed The Bar (Navy News)

Roger A. Daniel: Roger passed away on 10th January 2017, aged 76 Years. He served in HM Submarines. (No dates or Submarines listed).

Meeting shut at 1325

END OF MARCH MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

The next Monthly General Meeting will be at The Flying Angel, Fremantle on

Wednesday 12th April 2017 commencing at 1200