WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

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SAAV Christmas
Ho-ho-ho and a Tottle of Rum...

A healthy number of members, partners and families turned up at the ESU for another bout of camaraderie, dit-spinning and good old Christmas cheer.

‘Up Spirits’ was duly piped over the Tannoy and Santa’s raffle produced some coveted prizes.

No Beamers, Baume et Mercier or Bolle, but still some good stuff (depending on how many tots you had)...

And great Tucker by ‘the Coopers’. And great wine from Bob Carter. And, and...

Security – Be VIGILANT and REPORT...

Merry Christmas

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Last Moon/Monica Flood Q
- See Order of Australia Nominations (page 10)
From the Control Room - By Keith (Boot) Hatfield, President SAAV

First and Foremost...

Happy New Year to all Members and States.

By the time you read this, the grey-headed, bearded gentleman has been and gone and you have all, hopefully, had a peaceful and uneventful New Year.

Most of you will be aware that our editor-extraordinaire and reader-extraordinaire are leaving us and heading up north. I take this opportunity to thank Jim and Monica for their excellent efforts in putting out Flood Q for our members - and interstate also. All the best Moony and Monica, may all your troubles be little ones as you battle the air-conditioner in your travelling home!

We all watched the events over in the West and - like me - you would have been impressed with the outcome of Sid Czabotar and his crew over there. Sincere congratulations Sid and WA. The outcome was terrific.

The National AGM saw Bob Trotter elected as National President, David Strangward as Vice President, John Rana as Treasurer (again) and David Bryant as the Secretary. John Rana was also given the distinction of Life Membership in the Association, as were Tim Duchesne and Bob Trotter. Congratulations to everyone.

More locally, the Victorian Christmas Lunch was a huge success. We had over 50 members and family attend. All had a great time. Big BZ to Al Cooper for putting the food out again - a great effort, compounded by the fact his wife, Lorraine, was at home ill - well done Al. It was good to see some of our country members bringing along their families.

The winner of the 1st prize in the raffle (two nights in 5-star hotel with valet parking) was Werner Pelka. 2nd prize was a voucher for Crown Restaurant. Pat and Mavis Heffernan won a great Christmas hamper. A painting by Dacre Smyth was won by Marjorie Collins.

All adult attendees were given a gift of two bottles of wine (complements of Bob and Ros Carter). Also a visit by Santa saw chocolates and gifts to all. Also included was a gift of the 100th Anniversary booklet to all attending members. A great day!

Looking forward now to 2015. See you all at my place on January 25th. Off now to Bali.

Yours aye, Keith J. 'Boot' Hatfield, President, SAA (Vic. Inc.)
MINUTES of GENERAL MEETING

Submarines Association of Australia Victoria Branch

President – KJ Hatfield – 9390 2130    Secretary - IM Tanner 9534 5286
Vice-President – S Gray 0409 809 434    Treasurer – W Rostron
Committee – J Jones 9578 8066   W Pelka 0422 324 855   A Cooper 0425 737 866

General Meeting – Held at ESU South Yarra on 16 November 2014.

Meeting opened – 1213 with the Submariners Prayer read by Pat Heffernan, and the tolling of the boats with the submarines lost read by Ian Tanner.

Present – 10 Members and 8 Ladies.


Sick Parade - Nil

President’s Report

The President informed the meeting of the arrangements for Christmas Lunch. Lunch will cost $20 per head; there will be a raffle which will cost $5 dollars a ticket or 5 for $20. The first prize will be two nights accommodation in a 5-star Melbourne Hotel.

The 2nd prize will be a choice of either a Dacre Smyth original painting or a $150 voucher for a Crown Restaurant. The 3rd prize will be the remaining of the two prizes. There will a number of additional prizes. Each adult attendee will also receive a gift pack courtesy of Mr Bob Carter. Thank you Bob for the generous donation.

There will also be gift for the youngsters. In order to sort out the catering arrangements and/or to put yourself in for the raffle, members are requested to inform the secretary cc Alan Cooper (alan.polto@sandhurst.net.au) by email of the intention to attend and the number of guests by no later than 7 December 2014. Let’s see as many members and their family as possible to celebrate the festive season. Hopefully a guest appearance of Santa…

ANZAC Day Arrangements

The President reported that the Association had been invited to march at the head of the navy contingent. At this point of time, the WW1 descendants are to lead the descendants at the rear of the march accompanied by the Association’s Black and White banner which bears the names of the submarines served in by members, including AE1 and AE2. More details to follow.

The Association had also been invited by the HMAS Sydney Association to use its transport to ferry members to the Maori Chief for post march reunion. This offer has been accepted and the Branch will make a donation to the HMAS Sydney Association. The Maori Chief will be our official place of reunion for Anzac Day. Tram transport is available nearby. Final arrangements as they come to hand.

Report Moved: Pat Heffernan    Seconded: Alan Cooper
Secretary’s Report

In July we had lunch at the Zenith Restaurant in St. Kilda with a few die-hards playing pool in the RSL after. An excellent time was had by all.

August we had our annual VP day commemoration service which was well attended.

September started with the very sad news of the passing of our American cousin Duane Houge who crossed the bar on the 1st September.

Duane served in the US Navy and was aboard the USS Bashaw SSK-241 from 1952-1955 and patrolled off Korea during the Korean War in the early ‘50s.

With the very sad passing of Duane, it was so important that many of us travelled down to Traralgon in February to enjoy his company.

On a happier note we had a big day on the 14th, with an excellent attendance at the shrine to remember the centenary of the loss of AE1. It was especially pleasing to see a Catafalque Party made up entirely of Serving Submariners. The Navy Band and Bugler were excellent.

Following the service and after a rehydration stop, many of us, including four descendants of the crew of AE1, enjoyed an excellent lunch on board the Colonial Tram Car restaurant. Again with some hardy souls completing the day back at the St. Kilda RSL, I think!

October, whilst a quiet month for most members, the sausage sizzle crew were out at Bunnings Mornington working very hard to top up the welfare coffers. A big thank you to Alan and Bill for organising and to Lorraine, Sherry, Boot, Briana and all others who helped out on the day. BZ all around.

(President’s note: Ian was also in attendance at Mornington from 0800 hrs).

Welfare. The Association raises funds for the members when they need help. If you require any assistance please let us know. Big or small. If the Victoria Branch is unable to help we can apply to national. Do not hesitate.

The promulgated program of events for 2015 was presented to the meeting. Amongst the events are a BBQ at the Pres’ place on January 25 and a proposed bay cruise and dinner day. There are 5 meetings promulgated to take place at the ESU.

Letters In

Letter from the Shrine regarding the request for a service in Remembrance of the loss of AE1 (100 Years).
Invoice from Herald and Weekly Times.
Invoice from In Full Bloom.
Email from the Colonial Tram Car Restaurant – Re booking.
Letter from Crown with a donation for the Christmas Raffle.

Letters Out

Letter to Mrs. Jenny Smyth thanking her for the donation of one of her late husband’s paintings and her continued support.
Email to Colonial Tram Car Restaurant Re Booking Confirmation.
Letter to Crown requesting a donation for the Christmas Raffle.
Letter to Sofitel Hotel requesting a donation for the Christmas Raffle.
Other

Numerous emails with regarding the previous National interim President, Graeme Caesar.

Numerous emails with the Naval Commemoration Committee regarding the AE1 Shrine Service.

Report Moved: Werner Pelka Seconded: Alan Cooper

Treasurer’s Report –

The Treasure provided a verbal and written report which is attached (see following pages).

Report Moved: Pat Heffernan Seconded: Alan Cooper

General Business

Pat Heffernan provided a verbal report on some of the events of the National AGM focusing on the new executive which is:

President CDRE Robert Trotter OAM, RAN (Rtd) 0431 764 907
Vice President CMDR David Strangward AM, RAN 0431 764 907
Secretary David Bryant OAM 0412 574 790
Treasurer John Rana 0402 143 211

Pat also spoke regarding the national welfare fund at $167,000.00 and that there was an intention to hold a national AGM in June 2015 in Wollongong NSW. The planned cruise for the 2016 AGM is still going ahead and members are requested to register as soon as possible.

Meeting closed – 1251

Next Events

Christmas Party Sunday 14th December

BBQ Sunday January 25th

Lunch at Ballarat RSL

Next General Meeting – AGM Sunday 22 March 2015
**TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance Sheet 15\(^{th}\) June 2014 to 16 Nov 2014.

**Bendigo Bank - Aux. Account.**

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**Final Aux. Bank Balance** (A) + (B) – (C) $205.31

Bill Rostron.
Treasurer.
Balance Sheet 15\textsuperscript{th} June 2014 to 16\textsuperscript{th} Nov 2014.

\textbf{Bendigo Bank –Main Account.}

\textbf{Opening Bank Balance} $9,346.90 (A)

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\textbf{Final Main. Bank Balance} (A) + (B) – (C) $10,336.90

Bill Rostron. Treasurer.
SAAV Social Scene

Ho ho ho...
It’s THAT time again. Yes, the season to be happy. ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺

So, trash your credit cards, open the pressies and stuff the turkey. The good news?
By the time you get this, there’ll only be about 330 more days til Christmas.

More pics here from the SAAV Christmas lunch at the ESU...
**OTHER STUFF...**

**Sausages Sizzle on Saturday**  - by Pres Boot

The committee went to Mornington for a sausage sizzle at Bunnings in October last. It was a great day, many a laugh, and great to meet the lovely people of Mornington.

Many thanks to Al and Lorraine. Also to ‘Elsie’ who took up the reins to attend there from 0800 hrs. Bill and Mary Rostron and family also attended and assisted in the victualling.

A very successful day and I take this opportunity to thank Bunnings Mornington for the opportunity to raise funds for our Welfare account.  *Boot...*

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**End of an ERA**

This is the last Flood Q published by Moony (ERA Moon) and Lady Monica, who have decided to move to a warmer climate. “We trust that readers have found this fine organ to be informatory and infinitely digestible.”

“We also say a warm ‘au-revoir’ to the SAAV throng. Had some good laughs!”

“Believe it or not, we’ve been doing *Flood Q*’ since Dec 2003, when it sported no less than a page 1 photo of Princess Anne with Pat Heffernan. *Howzat?* We took on the SAAV Newsletter from Charlie Bonnet, prior to him also moving to a warmer climate”...

Thanks is offered in advance, if you wish to recommend us for a Walkley Award, Logi, Knighthood, Damehood, etc.

*Cheers, Moony & Monica*

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Lady Monica and Jim Moon tanning their bodies-beautiful recently in sunny Ballina, NSW.
Bugis Street Revisited… (Article ex Internet).

After World War II, hawkers in Bugis Street sold food and goods. There was initially a small number of outdoor bars set up there, beside rat-infested drains.

When transvestites began to rendezvous in the area in the 1950s, they attracted increasing numbers of western tourists who came for the booze, the food, the pasar malam shopping and the "girls". Business boomed and Bugis Street became an extremely lively and bustling area, forming the heart of Xiao Po. It was one of Singapore's most famous tourist meccas from the 1950s to the 1980s, renowned internationally for its nightly parade of flamboyantly-dressed transwomen and attracted hordes of Caucasian gawkers who had never before witnessed Asian queens in full regalia.

The latter would tease, cajole and sit on visitors' laps or pose for photographs for a fee.

Others would sashay up and down the street looking to hook half-drunk sailors, American GIs and other foreigners on R&R, for an hour of profitable intimacy. Not only would these clients get the thrill of sex with an exotic oriental, there would be the added spice of transgressing gender boundaries in a steamy hovel.

There was an adage amongst Westerners that one could easily tell who was a real female and who was not – the transvestites were drop-dead gorgeous, while the rest were real women.

The amount of revenue that the transwomen of Bugis Street raked in was considerable, providing a booster shot in the arm for the tourism industry. The term 'Boogie Street' has always been that used by British servicemen and not, as some mistakenly believe, by Americans in the wake of the 1970s disco craze.

Veterans recall that the notorious drinking section began from Victoria Street west to Queen Street. Halfway between Victoria and Queen Streets, there was an intersecting lane parallel to the main roads, also lined with al fresco bars. There was a well-patronised public toilet with a flat roof.

One of the 'hallowed traditions' bestowed upon the area by sojourning sailors (usually from Britain, Australia and New Zealand), was the ritualistic 'Dance of the Flaming Arseholes' on top of the infamous toilet's roof (photo). Compatriots on the ground would chant the signature "Haul 'em down you Zulu Warrior" song whilst the matelots performed their act. By the mid-70s Singapore started a crackdown on this type of lewd behaviour and sailors were arrested at gunpoint by the local authorities for upholding the tradition. By this time those sailors brave enough to try it were dealt with severely and even shipped home in disgrace.

Though many locals accepted this part of Singaporean culture, many conservative Singaporeans felt that it was a disgrace and it defaced Singapore's image...
British and Australian Submarine Classes (in Order of Existence)

(A Due to space restraints, experimental boats have not been included in this feature).

AE1 and AE2

Australia's first submarine was the AE1 (A - for Australia, E for E-class submarine, and the number 1, as in the first submarine for the Royal Australian Navy). The submarine was built by Vickers Son & Maxim at the Naval Construction Works, Barrow-in-Furness, County Lancashire, England. Her keel was laid down on the 14th November 1911.

The British Admiralty had gained much experience with D-class submarines and made a further step forward in the design of the E-class, of which two would go to Australia under prior agreement and be given the classification numbers AE1 and AE2.

These submarines were further sub-classified into type E1, which meant that the Australian submarines were part of the initial batch of E-boats to be built. This sub-classification also included the English submarines E1 to E8. These boats had different dimensions, displacement and stability from the later built boats. E-boats were part of the Admiralty's 1910 to 1911 building program.

One of their features lay in the provision of broadside torpedo tubes, one on the port side and the other to starboard. This allowed the submarines to fire at right angles to their bow headings, giving them greater fighting options. This introduction involved a considerable increase in the dimensions as compared with earlier classes, but with the increase of size came also increased endurance, habitability, speed and power.

The E-class submarine hull was sub-divided by transverse bulkheads which helped to strengthen these boats even more than the previous classes and enabled them to withstand greater diving depths. The maximum pressure that these boats could tolerate is difficult to ascertain. However, some E-boats accidentally went deep enough to allow the ingress of water through their riveted plates.

This depth would have been around 150 feet, which the AE2 experienced purely by accident after she lost her trim while on a sortie, in April 1915, in the Sea of Mamora, (Marmara) Turkey.

These boats had good seaworthiness and the AE1 and AE2 proved this fact by using their own motive power for approximately half the voyage from Portsmouth to Sydney - a little over 7,700 miles, with the other 4,700 odd miles being under tow.

The E-class had an extensive superstructure, and the provision of a navigating bridge which was placed well over the conning tower made this type of submarine comparatively easy to navigate in the roughest weather. With the development of wireless transmission equipment, the E-class received a good installation, the aerial being carried on wooden masts which folded to the deck when submerged.

This was the first time that wireless telegraph had been installed in an allied submarine.
The Back Page *(Daily Dits…)*

**GENERAL INFO**

**Your Newsletter.** '*Flood Q'* is the quarterly SAAV newsletter. We welcome articles of interest, old photos, short anecdotes, 'help' notices in seeking an old deeps, and any other item that you would like to share with our sub-group. Send your items to the *Flood Q* editor kshatfield@bigpond.com *(Boot)*. All official correspondence to: presvic@submarinesaustralia.org

**Email Addresses.** If you wish to be added to the email mailing list, send an email with your request to our Hon Secretary ITanner@powercor.com.au  Note that due to ongoing costs, the carbon tax and global warming, this newsletter does not get snail-mailed to members.

**Joining the SAAV.** We 'generally' meet every month on the third Sunday at the ESU (English Speaking Union) Cnr Walsh St and Toorak Road, South Yarra *(refer to the SAAV Calendar for actual dates and venues)*. Membership of the Victoria Branch to National members is free. To become a National member, go to the [www.submarinesaustralia.org](http://www.submarinesaustralia.org) website and click on 'Membership'.

**DVA.** For assistance with Veterans Affairs, go to [www.submarinesaustralia.org](http://www.submarinesaustralia.org) and click on Veterans Affairs tab. Always seek advice from a proven advocate and NEVER try and fill the forms out and/or make submissions by yourself. We all need professional help with our 'issues'.

**Submariners Website.** Check out [www.upperiscope.net.au](http://www.upperiscope.net.au) to read the Chief Stoker's *(Bungy’s)* Log. This is a great site to hear the latest goss on our globetrotting mates, explore old photos, buy from the slops truck and/or just to get a load of 'Bungy's life in Bauple'. The list of 'Buddies in Boats' is also a good starting point to catch up with an old stepping oppo.

**A Laugh with Sandy**

*Sandy Freeleagus, as well as being quick with an AVO, was also quick to notice the funny aspect of everyday life a few hundred feet below…*

*His cartoons have even appeared on DMO's website and Facebook, as well as on O-boat galley noticeboards to depict some poor soul's misfortune.*

- *His books are available for a modest charge. A ‘must have’ in any real Naval library…*
- *Contact him at sandyhirob@gmail.com for further details.*

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**Emails –**

*Do we have your latest email address?*

If in doubt, contact Elsie and he can check the data...

Please remember that Flood Q is only emailed to members (no snail mail).
More of The Back Page (Daily Dits…)

SAAV Calendar – 2015

Jan 25th  Noon, Australia Day barbeque at Boot and Sherry’s, 14 Citrus Place, Hillside.

Feb 8th  Wreath laying at Prisoners of War Memorial, afterwards Lunch at Ballarat RSL, Depart Southern Cross, arrive for wreath laying at 10:30am. Trains from Ballarat 14:31, 16:11 & 17:06 (times subject to change).

Mar 22 or 29  *AGM General Meeting, ESU.

Apr 25th  ANZAC Day March followed by drinks at the Maori Chief, South Melb. Transport will be provided from the Shrine to the Maori Chief courtesy of the HMAS Sydney Assoc.

May 17th  *Social Meeting.

Note: * means ‘To Be Confirmed’…

INTERESTING ARTICLES

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“That is all…”