



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)
JANUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER**

FROM THE EDITOR:

Any articles you wish included in future Newsletters, please, either forward them to me via email: Rick.Clark1@Outlook.com, telephone me on: (0409) 123 569 or see me at our next meeting.

It will be excellent if we can include anecdotes from Ganges, or interesting experiences from your service in the RN.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

Well, so another year bites the dust and we have now entered 2023. Hopefully, this year is a much more stable year than the last year. The weather gave us; "May" through to "November", more rain than we could have ever imagined. But we, in general around Melbourne, did not have to put up with what our country cousins abounding the rivers had to suffer and likewise, NSW and Queensland. I try to put myself in their shoes and just wonder how I would cope with having water throughout one's house and the horrible sludge they are left with after the water disperses. Mentally I consider myself fairly strong, but that would be a real test of one's character. I said stable initially, because everything seems to be changing dramatically all the time, is it old age or what, or do our old brains do not keep pace with today's generation, and that the term "Common Sense" does not exist? I have also not heard of one New Year's Pledge, obviously these days, no one keep's them.

We will start the New Year with our KICK OFF MEETING on Sunday 29th January at our usual Venue, The Frankston Naval Memorial Club. Whether outside or inside will depend on the weather. It can be nice to sit under the trees. We have decided to provide the catering ourselves, as our small numbers do not interest Professional Caterers. (Professional Caterers these days require 40 or more people to make their worthwhile.) A cold main course followed by lots of duffs. As per normal, a tot will be available for the men, whilst the ladies may enjoy a drink from the bar at the Associations expense. A raffle will be held, and the usual rules apply. Once you have won one prize, you are out of the running for more.



The cost of the Lunch plus a free Raffle Ticket, is \$25.00 per head. All donated prizes will be gratefully accepted.

The \$15.00 annual Members Subscriptions can also be paid. Please pay all monies to Gordon, our intrepid Treasurer.

We are looking at "Geelong" as our next venue for our five-day getaway sojourn. There was more voting for Geelong than any other destination. Geelong offers a lot for us to see and do. Geelong has another benefit ~ the Bellarine Peninsula is nearby. I am in consultation with "The Admiralty Inn" in Geelong for Accommodation, who will forward me their terms and any recommendations. Should anybody else know of any other alternative accommodation down that way, please let me know. The Admiralty Inn is near the centre of Geelong, which is excellent for evening meals and of course, close to the shops - "Ladies" Shopping - no names mentioned.

I have had two families express interest in our trips, one from New Zealand, "Bette and Mike" and "Ken and Linda Anderson" from Queensland. These two couples have previously joined us in "Moama" and "Yarrowonga". It is sad, but N.Z. now has NO Ganges Association. And the Queensland Division only meet irregularly and no newsletter is produced.

So, to everyone, Both Janet and I hope you ALL have a fabulous 2023, with no ailments to trouble you.

Aye

David

FROM THE SECRETARY:

The Committee wishes all our members and their families, a plethora of happiness, an abundance of good health, and a prosperous 2023 and beyond.

We all wish Ken and Sylvia good health and happiness when they relocate to Hervey Bay, Queensland. Ken and Sylvia are scheduled to depart Melbourne on Wednesday, 18 January.

Ken has promised that he will pop down to Melbourne to join as at one of our Ganges meetings annually.

OUR NEXT MEETING:

See you all 11:30, Sunday, 29 January



FROM THE TREASURER:

Our bank balance is \$3,754.25. We also have the normal \$50.00 float.

FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Sunday, 29 January 2023	2023 Kick Off Meeting ~ Bar opens at 1130
Wednesday, 22 February 2023	Meeting and Luncheon ~ Bar opens at 1130
Wednesday, 22 March 2023	Meeting and Luncheon ~ Bar opens at 1130
April 2023	Geelong Get-Together dates to be agreed upon – Either first or last week of April are the current proposals
Wednesday, 24 May 2023	Meeting and Luncheon ~ Bar opens at 1130 - Charles III's coronation will take place at Westminster Abbey on 6 May
Wednesday, 28 June 2023	Meeting and Luncheon ~ Bar opens at 1130
Wednesday, 26 July 2023	Meeting and Luncheon ~ Bar opens at 1130
Wednesday, 23 August 2023	Meeting and Luncheon ~ Bar opens at 1130
Wednesday, 27 September 2023	Meeting and Luncheon ~ Bar opens at 1130
Wednesday, 25 October 2023	Get-Together ~ To be confirmed.
Wednesday, 22 November 2023	Meeting and Luncheon ~ Bar opens at 1130 – Maybe Christmas Party???

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FUTURE MEETINGS/EVENTS to be held at the FNMC:

BAR OPENS AT 1130

January, 2023	There is no RNA Luncheon in January
Sunday, 12 February 2023	Lunch and Meeting. Bar Opens at 1130
Sunday, 12 March 2023	Lunch and Meeting. Bar Opens at 1130
Sunday, 9 April 2023	Lunch and Meeting. Bar Opens at 1130 – Easter Sunday – Date to be Confirmed
Sunday, 21 May 2023	Lunch and Meeting. Bar Opens at 1130 (the 3 rd Sunday of the month as the 2 nd Sunday in May is Mum's Day)
Sunday, 11 June 2023	Branch Birthday, Lunch and Meeting. Bar Opens at 1130 – Professional Catering and Band
Sunday, 9 July 2023	Branch Birthday, Lunch and Meeting. Bar Opens at 1130
Sunday, 13 August 2023	Lunch and Meeting, Lunch and Meeting. Bar Opens at 1130
Sunday, 10 September 2023	Lunch and Meeting, Lunch and Meeting. Bar Opens at 1130
Sunday, 8 October 2023	Trafalgar Day Function. Bar Opens at 1130 – Professional Catering and Band
Sunday, 12 November 2023	Commences at 1040 – Remembrance Service
Sunday, 12 November 2023	Lunch and Meeting, Lunch and Meeting. Bar Opens at 1130
Sunday, 10 December 2023	Branch Christmas Day Function – Professional Catering and Band