



Parramatta Memorial Sub Section

NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

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PRESIDENTS REPORT
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Throughout 2023 it was pleasing to see members attending various events, representing the Naval Association of Australia and our sub section.

In 2023 we had one new member join our sub section; Peter Hewitt has joined as a member. I welcome Peter and our sub section membership continues to increase. One of our members, Rena Jones, has moved to the Gold Coast region to live with and be cared for by her daughter. Another member, Ken Heylbut, has moved to the Central Coast and has indicated that he will transfer to the Central Coast sub section in 2024. Our sub section membership currently stands at 23 members.

Our Honorary Secretary, Michael Kielty, continues to do a fantastic job in keeping in contact with other members of our sub section that are not able to use technology or attend our meetings. Michael puts in considerable time to doing this task along with all the secretarial duties that he has. I fear that this may take a toll on Michael, and I would like to see other members support Michael in these activities.

The 82nd Anniversary Memorial Service for HMAS Parramatta II was held on Sunday 26th November 2023 with another good roll up of attendees. This year the City of Parramatta Council provided all the support in house which they were all able to do without a cost to our sub section.

I continue to get positive comments about the HMAS Parramatta II service and our sub section for the presentation of our members and attendance at other events. I would like to pass on that these comments of gratitude are for all our members and not just a couple of individuals.

We have continued to have the technology available for people to attend the meeting via Zoom. Sometimes the technology has caused us some grief. We are looking into ways that we can improve the Zoom meeting audio. This may take a little while to work through different options. Please bear with us while we sort it out.

I would like to thank the members of the sub section for their support during the year. I hope that all members continue to stay safe and look forward to working with all the members to continue our healthy future.

Bruce Richens
President