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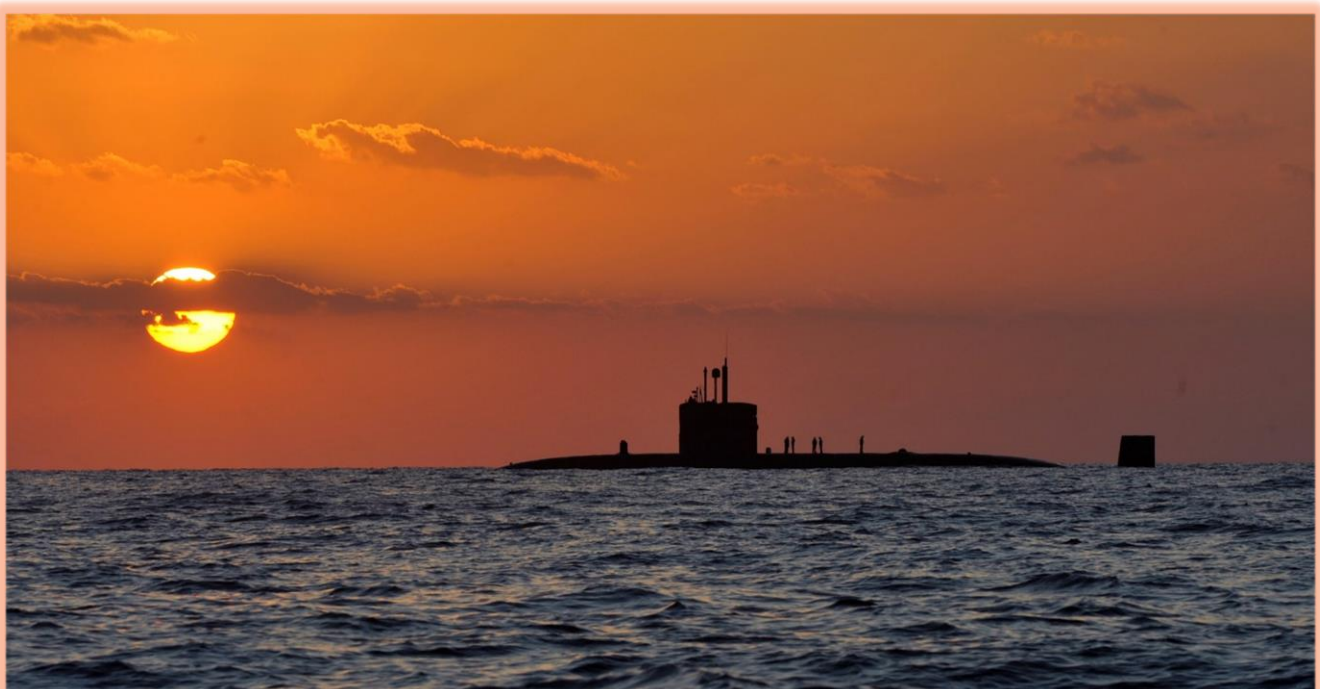
PERISCOPE MEMORIAL WARDEN

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Monthly General Meeting June 12th, 2019

The President, **Alan Jameson**, opened the Meeting with a Toast to Absent Friends & also to **Geoffrey Arnold**, one of our Stalwart and Life Members who passed away early this month. **R.I.P. Geoffrey.**

Apologies: Richard Drain, Barry Morgan, Ian MacKenzie, Allan Thomas, Pat Thomas, Mick Hanlon, Ken Read, Bob Pitman, Gary Horsham, Frank Wilson, Tony Maddock, John Reeve, Jim Dandie, Barry Grace, Ned Newcombe, Karl & Morag Campbell, Roy Stedman, Dennis Williams, Mick Hannah, Eoin Douglas-Smith.

Attendance: Peter Greenfield, Peter Treen, Paul Meakin, John Manning, Alan Jameson, Bob Wood, John Harrison, John Keating.

Ladies: Charlotte Keating.

Splicers: **Lauren Spencer.** (Ivor Charlick's Granddaughter, who won the Christmas Raffle).

Congratulations to **John Manning**, this Month's Winner. (First Time ever or so he Claims Ha!).

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, **John Harrison**, gave his Financial Report. It was proposed by **Paul Meakin** and Seconded by **Peter Treen.**

Secretary's Report

U.S. Memorial Weekend Albany

A good Weekend was had by all who attended the Memorial from Friday 24th May to Sunday 26th May. Most Members of the Australian S.A., the U.S. Naval Force, and the Australian Branch S.A. stayed at the **Le Grange Motel**. Once again **Joe**, the Proprietor, put on a very Good Dinner on the Saturday Night which was enjoyed by all. The Australian S.A. and the Royal Navy Australian Branch S.A. provided Rum for Toasts and for 2 Raffles, in which the Proceeds were shared. **Charlotte Keating & Pat Hanlon** helped with the selling of the Raffle Tickets. **BZ Ladies.**

Mr Terry Baker (President Australian S.A.) opened proceedings on the Night. **Mr Mick Hanlon** (Vice President S.A. Australia Branch). Raised a Toast to Absent Friends.

Proceedings for the **Memorial Service** Started at 10 am Sunday Morning, overlooking King George Sound. The Weather this Year was very kind. The Sun was shining, the Sky was Clear, and the Views over the Sound were Magnificent.

Chaplain Franco Siani (Royal Australian Navy Submarine Force) Conducted the Service Prayers and Benediction.

Commander William Dull (U.S. Navy) Conducted the Formal Address. **Wreathes** were laid by **Commander Bill Dull** (U.S. Navy) Captain **Doug Theobald** (Royal Australian Navy Submarine Force) **Mr Terry Baker** (President Australian S.A.) **Mr Mick Hanlon** (Vice President R.N. Australia Branch S.A.) and other Dignitaries.

Members who Attended: Roy Stedman with his Son Lee Stedman, and Roy's Niece Wendy Draper.
Bob Pitman with his Son David Pitman.
Mick Hanlon with Wife Pat
John Keating with Wife Charlotte.
Bob Wood with Wife Rae.

2020 Diaries

We are now taking orders for the 2020 Diaries. The closing date for Orders is 30th October 2019. We envisage the cost will be \$5.00 each. I have made a list of Members who want a Diary. If you want one please get in touch with Bob Wood at bobandrae@inet.net.au So far we have 5 for the W.W.2 Submariners and 2 more. I have ordered 10 but can always alter up to the closing date.

CASD50 Lapel Pins

I have made a list of all Members who are entitled to wear the Lapel Pin. I will be getting in touch with Members who are on the List shortly. Three Members who were at the June Meeting have already received their Pin.

Mid – Year Luncheon

Talks are continuing with 4 Venues regarding our Mid -Year Luncheon on 20th July 2019. We are just waiting for the details from one venue. When we receive these, we will be able to go ahead, decide on the venue, and make a list of all Members etc. who are attending. I will inform all Members when the Details are Known.

Regards,

Bob Wood, Secretary, Australia Branch.

Membership Report

At the recent NMC Meeting it was raised by **Ian Vickers** on our behalf the purchase of a pin badge when members attain life membership (90 yo). There are currently approx 100 life members, so they are looking to purchase 500 to be cost effective. As this moves forward, I will keep you all updated.

Regards,

Michael Hannah, Membership Secretary, Australia Branch.

Social Secretary's Report

Diary for 2019

Wednesday July 10th

SA Monthly Meeting 1130 for 1200 @ The Flying Angel Club.

Wednesday August 14th

SA Monthly Meeting 1130 for 1200 @ The Flying Angel Club.

Wednesday September 11th

SA Monthly Meeting 1130 for 1200 @ The Flying Angel Club.

Sunday September 15th

AE1 Memorial service at HMAS Stirling with lunch in chiefs mess afterwards (pay on the day).

Wednesday October 9th

SA Monthly Meeting 1130 for 1200 @ The Flying Angel Club.

Sunday October 20th (27th)

Royal Navy Periscope Memorial Service 1030 @ Fremantle Memorial Park. Lunch afterwards at The Fremantle Navy Club.

Wednesday November 13th

SA **AGM** and Monthly Meeting 1130 for 1200 @ The Flying Angel Club.

Sunday November 10th

SAA Remembrance Day Service 1030 @ WA Maritime Museum. A free tour of HMSm Ovens for those interested followed by lunch at the Fremantle Navy Club (12:00) courtesy of the SAA

Sunday November 17th

End of Year Picnic 1200 @ Kings Park Pines BBQ Area. Gifts for raffles welcome.

Wednesday December 4th

SA Monthly Meeting 1130 for 1200 @ The Flying Angel Club.

Saturday December 14th

Christmas Luncheon 1130 for 1200 at Mt Henry Tavern (tbc). Gifts for raffles welcome.

Please contact Barry for any errors or changes. The calendar will be updated as required at each meeting.

Regards

Barry Grace, Social Secretary Australia Branch.

Welfare

Sadly, there were only 9 people at the MGM (4 committee, 4 members & Charlotte) & there were not a lot of Apologies! The onus on reporting your non-attendance at meetings rests with the members; so, if you are not able to attend, ***please send in an Apology!***

Charlotte & I visited **Ken Read** last Sunday; he's much the same as before, still having difficulty with his breathing & not sleeping properly; he still visits Sonja daily & she is much the same as before.

Lee Stedman rang us to say that Roy had a mild chest infection & with the winter weather kicking in he was keeping him indoors as a precaution, otherwise Roy's OK; as a result, Margaret Melville was unable to attend, as she relies on a lift from Lee.

Dennis Williams contacted me by email, with his medical SITREP; he's still having issues with blood infusion but is slowly on the mend.

Regards,

John "Buster" Keating, Welfare Officer Australia Branch.

Crossed The Bar

RN SM Association - CTB's for June 19 'Down Under' (from UK)

Date/Name:	Rank (if known):	SM Service:	SM's Served On;	Branch/Age:
April 19 - Peter Herbert	Admiral KCB OBE	1949 - 83	AUROCHS, ARTEMIS, TRUNCHEON, TABARD, SCYTHIAN, PORPOISE & VALIANT	DOLPHIN Branch; Age 90
April 19 - Ian Roscoe	CE Mech 1	1954 - 76	TRESPASSER, AUROCHS, GRAMPUS, AURIGA, AMBUSH & TURPIN	NM: Age 83
27 April - Chris AJ Hill	Cdr MESM	1973 - 85	RESOLUTION (74/75 & 81/85), DOLPHIN (76/78), NEPTUNE (79/80 & 86), MOD Bath (87/89 & 92/96), FOSM Northwood (90/91) & DNP Bath (97/98)	NN; Age 70
17 May - Clement 'Tab' Hunter	NN	NN	NN	NN
20 May - Les 'Jan' Satterley	NN	NN	NN	NN
20 May - Carl Christian Anderson *BEM	POEL	WW2 - 1950	Early WW2 service onboard HMS ANSON (B/S), then STYGEON, SELENE, TALLY HO, SCEPTRE & ALLIANCE	NN; Age 94

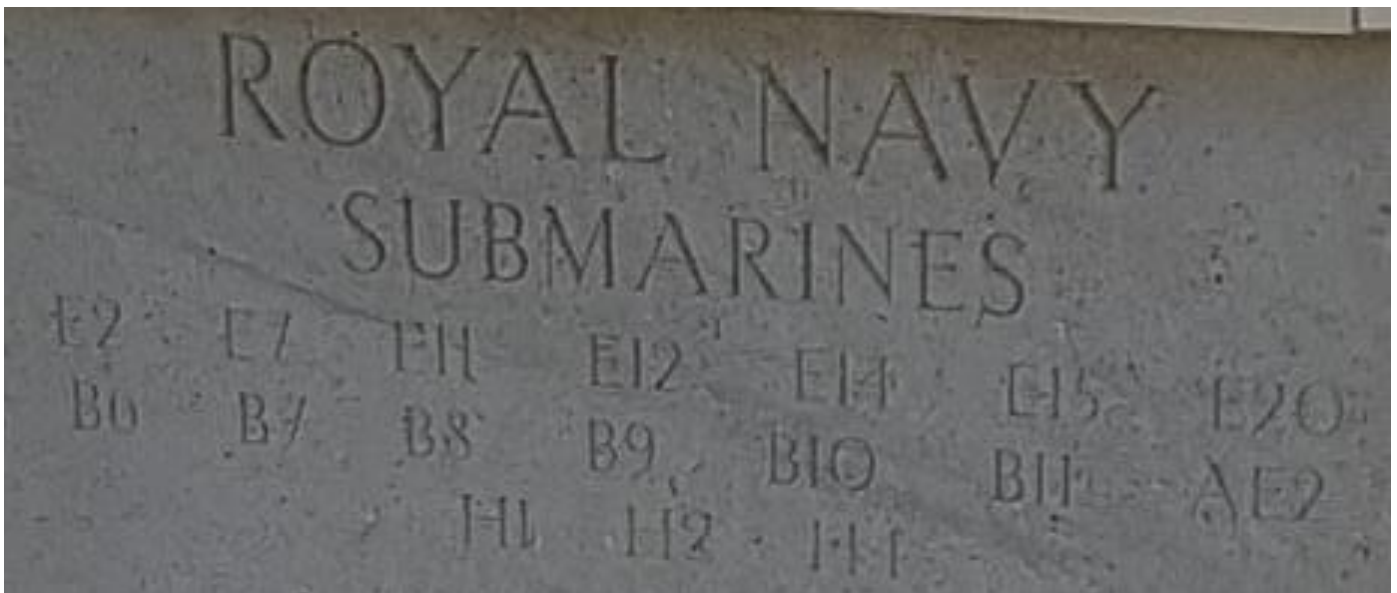
***On 8 Aug 1949, LEM Anderson was serving onboard SCEPTRE, which was suspended on salvage wires at 500ft, when they suffered a battery explosion; this caused some flooding & she filled with Chlorine gas; LEM Anderson re-entered the SM & connected the ballast pump; this gave sufficient buoyancy for the SM to surface; he was later awarded the BEM by King George VI.**

Crossed The Bar ...continued

2 June - Colin Edward Hutchinson	CCMEAP	1975 - 96	SOVEREIGN (75/78), SPARTAN (78/79), TRAFALGAR (81/83), REVENGE (84/86) & TALENT (88 & 1st Commission crew 12 May 90 to 93)	Barrow Branch; Age 63
NN - Charlie Scripps	NN	NN	NN	NN
3 June - Geoffrey Arnold	CMECH	1953 - 63	ARTEMIS & TIRELESS	Australia Branch; Age 86 Long serving Life Member & former Treasurer
5 June - David William Vaillant	CPO	NN	VALIANT	Ex-Essex Branch; Age 75
June 19 - Geoff E Truss	Lsea	1956 - 61	TAPIR, SEA SCOUT & TACTICIAN	Ex-Essex Branch; Age 81

NOTE: June 19 edition of RN Navy News had 6 RN SM CTB's, we had covered them all in previous Newsletters! -

Submariners at Gallipoli



Thanks to Russ Timpson, East Kent Submariners.

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Submarines: E2, E7, E11, E12, E14, E15, E20, B6, B7, B8, B9, B10, B11, AE2, H1, H2, H4

Between February 2015 and January 2016, the Royal Navy played a significant part in the various battles that took place within the ill-fated Gallipoli campaign. RN Submariners were one of the few successes within the conflict, resulting in the award of four Victoria Cross decorations to Submarine commanders.

In 2015, I had hoped to lay a submariner's wreath at the memorial at Helles, located on the tip of the peninsular as part on the centenary celebrations. For various reasons this was not possible, and I have long sort to complete the task and deliver the wreath as intended. My interest in the role of RN submariners in the battle, led me to join the Gallipoli Association (<https://www.gallipoli-association.org/>) and network with some very eminent military historians. Most coverage of Gallipoli focuses on the role played by the Australian and New Zealand Army. My research revealed many fascinating stories of heroism and dedication to duty.



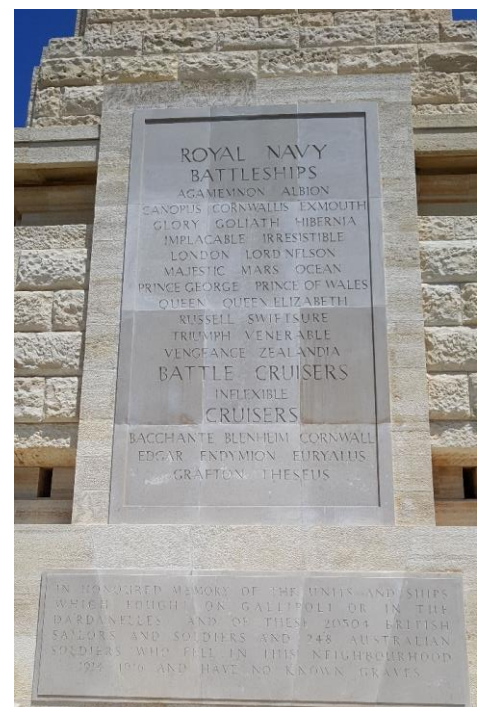
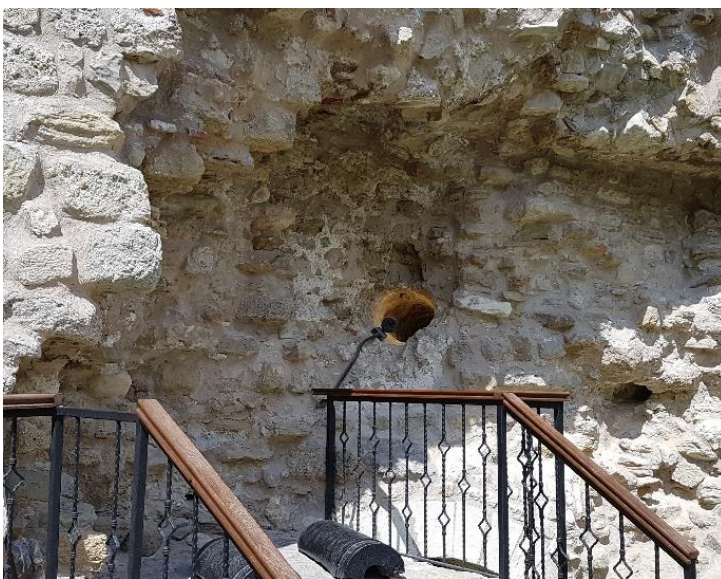
During May 2019, I was able to join a historical walking tour of Gallipoli and place the wreath at the memorial (see photo below). The day I visited was very bright and the sun was shining. However, being close to the seashore there was a very strong wind blowing. In the end I had to find a heavy stone to hold the wreath down to avoid it blowing away.

My fellow travellers from UK, Australia, Canada and New Zealand were surprised to hear that RN submariners made real impact at Gallipoli by preventing resupply across and down the Dardanelles via the sea of Marmara.

Later in the tour I visited the Turkish Naval museum at Cannakale; some interesting exhibits – worth a visit. https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g297979-d307855-Reviews-Canakkale_Naval_Museum-Canakkale_Canakkale_Province_Turkish_Aegean_Coast.html

At the Naval museum, there is a Fort that guards the narrowest part of the Dardanelles. Each Fort near the entrance of the narrow waterway was bombarded by the heavy calibre guns of the RN.

The photo below right, shows the main Naval memorial at Helles, and lists the main surface units involved in the battle. Several were sunk or badly damaged. The photo below shows the path of a 15-inch shell from HMS Queen Elizabeth, which struck the wall of the Fort at Canakkale.



Meeting shut at approx: 12:55

END OF JUNE MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

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

July 10th, 2019 commencing at 1200