

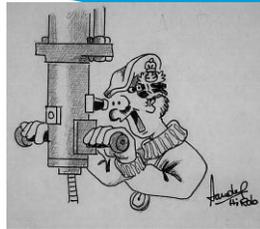
NEWSLETTER – MAY 2020



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PRESIDENTS – ALL ROUND LOOK

The lockdown period has meant a lot of things we had planned were put on hold. However, this hasn't stopped us getting on with what ever we could.



As you will see from the Curators report a lot of preparation work and outside work has been done and the museum is looking good overall. Our secretary has been busy organising and carrying out interviews for the audio archives and working with the curator on improvement issues leading up to the 2021 strategic planning activities.

Membership has grown and I am pleased to welcome onboard new members (see membership report for details). We rely on our members for their support and encouragement and it's good to hear many of you are working with us and offering donations and artefacts.

The museums reopening will mean a busy time for the Curator and we trust some of you may be able to visit and meet with her. Keep safe and follow the rules for social separation.

Michael White OAM, President FHSM.
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SECRETARY - Around the Traps

Despite the Covid 19 restrictions we have been busy progressing various projects and preparing for the time when the museum will reopen with the Curator.



Website. I trust most have taken a look at the new website which is growing and will over time, have improvements added. If you've not seen the website, here is a link:

www.holbrooksubmarinemuseum.com.au

I encourage you to have a look and make any comments as well as encouraging others to take a look and ask us questions if needs be.

Audio Interviews - We now have now have 5 in the can, thanks to those who participated but we need more of you to volunteer. I promise its quite painless.

Publications – We've been working on our merchandising plan, and in particular the publication and poster offerings. There are a few small hurdles yet to overcome but our priority is to get an abridged version of Vol 1 of the Otway book completed so visitors can buy a copy at a modest price. We are hoping to have it finished and ready for the museums opening.

Newsletter – We decided a monthly update would be preferable for members. This makes sense as things are progressing quite quickly, and we want you to be kept in the loop. However, we have plans for a more upmarket Newsletter with more in-depth historic material that will come out less frequently. The prototype looks like it's going to a good read. I will keep you posted on that development.

Strategic Planning – With the Museums Strategic Planning coming up in 2021 we have commenced aligning our strategies to fit with the Museums direction and needs. The plan will provide us with a roadmap to follow in future decisions surrounding our support.

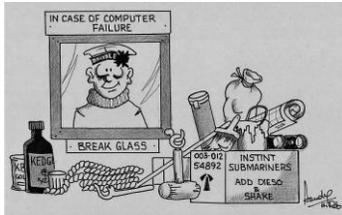
Archiving – Thanks to the material coming in from various sources, not the least of which has been from the Naval Historic Society, we've been busy cataloguing and digitizing. This means the HSM library has grown and will continue to grow with some interesting pieces of information. Longer term this information should be a great source for future researchers both of a generic as well as a technical nature.

Press releases – Part of our visibility plan is to increase our exposure of the Museum through various media outlets. In coming months you may find articles in the DVA News, RSL, Qld and NSW as well as some local RSL clubs. This approach also fits into our current membership drive which has had some success in the recent months. We all look forward to the museum reopening and I congratulate Cathy Mann, the curator, on what she has been able to achieve during the difficult isolation period.

Thor Lund, Secretary FHSM
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CURATORS CORNER



of Australia's museums and galleries.

The health and safety of our staff and visitors is our utmost priority and an opening date will be announced as soon as Council decide on what the "new" safe practices are to look like.

Considerations have been given to the small space the Hologram Room provides under social isolation; the interactive nature of the Control Room and especially the periscope; the Virtual Reality experience and access to the 3 Restroom facilities. Plans for visitor numbers, cleaning, access to souvenirs (and information booklets for tourism) all need to be put into place.

Cleaning after each group of visitors will also entail the Information Centre section of the Museum to be closed while the one staff on duty cleans. Disposable gloves and masks may need to be provided for staff, policies on cash handling

It would be great to be able to have pre-booked groups, but most of our visitors are "random", and many do not know of the submarine in the park until driving past it.

Outside the Museum is looking very fresh, the newly painted walls and new planted gardens make even the storage container look good.



I have started creating new spaces for the planned upgrades to the displays within the Museum.

The Jim Redwood Room houses all Oberon information and will be the first room to be treated to new displays.

Removal of the 15+ year old cabinet is Stage One in the plans to renovate.

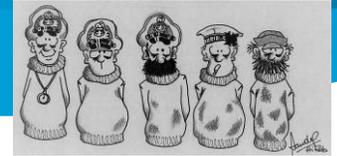


We look forward to seeing you back at the museum very soon, you never know which O Boat crew member you may find lurking! (Gordon "Hassa" Mann, HMAS Orion)



Cathy Mann, HSM Curator, cathy.mann@inet.net.au

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



As with most new associations our current membership is small but growing. We are hoping with support from SIA and SAA that we will grow our membership over the next 12 months, and we have set a target for that to happen. We also plan to contact other similar associations around the world to link up and share information that will interest our members.

The UK Submarine Museum has been particularly helpful and interested in our development. Since our March Newsletter we have been emailing potential members which has met with some success. We would like to welcome the following new members including our 2 new lady members:

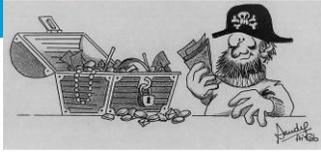
Terry (Rabbi) Burns
Peter Reid
David Bryant
Bev Lund
Graham Webb
Keith Jenkins
Carol Bird
Peter Nielsen

With Website up and running it's made the application process much easier and we plan to suspend our activities with The Team App/ website that has been running as a temporary facility.

I encourage you visit the website and give us any feedback you wish. Also pass on the website address to anyone you think might like to join FHSM.

Remember we are not exclusively a 'boys club' or only for submariners. All are welcome to join and work with us. The fees are very reasonable.

Gordon Mann Membership Officer,
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TREASURERS REPORT—

Financially, we have \$1206.08 in FHSM account.

This is comprised of:

Membership \$595.00

Donations \$611.00

Interest \$0.08

A special 'thank you' to

Graham Atkinson, Spider Webb and Keith Jenkins for their donations to FHSM.

Graham Collins, Treasurer, weonawei@bigpond.com

Developments at Submariners Walk Heritage Trail. Coyote Plank Owner 1.

With the berthing of a model submarine alongside

Coyote's ashes were the first to be scattered it made him the first plank owner to join his final Boat



Submariners' Walk Heritage Trail recently has generated a lot of interest not only for the surrounding community of Teneriffe, but submariners in general.

Especially when Coyote's ashes were the first to be scattered it made him the first plank owner to join his final Boat. The Submariners Honour Roll Wall was dedicated 7 months ago and as the word spreads via the various forms of communication channels, interest is gaining momentum and more names are being added to the Honour Roll Wall.

Enquiries increase -Don Currell said, 'The sub committee has been delighted to receive messages enquiring about how do they go about placing their loved one on the Wall. In recent days we took a phone call, asking if a submariner who died back in the early eighties, is this not too late to act. The answer is simply no, it isn't too late to apply.

Don went on to explain the enquiries. 'A colleague of the late LSETSSM Terry Weatherall has made an enquiry to have a plaque for Terry after all those years.

Then out of the blue we receive an application for the late CMDR Peter Johnstone-Hall.

USN Submariner Recognised – Don explained that an American lady on a cruise late last year was seated at a table having dinner with complete strangers and the general chat came out that her late father married an Australian Her father was a US submariner who sailed from Teneriffe during WW2 operations.

He sadly passed away 8 years ago and the extended family is now spread from Brisbane to Texas. The Australian couple she met knew about Submariners Walk Heritage Trail as they lived in Bulimba. The SAA QLD Inc followed up the request to see if we could help her in some small way. The rest is history and they now have a bronze plaque on the Wall in his honour on Eternal Patrol with other qualified submariners. How poignant is that?



Sensitivity - As a subcommittee of SAA Qld Inc we find ourselves helping families dealing with mixed and raw emotions of the submariner who was left behind albeit in recent or distant times explained Don. As a dedicated team we are becoming good listeners, we are re connecting to those who have not realised that there loved one names are still spoken about fondly today in conversation and the feedback is sobering knowing the submarine family has done something for their immediate family. To see a bronze plaque with a poppy on the Wall acknowledging the qualified submariner is indeed very satisfying for everyone.

Global Memorial- Today the Honour Roll sees increasing numbers of qualified submariners already from SAA Western Australia, SAA South Australia, SAA Tasmania, SAA Victoria, SAA New South Wales, Queensland, SA United Kingdom and SUBVET United States of America. Soon the SAA Australian Capital Territory will be included. The Submariner Memorial Wall, is becoming an International place for submariners. Should you want to learn more about the process please contact via an email to: swthonourwall@gmail.com as SAA Qld Inc subcommittee is happy to assist.

Tanky's Corner

SURVIVING ISOLATION



I was pleased to read an article recently in the Castle Hill RSL Newsletter by Peter Donzow. Peter was in the Navy from 1968 – 1988, followed by another 20 years in the Public Service, Defence, in support of FFG's and Submarines. He paid off as a Petty Officer, Marine Technical Propulsion (Stoker).

Peter has kindly allowed me to reprint his article. Neither of us are sure of its origins but it is very timely.

Peter says 'As an ex. submariner, this article is to suggest a number of boredom alleviating activities whilst maybe raising the understanding of what it is like to be properly locked down in a tin can underwater for anything up to 4 months, enjoy'

- Take the door off a cupboard and replace it with a curtain that doesn't close fully. Sleep in the cupboard. Get your wife to violently open the curtains every three hours, roughly shake you, then shine a torch in your face, and say "sorry, wrong rack".
- Stay indoors for months with barely any lights on and the curtains all shut. Occasionally peer at the outside world through a drinking straw poked through the letterbox.
- Plumb your shower into the hot pipe only. Have a stranger peer at you threateningly if the water runs for more than thirty seconds.
- Keep all your rubbish in black bags throughout your house.
- Never use the toilet when you need to. Have your wife lock you in your room for three hours before deciding you need a number two. Have only a black plastic bag for comfort.
- Sit in your car for six hours at a time, engine running, but don't go anywhere. Enhance this experience by painting the windows black. Write down the fuel gauge reading and distance travelled every hour and plot graphs.

- Drink one cup of cheap tasteless coffee every hour, on the hour, whether you want one or not.
- Argue with your family, agree to vote, then put on the film that no-one wanted to watch. Make sure they have all seen it recently, and that it has never made the movie charts. On Sundays it must be black and white and be a "war" film.
- Repeat back everything anyone says to you. Add "Roger" to everything you say.
- Take in several random strangers' laundry, jam it in an undersized washer with your own clothes, add too much cheap detergent, and set to "cold rinse". Dry briefly and return to owners while still damp, ensuring none of them receive all their own washing back.
- Buy a broken exercise bike and strap it to the floor in your kitchen or at the foot of the stairs. Never use it in the middle of the night, start rolling a ball bearing back and forth on a metal tray.
- For breakfast, eat a full Sunday Roast with all the trimmings, and a hot pudding.
- Set your alarm clock to go off at random times, day or night. When it goes off, leap out of your cupboard with a scuba mask on, holding a length of hosepipe, put someone else's clothes and shoes on, and run to the furthest room in your house. When there, sit down in the most uncomfortable place and fall asleep for two hours.

I will be adding to this list from Peters article in coming editions but for now theres plenty to ponder. Thanks Peter, we look forward to you joining us



Tankys Store Quiz

April Quiz for FHSM Members

'Who was the youngest Australian to command a submarine'

Nobody got the right answer but some were close in picking his classmate Frank Getting took over H27's sister submarine HMS H47.

The Answer:

Commander Norman Hamon Shaw OBE, RAN

On 20 July 1926 Norman was appointed in command of HMS H27. At the time of his appointment in command he was 26 years and 11 days old and he became the first and for many years the youngest RAN officer to command a submarine. For those interested to find out more:

<https://www.navyhistory.org.au/first-to-command/>

Read the article by

By Commander Tony Vine, RANR

This Months Quiz:

'What is the origin of the word 'Grog' as used by sailors' refering to the diluted rum issued by the Navy in earlier times

STILL NOT A MEMBER????

Its easier than ever to join. Go to the website:

www.holbrooksubmarinemuseum.com.au

and go to the FHSM section. Fill in the application form and send off online. Membership is open to all regardless of you're a submariner or not



FRIENDS OF HOLBROOK SUBMARINE MUSEUM
Membership Application

Annual membership of the friends of Holbrook Submarine Museum is \$10. 3years \$25

Renewals AUGUST each year

OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION - is to assist Holbrook Submarine Museum and its Curator(s) with funding and Assistance to ensure the artefacts and photographic records are maintained and displays developed. FHSM supports the strategic plan of the Museum and its interface with the Submarine Institute of Australia (SLA) national objective of a virtual national submarine museum as well as the activities of the Submarine Association of Australia (SAA).

AS A MEMBER - You will receive a regular email newsletter with updates on activities at the Museum and any special events and deals on submarine merchandise. You will also receive an adult pass to the museum. We look forward to welcoming you to Friends of Holbrook Submarine Museum.

APPLICATION - Please accept my application for:

1 year \$10 or 3 years \$25 membership of FHSM.

I agree to abide by the rules of the association and to support its purpose and objectives. Note: copies of the Association rules are available by email.

Signed Date

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Given Names

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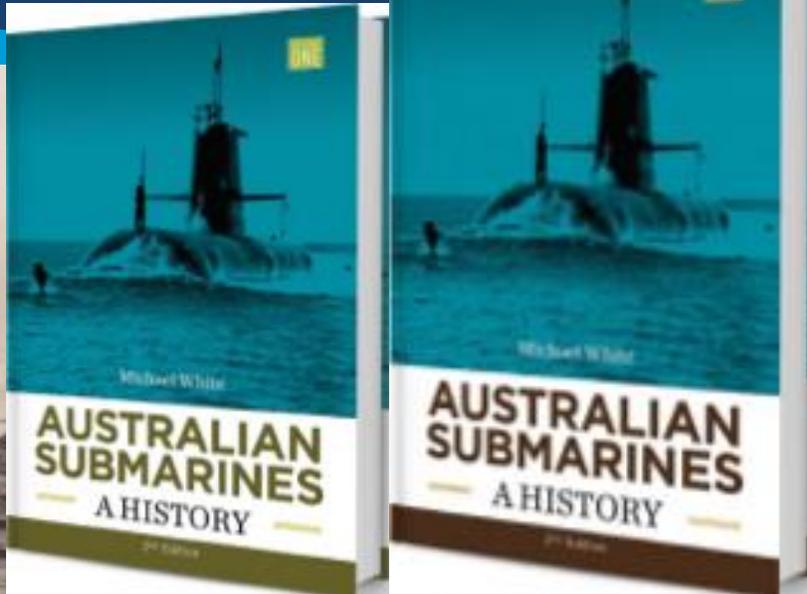
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AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINES A HISTORY

These books are the repository of an enormous amount of information about Australian submarines and Australian and New Zealand submariners. It will be the reference book relied on for facts, names and information for many years to come. Michael White's second edition of Australian Submarines: 'A History' builds on and brings up-to-date the work in his first edition.

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