



Friends of Holbrook Submarine Museum

FHSM NEWSLETTER

President's Report

It has been a busy time for the committee and others that support our work. I was able to go down to Holbrook during a visit to Canberra. I met up with Vice President Michael Carew who was at the museum for discussions with the Museum Committee. We had a productive meeting with Morrie and discussed possible improvements to displays. After our discussions we had a great evening of bangers and mash at the middle pub in the evening which was outstanding. The memorabilia, books and T shirts seem to be selling well of note the 'Plats' book is flying out the door. We attended the Holbrook Submarine Museum Committee meeting chaired by with Councillor Heather Wilton where it was mentioned that quotes have been received (currently under consideration) for the painting of AE2 replica. Breaking news is that the Museum has received a grant for the painting of AE2 replica, and Morrie has more on that in his Report, under.

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All the best everyone.

Michael White
President.



Michael White and Commander Andrew Clowes at the Submariners Memorial Wall at the Submarine Walk Heritage Trail, Brisbane, highlighting the recently placed Commander Holbrook Plaque

ANZAC DAY 2022

Queensland



Some of the 2000+ who attended the Dawn Service at the Submarine Walk Heritage Trail, Brisbane



Commander Andrew Clowes (SAA QLD President) and Chief Petty Officer Don (Duckrun) Currell OAM with friends



Thirty eight plaques on the Memorial Wall were not forgotten as poppies were added to their plaques

Holbrook NSW



Morrie Jeppesen (HSM Curator), FHSM V/P Commander Michael Carew and fellow submariners



LSAWASM Kelly Thompson at the museum



Sandy Freeleagus braved the rain to deliver his tribute on Macleay Island, Qld



Michael Carew presents a cheque for \$5,000 from the SAA. ACT Branch to the Museum's Curator Morrie Jeppesen following the parade

SAA NSW

Geoff Anderson, NSW President and FHSM Treasurer leads the Sydney March.



SAA South Australia Branch



SAA Victoria Branch



SAA Western Australia



Photos from the Anzac Day marches will be posted onto the Friends of Holbrook Submarine Museum Webpage. If you would like to add your photographs please send them to Thor Lund at tlund@bigpond.net.au

Runaway Bay, QLD



The March, Thor Lund on the dais to the right of the subbranch President.

FHSM,s Thor Lund was a special guest at the Runaway Bay Anzac Day commemorations. Thor took part in the salute and John Maclean was in the March along with another unknown submariner. Although inclement weather made it difficult at the ANZAC Dawn service, they still had attendance of about 2000 people and during the official commemoration proceeding at 10:00 am attracted some 3000 people. Although wet, it was an excellent service. Thor provided a speech on the AE2 which was well received

SUBMARINERS CHALLENGE LAUNCHED

HOLBROOK SUBMARINE MUSEUM

SUBMARINERS CHALLENGE

AN EDUCATIONAL COMPETITION FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN AND SCHOOL GROUPS IN THE GREATER HUME SHIRE AREA AND THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN OF EX AND SERVING SUBMARINERS

Information Pack

Entries will be open from 2nd of May and close 27th of August

Community Bank Henty and Holbrook
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The Submariners Challenge 2022

The Challenge was conceived as a fun opportunity to encourage school students to explore further the world of the submariner displayed at the Holbrook Submarine Museum. It is hoped that this competition will stimulate discovery and learning about the undersea world, excitement about the many challenges that have been overcome in making submarines, and enthusiasm about how the experience of serving in 'the Silent Service' has shaped the lives of submariners.

This educational activity for school-aged students started its development in 2020 with advice from local educators but was affected by the Covid-19 outbreak. This year's Submariners Challenge will be trialed in the Greater Hume Shire region and later expanded to nearby regions. Eligibility has been expanded to include the children and grandchildren of Australian submariners to encourage their participation.

Bendigo Bank has provided generous support for the competition to provide cash prizes and other incentives for winning entrants and their schools. Entry is open to school age students at any school in the Nominated Area and to the children and grandchildren of Australian submariners with parental or guardian's permission and teacher's agreement. Entrants can be an individual or a team of individuals from the school. Entrants from families of submariners must indicate the submarine on which their relative served and the years of service for verification purposes. Info packs available on the FHSM website: www.holbrooksubmarinemuseum.com.au

CURATORS CORNER

Museum Work

Grant - Whilst writing up a grant application for the restoration of the jolly rogers, it was discovered that it fell outside of the grant parameters, so the application was changed to the repainting of, and rewiring the AE2 for power and lights (new power board required). This week, we received notification that “the Holbrook Submarine Museum has just been awarded a substantial grant to be allocated to your project **Development of AE2 Structure and Exhibition** by Riverina Water.

Tours/Visitors

3 tours were conducted in March. The visitor numbers for March have been the best since 2016.

Projects

- More wall plaques have been added to the entrance wall.
- The Oberang Room Sign has been added and replaces the Jim Redwood room name.
- The story of the Japanese Midget Submarines is now being displayed.
- The Jolly Roger display has been re-arranged.
- Morrie donated a Video/DVD Player to the museum and purchased HDMI Cable, AV-HDMI Converter and a video card to enable him to look and tape some of the 40 videos he has in the HSM.

Current FHSM Book Stock

Book stocks have recently been replenished in anticipation of the increased volume of tourists and visitors to the museum. The following titles are currently available for both counter and online sales:

- **The submariners Christmas Cruise and Road Trip** – Comical books on the adventures of two submariners
- **Kids Fun Books** – ideal way to keep the kids busy on those road trips
- **Silent ANZACs AE2** – A detailed book on the expeditions to find and explore the wreck of AE 2 by Dr Roger Neill
- **Plats** – Recently published background and stories about HMAS PLATYPUS
- **The Submariners Cookbook** – Not to be missed and very popular book on the undersea cuisine of submariners by ex-submariner cook Commander John Goss
- **The Submarine in the Park Book** - - hot off the presses and designed for visitors to help them understand how HMAS OTWAY wound up in the Holbrook and to take away a souvenir of their visit
- **2022 Calendars** – There’s a few left and well worth collecting for the historic information contained.
- **Posters** – The three favourites have been updated and the smaller ones printed on firmer board making them ideal for framing. You won't find these anywhere else.
- **Christmas Cards 3 types with envelopes** – Yes I know it’s a bit early, but these undated cards make it easy to roll them over for next year. Get in early as they tend to sell out quickly once the Christmas season starts.

You can place orders on the website: HOLBROOK SUBMARINE MUSEUM or at the Visitor Information Centre outside of the museum.

Visitor activity – QR Code analytics

The QR analytics for the period January to March 2022 show a total 118 scans of the various QR coded displays. Of these the majority (60) were from Sydney followed by Melbourne (35) and further 23 from other regions. The Escape suit, Mk8 Torpedo and the Attack Periscope in that order were the most scanned QR codes. Highest scan rates were recorded on Saturdays and Sundays with Thursdays a close third. The highest daily scan rate per hour was 31 scans. It will be interesting to see what the numbers are for the next quarter as the visitor numbers increase.

HSM Ticketing system

We are also discussing the ticketing system with a view to having more control information about actual museum visitors as well as activities whilst they are there. The system will also assist us with inventory control and our QR coded self-guided tours work.

The Timeline Banner

This is currently being worked on to ensure accuracy. We are hoping it will be finished in the coming months and will make a significant display featuring the history of submarines in Australia.

The AE2 Replica exhibit

I am confident the internal leaks have been fixed so the painting can be done and finally Roger Coopers' wraps can be applied to the inside and the welcome by audio using a cloned voice of Stoker to bring the exhibit to life.

Morrie Jeppesen
HSM Curator

DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT

The Submariners Challenge

Dr Doug Randell has taken hold of this project and is driving it forward with input from Michael White, Roger Neill and liaison with Morrie on the local logistics. This year will be the trial for local Hume Shire schools, however, we have added submariners' children and grandchildren to this year's challenge.

Doug has set out several steps and queries that the development team and others are working on. The judging panel has been joined by Fiona Johnson the assistant principal at Chatswood High School in Sydney and daughter of ex submariner Ian Taber.

The information Pack

In recent weeks the draft info pack has undergone considerable change and is almost in its final form for sign off on the wordings. Doug is also consulting with teachers in Canberra and Holbrook and any comments will be considered and be incorporated if appropriate.

The mailout of the info pack to schools in the Greater Hume Shire area will be the major selling and promo document for the schools. A simple cartoon type promo has been developed and a PowerPoint presentation is being considered for those schools that express an interest in the challenge and needs more promotional material.

Notification to submariners and media – We have done some seeding with the major submariner Associations and will consolidate this when we launch. This will also include some local media , the GHSC and Bendigo Bank as a primary sponsor. We may also run a story in the DVA news and perhaps the State RSL publications if they accept our materiel.

Dr Doug Randell Challenge Project Manager

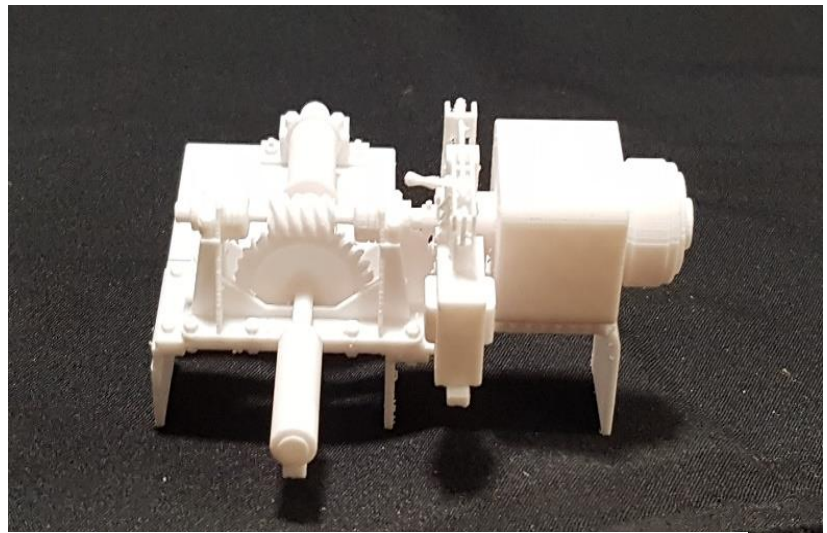
3D modelling

Roger's 3D printer had the electromechanical equivalent of a stroke recently, but after intensive rehab he has brought it back to life. In the meantime, his latest recruit (victim?), Steve Boyd has been beavering away with his CAD software, generating a digital representation of the AE2's periscope elevation winch (see Pic).

To quote Roger:

“The fact I have been able to print this represents a milestone for us on a few fronts. Steve uses CAD engineering software while I use Blender software, which is more artistic in its orientation. This file was generated by Steve using CAD, imported into my software so that I could adjust the hanger frames to fit the rib spacing I had built into my model exactly and then exported again into so-called Slicer software so that I could prepare it for printing. It all worked, almost first go. I am rather thrilled by the result!”

“This is 1/10th scale. I am becoming more and more convinced this is the sweet spot for us to aim for”



This is 1/10th scale AE2 periscope lifting mechanism

Subject to the Committee's approval we would like to stick with 1/10th scale as the accuracy and detail is far better than the smaller scale. This will however make for a finished model approx. 2 m long. Roger and Morrie are working on display issues and how the components will be painted and assembled. We are hopeful of recruiting a local artist to do the painting and are considering having the large shell printed commercially.

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This is on the back burner due to the vagaries of Covid and the current workload on the 3d modelling

Roger Neill – 3d Project manager

FHSM Publishing

Consolidation – We have been working on consolidating our publications, so we don't have to keep updating them. The following books are in progress and should be out later this year or early 2023:

- **Escape from the deep** – This book deals with the issues of submarine escape, its history and development. Edited by Terry Rowell and Peter Horobin it is a worthwhile addition to any library
- **Rescue from the deep** – This is the companion to Escape from the deep and concentrates on rescue systems and procedures. With Peter Horobin and others, we hope to have this book ready later this year
- **The family Book** – Due to a poor response we have decided to transition to a new style which will be broader and still incorporate some elements of submariner's family lives. More on that soon.
- **The Submarine Heritage Book** – a companion to the wall hanging it will be the must have for anyone interested in Australia's submarine heritage and features beautiful artwork by Sandy Freeleagus
- **Sandys Book** – Sandy Freeleagus is well known to most in the submarine world and his book takes a factual and lyrical look at a 'Tiffy's' life in submarines and beyond. We hope to have this one ready later this year.
- **Sammy the Sub** – This wonderful children's book takes a look at the adventures of Sammy the Sub and his or her exploration of the deep. The artwork by Sandy is wonderful and the story line very educational. The book is currently sitting with Dr Doug Randell and Sandy to consult on the educational aspects and inclusions
- **The poetry book** – We sent out as a freebee last year and we may expand it this year. We would love to get other poems to include in the next edition.

eBooks

We have been wrestling with these for some time and we won't be able to do much until we work out a better payment process. As FHSM is not yet registered we cannot get PayPal or credit card payment options, However, we can use the existing system of payment even though it's a bit clunky. The print on demand arrangement is proving a bit more difficult and will take some time to sort out. More on that when we have it sorted out.

Publishing Focus - For the current calendar year, we plan to focus on **Escape from the deep** and **the Heritage book**. The others would be on next year's list excepting perhaps the poetry book.

Exciting new opportunity – THE SUBMARINERS

WE NEED YOU!



DO YOU HAVE A STORY OR TWO TO TELL???

We are starting a new project with long term aims. We hope to gather as many of your stories and tales from your life in submarines. You all know what I'm talking about, they are the dits n bits you spin at reunions, family gatherings and whenever someone asks, "what was it like in submarines"

The best news is you don't even have to write them, we will. All you will need to do is talk with us on the phone and we will do the rest. We will be looking to produce books or booklets on the 6 Oberon's, and hopefully the Collins boats as well as even the RN boats and perhaps even the USN boats that served here.

INTERESTED?? Drop Thor a line tlund@bigpond.net.au and he will send you more info by return

AS IT HAPPENED

April / May



Lieutenant Kenneth Robert Hudspeth, DSC ** RANVR was one of many Royal Australian Naval personnel whose service in Royal Navy units during World War II has gone largely unnoticed in Australia.

At the outbreak of the war Kenneth Hudspeth applied to join the Navy and was appointed as a probationary Sub Lieutenant, RANVR on 15 July 1940. Following initial training in Australia he arrived in the United Kingdom in March 1941 and served in the Flower-class corvette HMS *Anemone* on convoy escort duties in the North Atlantic.

In mid-1942, he volunteered for 'special and hazardous service' and was subsequently posted to HMS *Varbel* on the Isle of Bute, where he commenced training in the new British midget submarines known as X-Craft. He was promoted Lieutenant on 15 January 1943 and was appointed Commanding Officer of HMS *X-10*.

Lieutenant Hudspeth completed several hazardous missions in the midget submarines X10 and X20. He was awarded a DSC for his actions in Operation Source in September 1943. He was awarded a first bar to his DSC on 4 April 1944 for his missions in landing COPP personnel on enemy held coasts, and a second bar to his DSC for his actions in Operation Gambit. This made him one of the most decorated Australian Naval Officers of WWII.



QR Code [Occasional Paper 46: Lieutenant Kenneth Robert Hudspeth DSC, RANVR | Naval Historical Society of Australia](#) (navyhistory.org.au)

Date	Year	April Events
1 st Apr	1928	Commissioning of HMAS OTWAY (1)
8 th Apr	1963	First group of Australians leave to undertake Oberon class submarine training in UK Lieutenant M H Shean RANVR awarded DSO for actions when in Command of midget submarine X-24 in Norway
14 th Apr	1944	
18 th Apr	1969	Commissioning of HMAS <i>Ovens</i>
23 rd Apr	1968	Commissioning of HMAS <i>Otway</i>
25 th Apr	1990	HMAS Oxley off Anzac Cove for the 75 th Anniversary of the Landings at Gallipoli on 25th April 1915.
30 th Apr	1915	AE2 Scuttled in the Sea of Marmara

Date	Year	May Events
5 th May	1990	Crew of HMAS Oxley had audience with the Pope
14 th May	1999	De-Commissioning of HMAS Platypus Lieutenant William Euan Littlejohn DSC RANVR assumed command of submarine HMS Vox operating out of Sydney
15 th May	1945	
21 st May	2015	MV Stoker launched. Named after AE2 Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Commander Henry Hugh Gordon Dacre Stoker
27 th May	1971	Admiralty Board approval to name Submarine 05 Orion and to adopt the badge, motto and battle honours of HMS ORION

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