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Zubin Bhada on behalf of Capt Eric Barron

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Branch Master's Report – April 2024

On behalf of the Branch, please find below the Branch Master's report for **April 2024**. This month we held our standard COMMA monthly court and general meetings at the FAC Club, Fremantle as a face-to-face session including the HYBRID TEAMS online meeting.

Branch Court

The Court meeting was held on 24th April 2024 at FAC premises. The face-to-face meeting followed the standard format whilst the Branch Sec'y took down minutes.

- *Review of Last Minutes – Acting BM thanked the court for their attendance (Last Meeting Mar'2024).*
- *Acting BM provided an update from the recent federal court meeting.*
- *Review of Registrar's report / Review of Secretary's report / Review of Treasurer's Report*
- *Update from WA Branch Secretary – Correspondence from last month/new applications etc.*
- *Update from WA Branch Treasurer and how we are progressing with membership fees.*
- *Business Arising from Previous minutes followed by any Other Business.*

BM Update

Congratulations to the new Branch court where we have a few new faces and some who just moved roles within the court team. Below is our current status of COMMA WA Court Team. Members are encouraged to come along and support the court team whenever they can.

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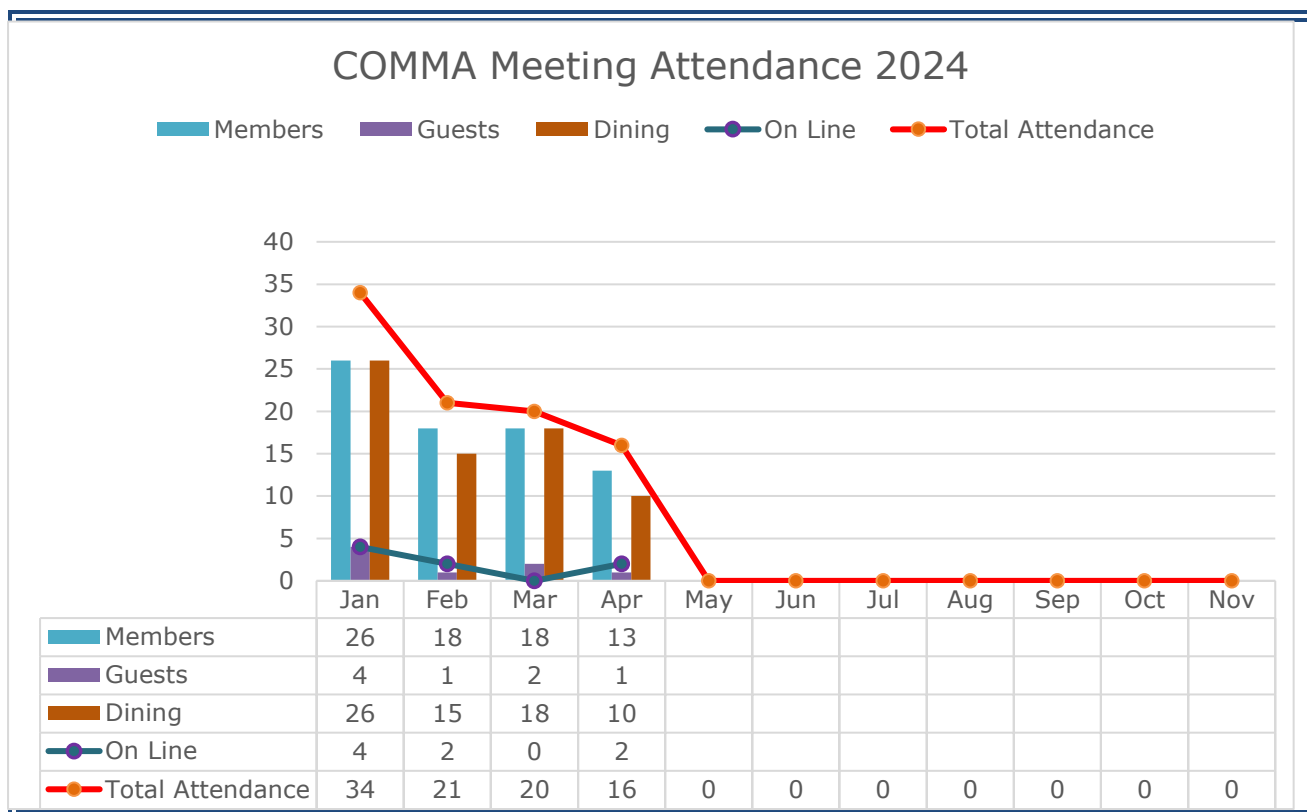
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➤ News from FAC:

FAC staff under leadership of Jimmy Khamassi will continue to support our monthly COMMA-WA session at FAC. There will be a session cost each time we utilise the FAC premises for our monthly court & general meetings. In April the numbers were really low, hence the cost of the curry dinner went up in cost. Our monthly curry dinners are provided by ZAB Curry House with the management of pick up and setup being done by FAC staff. The food so far has been really tasty with good feedback received from the members. Based on number of attendees the rate per plate may vary, based on number of attendees for each session.

➤ General Meeting

The General meeting for month of April 2024 was attended by 13 members which included 2 online members via TEAMS. A real poor show in numbers for the meeting. Our keynote speaker was **Mr. Zane Patience** (Marine Superintendent at Jetwave Marine), who spoke to us on the topic “**Jetwave Marine supporting the Marine Industry in WA.**”



The session followed the usual process/format at the FAC Club

- We had Acting BM (Capt. Zubin Bhada) who setup the TEAMS meeting and conducted the general session and the keynote speaker session via TEAMS. The Draft minutes were shared on the projector and also shared on TEAMS for the online participants.
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General News

Based on attendance, and now using the FAC facility, we can see members attending our monthly sessions either via TEAMS (online) or face-to-face at FAC, Fremantle. We encourage more members to please attend these sessions and thank those who attend and support the branch.

- Our next session will be the **29th of May 2024 at FAC club**, which will be the usual COMMA monthly session and also have a TEAMS online invite available. (continue with improving the HYBRID model for these sessions).
- Our total membership now stands at **122**, still needs improvement in numbers. However, we can say confidently that the **WA branch is the biggest and most active branch in Australia**.



Mr. Zane Patience giving his talk to the members - April 2024



COMMA Members in attendance for April 2024

About our speaker:

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Zane presentation was well received by all who attended.



Deputy BM Capt Suraj Joshi handed over a small token to keynote speaker Mr. Zane Patience.

Points West

Our in-house newsletter “**Points West**” continues to grow and deliver exceptional quality articles and information for our members. A big thankyou to **Mark Beal** who continues to provide us a quality newsletter every month. Please do send in articles and/or stories that we can share with our membership.

Look Ahead for 2024:

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Dec-2024	NO Session	

Sea Scouts

This year the sea scouts COMMA event was held on 21st April 2024 at Pelican Point. We had quite a few of our members as volunteers who attended the event, which was a wonderful day and experience watching the youngsters perform and compete. Many thanks to all those who attended. Capt. Steve Wenban was our delegate BM at this year's event as I was unable to attend due to a prior engagement.





Sea Scouts COMMA Event 21 April 2024

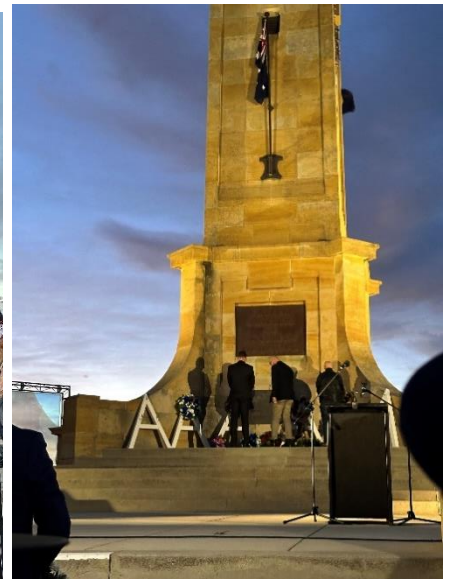
ANZAC Day Dawn Service 25 April 2024

Our court team and members attended the dawn service on 25th April 2024 at Monument Hill, Fremantle. It was a wonderful service well attended by the general public. The day was perfect with no rain. Thank you to our members who attended the service and laid a wreath to honour the men & women (past and present) for their valuable service.

LEST WE FORGET....

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning; We will remember them.

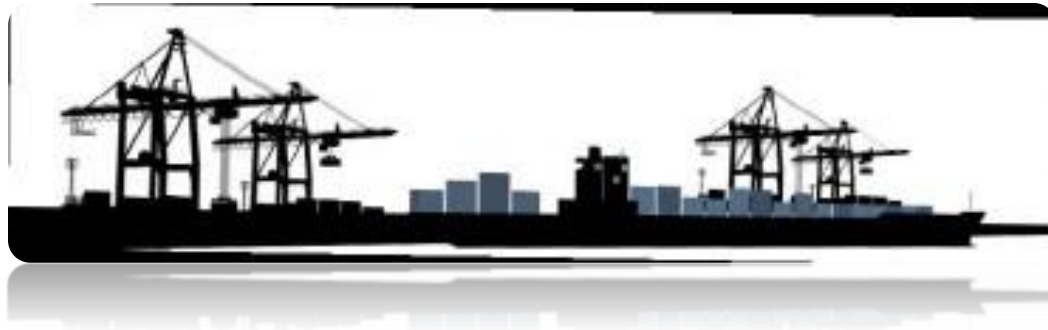


Wreath laying at Anzac dawn service at monument Hill, FREMANTLE.

Thanks for all those members who make it a point to attend our monthly sessions and interact with other members over a glass of wine and a nice sit-down Indian Curry. Going forward we will try and continue with hybrid meetings whilst we finalise the IT gear required to continue with such formats. I hope we see more members join in via TEAMS to participate online with our monthly sessions going forward.

Capt. Zubin Bhada (FNI, MBA) Acting Branch Master on behalf of BM (Capt. Eric Barron)

End of Report



NEWS AND VIEWS

ANZAC DAY 2024 GIN GIN ANZAC DAY PRESENTATION

IMAGINE, QUIETLY DOING YOUR DAY TO DAY JOB, SUPPORTING YOUR COUNTRY, PROVIDING THE VITAL SUPPLIES FROM COAST TO COAST OR COUNTRY TO COUNTRY. YET YOUR COUNTRY, INDEED MOST PEOPLE DON'T EVEN KNOW OR ACKNOWLEDGE THE IMPORTANCE OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING. MUCH LESS, THAT YOU ARE DOING THIS UNDER CONSTANT THREAT OF DEATH.

YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE MERCHANT MARINE (LATERLY KNOWN AS THE MERCHANT NAVY). THE QUIET, HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND MUCH FORGOTTEN PART OF THE WAR EFFORTS SINCE WWI, AND ALMOST EVERY WAR SINCE.

THE MERCHANT MARINE (NAVY) , COMPRISED COMMERCIAL SHIPS AND THEIR CREWS REQUISITIONED BY THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT (OR THE BRITISH SHIPPING CONTROLLER IN WWI) TO SERVE AS TRANSPORTS , HOSPITAL SHIPS, TROOP CARRIERS, OIL AND FUEL SHIPS, SUPPLY SHIPS, AMMUNITION SHIPS, LOGISTICS SUPPORT SHIPS AND CAPTURED ENEMY SHIPS IN SUPPORT OF THE WAR EFFORTS. THE LOGISTICS OF MOVING THOUSANDS OF MEN AND TONS OF EQUIPMENT, HALF WAY ROUND THE WORLD IN WWI WAS ENORMOUS. EARLY IN WWI, THE GOVT CHARTERED 28 AUSTRALIAN SHIPS TO MOVE THE AIF TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE. THESE 28 SHIPS WERE TO BE SUPPLEMENTED AS THE WAR PROGRESSED AND DURING THIS TIME, SHIPS WERE SUBJECT TO ZEPPLIN RAIDS, SUBMARINE ATTACKS, ENEMY WARSHIP & RAIDER ATTACKS AND RAMMINGS. ALL IN ALL IN WWI, AUSTRALIA HAD A TOTAL OF 74 COMMERCIAL SHIPS (MOSTLY UNARMED) EITHER CHARTERED OR TAKEN UP FROM TRADE. OF THESE, 26 WERE SUNK, RESULTING IN THE DEATHS OF AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT NAVY SAILORS AND OFFICERS AND MANY MORE BADLY INJURED , BURNT AND SCARRED , OFTEN SPENDING DAYS IN THE OCEAN AWAITING RESCUE.

THE COMMONWEALTH MERCHANT NAVY LOSSES DURING WWI WAS, 5,000 SHIPS AND 15,614 SAILORS AND OFFICERS. A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER , WHICH STILL TODAY REMAINS LARGELY UNKNOWN OR ACKNOWLEDGED, WHEREAS THE TOTAL OF WARSHIPS SUNK WAS IN

THE REGION OF 520 (A TENTH OF THE MERCHANT NAVY LOSSES). PERHAPS THE MOST FAMOUS COMMERCIAL SHIP SUNK IN WWI WAS THE SINKING OF THE PASSENGER SHIP 'LUSITANIA' TRAVELLING FROM NEW YORK TO LIVERPOOL UK. SHE WAS JUST 11 NM OFF THE IRISH COAST. SHE TOOK ONE TORPEDO HIT FROM THE GERMAN UBOAT U20 AND SANK IN 18 MINUTES FOLLOWING A "SECONDARY INTERNAL EXPLOSION"

THERE WERE 1266 PASSENGERS, 696 CREW (A TOTAL OF 1962 SOULS) ON BOARD AND ONLY 761 SURVIVORS. MANY QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AS TO WHY A SHIP OF THAT SIZE AND CAPABILITY, COULD SINK IN SUCH A QUICK TIME. UNFORTUNATELY, WAR TIME SECRECY DICTATED THE GOVERNMENT NOT DISCLOSE TO THE SUBSEQUENT ENQUIRY, THAT THERE WERE ALSO, 4.3MILLION .303 BULLETS, 5000 SCHRAPNEL SHELLS & 3240 BRASS PRECUSSION FUSES SECRETLY LOADED FOR THE UK WAR EFFORT AND IT IS SUSPECTED THAT THESE WERE THE SOURCE OF THE "SECONDAY EXPLOSION" THAT ACTUALLY SANK THE SHIP. THE TOTAL LOSS OF SOULS DOES NOT DIFFERENTIATE BEWTEEN PASSENGERS AND CREW, BUT ONE CAN ASSUME THE CREW LOSSES WERE SIGNIFICANT.

GERMANY SANK ALMOST 50 PASSENGER SHIPS (SOME OF WHICH HAD BEEN CONVERTED TO TROOP SHIPS) BETWEEN 1914 – 1918 THROUGH DIRECT ATTACK OR MINING. SO WITH CREWS AVERAGING IN THE 100'S ON THESE TYPE OF SHIPS, THE LOSS OF MERCHANT MARINERS WAS VERY CONSIDERABLE INDEED.

AS I SAID BEFORE, A TOTAL OF 5000 MERCHANT SHIPS AND 15,614 MARINERS WERE LOST DURING THIS FIRST WORLD WAR.

IN WWII, THE DANGERS WERE GREATLY INCREASED, IN THAT, WE WERE UNDER CONSTANT THREAT IN OUR OWN WATERS, AS WELL AS ALL OVER THE MULTIPLE WAR FRONTS AROUND THE WORLD.

IN THE EUROPEAN THEATRE:

THE MERCHANT NAVY, IS OFTEN SAID TO BE THE 'UNSEEN' SERVICE. THOUSANDS OF AUSTRALIANS SERVED AS MERCHANT MARINERS, SHIPPING TROOPS AND SUPPLIES AROUND THE WORLD AND SOMETIMES DIRECTLY SUPPORTING MILITARY OPERATIONS.

MERCHANT SEAMEN GENERALLY "**SIGNED ON**" TO A MERCHANT SHIP, RATHER THAN BEING "**POSTED**" TO ONE. AUSTRALIANS COULD SERVE ON SHIPS OF VIRTUALLY ANY NATIONALITY SERVING THE ALLIED CAUSE. THUS, ALTHOUGH MOST SERVED ON VESSELS BELONGING TO AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING LINES, MANY WERE ON BRITISH, NORWEGIAN, AMERICAN AND OTHER ALLIED NATIONS SHIPS.

MEN WHO SERVED IN THE ATLANTIC CONVOYS SAILING BETWEEN NORTH AMERICA AND BRITAIN FACED SOME OF THE HIGHEST

CASUALTY RATES OF THE WAR. GERMAN U-BOATS WAGED A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AGAINST MERCHANT SHIPPING REACHING ITS PEAK IN 1942-43. IN JUST THREE MONTHS BETWEEN JAN – MAR 1943, 85 MERCHANT SHIPS WERE LOST FOR THE LOSS OF JUST 8 UBOATS.

THIS IS RECOGNISED AS THE LONGEST BATTLE OF WWII, LASTING FROM 1939 RIGHT THROUGH TO 1945. THE LOSSES WERE A TOTAL OF 2603 SHIPS, 783 UBOATS AND OVER 30,000 SAILORS.

THEN WE ALSO HAD SHIPS AND MERCHANT NAVY PERSONNEL SERVING ON THE VERY DANGEROUS ARCTIC CONVOYS WHERE OVER 100 FURTHER SHIPS WERE LOST ALONG WITH OVER 3000 MERCHANT MARINERS. CREWMEN OF ANY SHIP SUNK, HAD LESS THAN A 5% CHANCE OF SURVIVAL, UNLESS PICKED UP QUICKLY FROM THE FREEZING NORTH ATLANTIC WATERS.

MERCHANT SEAMEN ALSO SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES AGAINST ENEMY AIRCRAFT WHILE RUNNING SUPPLIES TO THE ISLAND OF MALTA, IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, AND OFF GREECE AND CRETE.

A NUMBER OF SHIPS HAD ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND ANTI-SUBMARINE GUNS FITTED, TURNING THEM INTO “DEFENSIVELY ARMED MERCHANT SHIPS”, WITH NAVAL RATINGS POSTED ABOARD TO PROVIDE GUN CREWS. BUT IN PRACTICE, THESE GUNS WERE LITTLE DEFENCE AGAINST DETERMINED ENEMY ATTACKS.

AUSTRALIA DID NOT FARE WELL EITHER.

MERCHANT SEAMEN WERE AMONG THE FIRST AUSTRALIANS CAPTURED BY ENEMY FORCES DURING THE WAR. IN 1940, SEVERAL MEN WERE CAPTURED BY GERMAN RAIDERS OPERATING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. MERCHANT SHIPS IN THIS AREA OFTEN SAILED UNESCORTED, UNLESS THEY WERE CARRYING TROOPS OR COULD ACCOMPANY A TROOP CONVOY, SO THEY PROVED TO BE EASY PREY.

SOME MEN WERE TAKEN AS PRISONERS OF WAR TO ITALIAN SOMALILAND BUT WERE RELEASED WHEN BRITISH FORCES OCCUPIED THE TERRITORY IN 1941. OTHERS WENT TO GERMANY AND A FEW TO ITALY. IN LATE 1941 AND EARLY 1942, SEVERAL AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT SEAMEN WERE KILLED OR TAKEN PRISONER BY JAPANESE RAIDERS IN THE INDIAN OCEAN OR WHEN THEIR SHIPS WERE SUNK IN AIR OR SEA ATTACKS IN MALAYAN, NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES OR NEW GUINEA WATERS.

FROM 1942, MANY MERCHANT SEAMEN SAILED IN THE REGULAR SUPPLY & HOSPITAL SHIP RUNS AROUND THE AUSTRALIAN COASTLINE AND TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SERVICING AUSTRALIAN, AMERICAN AND DUTCH FORCES.

MANY OF THE MERCHANT SHIPS WERE DUTCH OR AMERICAN, BUT AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING LINES SUCH AS BURNS PHILP, AUSTRALIAN UNITED STEAM NAVIGATION AND HUDDART PARKER, PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THIS THEATRE. MANY MERCHANT SHIPS WERE SUNK BY JAPANESE SUBMARINES OR MINES, MOSTLY OFF AUSTRALIA'S EAST COAST, OR ATTACKED BY ENEMY AIRCRAFT IN OPERATIONAL AREAS.

PERHAPS THE MOST FAMOUS OF THESE WAS THE SINKING OF THE HOSPITAL SHIP THE “CENTAUR”, WHICH WE HEARD ABOUT EARLIER, FROM LINDSAY. MY MOTHER WAS A SERVING ARMY NURSE IN NEW GUINEA AT THE TIME, AND COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN POSTED TO THAT SHIP ON ONE OF HER TRIPS BRINGING WOUNDED BACK FROM NEW GUINEA TO AUSTRALIA. THANKFULLY SHE WASN'T, BECAUSE I WOULD NOT BE HERE, ADDRESSING YOU THIS MORNING.

I PROUDLY WEAR HER SERVICE MEDALS ON MY RIGHT CHEST TODAY.

AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT SEAMEN CONTINUED SERVING IN EVERY THEATRE OF WAR. AUSTRALIA WAS A SIGNIFICANT PRIMARY PRODUCER, SENDING BULK AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MILITARY SUPPLIES TO BRITAIN AND INDIA, WHILE ALSO REQUIRING MILITARY AND COMMERCIAL SUPPLIES TO BE BROUGHT FROM BRITAIN, NORTH AMERICA AND ELSEWHERE.

SHIPPING LANES, REMAINED DANGEROUS PLACES, AS WAS THE AUSTRALIAN COAST. THE JAPANESE CONTINUED THEIR ASSAULT ON SHIPPING AROUND AUSTRALIA ,SINKING
30 SHIPS OFF NSW,
5 OFF QLD,
2 OFF VIC &
4 OFF WA.

THE GERMANS ALSO HAD A ROGUE U BOAT (U862) WHICH SANK 2 SHIPS OFF NSW AND 2 OFF SA.

50 SHIPS WERE LOST TO ENEMY ACTION OFF THE AUSTRALIAN COAST.
45 SHIPS WERE ATTACKED &/OR SUNK BY SUBMARINES WITHIN AUSTRALIAN WATERS,
5 SHIPS SUNK BY GERMAN RAIDERS, AND
2 OTHERS OFF THE SOUTH COAST OF AUSTRALIA, SUNK BY MINES.

BY THE END OF THE WAR, ALMOST 4,000 ALLIED SHIPS COMPRISING 175 WARSHIPS & 3,500 MERCHANT SHIPS HAD BEEN SUNK WITH THE LOSS OF 72,200 ALLIED NAVAL AND MERCHANT SAILORS. THE MAJORITY OF WHICH, WERE MERCHANT NAVY MEMBERS.

REGRETFULLY, THERE IS CONFLICTING AND CONFUSING HISTORICAL DATA IN RESPECT TO THE CORRECT NUMBERS OF “OFFICIAL” DEATHS DURING WWII. BUT, ACCORDING TO THE AWM WEBSITE ROLE OF HONOUR, AUSTRALIA HAD OVER 39,657 DEATHS AS A DIRECT RESULT OF SERVICE WITH AN AUSTRALIAN SERVICE DURING WWII.

OF THESE, 845 ARE AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT MARINERS LISTED IN THE ROLE OF HONOUR , WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE, IN THEIR QUIET AND MOSTLY UNRECOGNISED SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY.

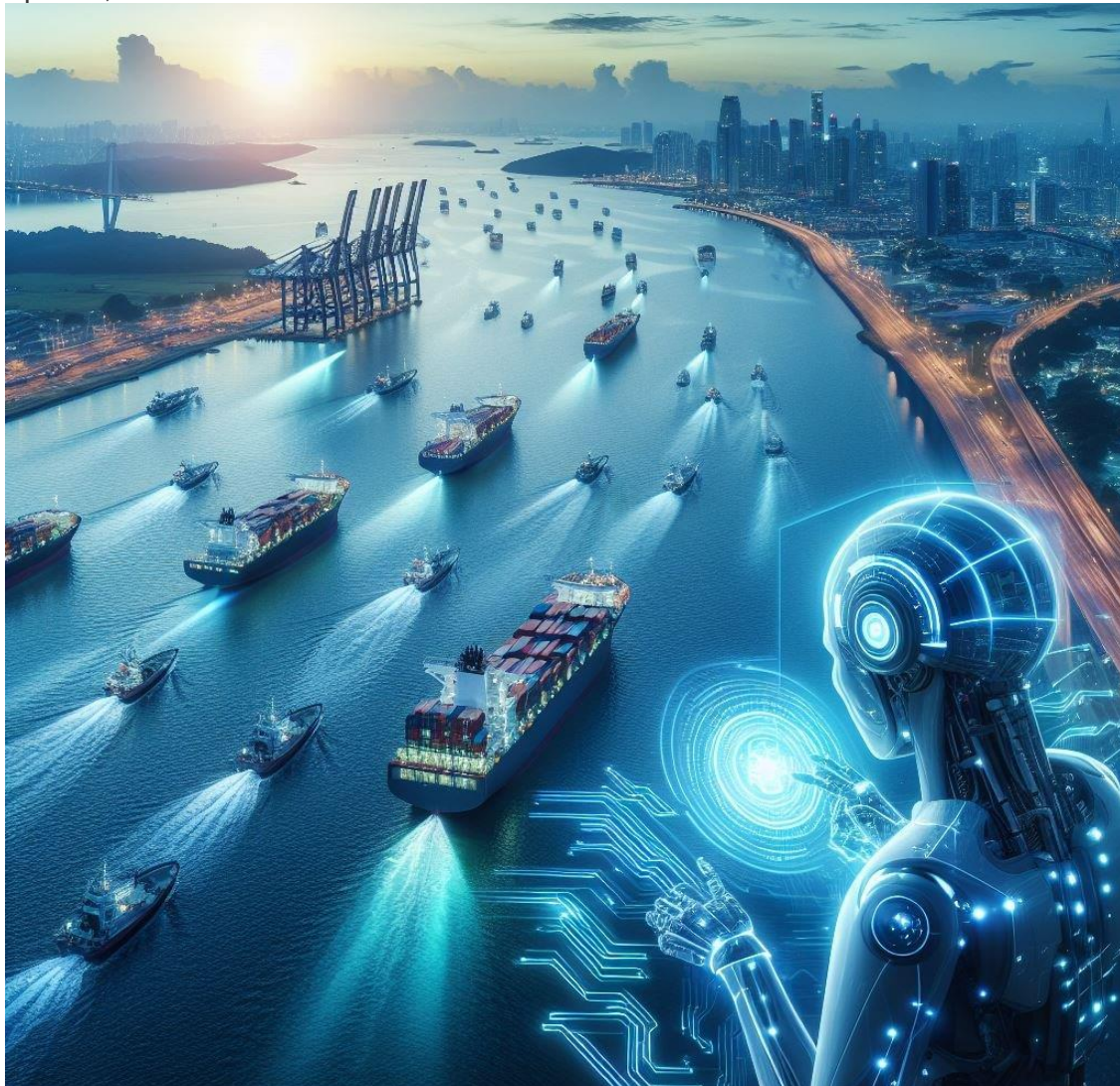
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By Shipping Australia

Singapore's Maritime and Port Authority (MPA) has announced it is developing an artificial intelligence-enabled Vessel Traffic Management system to boost the safety of navigation and the efficiency of the port.

The MPA has awarded a prototyping tender to three players for vessel traffic management to develop prototypes at MPA's "Maritime Innovation Lab" over the next 15 months. These are Tidalis, Kongsberg Norcontrol, and Wartsila Singapore.

The next generation vessel traffic management system will be based on an open system architecture (i.e. systems that have publicly available designs as opposed to proprietary systems) and the MPA says it will have advanced features such as data analytics to identify traffic hotspots and machine learning to predict collisions while enabling the handling of higher volumes and more complex vessel traffic.

In other MPA-technology news, the MP is developing a Satellite Resource Management Platform to capture satellite images for time-critical missions. The MPA reports that the conventional method is time-consuming and and complex as users have to engage each satellite operator separately.

“Satellite images are crucial to support time-critical missions, such as searching for distressed vessels which are uncontactable,” the MPA says, adding that by using tools such as artificial intelligence, the Satellite Resource Management Platform will streamline the process of comparing and recommending the satellite type, imaging mode, and resolution suitable for the mission.





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General Meeting Minutes 24th April 2024 at FAC Club, Fremantle

The Caretaker BM (Capt. Zubin Bhada) opened the meeting at 1830hrs, welcoming CoMMA WA members and guests for the April 2024 monthly general meeting at the FAC, Fremantle.

BM recognised the following guest:

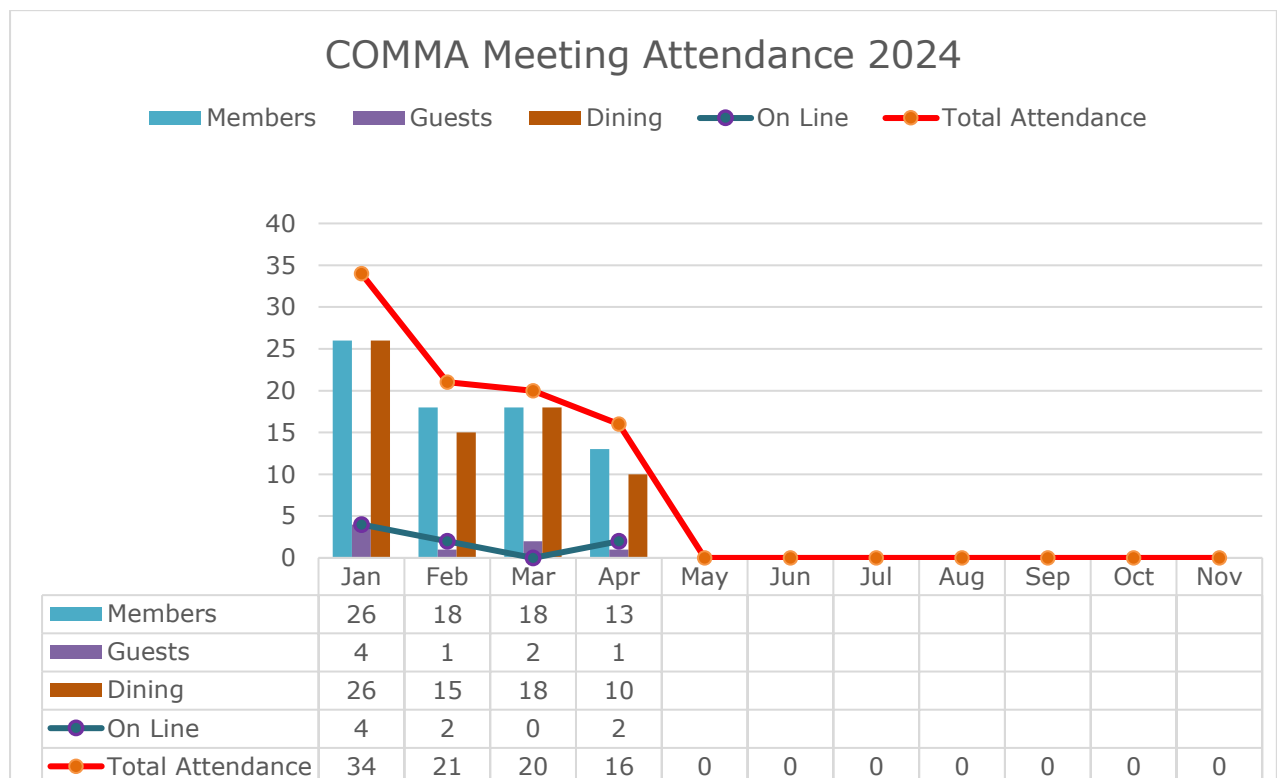
1. Zane Patience – Mar Supt Jet Wave – tonight's guest speaker

Attendance

We have a total of 14 attendees at today's session – including 1 guest. This general meeting was also open to online participants via TEAMS meeting invite with 2 members attending online.

The list of attendance was passed around for review, and mark-up accordingly.

Attendance Graph



Keynote Guest Speaker

Guest Presentation

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FPA Liaison Officer	Capt. David Heppingstone remains as our FPA Liaison officer. Dave will continue supporting the court and more recently will support the WMD activities.
Fed Registrar	Fed court has requested if this role is taken up by someone in WA. The position was discussed – there were no immediate volunteers. The issue will be raised at the general meeting

Sea Scouts – Master Mariner Competition

This year's event was held on 21st April 2024 at Pelican Point. We had 6 volunteers attending and it was a great day for the young boys and girls. Many thanks go out to Sea Scout Leaders for their management of the event and also big thanks to our members who volunteered their time on Sunday.

ANZAC Day 25 April 2024:

We have a few court members attending the DAWN service this Thursday along with a Wreath being laid by Capt. David Kenny & Capt. Suraj Joshi. Those who can attend please do so, as we have 5-6 reserved seats under the shade.

Federal Court News:

On 13th April 2024, we held the Federal AGM and Court meeting. Items discussed were as follows:

Federal Master's Report

The Federal Master's Report (see Attachment 1) was tabled and spoken to by Capt Bronswijk. The Federal Master thanked the members of the Federal Court for their ongoing support. He also thanked the Governor General of Australia for being the Master of the company and welcomed the incoming Governor General, Ms Samantha Murphy AO. The Federal Master also spoke of the recession facing the Australian Maritime Industry and the importance of the company remaining a member of IFSMA (International Federation of Shipmasters' Associations). The Federal Master also spoke to the AGM of the need to increase membership of the Company.

Federal Secretary's Report

The Federal Secretary's Report (see Attachment 2) was tabled and spoken to by Capt Castellino. The Report provided updates on the administration of the Company and amendments to the Constitution now in force. The Report noted the impending change of Governor General who is the Master of the Company. The Secretary thanked the

respective Branch Registrars and Secretaries for their assistance.

Federal Registrar's Report

The Federal Registrar's Report (see Attachment 3) was tabled and spoken to by Capt Bronswijk. The Report informed that the Company now has 330 members, a net decline of 16 members from the previous year. The Report provided statistics regarding the demographics of membership. Only 43 members are listed as "seagoing". The average age of the membership is 67.5 years and almost half the members are over 70 years old. The Registrar thanked the Branch Registrars for their assistance. Federal Master made a mention of a replacement for Capt. Dick Whittington as the Federal Registrar - and is looking to WA branch to fill that role.

Federal Webmaster's Report

The Federal Webmaster's Report (see Attachment 4) was tabled and spoken to by Capt Tyler. The Report suggests that the website software should be upgraded and with a new fresh look.

Federal Treasurer's Report

The Federal Treasurer's Report (see Attachment 5) was tabled and spoken to by Capt Burton. As of 31 December 2023, the Company had a total equity of \$271,045, (up from \$268,588 in 2022), consisting primarily of cash assets. Net Income for 2023 amounted to \$3,305, which was down on the 2022 amount of \$22,457 (the WA World Maritime Day event), but up from \$2,654 in 2021. The Federal Treasurer thanked the Branch Treasurers for their meticulous account keeping and reported that the auditor was satisfied with our account keeping.

Presentation of Financial Report 2023

The audited Financial Report 2023 was tabled by the Federal Treasurer. There being no further questions, the Federal Treasurer requested that it be accepted.

- Acceptance of Financial Report 2023:
- Proposed by Capt Ted van Bronswijk
- Seconded by Capt Zubin Bhada
- Motion: Accepted

A copy of the Financial Report 2023 is filed with the Federal Treasurer and lodged with ASIC. A copy is available on request.

Appointment of Accountant for 2024:

The Federal Treasurer reported Tim Ryan has been the long-time Company accountant, having set up the ledger system to help us maintain the accounts of the Federal Office and the Branches and recommended that he be appointed the Company Accountant for 2024. Tim Ryan is now training the Treasurer in the use of MYOB, which complies with the Australian accounting Standards.

Motion: That Tim Ryan be appointed as the accountant for 2024

Carried unanimously.

Appointment of Auditor for 2024:

The Federal Treasurer reported that the auditor Hourigan Partners have been efficient and cooperative in all matters and have completed the audit and produced the Financial Statement without undue delay and recommended that they be appointed the Company Auditor for 2024.

Motion: That Hourigan Partners be appointed as the Auditor for 2023

Carried unanimously.

Confirmation of the Board of Directors

The Minutes of the AGM of each Branch was tabled and confirmed that the following members were elected the Branch Master of their respective Branches:

1. Melbourne – CDR Graeme Furlonger RAN

2. Queensland – Capt Kasper Kuiper
3. Sydney – Capt Ted van Bronswijk
4. Western Australia – Capt Eric Barron

Capt Eric Barron replaces Capt Zubin Bhada as Branch Master of the Western Australia Branch.

Election of Federal Master. In accordance with clause 47d of the Constitution, the Board of Directors unanimously elected Capt Ted van Bronswijk to be the Federal Master of the Company.

Note: Clause 47d provides that the Federal Master shall hold office until the next succeeding Annual General Meeting. Capt Bronswijk thanked the Directors for their continued trust in him and for their support to him throughout the previous year.

Appointment of Federal Secretary

Capt Francis Castellino was appointed Federal Secretary at the 2023 AGM for a period of two years in accordance with clause 49b of the Constitution, at an agreed honorarium of \$6,000 per year. Capt Castellino stated that he was pleased to continue in the role. The Directors affirmed Capt Castellino's appointment as Federal Secretary until the 2025 AGM.

Appointment of Treasurer

Capt William Burton was asked by the Directors whether he would consider continuing in the position of Federal Treasurer at an agreed honorarium of \$500.00 per year and Capt Burton agreed. The Directors forthwith appointed Capt Burton to be the Federal Treasurer of the Company.

Appointment of other Officers

In accordance with clause 49c of the Constitution, Federal Court confirmed the ongoing appointments of:

- Capt Dick Whittington as Federal Registrar,
- Capt Michael Tyler as Federal Webmaster
- Capt Iain Steverson as Company Historian.
- Appointed Capt Zubin Bhada as Manager, Master Mariner (the Company newsletter).

The aforementioned members accepted their appointments. Capt Whittington reiterated that he wished to retire from the position and exhorted the Federal Court to find a replacement.

Federal Levy: The Federal Levy for 2025, as per AGM session was agreed and set at \$75.00 per eligible member.

Next meeting

Proposed that the next AGM will be a physical meeting to be held on Saturday 12 April 2025 at a venue to be decided.

Action	Person Responsible	Completed
Pursue expressions of interest from the Western Australia Branch to take over the Federal Registrar position	Zubin Bhada	Ongoing, none found as yet

Consider hosting the Bolton Lecture in 2024	All Branches	Ongoing
Review the Branch-wise list of members posted on the CoMMA website	QLD, MEL, WA	
PicRights “copyright infringement” letters – to consult with John Gallagher and/or Ernie	Kasper Kuiper	
Follow up on the purchase of company ties and scarves	Francis Castellino	Ongoing – contact made with supplier
Commence project to draft and publish mid-year Master Mariner	Francis Castellino & Zubin Bhada	Commenced 01/03/2024

News on FAC:

Following costs for each session have been agreed/accepted:

- The cost of outsourcing to and obtaining supply of the curry supper from Zab’s Curry House is fully covered by the \$25 charge per plate.
- A service fee of \$150/- will be paid to FAC per session. The standard nibbles at the bar will be \$50/- per session. With the stable situation regarding Curry Supper supply from Zab Curry House and our funding agreement with FAC in place it has become apparent that we are able to reduce the ‘cost per plate’ to \$20.00 or less – provided the number of members dining is 15 or more. With less than 15 diners the meal cost requires that the plate cost is \$25.00.
- Note: at less than 12 diners even the \$25.00 plate cost will not fully cover the meal cost. This is the present situation – should conditions & prices change substantially we may have to modify this regime.

Actions for Court Team:

- Deputy BM (Suraj) now manging the role to organise Keynote Speakers for coming months,
- Scarf for female members. **(Francis is working on this task)**
- IT gear purchase for WA Branch – online sessions – Action on Mani (update required)
- Bank account signatories for new Court members – Action on Mani (update required)
- Outstanding Achievement Award 2023 - Certificate / Frame was presented to Ms Carol Shannon during the March General meeting. **(Completed).**
- Treasurer to touch bases with Francis to discuss ‘Not for Profit Assessment Process’ for WA Branch to go through. Francis has completed the process for Federal.

Hon. Secretary Report

All inbound & outbound communications have been by telephone / e-mail and copied to all Court members.

- Freo Anzac Day Information

2. Registrar Report – Mar
3. Treasurer Report – Mar
4. Points West – Mar-24
5. Gala Dinner Invitation for Tuesday, 14th May 2024 – HMS Wellington
6. Notice from Fed Sec:
 - a. Ladies Scarves – expensive, but worth it
 - b. Federal & Branch Court Lists
 - c. Fed AGM
7. Freo PO Box reset & contents check. Box was empty on this occasion
8. Sea Scouts – MM Competition
9. MN Memorial fund – Fed decision to fund – WA to discuss. WA Branch will support local memorial – Fed – Canberra memorial. **Action: DBM to ask Steve Wenban how we can support the WA MN Memorial**

Social Coordinator Update – By BM (Capt. Harris is on vacation)

- a. Annual Dinner for 2024 is planned for 05-October 2024 at the Claremont Yacht Club. to be planned for Oct-Nov 2024. Capt. Steve Harris detailed comparison and reasoned selection criteria were sound. has done some prelim work on options – summary attached below.
- b. Need to commence communications with Freo Ports for 02 Nov – WMD planning. Action with Suraj and Steve to progress this with Jane Edwards (ASAP).

Summary of Options for Annual Dinner – Claremont YC
Based on **75 attendees**:

- Claremont YC / available 5th, 19th, 22nd Oct / \$7,790
- Offers a 3-course “alternate drop” with choices for each course for \$75 p.p. Claims to have good parking and excellent views. Suggest 5th Oct if we choose this option which, subject to viewing, would be my personal recommendation.
- The court decided to go with this alternative – pricing structure for members & guests - same as last year.

IT Gear Update:

- ✓ It was decided, to procure minimum IT gear to commence using HYBRID meetings going forward, with a view that this may encourage out of Perth members to join the sessions.
- ✓ BM has donated the below 2nd hand gear as donation to the Court:
 - Projector (HP),
 - Laptop & Mouse (with Windows & TEAMS) & HDMI cable
- ✓ All agreed we can procure the below items:
 - Camera
 - Telstra ‘Nighthawk’ Modem incl. subscriptions for Modem sim card. This item was reconfirmed at Feb Court meeting to maintain the required

capability for several members to login at the same time. The unit will be trialled at a future general meeting

- Treasurer to prepare Asset Register accordingly
- Treasurer will manage purchase & funding for these items from Branch Funds.

✓ Purchase will be accomplished once transition of Treasurer role is complete.

Treasurer's Report

The Past BM ZB read out the Mar-2024 report that was provided to the Court by the Treasurer Capt. Raul Pereira.

Total Income	\$ 1,350.00
Total Expenses	\$ 1,204.85
Cash Book Balance	\$ 39,406.88
Fixed Deposit	\$ 30,000.00
Community Solutions Cash Reserve Account is	\$ 21,220.70
Total Balance including Reserve Account	\$ 90,627.58

Fixed Deposit will mature on 12 May 2024. Bank advised to rollover for another 12 months.

Registrar's Report

The Hon. Registrar provided the following membership and applicant update for **Mar 2024. Report was read by Past BM ZB**

- **Total WA Branch Members = 122**
- **Federal Levy Payable = 104**
- **Fee Paying Members = 100**
- **Contributing Members = 80**
- **Pending Members = 1**
- **Total including 'Read' = 123**

WA Membership Applications – Recently Ratified by Federal Court
Nil

WA Membership Applications Pending Ratification		
Name	Type	Comment
Joe Savio Fernandes	Ord	Joe holds a Master Foreign Going certificate of competency issued by India. He is currently the Harbour Master of the Port of Fremantle.

WA Branch Membership Applications to be Read 24th April 2024		
Name	Type	Comment
Robert Hilderbrand	Ord	Re-joining

Membership Applications to be Read for Other Branches – 24th April 2024		
Name	Branch	Comment
Michael Squires	Syd / Ord	Michael holds a Master Class 1 certificate of competency issued by Australia. He has 28

		years seagoing experience, 12 of which as master. Since coming ashore, he spent about 20 years as a marine Safety Investigator at the ATSB and is now self-employed as a marine safety consultant .
Samuel Coote	Mel / Ord	Samuel holds a Master Unlimited certificate of competency issued by Australia. He is currently serving as Master with Go Offshore Pty Ltd

Comments
(1) 17 Assoc Members, Levy payable on 16. (2) 14 Unfinancial as of 18th March 2024. Number expected to decrease.

General / New Business

- **Master Mariner Magazine:** As discussed with Fed Court & Carol, intention is to aim for a new 2024 issue around Aug 2024.
- **World Maritime Day** currently planned for **02 Nov 2024**. Jane Edwards to contact COMMA Court and arrange another meeting for planning session. **(Action on Suraj / Steve to touch base with Jane Edwards). Meeting needed between Jane & Port folks and CoMMA members to get the ball rolling.**
- **Discussion between outgoing Treasurer (Raul) & incoming Treasurer (Mani) on WMD management of monies / funding.(Completed)**
- **Progress opening a 'LinkedIn' account for CoMMA WA Branch. Suraj to touch bases with Rachael Greene (NI) to see how it's done -**

There being no further business the **General Meeting** was adjourned at 1900 hrs

Capt. Zubin Bhada (Chair)
Acting Branch Master

Capt. Peter Bartlett
Hon. Branch Secretary

REGISTRARS REPORT

Membership Movements				
Ratified by Federal (1)	1	Savio Fernandes (3034) & Robert Hilderbrand (2870) ratified 17 May 2024		
Resigned to Friend	0			
Transferred to Retired	0			
Resigned from COMMA	0			
Rejoined	1	Robert Hilderbrand		
Un-financial Members	??	Awaiting Update		
Membership Terminated	0			
Deceased	1			
Transferred Branch	0			
Membership Upgraded	0			
Membership Summary				
Federal Life Members	2			Voting rights / No levy / No fees
Friends (1)	15			Over 80 years old / No voting rights / No levy / No fees
Ex-Officio Members	1			No voting rights / No levy / No fees
WA Honorary Members	4	4		Voting rights / Federal Levy Payable / No fees
Ordinary Members	66	66	66	Master (Unlimited Trading)
Associate Members (2)	17	17	17	Master (Restricted Trading) / Deck Officers & Others
Retired Members	20	20	20	+65 years / 15 years membership / no longer employed
Total Members	125			
Federal Levy Payable (1)		107		1 Assoc member Levy to be paid for by Fed Court. (prize from Outstanding Achievement award)
Fee Paying Members (1) (3)			103	
Contributing Members (1)			80	Revenue-generating members paying full membership fee
Pending Members (Read)	0			Application received / awaiting ratification
Total incl "Read"	125			

WA Membership Applications Pending Ratification		
Name	Type	Comment
NIL		

Membership Applications Read for WA Branch – 29 th May 2024		
Name	Branch	Comment

Membership Applications Read for Other Branches – 29 th May 2024		
Name	Branch	Comment

Comments	
(1) 1 Fed Levey to be paid by Fed Court for Carol Shannon, winner of COMMA Outstanding Achievement Award and granted 12 month Assoc Member to Fed Court Account.	
(2) 17 Assoc Members, Levy payable on	
(3) ?? members still to pay fees. Number expected to decrease.	

WAYPOINTS

Forthcoming Birthdays

The following Members celebrate birthdays in the period until the end of June 2024. Ages are withheld to "protect the innocent"...

1 st May	Andy Hogan
4 th May	Mani Bajwa,
5 th May	Corney Durham
7 th May	Lindsay Copeman
8 th May	Tim Gourlay, Bruce White, Mike Kiely
12 th May	Phil Dooley
18 th May	John Fewings
21 st May	Pasquale Guida
1 st June	Graham Davey
6 th June	John Abernethy
10 th June	David Gardiner
12 th June	Michael Dunham
16 th June	Jeffery Knight
17 th June	Zubin Bhada
20 th June	Stephen Harris / Richard Purkiss
26 th June	Aaron Lewis

Forthcoming Membership Anniversaries

The following Membership Anniversaries occur in the period May and June 2024.

Raymond Alfreds (14)
David Alley (16)
Craig Brent-White (14)
Elsbeth Diack (14)
James McAuliffe (1)
Mark Pointon (12)
Graham Thornton (8)
Richard Van Der Spoel (8)
Mark Beal (9)
Frans Schlack (14)
Michael Dawes (32)
Michael Dunham (31)
Christopher Keys (28)
Allan Gray (24)
Corney Durham (57)
Richard Irland (51)
Peter Shoebridge (56)

Long-Serving Members

The Branch Court wishes to acknowledge and thank the following members who have achieved significant periods of COMMA membership.

Period	Name / Membership	Ratification Date	Years
60+ years	Capt Robert Leggat / Friend	1 st Feb 1957	67
	Capt David Clarke / Friend	17 th Feb 1964	60
50+ years	Capt Alexander Small / Friend	30 th Mar 1967	57
	Capt Corney Durham / Friend	15 th May 1967	57
	Capt Peter Shoebridge / Friend	19 th Jun 1967	57
	Capt Mike Gusterson / Retired	11 th Sep 1969	55
	Capt “Dai” Davies / Friend	30 th Oct 1969	55
40+ years	Capt Richard Ireland / Friend	19 th Jun 1972	52
	Capt Mike Kiely / Friend	18 th Jul 1974	49
	Capt Paddy Eveleigh / WA Honorary	3 rd Feb 1976	48
	Capt John Abernethy / Friend	1 st Oct 1976	48
	Capt David Aslett / Retired	4 th Oct 1976	48
	Capt James Major / Friend	12 th Jul 1977	47
	Capt Alan Keane / Friend	18 th Jul 1979	45
	Capt Roger Pettman / Retired	10 th Sep 1979	45
	Capt Patrick Tebbutt / Friend	7 th Feb 1981	43
	Capt Chris Grubba / Ordinary	4 th Feb 1981	43
	Capt David Gardiner / Retired	8 th April 1981	43
	Capt Bill Prins / Retired	6 th Feb 1983	41
	Capt Wim Van Alebeek / WA Honorary	19 th Dec 1985	39
	Capt Eric Barron / Retired	19 th Feb 1986	38
	Capt James Tunmore / Ordinary	19 th Feb 1986	38
	Capt Richard Purkiss / WA Honorary	19 th Feb 1987	37
	Capt Ian Harrod / Retired	14 th Feb 1987	37
	Capt Alfred De Rooij / Retired	12 th Sep 1988	35
	Capt Richard Gordon / Retired	14 th Nov 1988	35
	Capt Lindsay Copeman / Ordinary	28 th Jul 1989	34
	Capt Frank Kaleveld / Life	5 th Nov 1989	34
	Capt Robin Chester / Retired	8 th Feb 1990	34
	Capt Richard Court / Retired	11 th Mar 1990	34
	Capt Mike Dawes / Retired	3 rd June 1991	33
	Capt Mike Dunham / Retired	30 th June 1992	32
30+ years	Capt Phil Griffin / Ordinary	12 th August 1991	33
	Capt David Best / Retired	8 th February 1993	31

Updating Contact Details

Members are asked to please update the Registrar with changes of residential address, email address, or phone numbers when they occur. Contact details follow: -

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Hon Secretary	Capt. Peter Bartlett	0448 879 176	pmtb2312@gmail.com
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