

Nominee Name Terence (Terry) Makings AM
Sub-Branch Geelong
Region 8A



RSL Service History

Sub-Branch

Member of Geelong RSL Sub-Branch

Work Experience (Service and/or Civilian)

Terry was in the Royal Australian Navy for over twenty years, he entered as a general entry recruit and left the Navy as a Commander. He then took up employment with the City of Melbourne.

He held appointments as Branch Manager, Group Manager, Director Assets & Services and also Director Statutory Services. Terry also held the position of General Manager – City Services at the City of Greater Geelong and has Board experience.

Terry was a Navy Cadet in TS Barwon, Geelong for four years before joining the RAN and served in the Melbourne Port Division (RANReserves) as the Senior Technical Officer for several years after leaving the Navy.

Current activities that involve a considerable contribution to Veterans include:

- Governor - Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne;
- President - Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria;
- President - Scrap Iron Flotilla Association;
- President - Melbourne Sub-section, Naval Association of Australia;
- Delegate - Victoria Council, Naval Association of Australia;
- Committee Member – Navy Victoria Network.

Past commitments:

- National President – Naval Association of Australia 2017 – 2019;
- NAA Rep – Ex-Service Organisations Round Table (Chaired by Secretary DVA) 2017-2019;
- Member - Victoria Government ANZAC Centenary Committee 2014-2018;
- Assistant Secretary – Victoria Section, Naval Association of Australia;
- Panel Member – Victoria Government Veteran Grants Program;
- Patron – HMAS Assault Association.

Terry remains passionate about ensuring the voice of Serving and ex-Service men and women is heard. He introduced four simple objectives: Care, Commemoration, Cadets and Camaraderie into the Naval Association of Australia. These four objectives are at the heart of the Association's contribution to Veterans.

Service and/or Civilian Qualification

Fellow, Engineers Australia (Institute of Engineers)
Graduate, Institute of Company Directors
Master of Business (Administration)
RAN Charge Engineer's Qualification
Member, Royal United Services Institute

Awards / Medals

Member of the Order of Australia
Active Service Medal (Clasp Vietnam)
Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal
Australian Service Medal (Clasp Far East Strategic Reserve)
Defence Force Services Medal (20yr Clasp): National Medal

Statement of Suitability for appointment (max 400 words)

Terry has been involved with Veteran support since leaving the Royal Australian Navy. This commenced with membership of the Scrap Iron Flotilla Association. Participation involved social support of Veterans and commemoration services at the Shrine of Remembrance.

Terry's active participation in support of Veterans resulted in being asked to contribute as the Association's representative on the Naval Commemoration Committee of Victoria (NCCV) – a Committee comprising Ship/Branch Associations. Membership of this Committee required coverage of a broad range of Navy orientated activities. Terry eventually became the President when the WW2 Veterans were unable to continue in a leadership role. For a decade he produced a monthly newsletter as a means of informing Veterans of events and activities important to the Navy fraternity.

About ten years ago it became apparent that Navy Veterans needed a dedicated communication platform, Terry assisted in establishing the Navy Victoria Network (NVN). NVN is considered a primary instrument for communicating information relating to Navy. Once developed the NCCV newsletter was rolled into the monthly editorial, now distributed to all NVN registered members and Navy associations.

As the National President of the Naval Association of Australia (NAA), Terry actively participated in the Ex-Service Organisations Round Table (ESORT) in Canberra. This role enabled direct contact with the Minister for Veterans' Affairs and the Secretary – Department of Veterans' Affairs, who chaired the meetings. Thirteen National Presidents of Ex-service Organisations attended these meetings. The agenda covered anything of concern to the Veteran Community.

Terry also had direct involvement in the Alliance of Defence Service Organisations (ADSO) – the NAA was one of the five founding members. The purpose of these meetings was to bring the wide-ranging discussions to a conclusion enabling DVA to take appropriate action. This involvement enabled NAA delegates to ESORT sub-committees to be carefully managed to maximise positive influence over outcomes.

As a Governor of the Shrine of Remembrance, since 2006 Terry actively hosts a range of commemoration activities, predominantly Navy. This exposure has provided contact with many of the organisers of significant Veteran community events. It has also enabled Terry to provide direct support to Associations who have lost their Veterans, to ensure Shipmates are remembered for their service and sacrifice.

In Terry's various roles he has contributed to many projects and initiatives that have sought to highlight the needs of Veterans and their families, to ensure that today 'we are worthy of their service and sacrifice'