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Zubin Bhada

Branch Master



THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA - WESTERN AUSTRALIA BRANCH

On behalf of the Branch, please find below the Branch Master's report for June 2023. This month we held the general meeting at the FAC Club, Fremantle and had members from the Nautical Institute (WA branch) attend as well.

Branch Court

The Court meeting was held on 27th June as an online TEAMS meeting due to availability of court members. The TEAMS meeting followed the standard format whilst Sec'y took minutes.

- *Review of Last Minutes - BM thanked the court for their attendance (Last Meeting May 2023).*
- *Review of Registrar's report / Review of Secretary's report / Review of Treasurer's Report*
- *Update from Federal Secretary – The BM & WA Branch Sec'y gave an update from correspondence received from federal court.*
- *Update on the Federal Court – provided by WA Branch Sec'y & BM.*
- *Update from WA Branch Secretary – Correspondence from last month/new applications etc.*
- *Business Arising from Previous minutes followed by any Other Business.*
- *New Court positions filled for Court Registrar (Capt. Eric Barron), IT Adviser (Mani Bajwa) and Court Social Coordinator (Steve Harris).*

BM Update

Below is our current status of the court, members are encouraged to come along and support the court team whenever they can.

Branch Master	Zubin Bhada - <i>(fifth year standing as there were no volunteers)</i>
Deputy Branch Master	Mark Gooderham
Immediate Past Branch Master	Steven Wenban
Secretary	Peter Bartlett
Treasurer	Raul Pereira

Registrar	Eric Barron
Editor, Points West	Mark Beal
FPA Liaison Officer	David Heppingstone
<i>Branch Social Coordinator</i>	<i>Steve Harris</i>
<i>Branch Court IT Advisor</i>	<i>Mani Bajwa</i>

- **Leeuwin Sponsorship - Scouts CoMMA Sponsored Voyage:** Two scouts (Angelino Gibbins and Joshua Everitt) were selected, and the trip successfully completed (09-13 April). This month (28 June 2023) young Angelino Gibbins (Scout candidate) presented to the members his experience on board the STS Leeuwin in April 2023.
- **News from FAC:** John Hague has returned as FAC staff and working with Jimmy Khamassi will continue to support our monthly COMMA-WA session at FAC. There will be a session cost which will be paid based on food/snacks provided.

➤ **General Meeting**

The General meeting for month of June 2023 was a combined session with NIWA & CoMMA members. We were a total of 24 members including 2 guests.

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

- *Review of Registrar's report / Review of Secretary's report / Review of Treasurer's Report*
- *Business Arising from Previous minutes followed by any Other Business.*



Total of 24 NIWA & CoMMA Members in attendance



Keynote speaker Carol Shannon speaking to members



Capt Zubin Bhada handing a note of thanks and memento to keynote speaker Carol Shannon



Young Scout Angelino Gibbons presenting his voyage experience on board the STS Leeuwin

It was a great evening with two speakers talking to us on the topic of Tall Ships. We had a total of 24 attendees from Nautical Institute (NIWA) and Company of Master Mariners (CoMMA) including two guests. The evening commenced with the Branch Master (BM) of CoMMA (Capt. Zubin Bhada) welcome members and guest and progress with the standard protocols for the CoMMA general meeting. The BM then provided an update on NIWA activities by changing hats as the NIWA Branch Secretary who went through the Branch 2023 events achieved and a forward lookahead for The NIWA Branch activities planned for 2023.

The session then broke out for members to grab their Indian curry dinner and glass of wine whilst the keynote speaker prepared for their presentation.

*The CoMMA BM / NIWA Branch Secretary Capt. Zubin Bhada (AFNI/) introduced our **keynote speaker Ms. Carol Shannon, CEO of Leeuwin Foundation** that runs the tall Sail Training Ship Leeuwin in Fremantle.*

Topic: How Leeuwin Ocean Adventure has contributed to generations of young people’s personal & career development in Western Australia”.

Introducing Carol, she has led a full and varied life and includes - 34 years at Leeuwin – from trainee to Cook’s Mate, board member and chair for almost two decades before a second stint at CEO from 2016. With a career in merchant banking, zoos, conservation & Rottneest Island ... she’s dealt with all sorts of different things from the financial markets melt down in 1987 in London, to a plane ditching in Herschell Lake on the Island, the attempted escape of Perth Zoo’s largest snake, a successful but short lived escape by an orangutan, got deep and dirty in the Western Australian forest as part of the old-growth forest debate, she’s picked up lion poo for fun in Africa and tracked a sun bear in Cambodia ... but Leeuwin has always been a big part of almost half her life ...

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Scouts Director Barbara & Angelion presenting a scout scarf to Carol

STS Leeuwin, how the Leeuwin responded to change and stayed relevant throughout its journey and finally how Australia's fleet of tall ships could help provide a platform for aspiring mariners – a proposal under review through Tall Ships Australia & New Zealand

On completion of the talk by Carol, we had a young Scout **Mr. Angelino Gibbons** who spoke to the members on his voyage experience on board the STS Leeuwin, as he was sponsored by CoMMA WA branch for a trip he completed in April 2023. Angelino presentation included his daily routine on board and his best and worst experience narrated followed by a few questions from the audience.

All in all, a great evening and enjoyed by everyone.



Keynote presentation by Carol Shannon



STS Leeuwin with her sails up



Members/Guest paying attention to the presentation by Ms Carol Shannon.



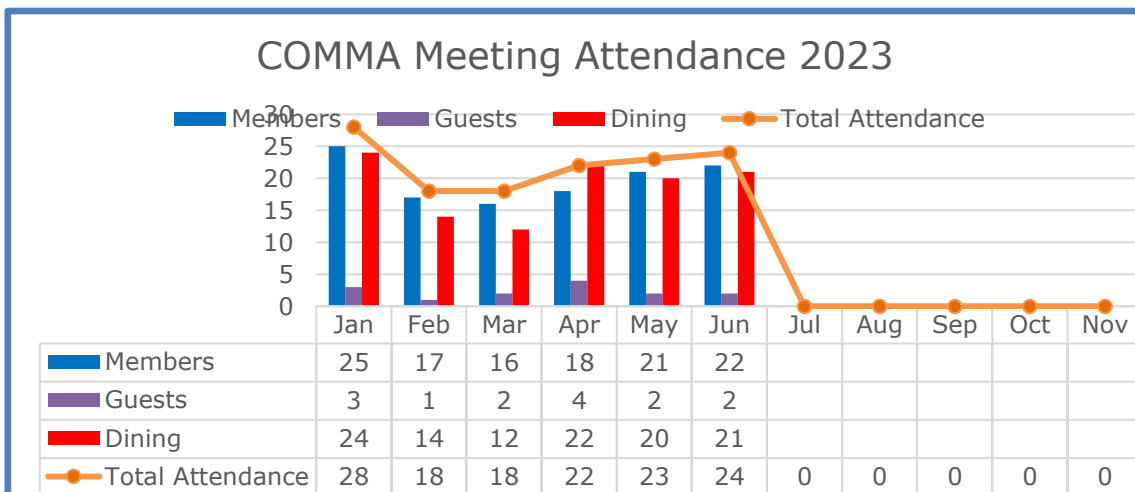
BM (Capt. Zubin Bhada) handing a small token of appreciation to Ms Carol Shannon and young Scout

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.

General News

Based on attendance and now using the FAC facility, we can see members attending our monthly sessions. I encourage more members to please attend these sessions and thank those who attend and support the branch.



- a. Our next session will be on 26th July 2023, please do come along and support the branch/court who spend time and effort to provide information and keynote speakers that help to keep us informed of key marine issues around us.
- b. Our total membership is slowly increasing with the current total number of members being 124.

Look Ahead for 2023:

Month	Activity: Keynote Speaker & Topic	Venue / Topic
26-Jul-2023	Tim Gourlay. Month end Session	Dynamic Mooring Analysis of 6-Buoy Spread-Moored Ships at Cape Cuvier.
30-Aug-2023	Month end Session (TBC)	
27-Sep-2023	Month end Session (TBC)	
16-17 Oct 2023	Sea Scout Weekend	Pelican Point
Oct/Nov 2023	CoMMA & NIWA Annual Dinner Event (TBC)	



Ms Carol Shannon, talking about the Leeuwin and its journey on educating young Australians

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 be trialling out hybrid meetings where we will make available online access for those members who can dial in from home and still view and attend our monthly sessions – stay tuned for this new technology....

Capt. Zubin Bhada *(AFNI)*
Branch Master

End of Report



News and Views

Cargo ship fire in Newark is contained days after 2 firefighters died and 6 were injured, officials say

By [Michelle Watson](#), [Eric Levenson](#), [Melissa Alonso](#) and Zenebou Sylla, CNN
Updated 8:31 PM EDT, Sat July 8, 2023

WABC-TV/AP

Smoke rises early Thursday from a cargo ship in the port of Newark, New Jersey.
CNN —

The New Jersey cargo ship fire that killed two firefighters at Port Newark has been contained to one section of the vessel as firefighters continue to battle the blaze Saturday.

As of Saturday afternoon, the US Coast Guard said they “made considerable progress overnight,” containing the fire on vessel’s 11th deck so that it is “no longer spreading to other areas of the vessel,” according to an update from the agency.

“There is still significant work to do, and challenges ahead as we get closer to an end state, but the ability for agencies at all levels to work together in our response is a testament to our shared commitment and singular vision to ensuring the responders, the community, and the port remains safe,” Captain Zeita Merchant, who directs Coast Guard missions at the Port of New York and New Jersey, said in a statement.

By [Michelle Watson](#), [Eric Levenson](#), [Melissa Alonso](#) and Zenebou Sylla, CNN
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Over One Fifth of Seafarers Hit with Illegal Demands for Recruitment Bribes

Just over 21% of seafarers have been asked for illegal recruitment or placement fees, [according to new research from Liverpool John Moores University](#) in the United Kingdom.

Monies demanded ranged from US\$50 up to \$7,500 with an average of \$1,872. Researchers added that around 10% of the seafarers who responded to the survey are still in debt because of these payments. Most seafarers in the survey, about 92%, indicated a “great level” of concern about these practices and wanted them to stop, the researchers reported in “[Survey on Fees and Charges for Seafarer Recruitment or Placement](#)”.

Banned fees and charges

Payment of fees or other charges for seafarer recruitment are banned by the [Maritime Labour Convention*](#), which is an international treaty that sets out seafarers rights on work, and their conditions of work, on almost every aspect of their working and living arrangements.

Passports retained

Over a quarter of respondents to the survey, 29%, reported that that had experienced retention of some of their documents and typically, in such cases, the Continuous Discharge Certificate / Seaman’s book and passport were retained. About half of those who paid fees reported having their documents retained. “This high percentage can be attributed to coercion tactics, for example the retention of documents to ensure payment of a recruitment fee, or to guarantee employment on a particular vessel so that the agent receives a fee from the hiring company,” the research report states.

Who demands the illegal fees?

The research showed that nearly two-thirds of the seafaring respondents, about 57.8%, reported that the crewing agent requested the fees, while nearly one-third (31.1%) indicated that the request came from some other person linked to either the crewing agent or the shipping company. About 11% of requests originated from employees of a shipping company.



Barossa Development

Quarterly Update: July 2023

Santos

The Barossa Gas Project will supply backfill natural gas to the existing Santos-operated Darwin Liquefied Natural Gas (DLNG) facility from 2025, enabling another 20 years of production and contribution to the Australian and Northern Territory economies. Stakeholder engagement on Barossa commenced in 2016. Santos continues to engage with stakeholders and keep them informed throughout the development life.

Work Progress Highlights

The Barossa Gas Project is now 66 per cent complete, excluding the Darwin Pipeline Duplication Project. The FPSO hull has been floated whilst fabrication of the FPSO topsides modules continues to plan.



Major equipment manufacturing continued to make good progress around the world, with equipment being delivered into Darwin and Singapore for further assembly.

Community and Work Opportunities

Santos has partnered with the Industry Capability Network NT (ICNNT) to assist with Australian vendor identification and raise awareness of the development. Barossa has established a presence on the Gateway website operated by ICNNT where development information and work opportunities are available. Details on the opportunities can be found on the Gateway website [here](#). Information on Australian Industry Participation (AIP) requirements and a summary of the Barossa AIP Plan are available at www.industry.gov.au

Santos and its JV partners are also committed to establishing a community benefits fund that will be available to different groups once activities commence. This will include Community Grants to support grassroots community initiatives as well as Strategic Community Sponsorships that will be designed to build capacity in communities.

Upcoming Activities

No offshore construction activities are currently planned for Q3 2023.

Drilling Update

As reported in the Q4 2022 Quarterly Update, Barossa drilling was suspended on 6 October 2022 pending resubmission of the Development Drilling and Completions Environment Plan and its acceptance by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environmental Management Authority (NOPSEMA).

Gas Export Pipeline Installation Update

As reported in the Q4 2022 Quarterly Update, Santos planned to commence the Gas Export Pipeline (GEP) installation activities in late January 2023. The installation activities have now been deferred until completion of a cultural heritage assessment as detailed below.



Cultural Heritage Assessment

Before the GEP installation starts, an assessment will be undertaken to identify "any underwater cultural heritage places" along the Barossa GEP route to which "people, in accordance with Indigenous tradition, may have spiritual and cultural connections that may be affected" by the future activities covered by the Barossa GEP Installation Environment Plan.

The assessment is being undertaken in accordance with a General Direction issued by NOPSEMA in January 2023. As required by that Direction, Santos has engaged independent experts to undertake the assessment and obtain relevant information for the purposes of the assessment.

Santos has engaged independent underwater archaeological experts, Wessex Archaeology and Extent Heritage, to inform and support the cultural heritage assessment by reviewing underwater surveys of the seabed to see if there are any features that might indicate "any underwater cultural heritage places".

To further inform and support the cultural heritage assessment, Santos has engaged independent expert, Dr Henry Posamentier, to review underwater surveys of the seabed and prepare a report on the depositional and erosional history of the Arafura Sea (particularly, along the Barossa GEP route).

Santos has also engaged independent anthropologist (Dr Brendan Corrigan, supported by a team comprising independent archaeologists) to obtain information from people and/or organisations "who have, in accordance with Indigenous tradition, spiritual and cultural connections to any underwater cultural heritage places" along the Barossa GEP route.

A report recording the cultural heritage assessment will be prepared and provided to people and/or organisations who provided information for the assessment, and to NOPSEMA.

Pipeline Licence

The National Offshore Petroleum Titles Administrator (NOPTA) granted Pipeline Licence NT/PL5 under the Commonwealth *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006* (Cth) on 3 November 2020. As reported in the Q4 2022 Quarterly Update, Santos has taken a decision to extend the Barossa GEP to the Darwin LNG facility via the Darwin Pipeline Duplication Project to facilitate future carbon capture and storage options. This requires the installation of an additional 23-km segment of pipeline in Commonwealth waters and negates the need to tie-in to the Bayu Undan to Darwin Pipeline. Santos is progressing relevant pipeline licence applications with NOPTA, including engagement with Commonwealth agencies and Native Title stakeholders, for this additional pipeline segment.

Environmental Approvals

Santos intends to make the following environmental submissions to government for acceptance in relation to the Barossa Gas Project during 2023.

Subsea Infrastructure Installation Environment Plan (SURF EP)

Consultation on the SURF EP commenced during Q2 2023. Santos has been identifying relevant persons for this activity and has commenced sharing information and seeking feedback to assist with the preparation of the EP. Once the EP has been finalised it will be submitted to NOPSEMA for assessment. Installation activities are proposed to commence in early 2024 once all relevant approvals have been secured.

Development Drilling and Completions Environment Plan (Drilling and Completions EP)

Following Federal Court proceedings in late 2022, NOPSEMA's decision to accept Revision 3 of the Drilling and Completions EP was set aside. As at that time, Santos had partially drilled and completed one development well.

Santos is finalising a new revision of the EP for submission to NOPSEMA in July 2023. The new revision has been prepared having regard to the guidance of the Full Federal Court in relation to Revision 3 of the EP and in particular, guidance concerning consultation with relevant persons under the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009* (Cth). Santos commenced consultation processes for the revised EP in Q1 2023.

Darwin Pipeline Duplication (DPD) Project

Santos is progressing the environmental approval requirements for the Darwin Pipeline Duplication (DPD) Project. A DPD Project Supplementary Environmental Report has been submitted to Northern Territory (NT) Environment Protection Authority for assessment and approval under the *Environment Protection Act 2019* (NT). The public comment period for this document has now concluded.

Additionally, a DPD Project Preliminary Documentation Report will be submitted to the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water for assessment and approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth). This document is being developed and is expected to be published for public comment in August 2023.

Santos is also preparing an Environment Plan for DPD Installation in Commonwealth Waters. Consultation on this EP will commence during late 2023. Santos intends to identify relevant persons for this activity and begin sharing information and seeking feedback to develop the EP. Once the EP has been finalised it will be assessed by NOPSEMA. DPD Installation in Commonwealth Waters activities are proposed to commence in late 2024 once all relevant approvals have been secured.

Other Approvals

Santos intends to submit further environmental approvals to government for acceptance in relation to other aspects of, and activities in connection with, the Barossa Gas Project during 2023. This includes submitting the Barossa Production Operations Environment Plan to NOPSEMA following additional consultation. Consultation is planned to commence in Q3 2023. We will provide further information and advertising about this at a later date.

Tiwi Island Consultation

Further to the meetings held on the Tiwi Islands in February and March, Santos has visited and conducted a number of meetings and consultations on the Tiwi Islands in April, May and June. Santos is grateful to the communities for welcoming us and for constructively engaging with us during the consultation process.

During late April and early May Santos presented information about the Project, the proposed Drilling and Completions EP and the proposed Subsea Infrastructure Installation EP at clan group meetings held across the two main islands, Melville and Bathurst. These meetings were attended by more than 800 people. During these meetings, Santos provided information about the activities proposed under each of these environment plans, the environment that may be affected by each activity, their potential environmental impacts and risks and related control measures. Santos also asked for feedback about the same for each environment plan.

From 13-16 June Santos consulted with more than 650 Tiwi people during eight clan group consultation sessions. During the sessions, Santos sought final feedback for the proposed Drilling and Completions EP and explained how the feedback already provided by Tiwi people had been assessed and considered. Santos also continued to consult with Tiwi people in relation to the proposed Subsea Infrastructure Installation EP.

The next consultation sessions on the Tiwi Islands are planned for late July/early August.

Relevant Person Identification

When preparing an environment plan, Santos is required, under the *Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage (Environment) Regulations 2009* (Cth), to consult with 'relevant persons', including those whose functions, interests or activities may be affected by the activities to be carried out under the environment plan. This may include those arising in relation to spiritual or cultural connections to land or to sea country, tourism, recreational and commercial fishing and local communities (though these are only illustrative examples and not an exhaustive list). As mentioned above, Santos has been consulting with relevant persons for its Drilling and Completions EP and Subsea Infrastructure Installation EP.

As part of the upcoming consultation process for the Production Operations and DPD Installation in Commonwealth Waters EPs, Santos will be seeking to identify relevant persons whose functions, interests or activities may be affected by activities proposed under those EPs.

Consultation

In relation to environment plans for which consultation is ongoing, identified relevant persons are being or will be contacted to exchange information about for the environment plan consultation, including the consultation process.

Santos is committed to undertaking genuine and meaningful consultation. We want to provide information for people to make informed assessments of the possible consequences of the proposed activity on them. Relevant persons' input is important to us and will be considered during the development of our environment plans.

We have also updated our website to include more information on the Barossa Gas Project. We will continue to update it with information about our upcoming activities – www.santos.com/barossa The QR code below links directly to this site.



Contact Us

We are committed to ongoing engagement about our activities. If you require further information or would like to speak to us, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Phone: 1800 267 600

Email: Offshore.Consultation@santos.com

Website: www.santos.com/barossa

REGISTRARS REPORT

Membership Movements				
Ratified by Federal	0			
Resigned to Friend	0			
Transferred to Retired	0			
Resigned from COMMA	0			
Rejoined	0			
Un-financial Members (2)	4			Names known to Branch Court
Membership Terminated	4			Unfinancial members for non payment of fees.
Deceased	0			
Transferred Branch	0			
Membership Upgraded	0			
Membership Summary				
Federal Life Members	2			Voting rights / No levy / No fees
Friends	17			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	68	68	68	Master (Unlimited Trading)
Associate Members	15	15	15	Master (Restricted Trading) / Deck Officers & Others
Retired Members	20	20	20	+65 years / 15 years membership / no longer employed
Total Members (1)	127			
Federal Levy Payable		107		
Fee Paying Members			103	(3) Total "Financial" 103 / "Un-financial" 4 at 30-June-23
Contributing Members			83	Revenue-generating members paying full membership fee
Pending Members (Read)	1			Application received / awaiting ratification
Total incl "Read"	127			
WA Membership Applications Pending Ratification				
Name		Type		Comment
Keith Lamplugh				Not included in Federal Levy numbers.
Membership Applications Read for WA Branch – 30 th June 2023				
Name		Branch		Comment
Membership Applications Read for Other Branches – 31 st May 2023				
Name		Branch		Comment
Abhinav Goswami		Melbourne		Holds a Master certificate issued by Singapore. Currently serving as Transport Safety Investigator with Australian Transport Safety Bureau

Comments
(1) One member transferred to Sydney Branch, but counted in WA Branch numbers for Fed Levy purposes as he paid full fees to WA Branch .
(2) At 30-June-23: total "Financial" = 103 / "Un-financial" = 4.

WAYPOINTS

Forthcoming Birthdays

The following Members celebrate birthdays in the period until the end of June 2023. Ages are withheld to “protect the innocent”...

1 st June	Graham DAVEY
6 th June	John ABERNETHY
10 th June	David GARDINER
12 th June	Mike DUNHAM
16 th June	Jeff KNIGHT
17 th June	Zubin BHADA
20 th June	Steve HARRIS / Richard PURKISS
26 th June	Aaron LEWIS

Forthcoming Membership Anniversaries

The following Membership Anniversaries occur in the period until the end of June 2023.

9 years	Mark BEAL
24 years	Allan GRAY
31 years	Mike DUNHAM
32 years	Mike DAWES
51 years	Richard IRELAND
56 years	Peter SHOEBRIDGE

Long-Serving Members

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Name / Membership</i>	<i>Ratification Date</i>	<i>Years</i>
60+ years	Capt Robert Leggat / Friend	1 st Feb 1957	66
50+ years	Capt David Clarke / Friend	17 th Feb 1964	59
	Capt Alexander Small / Friend	30 th Mar 1967	56
	Capt Corney Durham / Retired	15 th May 1967	56
	Capt Peter Shoebridge / Friend	19th Jun 1967	56
	Capt Mike Gusterson / Retired	11 th Sep 1969	53
	Capt “Dai” Davies / Friend	30 th Oct 1969	52
40+ years	Capt Richard Ireland / Retired	19th Jun 1972	51
	Capt Mike Kiely / Retired	18 th Jul 1974	48
	Capt Paddy Eveleigh / WA Honorary	3 rd Feb 1976	47
	Capt John Abernethy / Friend	1 st Oct 1976	45
	Capt David Aslett / Retired	4 th Oct 1976	45
	Capt James Major / Retired	12 th Jul 1977	45
	Capt Alan Keane / Friend	18 th Jul 1979	43
	Capt Roger Pettman / Ordinary	10 th Sep 1979	43
	Capt Patrick Tebbutt / Friend	7 th Feb 1981	42
	Capt Chris Grubba / Ordinary	4 th Feb 1981	42
	Capt David Gardiner / Ordinary	8 th April 1981	41
30+ years	Capt Bill Prins / Ordinary	6 th Feb 1983	40
	Capt David Notman / Friend	28 th Sep 1983	39
	Capt Wim Van Alebeek / WA Honorary	19 th Feb 1985	38
	Capt Eric Barron / Ordinary	19 th Feb 1986	37
	Capt James Tunmore / Ordinary	19 th Feb 1986	37
	Capt Richard Purkiss / WA Honorary	19 th Feb 1987	36
	Capt Ian Harrod / Ordinary	14 th Feb 1987	36
	Capt Alfred De Rooij / Ordinary	12 th Sep 1988	34
	Capt Richard Gordon / Ordinary	14 th Nov 1988	34
	Capt Lindsay Copeman / Ordinary	28 th Jul 1989	33
	Capt Frank Kaleveld / Life	5 th Nov 1989	33
	Capt Robin Chester / Retired	8 th Feb 1990	33
	Capt Richard Court / Ordinary	11 th Mar 1990	33
	Capt Mike Dawes / Retired	3rd June 1991	32
	Capt Mike Dunham / Retired	30th June 1992	31
	Capt Phil Griffin / Ordinary	12 th August 1991	31
	Capt David Best / Ordinary	8 th February 1993	30

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: -

Eric Barron / registrar@comma-wa.org.au / 0483 181 228

TREASERERS REPORT



COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA

Western Australia Branch

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT 31ST MAY to 28TH JUN 2023

BANKS		WESTPAC	TOTAL
CASH BOOK BALANCE as at 31 MAY 2023		\$41,667.23	\$ 41,667.23
INCOME			
		\$ -	
COMMA Membership 2023		\$ 308.00	
May Raffle Money		\$ 83.00	
TOTAL INCOME WESTPAC		\$ 391.00	
			\$ 391.00
EXPENSES			
Peter Bartlett - Raffle Wine and Raffle Tickets		\$ 40.00	
Flying Angel Club April Monthly Meeting (Invoice 6412)		\$120.00	
Peter Bartlett - PW Printing and Postage		\$85.20	
Steve Harris - Postage of COMMA membership Certificates		\$ 150.13	
TOTAL EXPENSES WESTPAC		\$ 404.33	
			\$ 404.33
		Westpac	
CASH BOOK BALANCES as at 28 JUNE 2023		\$41,653.90	\$ 41,653.90
CASH RESERVE ACCOUNT AT 31ST MAY 2023			\$ 20,931.23
INTEREST and Fees on 01 JUN 2023			\$ 37.17
RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENTS 28TH JUNE 2023			\$ 20,968.40
FIXED TERM DEPOSIT (FTD) ACCOUNT opened 12TH MAY 2023			\$ 30,000.00
INTEREST EARNED ON FTD ACCOUNT 28 JUN 2023			\$ -
RECONCILIATION WITH BANK STATEMENTS 28TH JUNE 2023			\$ 30,000.00
Plus Cheques/Cash on hand			\$ -
Adjusted Cash Balance as at 28TH JUN 2023		\$ -	\$ 92,622.30



THE COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS OF AUSTRALIA - WESTERN AUSTRALIA BRANCH

General Meeting Minutes 28th June 2023 FAC Club, Fremantle

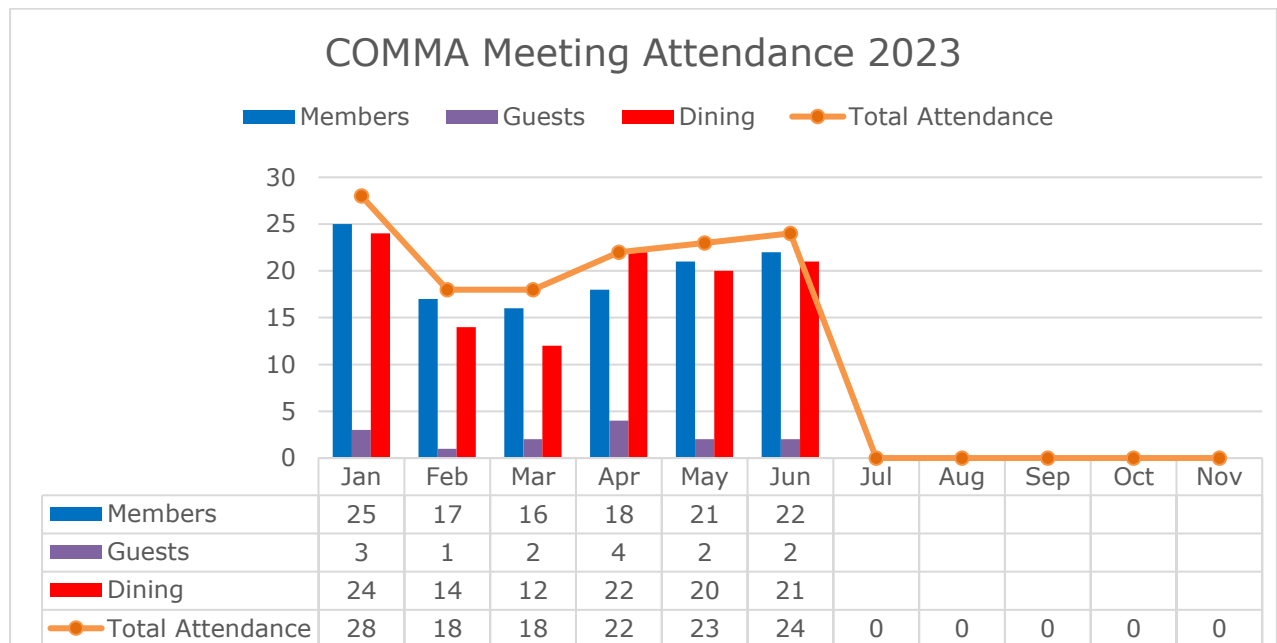
The BM opened the general meeting at 1835hrs, welcoming COMMA WA members and their guests to this month-end general meeting at the FAC, Fremantle.

Hon Chair requested members to introduce their guests.

1. Angeline Gibbins (Scout candidate for Leeuwin voyage sponsor by COMMA).
2. Simon Gibbons (Angelino father) – guest of Barbara.

Apologies & Guests

Apologies received and guests attending were captured in the attendance sheet distributed before the meeting. We have a total of **24 attendees including 2 guests.**



Our best month – attendance-wise, since January

Keynote Guest Speaker – The Guest Speaker will be *Carol Shannon* presenting on “37 years and Still here.

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1. little bit of history and some old photos.
2. Responding to change and staying relevant.
3. How Australia’s fleet of tall ships could help provide a platform for aspiring mariners – a proposal under review through Tall Ships Australia & New Zealand.

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Update from BM:

1. Court Positions – still VACANT (May 2023):

Tittle	<i>Status</i>
<i>Branch Social Coordinator</i>	<i>Steve Harris decided that he was ready & able to assume this role in the Court.</i>

<i>Court IT Advisor</i>	<i>Mani Bajwa agreed to provide assistance to the Branch in investigating the feasibility of holding hybrid meetings in the future</i>
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The Branch Master (Zubin Bhada) would have stepped down at this AGM session (March 2023), however, noting that there was no interest from the membership he has committed to continue as BM (fifth year) until a suitable replacement is available to assume the position.

2. Leeuwin sponsorship - Scouts CoMMA Sponsored Voyage for two individuals:

Two scouts were selected, and the trip successfully completed (09-13 April). Angelino Gibbins – one of the young scouts will make a presentation about the Leeuwin experience (**Presentation by Angelino Gibbins**)

The CoMMA sponsorship was \$975 each.

3. News on FAC:

John Hague has returned to the FAC staff and has been asked provide support to Jimmy to cover Master Mariner monthly meeting arrangements. Jimmy Khamassi will continue as the Operations Manager. He will be managing FAC activities including supporting CoMMA for its monthly sessions.

For 28June, John Haque prepared the curry dinner with a lamb curry and a vegetable curry with Rice & Roti with assortment of pickles. The food was tasty and well received with a total of 21 persons eating the meal.

In addition, below costs for each session have been agreed/accepted:

- a. The cost of outsourcing to and obtaining supply of the curry supper from Zab's Curry House will be fully covered by the \$25 charge per plate.
- b. A service fee of \$150/- will be paid to FAC per session. (NB: there will be an excess fee charged by FAC for our May & June meetings as there will not be a full-time workforce shift in place until the end of June.)
- c. The standard nibbles at the bar will be \$50/- per session.

Previous Action: Peter B has prepared a draft agreement (MOU) to formalise our relationship with FAC. Same has been reviewed by the court and will be ready to be presented to FAC management once the cost / service questions are addressed.

Action on PB. PB to send final version to BM

Actioned 02-June – further circulation to FAC Ops Manager for review before sending to Rev. Denis Claughton

4. Federal AGM: Actions pending on WA branch:

1. Zubin / someone to send Francis a copy of our submission on the 'Australian Strategic Fleet' (**Action on DBM**)

2. Fed Master asked me to extend his thanks to Zubin, on behalf of CoMMA, for the work he did coordinating the production of the Master Mariner magazine by Carol.

Carol will continue to help with Master Mariner despite recent changes in Leeuwin Management. (need an update from Carol)

3. Francis asked that WA Branch find and secure all the Fed Secretary documentation that was in the care of Stuart Davey – then Mark Pointon.

Once located please forward everything to him. (**Action BM – Mark Pointon to progress with Francis**).

4. Ties / Pins / Plaques – to be managed by the Branches. Let Francis know if we can get a really good price on any of the items. (**Raul to provide update on inventory of plaque, cuff links, ties, T-Shirts, etc...**) **Suggest we procure/buy some more...**
5. We need a full inventory of all paraphernalia (Raul) so we can order more
6. Updated inventory rx'd from Raul. New members to get Tie, cuff links / lapel pin & copy of Constitution. **Question: What we do for female new members?**
7. New Members to be given tie/pin/plaque & copy of constitution?? (**Action on PB to print 6 copies of new constitution & follow up with Raul P confirming our intention to begin providing CoMMA paraphernalia to the current 6 new members beginning at the July meeting**).
8. Need to order name badges for newer members. **BM to discuss with Raul.** Raul to update stage he's at with new name badges so far -
9. Eric to send out invites for volunteers at Sea Scout Competition

2023 Activity Status:

Below table is a look ahead of monthly sessions along with other events:

Month	Activity: Keynote Speaker & Topic	Venue / Topic
25-Jan-2023	Glen McDermott Incident Controller - Maritime Environmental Emergency Response DoT, WA	Navy Club, Fremantle WA Spill Exercise Report
19-Feb-2023	CoMMA Family Cruise – STS Leeuwin	Leeuwin, Victoria Quay
22-Feb-2023	Month end Session	Q&A Session – BM News & Views (recent marine incidents) News & Views (recent marine incidents) Flying Angel Club
29-Mar-2023	Mark Gooderham AGM	Sustainable Shipping in the Marshall Islands AGM Flying Angel Club
15 April 2023	Federal AGM Held in Sydney, WA Court represented by Capt. Peter Bartlett as Zubin's delegate.	Peter attended Fed AGM/Court Meeting via TEAMS.
25 April 2023	ANZAC DAWN Service – Monument Hill	Attended by BM (Zubin) and Wreath laid.

26-Apr-2023	CPOET Clint Metcalfe Month end Session	The Pacific Patrol Boat Programme
31-May-2023	Lt Cdr Nick Carter	The Grounding of HMS Nottingham
28-Jun-2023 (Combined session – CoMMA & NIWA)	Sea Scout Presentation on their Leeuwin trip that was sponsored by CoMMA. Carol Shannon providing an introduction on Leeuwin program. Plus Carol to introduce?	Carol Shannon Angelino Gibbins
26-Jul-2023	Tim Gourlay. Month end Session	Dynamic Mooring Analysis of 6-Buoy Spread-Moored Ships at Cape Cuvier.
30-Aug-2023	Month end Session	
16-17 Sept 2023	Sea Scout Master Mariner Weekend	Pelican Point
27-Sep-2023	Month end Session	
Oct/Nov 2023	CoMMA & NIWA Annual Dinner	
25-Oct-2023	Month end Session	

Hon. Secretary Report

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

1. MOU with FAC
2. Membership – new applicants – readings?
3. Membership updates
4. Actions arising from Fed AGM/Court
5. Pin / Tie / plaque for new members?
6. Purchase of Company insignia by Fed Sec?
7. Update on Hybrid Meetings – send to Mani to put on Survey Monkey
8. Letter drafted to Leeuwin Board. Court voted to wait for the situation to clarify before sending.

Social Coordinator Update

It is recognised that we urgently need a full-time Hon. Social Coordinator. As noted previously. Capt. Steve Harris has agreed to assume this role. We thank Steve for his continued service to the Branch. BM asked that Steve H investigate possible venues and dates for our year-end function.

From the ANZAC Club:

11-Nov-23 Dinner – Anzac Club will cost \$6340.00 - \$100 / head – 70% discount can be given to COMMA members + partners. NIWA members to decide on discount (if available/possible)

For the SWAN Yacht Club:

Room Hire = \$ 500

Bronze (alternate drop) @ \$70 p.p. x 80 = \$ 5,600 + 500 = 6,100 / 80 = \$76.25 p.p.

Silver “ @ \$80 p.p. x 80 = \$ 6,400 + 500 = 6,900 / 80 = \$86.25 p.p.

We will struggle to make 80 attendees for a dinner at \$90+ p.p., based on the following: -

2019 Dinner (Upstairs @ Raffles Applecross - \$65 p.p.) 55 attendees
 2020 COVID - BBQ event on Leeuwin instead of dinner - \$50 p.p.) 80 "
 2021 Dinner (ANZAC Club - \$60 p.p.) 67 "
 2022 Dinner (ANZAC Club planned but cancelled)

Action: Review options in July 2023 Court meeting for Annual Dinner venue and decide.

Treasurer's Report

The Hon. Treasurer June-2023 report was provided to the Court by the Treasurer Capt. Raul Pereira.

Total Income	\$ 391.00
Total Expenses	\$ 404.33
Cash Book Balance	\$ 41,653.90
Fixed Deposit	\$ 30,000.00
Total Balance including Reserve Account	\$ 92,622.30

Note:

- CoMMA WA Bank accounts now all in order - Raul P as the treasurer Zubin Bhada & Peter Bartlett given access to provide counter-signature support. Also opened a Fixed deposit account.
- Treasurer Report was read to the Branch members by BM, proposed for acceptance by the BM, Capt. Zubin Bhada. **The acceptance of the report was seconded by Frank K.**

Registrar's Report

The Hon. Registrar provided the following membership and applicant update for June-2023

- **Total WA Branch Members = 125**
- **Federal Levy Payable = 105**
- **Fee Paying Members = 101**
- **Contributing Members = 81**
- **Pending Members = 0**
- **Total including 'Read' = 125**

WA Membership Applications – Recently Ratified by Federal Court

Nil

WA Membership Applications - Pending Ratification

Nil

WA Membership Applications - to be read June 2023

Name	Type	Comment
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Nil

Membership Applications to be Read for Other Branches – May 2023

Name	Branch	Comment
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Abhinav Goswami	Melbourne	Holds a Master certificate issued by Singapore. Currently serving as Transport Safety Investigator with Australian Transport Safety Bureau
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There were no negative comments or remarks received in writing or made at the meeting from the WA Branch Membership, regarding this application.

Resignations WA –

Nil

There remain 5 unfinancial WA Branch members.

Hon. Registrar to seek payment one final time before their membership is terminated.

Federal Business

General Meeting / Court Meeting & AGM held 15 April 2023 in Sydney.

The WA branch was represented by Capt. Peter Bartlett (as Zubin's delegate as he was on leave / holiday).

Federal Levy - The Federal Levy for 2023, as set at the 19 November 2002 meeting, is \$75.00 per eligible member.

Fed levy to be paid in July 2023

General / New Business

The following items were discussed in this section:

- **Sea-Scouts Master Mariners Event** postponed (06-07 May), new date shared by Barbara from Scouts WA **16/17-Sept. Action: EB to send out email requesting volunteers.**
- **Hybrid Meetings:**
 - ✓ Mani & PBI met at FAC on Tuesday 13-June. An associate of Mani's from Jetwave – Sam also attended – which was good as he is less than half our age & understands IT systems such as Hybrid Meetings and the equipment set-up.
 - ✓ Sam also offered to write up a few notes for us on the equipment set-up at FAC, and a short piece to send to remote joiners that have not used 'Teams' before.
 - ✓ Additionally – a survey has been drafted to be distributed to all members to gauge general interest in the hybrid meeting concept. **(Action: PB to send survey via Mani B)**
 - ✓ The team - trialled a Telstra Modem with a standard laptop & added an iPhone camera and tested the set-up range & clarity using 'Teams'. All went very well and we propose the following timetable
 - *June Court meeting – short presentation by Mani including a demonstration of the set-up using borrowed equipment. This item now pushed back to July sessions.*
 - *Seek Court approval to buy modem & laptop & a couple of other inexpensive items. Also - approve membership of 'Teams' at CoMMA expense.*
 - *Given Court approval to proceed set-up a Hybrid Meeting for our August General Meeting (30-Aug). For this we would*

propose that we select and prime 5 or 6 COMMA members to join our August meeting remotely to ensure everything is working well & to see what else may need to be done.

- **Library Books:** Discussion about our Library books. Court recommended at our April meeting that the library is donated to FAC for use of seafarers attending FAC. Members agreed to this proposal at our April General meeting. (**Action: Steve Harris to commence process to donate the library books**)
- **Honour Board at FAC:** Steve H noted that the displayed 'Honour Board' needs to be updated with BM incumbents going back 13 years. (**Action: Steve Harris to make contact with the company to provide estimate to add new names to the board**)
- **Status of CoMMA as a 'not for profit' organisation:** Do we comply from a Branch &/or Federal *perspective*. (Based on comms initiated by BM, we fall within acceptance of a not-for-profit organisation and all our expenses are audited and can be demonstrated that funds are utilised for member and for supporting COMMA constitution objectives. **Hence this action closed.**)

There being no further business the general meeting was closed by the BM at 1918 hrs.

Capt. Zubin Bhada (Chair)
Branch Master

Capt. Peter Bartlett (not present)
Hon. Branch Secretary

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