



DEFENCE FORCE WELFARE ASSOCIATION

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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ACT BRANCH MEMBERS – YOUR VOTE

Members of the DFWA ACT Branch were previously alerted to the decision of your Committee to move to new operating arrangements. Two notices were sent to members in August 2019 and March 2020, both as inserts in *Camaraderie*. They can now be found on the DFWA website (<https://www.dfwa.org.au/branches/act>).

The new arrangement will involve the un-incorporation of the Branch as a registered Association in the ACT, and the establishment of an ACT Chapter of the NSW Branch (which is a registered Association in NSW). **Members should not be concerned by this proposed course of action as:**

- Following un-incorporation there will continue to be a DFWA presence in the ACT, with the establishment of the ACT Chapter.
- Current ACT Branch Members will continue their membership of the DFWA, and will be identified as a members the ACT Chapter of the NSW Branch.
- The ACT Chapter will retain decision making and financial independence, and be responsible for looking after the interests of ACT members as it has in past (for example continuing support to members, Defence widows, advocacy support etc).

The ACT Branch Constitution states that such action shall be confirmed **if two-thirds of those voting** approve of it, and that two months' notice be given of the intention to hold such a poll. Such notice was provided to members in the last edition of *Camaraderie* in March 2020.

Voting is not compulsory and you are under no obligation to vote. Should you decide to vote, you can do one of two ways:

- Vote on line by going to actvote.dfwa.org.au . You will be asked to provide your unique username and password which are:
 - Username – xxxxxxxx
 - Password – xxxxxxxx
- Voting is open until 5pm 12 June.

OR

- Returning the enclosed voting slip to PO BOX 2272 Canberra ACT 2600, to be received no later than COB Friday 12 June.

Should you decide to vote, your Committee strongly recommends you agree to this proposal. Should the vote fail, the reality is that the Branch will ultimately wither and die in a haphazard and uncoordinated way. Your Committee has therefore decided that this course of action is the only viable way of ensuring the ACT DFWA is able to continue its operations in a responsible and orderly manner.

Yours sincerely

Les Bienkiewicz
President, ACT Branch

18 May 2020

Please return this voting slip to PO BOX 2272 Canberra ACT 2600, to be received no later than COB Friday 12 June.

THAT the Defence Force Welfare Association (Australian Capital Territory Branch) Incorporated, ABN 12 345 678 910 be wound up voluntarily in accordance with the *Associations Incorporation Act 1991* (ACT) s 88 and the ACT Branch Constitution.

I understand that the Branch Committee will take steps to establish an ACT Chapter of the NSW Branch, whilst ensuring the Branch Committee retains financial and administrative control of the to be established ACT Chapter.

YOUR VoterID: _____

YOUR VOTER KEY: _____

Please tick your vote below.

Yes _____

No _____

Abstain _____