

[01/05/2002 Autonomy - A New Era Begins for the FESR](#)

At the FESR AGM held April 2002 a motion for autonomy was tabled and ratified. Of the 600 plus national FESR members, 373 members elected to vote. The show for autonomy was 367 votes for and 6 votes against. As such, a new constitution was passed; a national executive elected; and states granted subsequent autonomy. A name change was also introduced in line with the new constitution.

Proposed Name Change as at April 2002

From: Far East Strategic Reserve Association (Australia)

To: Far East Strategic Reserve Navy Association (Australia) Inc.

Proposed Role of the FESR Navy Association

The FESR official objectives as recognised in the Associations constitution are to:

- unite and develop comradeship among all former and serving naval personnel;
- promote and assist activities in the wider community to improve the health and well-being of the community of which former and serving naval personnel are a part;
- assist the members regarding matters of welfare and entitlements;
- promote the general well being and the advancement of its members;
- assist the Armed Services' community;
- assist and help the families of former and serving members of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN);
- to promote freedom, peace and harmony;
- assist in the recording of the history of the RAN; and
- be non party political, non-racist, non-sectarian and non sexist.