

APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO FINANCE MEMORIAL WINDOW

A public appeal for funds to finance a memorial window in the Flinders naval base chapel is shortly to be launched by the A.C.T. branch of the ExNavalmen's Association.

The branch will require £250 for the rose window, which will commemorate the sinking of H.M.A.S. Canberra on August 9, 1942, and the sacrifice of Australian naval seamen in World War II.

Two survivors of H.M.A.S. Canberra, which was sunk in the battle for the Solomons, reside in Canberra. They are the A.C.T. president, Mr. H. N. Campbell, and Lieut.-Commander M. Gregory, A.D.C. to the Governor-General.

Mr. Campbell said yesterday that the chapel already has windows from the residents of other capital cities, Melbourne, Sydney and Perth, and it is fitting that Canberra should also be represented.

A recent meeting of the branch also discussed proposals for the establishment of a national day for the Navy, similar to Battle for Britain Day for the Air Force.

Trisfagar Day is observed in Great Britain, but it is felt that a special day should be set aside to honour the achievements of the Royal Australian Navy.