

59th Annual Commemoration

and

Official Opening of the Merchant Navy War Memorial

New and Remedial Works

by

**Her Excellency The Honourable,
Margaret Beazley AC KC Governor of NSW**

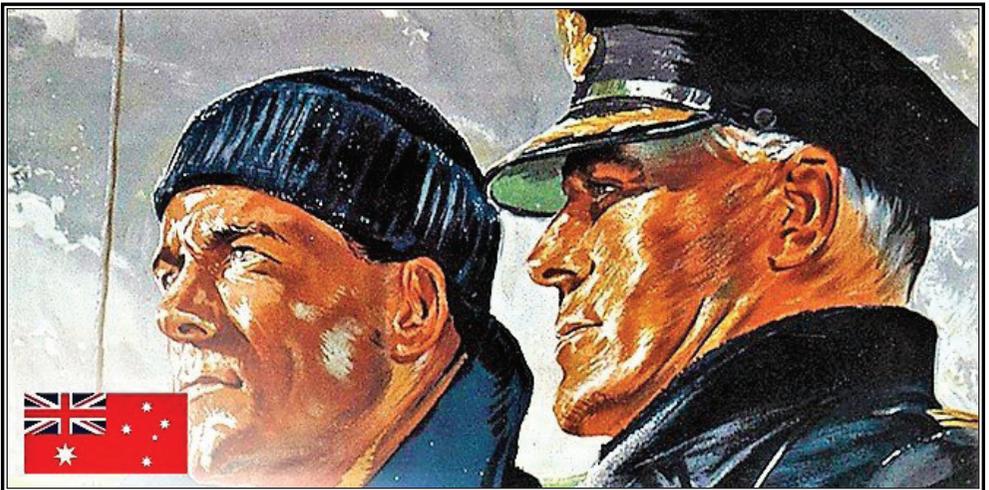
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Metropolitan Memorial Parks



Sunday 14th April, 2024

Seated by 1050 for 1100 Commencement

Followed by morning tea on site



Order of Commemoration

Master of Ceremonies *David Field, Chairman*
The Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund Ltd (MNWMF)

- Welcome • Acknowledgement of Country
- Introductions • Opening Remarks

Officiating Clergy

- *Sister Mary Leahy OAM, Chaplain, Apostleship of the Sea (Stella Maris), Sydney & Regional Co-Ordinator Oceania.*

Awarded in 2017, by the Holy Father Pope Francis, the Papal Honour of: Croce pro Ecclesia et Pontifice for distinguished services to the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Sydney

Reverend Tay Un, Principal Chaplain, Mission To Seafarers (MTS) Sydney

Music Program

The Bankstown & Yagoona Brass

Mr. Rae Forrester, Music Director
Mrs. Finola McMahon leading us in singing.

Hymn / Psalm 46: God is our Strength and Refuge

Tune: Dambusters March
(Composer Eric Coates. 1886-1957)

1. God is our strength and refuge
our present help in trouble;
and we therefore will not fear
though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble
though swirling floods are raging
God the Lord of Hosts
is with us ever more.
2. There is a flowing river
within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her -
she shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
thrones vanish at His presence -
God the Lord of Hosts
is with us evermore!
3. Come, see the works of our Maker
learn of His deeds all powerful;
wars can cease across the world
when He shatters the spear!
Be still and know your Creator,
uplift Him in the nations -
God the Lord of Hosts
is with us evermore!

Reading: Gospel according to Matthew 8:23-27

Jesus Calms the Storm

Captain Ted van Bronswijk

- *Federal & Sydney Master*
- *Company of Master Mariners of Australia (CMAA)*
- *Director, Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund (MNWMF)*

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST OF HONOUR

*Sean Barrett, RNZN (Rtd) Chairman Elect (17-5-2024)
The Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund Ltd (MNWMF)*

Guest of Honour Delivering the 2024 Merchant Navy Address

*Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley KC AC
is the 39th Governor of New South Wales, and was sworn-in on 2 May 2019*

*Her Excellency recently accepted Premier The Hon. Chris Minns' invitation to extend her
appointment to 1 May 2026.*



Prior to her appointment as Governor, Her Excellency enjoyed a long and distinguished law career spanning 43 years, during which time she served as a role model for women in law at both the State and National level. Appointed Queens' Counsel in 1989, in 1993 she was made a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, the first woman to sit exclusively in that Court. In 1996, she achieved the distinction of being the first woman appointed to the New South Wales Court of Appeal and, subsequently, as the first woman to be appointed as its President. She served, on a number of occasions, as Administrator of the Government of the State of New South Wales.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

For King and Country And Thanksgiving for The Merchant Navy
Sister Mary Leahy, OAM

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy Kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen

CROSSING OF THE BAR POEM

‘CROSSING THE BAR’ IS AN 1889 POEM BY ALFRED, LORD TENNYSON, POET LAUREATE

It is considered that Tennyson wrote it as an elegy (*An elegy is a poem of serious reflection, and in English literature usually a lament for the dead*): The narrator uses an extended metaphor to compare death with crossing the “sandbar” between the river of life, with its outgoing “flood”, and the ocean that lies beyond death, the “boundless deep” to which we return.

1. Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
2. But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
3. Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;
4. For tho’ from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.



WWII VETERANS THAT HAVE “CROSSED THE BAR” SINCE 16-4-2023

Merchant Navy Man

A Title Emblazoned in Battle and Honoured in Freedom

New South Wales

Reginald Bonney WWII – 19/5/2023
Capt. Joe Crumlin WWII – 9/1/2023
Leonard (Len) Roy McLeod WWII – 26/3/2024 President US Army Small Ships (USASS)
Fredrick George (Frank) O’Dwyer 9/4/2023
Stanley Mervyn Shardlow WWII – 28/10/2023
Capt. John Webster WWII – 21/5/2023

Queensland

Michael Kirlew WWII – 24/5/2023
Allen Seabrook WWII – 19/1/2024

Victoria

Capt. Keith Cannon WWII – 21/9/2023

Western Australia

Edward Thomas Still WWII US Army Small Ships (USASS) – 31/12/2023 Also served in AIF & Merchant Navy

MEMBERS OF MERCHANT NAVY ORGANISATIONS WHO HAVE “CROSSED THE BAR” SINCE 16-4-2023

New South Wales

Capt. Michael Bertram – 2/11/2023
Alan Budd C/Eng – 28/12/2022
Cmdr. Ronald Cameron RAN Ret - 15/1/2023
Capt. Huw Goronwy Thomas Ellis – 5/8/2023
Capt. Stephen (Cape. Bomp) Francis Gerard Herklots -14/1/2024
Capt. Richard Merckx – 28/9/2023
Dennis Price C/Eng – 1/3/2023
Capt. Terence Mace – 5/12/2022
Robert Morgan C/Eng – 20/11/2022
David Wills Ex Burns Philp – 8/11/2023

Victoria

Alan Knott – 28/08/2023
Capt. Paddy Michaelson – 15/10/2022
Capt. David Shennan – 4/07/2023

Queensland

Capt. Simon Barnes – 16/12/2023
Capt. Michael Plant – 27/12/2023
Capt. David Richardson – 23/2/2023

South Australia

Capt. Eddie Carr – 21/2/2024

Western Australia

Capt. Peter Dudding – 6/3/2022
Capt. Michael Furlong – 29/1/2023
Capt. Clive Sheard – 31/3/2023

Tasmania

David Harris – 14/09/2023

RECENTLY ADDED PLAQUES IN COLUMBARIUM

Ron (Steve) Wylie - 4/2/2023

Molly Higginson - 9/6/2023 to join her husband George Francis Higginson
Catherine Johansen -19/11/2023 to join her husband Arne Joseph Johansen

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

THE ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

Mr. Don Kennedy OAM, JP

- Patron & Deputy Coordinator, Merchant Navy Chapter of Forestville RSL
- Veterans Advisor to the Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund Ltd. (MNWMF)

They have no grave but the cruel sea;

No flowers lay at their head;

A rusting hulk is their tombstone, afloat on the ocean bed.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning;

We will remember them.

All say: We will remember them

Mr. Don Kennedy OAM, JP: Lest we forget

All say: Lest we forget



THE LAST POST - Bugler, *David Young, The Bankstown & Yagoona Brass*

(In military tradition, the Last Post is the bugle call that signifies the end of the day's activities.

It is also sounded at military funerals to indicate that the soldier has gone to his final rest and at commemorative services)

ONE MINUTE' S SILENCE - a sign of respect and a time for reflection, concluding with 8 bells. Rung by *Mr. Garry Marks, Treasurer & Librarian, The Bankstown & Yagoona Brass* (Signaling the conclusion of the one minute's silence, 8 Bells will toll which is recognised on board ships as 'the end of watch' but is also a way of saying, a Sailors or Merchant Mariners own watch is over...a nautical euphemism for "finished". The MNWMF thanks the Bankstown City Band for arranging the 8 Bells).

ROUSE - Bugler, *David Young, The Bankstown & Yagoona Brass*

(After the one minute's silence and 8 bells, flags are raised from half mast to the masthead as the Rouse is sounded. Today it is associated with the Last Post at all military funerals, and at services of dedication and remembrance).

Flag Attendants - Ms Tamzin & Calisto McKenzie, Members of The Bankstown & Yagoona Brass

LAYING OF WREATHS

Introductions by: David Field, Chairman & Sean Barrett, Director & Chairman Elect, The Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund, (MNWMF).

Co-Ordination of Wreaths to be laid & Wreath Bearers: Stephen Westfield & Catherine Linley, Directors, & Stan Moriarty, Secretary, MNWMF.

And with the valued assistance of Wreath Bearers, Garry Marks, Stan Moriarty & Members of The Bankstown & Yagoona Brass.

Hymn of His Majesty's Armed Forces Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Words: William Whiting, Winchester, England 1860

Tune: 'Melita' John B. Dykes 1861

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!
2. O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy Word,
Who walkest on the foaming deep,
And calm amidst the storm didst sleep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!
3. O Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease,
and give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

NEW AND REMEDIAL WORKS TO MEMORIAL JANUARY - APRIL 2024

THE PROJECT & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

David Field, Chairman The Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund (MNWMF)

NEW & REMEDIAL WORKS 2024

Grateful Acknowledgement is extended to:

PRINCIPAL SPONSOR

Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA)

MAJOR SPONSORS

Australian Mariners' Welfare Society (AMWS)

Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)

Daryl Jackson Alastair Swayn Pty Ltd, Architects (DJAS)

Company of Master Mariners of Australia (CMMA)

Maritime Union of Australia (MUA)

Royal Australian Navy (RAN)

Metropolitan Memorial Parks Land Manager (MMPLM)

And

the many other ORGANISATIONS and INDIVIDUALS

Whose combined support was significant

RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Ms. Denise Ora

Chief Executive Officer

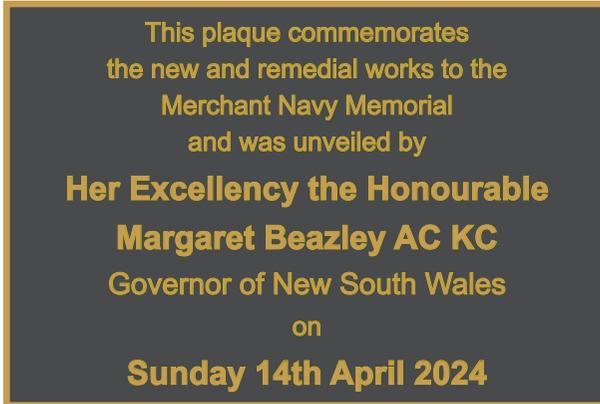
Metropolitan Memorial Parks Land Manager (MMPLM)

UNVEILING OF COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

BY

Her Excellency The Honourable Margaret Beazley KC AC

Governor of NSW



FINAL PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

Reverend Tay Un

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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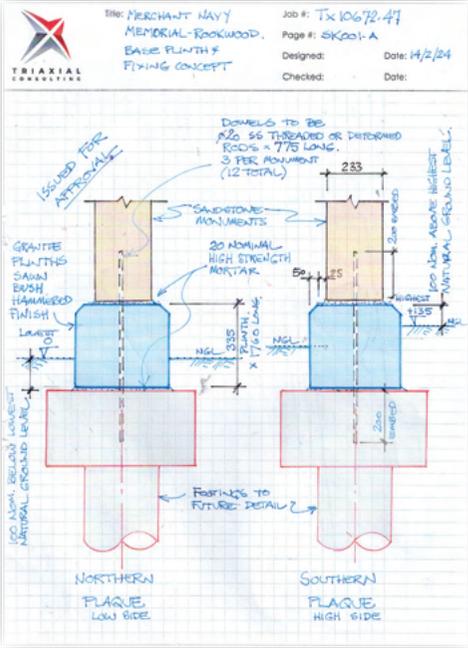
The Australian National Anthem

Australians all let us rejoice
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing
Advance Australia Fair.

PLEASE JOIN FOR REFRESHMENTS WITHIN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN



BRINGING A VISION TO REALITY AND ANSWERING THE QUESTION DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



ARCHITECTS JAMES ANDREWS & BRENDAN DONNAN, DJAS ARCHITECTURE, CONCEPT DRAWINGS



LEFT: ENGINEER JEFF KNOX, TRIAXIAL CONSULTING.. DRAWINGS RE PLACEMENT OF PLAQUES



SIGNAGE BY MATT WISE, ABSOLUTE SIGN SOLUTIONS



WWI & WWII BRASS PLAQUES MANUFACTURED BY PHOENIX FOUNDRY



TWO SETS OF TABLE AND CHAIRS TO BE INSTALLED IN LATE APRIL



BRINGING A VISION TO REALITY AND ANSWERING THE QUESTION DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



THE SITE ON TUESDAY 9/4/24 WITH SANDSTONE PLINTHS IN PLACE PRIOR TO THE WWI & WWII PLAQUES BEING INSTALLED. THE PIC ALSO SHOWS AN IMAGE OF THE REMEDIAL WORK CARRIED OUT ON THE SANDSTONE PAVING, BY SAM THE PAVING MAN PTY LTD



HUGELY TALENTED & HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL, EXECUTIVE TEAM AT METROPOLITAN MEMORIAL PARKES WITH ENGINEER JEFF KNOX & DAVID FIELD, MNWMF



WORK OF DEAN GRAHAM, VEGAS RAILING IN REPLACING ALL THE PRE-EXISTING DAMAGED WHITE TIMBER WITH WHITE POWDER COATED ALUMINIUM



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THE SIMILAR WORKS THAT WERE OPENED ON 20/10/19, AT THE MERCHANT NAVY WAR MEMORIAL, ON THE SHORES OF LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN, KINGS PARK

Bankstown and Yagoona Brass

For over many years the Merchant Navy Community has had a much valued partnership with this outstanding Brass Band. They have distinguished themselves at both National and State level and they have performed on multiple occasions overseas. In October they will be doing a musical tour of Hungary and Austria.



MERCHANT NAVY WAR MEMORIAL FUND (MNWMF) STRATEGIC PLAN 2024–2026

MAJOR PROJECTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE CONTINUED RECOGNITION OF THE AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT NAVY

(i) **ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE NEXT GENERATION, TO TAKE UP OUR AND OUR PREDECESSORS' PASSION AND COMMITMENT TO ENSURE THE FUTURE AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT NAVY RECOGNITION IS AS SECURE IN THE FUTURE AS IN THE PAST AND THE PRESENT. WE REMAIN HIGHLY COMMITTED TO CONTINUING TO WORK IN WHAT WE BELIEVE IS THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR CHERISHED MERCHANT NAVY VETERANS AND THE WIDER AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT NAVY COMMUNITY.**

(ii) CONTINUING PROMOTION & INSTALLATION OF THE MERCHANT NAVY EMBLEM ON EXISTING WAR MEMORIALS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA

Addition of Merchant Navy badge on
St Andrews Village Memorial Bravery Garden,
Ballina NSW opened on 15-10-2022 and co-funded by MNWMF.



(iii) EQUAL RECOGNITION OF THE MERCHANT NAVY FLAG ON NATIONAL FLAG DAY – 3RD SEPTEMBER ANNUALLY, WHICH IS ALSO MERCHANT NAVY DAY.



(iv) SUBMISSION TO NSW GOVERNMENT VIA PREMIER THE HON. CHRIS MINNS, MP, FOR THE RE-INSTATEMENT OF THE MERCHANT NAVY FLAG ON THE TOP OF THE SYDNEY HARBOUR BRIDGE, OR FAILING THAT ON THE BRIDGE PYLONS ON MERCHANT NAVY DAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER ANNUALLY.



(v) ADDITIONAL RECOGNITION OF THE ROLE OF THE MERCHANT NAVY WITHIN THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL (AWM)



(vi) ESTABLISH A PROTOCOL WITH AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL (AWM) THAT ON NATIONAL FLAG DAY/ MERCHANT NAVY DAY (3 SEPT ANNUALLY) THAT:

(a) Merchant Navy Flag - The Red Ensign, be flown with the Australian National flag above the War Memorial; and

(b) Merchant Navy representative be among those laying wreaths at the Last Post Ceremony on 3rd September, that takes place at approx. 4.45pm AEDT in the commemorative courtyard.



(vii) SUPPORT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL (AWM) **“PLACES OF PRIDE”** LAUNCHED BY AWM IN NOVEMBER 2018 TO RECORD ALL MEMORIALS THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER



(viii) ADDITIONAL PLAQUE AT THE CANBERRA AND ROOKWOOD MN MEMORIALS

<p>⊗</p> <p>AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT SHIPPING AND WWII</p> <p>THEY WERE PART OF HOW THE ALLIED CAUSE WON THE SECOND WORLD WAR.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADELAIDE STEAMSHIP COMPANY • AUSTRALASIAN UNITED STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY • AUSTRALIAN SHIPPING BOARD • BROKEN HILL PROPRIETARY COMPANY LIMITED • BURNS, PHILP & COMPANY LIMITED • COLONIAL SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED • HC SLEIGH COMPANY LIMITED • HOWARD SMITH LIMITED • HUDDART PARKER LIMITED • ILLAWARRA & SOUTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY • JAMES PATERSON & COMPANY <p>⊗</p>	<p>⊗</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JAMES PATRICK & COMPANY LIMITED • JOHN BURKE QUEENSLAND PROPRIETARY LIMITED • MCILWRAITH MCEACHARN LIMITED • MELBOURNE STEAMSHIP LIMITED • NEWCASTLE & HUNTER RIVER STEAMSHIP COMPANY LIMITED • NORTH COAST STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY LIMITED • RW MILLER & COMPANY LIMITED • STATE SHIPPING SERVICE OF WA • TASMANIAN STEAMERS • WM. HOLYMAN & SONS PTY LIMITED • WR CARPENTER & COMPANY LIMITED <p>⊗</p>
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(ix) EXPANSION OF OUR FIFTEEN (15) YEAR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE (AMC), INCREASING OUR ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS FROM TWO (2) TO SIX (6) PER YEAR. SINCE 2008 54 SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE BEEN AWARDED WITH A CUMULATIVE VALUE OF \$150,000.

(x) SUPPORT THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL (AWM) PROJECT **“HONOUR OUR FALLEN”** WHERE THE PURPOSE IS TO ENSURE A FLAG IS ERECTED EACH ANZAC DAY FROM 2018 ON EVERY GRAVE OR MEMORIAL PLAQUE IN AUSTRALIA, TO HONOUR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR COUNTRY

(xi) RECOGNITION OF ANZAC DAY 25TH APRIL AT ROOKWOOD AND CANBERRA MERCHANT NAVY MEMORIALS – FLAGS FLYING AND POPPIES ON OUR WWI & WWII PLAQUES



(xii) MERCHANT NAVY RECOGNITION AT UPGRADED HYDE PARK, SYDNEY, WAR MEMORIAL

