

HMAS SYDNEY PROPOSED PROGRAM OUTLINE 18-21 Nov 2021

1. Originally, we planned for a Cruise ship to be very much a part of the event including accommodation, sadly due to Covid-19 we have been unsuccessful in securing an Operator to come to the party at this time. Our intentions now will be to focus on local vessels that can support with a coordinated sail out to the resting site of HMAS Sydney (II) and the Kormoran to conduct respective services and scattering of Ashes for families that have requested. Although at present we do not have a cruise vessel we are still following up on this option and this may eventuate around May/June 2021 we can only try.
2. We will have guest speakers from the Finding SYDNEY Foundation Mr Ted Graham AM and Bob Trotter CDRE OAM Ret'd - Confirmed
3. Thursday 18th Nov 2021 16:00hr (timing TBC) Meet and Greet for fly in and drive in at the Geraldton multipurpose centre on the foreshore – bbq sausage sizzle / burger run provided by Geraldton Rotary Club pricing (tbc) and all monies to go back to the Rotary Club supporting the local community. Entertainment will be provided by the RAN Reserve band and possible other guest tbc
4. Thursday 18th Nov 2021 **if operational requirements permit** approx 09:00hr Expected arrival of RAN Warship port visit (name TBC)
5. Friday the 19th Nov 2021 Cruise Vessel Arrived Geraldton approx. 09:00/10:00hr ongoing negotiations with Vessel companies are in progress including WA run operators this is very much up in the air
6. Friday 19th Meet and Greet foreshore for Saturday's March Briefing for participants for the march at Approx 11:00hr Including TS Morrow CO, WA Navy Band OIC, 12 Ex SYDNEY Gunnery Jacks
7. Friday twilight memorial service, possible RAAF fly over HMAS SYDNEY V Contingent crew, WA Navy Band – due to the limited space at the memorial priority will be given to descendants/relatives, dignitaries special guest and by ballot Ex HMAS SYDNEY Crew and public – Note Second site location for the service will be establish location and setup TBC
8. Saturday morning 20th Nov 2021 – (09:30 time TBC) Freedom of entry march - RAN ship in port will lead the march WA Navy Band then the HMAS SYDNEY V Contingent along with all 645 members comprising of all **Ex HMAS SYDNEY crew, RAAF No:9 Contingent, descendants and relatives ONLY to march**. I'm expected to have more than 645 this will not stop others from marching as we will ensure there is a second section of marchers to fall in behind the first 645. Registration for the march will be promulgated at a later date – there will be sublimation polo shirts and ball caps to be worn by each all Ex HMAS SYDNEY crew, descendants and relatives of the march, these will be limited addition only for those participating in the march cost per set TBA but will keep it as low as possible which includes the sweatheart pin and pamphlets of the memorial site. All profits will go back to the Geraldton Tour Guide Association these are to be worn by all in the march Please
9. On completion of the march there will be an alcohol-free community memorial concert at the Geraldton multipurpose centre on the foreshore available for all and the Geraldton community. An invitation has been sent to Normie Rowe, John Schumann his band and the WA RAN Band to be part of our entertainment – it is planned to have as many local food vans available to cater for food and beverages
10. Merchandise there will be an addition generic memorial sublimation polo shirt and ball caps available for all to purchase paid pre-orders will be available and sales on Thursday 18th foreshore meet and greet and Saturday 20th memorial concert profits again to the Geraldton Tour Guide Association and 2nd recipient veterans program is also to be looked at by my 2IC Geof Irvin
11. Saturday Evening at approx. 19:00hr RAN visiting Warship; Local Vessels will depart for a slow overnight sail in company to the resting site of HMAS SYDNEY II. Cruise ship will embark locals and fly in and drive in visitors to join the ship – **Program to be confirmed**
- A. Sunday 21st Nov 2021 Dawn service at the resting site of HMAS SYDNEY II and scattering of ashes for those that wish to, and requests are encouraged, on completion sail over to the Kormoran to pay respects. The cruise ship will return to Geraldton and disembark passengers that joined only for the overnight sail and dawn services. Cruise ship will sail for 5-day cruise on completion return to Geraldton

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