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HMAS YARRA II NATIONAL MEMORIAL

“75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE SINKING OF THE HMAS YARRA II 4.3.1942 – 4.3.2017”

29th January 2017

Dear Friends and supporters,

As you will see, this year's memorial will not only be signified by it being the 75th year but will also have some extra very special events coordinated into the programme. Firstly, part of our service will include the interment of the ashes of our dear founder and benefactor Mr. Angus Walsh OAM, at the foot of the flagpole - A very fitting tribute to a wonderful, generous, hard working man who is sadly missed.

Secondly, I am so thrilled to be able to let all of you know that the memorial has had a complete facelift and lots of restoration work has been finalised ready for this years' service, thanks to the generosity of the Hobson Bay City Council and from donations that a lot of you have sent in over the past years towards the running and the upkeep of the memorial. Not only have we scrimped and saved for this but without the backing and the support from the council, this would not have been possible. With the memorial being so close to the sea and open to the elements, it has been a constant battle to maintain the memorial for a long time, so thank you very much to all of you who have contributed over the years and to the Hobson Bay council, its councillors, project managers and workers for all their efforts.

Thirdly, I am very excited to be able to inform everyone that the HMAS Yarra IV, under the direction of their new skipper LCDR Chris Cockerill, will be in Melbourne over this celebratory weekend and there will be an open ship tour on Saturday the 4th March, complimented with a morning tea. Anyone who may be interested in going onboard will have to quickly ring me with the names of those attending so the list can be handed in to the Port Authority due to security reasons and the ships caterers have numbers for the refreshments. When you contact me I will be able to give you the correct times in which the ship will be open for inspection.

Our memorial service will be held on Sunday 5.3.2017 commencing at 1100 hours at the memorial site, Melways Ref Map 56 B4, followed up with the traditional sausage sizzle put on by The Rotary Club of Williamstown. I would ask that those enjoying the refreshments to do so with a gold coin donation to support our Rotarians who are willing and very happy workers for our benefit each year. Mrs. Meena Walsh has very kindly offered to have the coffee shop open once again and hopefully the weather will be kind to us on the day.

Also, I am pleased to advise you that there will be an informal get together at the Altona R.S.L. Club 31 Sargood Street, Altona – Phone number 93982817. This venue is only a short distance from the memorial site, being approximately seven kilometres away. Once again this will be an excellent opportunity to mingle amongst each other and chat to the crew from the HMAS Yarra IV and our other dignitaries. PLEASE, take note that this year, it will be imperative that those coming to either or both events definitely advise me of their attendance as I have to know approximately how many to cater for and to arrange the correct number of seats.

Just a simple reminder that Ms. Jan Phillips has the new website up and the site to enter is www.hmasyarrainationalmemorial.com.au - Jan can be contacted through this website and will welcome any input or photos you may have for the site and we also have a news page for the HMAS Yarra II on facebook thanks to David Leviston. To access it, just type in HMAS Yarra National

Memorial on the facebook groups section and request to join up. Between David and Barry James the information that is put on facebook is really interesting and informative and we welcome friends who wish to come on board.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the 5th of March and to rekindling friendships - Take care - God Bless.

Regards,

Christine Hirschfield



Reverend Andrew Knight



Hyde Street Youth Band



T.S. Voyager Cadets



Mr Ken Crook



Mr Ken Goldberg's Family and memorial seat



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