



Memorial Cruise – A Cruise to Remember

To all,

We finally have an update to the HMAS SYDNEY II 80th Anniversary in Geraldton Nov 2021. I've been working closely with quite a number of outstanding people who are assisting with the plans and program for the 80th. Whilst progressing we discovered that a Memorial Cruise had been partially instigated by an Ex Vietnam Veteran from the RAAF No: 9 Squadron. With this exciting discovery we naturally bought Geoff Irving and his amazing talents onboard combining all plans into one Exciting and Very Memorable Anniversary event for not only the all Ex HMAS SYDNEY Crews and Associates but especially for the HMAS SYDNEY II Descendants and Relatives. Now that we have the Cruise factored into our plans we now need to gauge interest. For all couples and individuals that would like to be part of the Memorial Cruise – **A Cruise to Remember please click on the link provided and fill in all details and enter/register your interest. This Memorial Cruise will sail from Fremantle to Geraldton and will be alongside for the 80th Anniversary. The Cruise includes a sail to the SYDNEY's resting site for a dawn service then a sail to pay respects to the Kormoran. The Number of cabins available will be 600 for 4 to 5 nights. [Travelassociates.com/hmas](https://travelassociates.com/hmas) right click onto the link and click onto open hyperlink and complete the information required – thank you.**

Cruise Vessel Itinerary Overnight sail from Fremantle to Geraldton

1. An invitation has been sent to Normie Rowe, John Schumann and his band to be part of our entertainment
2. We will have guest speakers from the Finding SYDNEY Foundation Mr Ted Graham AM and Bob Trotter CDRE OAM Ret'd - Confirmed
3. The cruise ship will be visiting the site of the SYDNEY for a dawn service and again proceed to the kormoran to pay respect Timing and dates TBC
 - A. Vessel Arrived Geraldton approx. 10:00HR Friday morning the 19th Nov 2021
 - B. Meet and Greet Approx 13HR Foreshore For Saturday's March Briefing
 - C. Friday twilight memorial service,
 - D. Saturday morning Freedom of entry march for RAN ship in port along with **Ex HMAS SYDNEY crew, descendants and relatives ONLY** march with 645 members to march. Registration for the march will be promulgated at a later date
 - E. On completion of the march there will be a community memorial concert at the Geraldton multipurpose centre on the foreshore
 - F. Cruise ship will depart approx. 19:00hr
 - G. Hopefully due to demand we will have a second vessel from Geraldton that will accommodate locals and also members who have either driven or flown to Geraldton, this vessel will accompany the cruise ship. This is very much subject to demand, full booking of the Cruise ship first and availability of vessel etc
4. Cruise vessel sails back to Fremantle via planned voyage
5. 2nd vessel returns to Geraldton Port disembarks local passengers if required

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Drive/Fly Travel to Geraldton Itinerary

1. Thursday 18th Nov 2021 Meet and Greet Venue and timing TBC
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3. Friday twilight memorial service,
4. Saturday morning Freedom of entry march for RAN ship in port along with **Ex HMAS SYDNEY crew, descendants and relatives ONLY** march with 645 members to march. This march is not open to the public
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6. Sunday meet up with mates etc to say good bye and continue with your holiday and travels in WA – Saturday the 27th Nov 2021 The Annual Supply & Secretarial Xmas Drinks Port Kennedy RSL Dress of the day Loud Hawiian Shirts and \$2 Sausage Sizzle again Registration of numbers to be taken at a later date.

On behalf of myself and the HMAS SYDNEY II 80th Anniversary Team we look forward to providing more updates, registration details and especially bring this special project to fruition.

Yours Aye
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