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Dear Friends,

This newsletter is mainly intended to remind you of two important forthcoming events:

1. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- a) **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Tuesday 24 September at 5.30pm at Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, 33 Peel Street, Kirribilli. AGM in Kirribilli Room, followed by optional dinner in Sirius Cove Room at 7.00pm**

Due to very favourable comments about the AGM venue last year, it has been decided once again to hold the event in the delightful premises of the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, with beautiful views of Sydney Harbour from the Sirius Cove Room. A flyer, incorporating Notice of Meeting and Agenda, is attached, together with relevant AGM papers. If you would like to attend the AGM, it would be appreciated if you would send us the booking slip, if at all possible, as it helps us to organise seating, etc. If you would like to attend the dinner afterwards, the cost is \$55 per person.

- b) **REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AND LUNCHEON – Monday 11 November at 11.00am Church Service at St. James' Church, King Street, Sydney, followed by a lunch to be held in the Celebrity Lounge of City Tatteralls Club, Pitt Street at approximately 12.30pm**

Details with flyer will be sent to you in our next newsletter. In the meantime, please diarise this event.

2. OTHER FORTHCOMING EVENTS

By the time you receive this Newsletter, there will most probably have been extensive newspaper and other advertising of the Australian Naval Fleet Review which will be conducted from the 3rd to 11th October. This event will commemorate the Centenary of the first entry of the Australian fleet into Sydney Harbour on 4th October 1913. Many naval vessels from other countries will be present as will a contingent of overseas tall ships. Many events have been planned, an important one being a sail past with the Governor-General taking the salute. Also included will be a spectacular light show and fireworks. To give you an idea of the range of events to be conducted accompanying this Newsletter are some briefing notes provided by the Department of Community Relations which is working with the Navy on the project.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS—OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Thursday 3 October (arrival of the Tall Ships)

The international tall ships will enter Sydney Harbour from 11am.

Friday 4 October (arrival of the Warships)

At 10am Her Excellency, Ms Quentin Bryce, AC, CVO, Governor General of Australia will welcome the Navy's seven ships that will be representing the original 'Magnificent Seven' from the 1913 fleet entry. A twenty one gun salute will welcome the fleet.

Saturday 5 October (Fleet Review)

The Governor General will embark in HMAS *Leeuwin* and take the salute from a moving line of seven ships before sailing through lines of international warships. Ships companies will provide the traditional salute known as "cheer ship" as the Governor General passes. The events on the harbour and foreshore between 11am and 5pm will feature formation fly-pasts by fixed and rotary wing aircraft, naval displays and demonstrations, naval gun salutes and naval band performances.

Saturday 5 October (Pyrotechnics and Light Show Spectacular)

The day culminates at 7.40 pm with the Pyrotechnics and Light Show Spectacular. This will be a larger and longer event than the traditional New Year's Eve fireworks and will include the illumination of ships across the harbour and the extensive use of images on the Opera House sails, the Harbour Bridge pylons and the roof of the National Maritime Museum in Darling Harbour.

Sunday 6 October and Monday 7 October (Ship Open Days)

The public is invited to board a warship or a tall ship, and tickets must be booked online in advance. The warships will be berthed at Fleet Base East and Garden Island (Woolloomooloo) and at Barangaroo (Darling Harbour), and the Tall Ships will be in Cockle Bay (Darling Harbour). Open Days will be conducted throughout the afternoon of Sunday and all day Monday.

Tuesday 8 October (Navy Memorial Service)

Members of the public are invited to join the Chief of Navy, representatives from the international navies, and ex-naval members at the Navy Memorial Service commencing at 12.30pm at the Cenotaph in Martin Place.

Tuesday 8 October (Freedom of Entry to Mosman and Parramatta)

The International Fleet Review reaches into the community with two Freedom of Entry parades. Commencing at 12.30pm HMAS *Penguin* will exercise its right to the Freedom of Entry of Mosman, and at 1.00 pm HMAS *Parramatta* will exercise its right to the Freedom of Entry of Parramatta.

Wednesday 9 October (Combined Navies Parade)

The Combined Navies Parade will proceed along George Street to the Town Hall between 12.30pm and 2pm. This is an opportunity for Sydney to greet all the Australian and International Navies who are taking part in the 2013 International Fleet Review. Communities groups are encouraged to attend in national dress for the Parade, which will be reviewed by the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

3. NEW MEMBERS

We extend a warm welcome to new members **David Beale**, and look forward to seeing him at our forthcoming functions.

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just a friendly reminder to members who have not remitted their annual subscriptions: Please do so as soon as convenient. In this regard, I extend my sincere thanks to those members who have made Donations to the Society at the time of renewing. Your generosity will help the Society's finances.

5. AUSTRALIA DAY 2014

Given your Committee's need to plan ahead, a decision has to be made as to the type and consequent venue for our Australia Day celebrations. We should welcome suggestions as to the type of event we should hold. Please let Sue Labordus (9449 7532) email absociety@idx.com.au or me (9871 6869) know if you have something in mind.

With best wishes,

Ken Bock,
President