

## Royal Australian Navy Centenary of First Fleet Entry .

Australia's Chief of Navy has extended an invitation to over 50 of his foreign counterparts to send a ship (including tall ships) to participate in an International Fleet Review to be held in Sydney from 4-11 October 2013. This review is being held to commemorate the centenary of the first fleet entry of the Royal Australian Navy's fleet into Sydney on 4 October 1913.

**The Federation of Naval Ships Assns (including the RANCBA) has negotiated with the Australian Cruise Group for various cruise categories, coffee, lunch & dinner to give you the greatest coverage of events during the International Fleet Review at very affordable prices Please note, all cruise times are subject to official naval confirmation of event start times. Children prices , Under 4 Free, 5-15 50% discount.**

The Australian Cruise Group via their website [www.australiancruise.com.au/royal-australian-navy.php](http://www.australiancruise.com.au/royal-australian-navy.php) have included a separate page on THEIR website stating "Official Cruises for Federation of Naval Ships Fleet Review Cruises" or similar. We implore you to make your booking on this website. Families including Children and even grand children are welcome. Booking details are at the end of this Newsletter.

## CRUISE DETAILS FOR PERIOD 3 – 6 OCT 2013

### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2013

#### Tall Ships Arrival.

Coffee Cruise departing	1000 – 1200	\$20.00/\$14.00 (Adult/Child)
Lunch Cruise	1200 - 1400	\$69.00/\$48.00 Incl drinks package.
PM Coffee cruise	1400 - 1600	\$20.00/\$14.00

The invited Tall Ships from various countries will be arriving throughout the day. It is expected some will anchor in the harbour or berth at Bangaroo (Darling Harbour north) Also (time to be advised) will be the "Battle of the Boats" race by participants of the Australian Surf Rowers League.

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013

#### Fleet Entry (for most of the day)

Coffee Cruise	10.00 – 12.00	\$20.00/\$14.00 (Adult/Child)
Lunch Cruise	12.00 - 14.00	\$69.00/\$48.00 Incl drinks package.
Coffee Cruise	14.00 - 16.00	\$20.00/\$14.00

Ships will depart Jervis Bay PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. and commence entering Sydney Harbour AM Friday 4<sup>th</sup>. On this two hour coffee cruise will see the vessels arrive, anchor and or berth at various locations. Gun salutes/piping requirements. During the day, at a time to be advised, there will be a flyover of Civil/Service helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2013

#### Official Fleet Review

View the ships in position in readiness for the official Fleet Review by Governor General

Review Lunch Cruise	1030 – 1430 (4 hours)	\$88.00 incl drinks package. Child 5 -15 \$62.00
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Enjoy a sumptuous seafood buffet Lunch, including beer wine and soft drinks, prior to the Ceremonial Fleet Review by Her Excellency The Governor General of Australia. Her Excellency will be embarked in HMAS Leeuwin. The day will be "Sydney Harbour Dress Ship" with all ships and the boating and yachting fraternity of Sydney taking part. There will also be a formation fly past by Service fixed and rotary wing aircraft (time to be advised).  
Departure King Street Wharf only

**Dinner & Fireworks Cruise      1830 – 2100      \$76.00 incl drinks package.  
Child 5-15 \$52.00**

Sumptuous seafood buffet incl beer, wine and soft drinks followed by the evening fireworks and lightshow. Fireworks will be choreographed with a lightshow showcasing past and present vessels of the RAN.  
Departure King Street Wharf only

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

#### **Sydney/Emden memorial service.**

**Coffee Cruise      09.30 - 1130      \$20.00/\$14.00      2 hours**

During the coffee cruise we will position ourselves off Bradleys Head where the Sydney/Emden Memorial Service will be held at the HMAS Sydney Naval memorial (1000-1100). Ships Company from HMAS Sydney IV and the German Navy warship FGS Emden will participate. (subject to confirmation). On completion of this cruise RANCBA NSW intends to host a FREE BBQ at the end of GI. Our Cruise ship will drop off, those participating at GI, and remainder back to Darling Harbour. When you wish to depart GI you can catch a normal Harbour Ferry (every 30 minutes) back to Circular Quay.

- **How to book for your Royal Australian Navy Centenary Fleet Review Programme.**
- Click on the link below:
- <http://www.australiancruisegroup.com.au/royal-australian-navy.php>
- Select the cruise you wish to join from the menu options "**click here to book online now**"
- **If you have selected a sightseeing cruise or a lunch cruise you will then have an option of selecting a cruise on a particular day, i.e. Tall Ships 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct or Fleet Entry 4<sup>th</sup> Oct etc.**
- At the bottom of the booking page under CHECK AVAILABILITY you then select the date for the particular cruise you wish to book. If you want multiple cruises over different days you will have to repeat the process for each day.
- **When booking ensure you include your association after your surname. We can then ensure that association members all travel together.  
i.e. Bill Smith/HMAS Sydney or A Moffatt/RANCBA etc.**
- **You can pay a deposit or payment in full, those who pay a deposit will receive an email closer to their departure date for full payment.**

- **On payment a voucher for your cruise will be issued, on the date of travel this voucher is to be exchanged for a boarding pass which will indicate the vessel you will be travelling on.**

**IMPORTANT - When booking, ensure you include your Association after your surname i.e. A Moffatt/RANCBA. This will identify your Assn and ensure you are on the CORRECT VESSEL**

**All Cruises - children under 4 free, aged 4 - 15 less 30% of listed price. Family, friends, children and grandchildren welcome BUT MUST be booked by a Naval Veteran to gain these prices.**

**Allan"Shorty" Moffatt OAM**

**President RANCBA (NSW)**