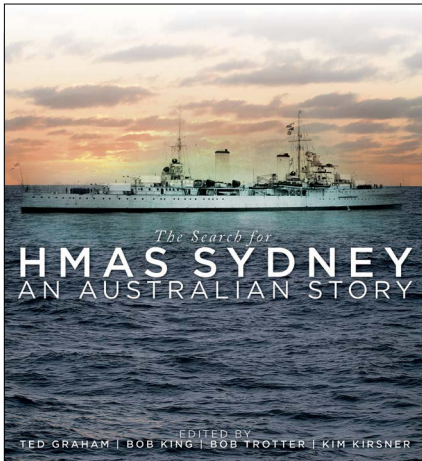




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# You are invited to the launch of The Search for HMAS *Sydney* An Australian Story



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The editors/authors thank the Australian National Maritime Museum, the Australian War Memorial, the Shrine of Remembrance, the Western Australian Museum and the City of Greater Geraldton for their generous support of the launch.

Join us for the exclusive launch of the fascinating new book, *The Search for HMAS Sydney: An Australian Story* which tells of the history, loss, discovery and commemoration of HMAS *Sydney* II located by the Finding *Sydney* Foundation in 2008, solving one of the most baffling mysteries in Australia's naval history.

The book includes stories by family members of the men killed in *Sydney* and of how they and the nation coped with the huge outpouring of emotion that the discovery of *Sydney's* wreck brought; it exposes the decades of false trails and false hopes which wasted lifetimes and money; it details the frustrating struggle for acceptance of a well-defined Australian solution of *Sydney's* location that was only overcome by the addition of similar overseas expertise; it tells how the original Australian work defined a point within 'spitting distance' of the wreck of *Kormoran* which would have led to a much earlier search to the wreck of *Sydney*; it describes why *Sydney* sank and why there was but one man found, the unknown crewman washed ashore on Christmas Island months after the battle and tells the ongoing forensic journey to identify him. It includes how the small community of Geraldton in WA went about building and commissioning the National HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial by 2001 while the nation was still looking for a solution to the mystery of *Sydney* and her men.

## About the Editors

**Ted Graham AM** was instrumental in 2001 in the formation of HMAS *Sydney* Search Pty Ltd, as Trustee of the Finding *Sydney* Foundation (FSF). In 2009, Ted was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) 'for service to the community through leadership roles in the successful search for HMAS *Sydney*'.

From 2004 to mid-2007, **Bob King OAM** provided technical advice to the FSF Board before first becoming a FSF Director and then General Manager. Bob received the Medal in the Order of Australia for services to the offshore oil industry.

**Commodore Bob Trotter OAM** was a Director of the Finding *Sydney* Foundation from 2002 and for his work in finding *Sydney* he was awarded a Medal in the Order of Australia in 2009.

In 1991 **Professor Kim Kirsner FAASS** initiated the Oceanography Workshop to determine the general location of the wreck of *Kormoran*, and in 1998 together with his colleague Professor John Dunn, developed a science-based paper locating the wreck of *Kormoran* 10 nm from her true location. Then in 2004, they refined the location to an accuracy of 2.7 nm.

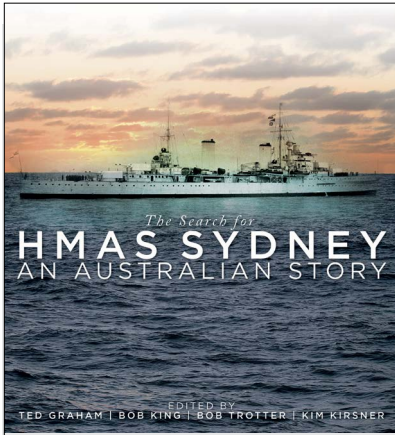
Includes personal contributions from the **Hon John Howard OM AC SSI**, **Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC, AFC**, the **Hon Tim Fischer AC**, the **Hon Geoff Gallop AC**, **Vice Admiral Russ Shalders AO, CSC, RAN (Rtd)**, the **Hon Bruce Billson MP**, **Mayor Ian Carpenter** and **Joe Glance** as well as major scientific contributions by **Dr Roger Neill**, **Mr John Jeremy** and **Captain Matthew Blenkin RAN**.



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# The Search for HMAS Sydney An Australian Story

## Launch Details



### Bookings

For the Western Australian Museum – Geraldton event, please book at the Geraldton Regional Library  
Ph: 08 9956 6659  
Email: library@cgg.wa.gov.au

For all other events, please forward an email booking to:

Ted Graham  
tedgraham@iinet.net.au

Or post to:

“Book Launch”  
42 Marita Road  
Nedlands, WA, 6009

RSVP by 22 August 2014

Please enclose payment in full by either (please indicate which)

- Cheque (made out to ED & DM Graham)

Or

- Electronic Funds Transfer to E.D. and D.M Graham, BSB 086-164, Account No 54-872-3335, taking care to place your full name in the ‘Description’ section of the EFT

#### **Australian National Maritime Museum**

When: Sunday, 31 August 2014, 3pm – 5pm

Where: Australian National Maritime Museum Theatre, 2 Murray St, Pyrmont, NSW.

Special guest speakers: The Hon Tim Fischer AC, and Sydney family member Mrs Judith Crowley.

The special presentation will be followed by canapes, drinks and book signings.

Price:

\$45 Members

\$60 Guests

\$30 Sydney direct family relatives

#### **Australian War Memorial**

When: Tuesday, 2 September 2014, 5:30pm

Where: Western Courtyard Gallery Australian War Memorial, Canberra ACT

As the Main Entrance closes at 5pm, access for guests will be via the Courtyard Gallery

Special guest speakers: the Hon Bruce Billson MP and Mrs Bridget Colless, daughter of the late Captain Joseph Burnett RAN.

Price: A contribution at the door towards catering costs would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance**

When: Thursday, 4 September 2014, 5:30pm for 6pm start

Where: Auditorium, Education Centre, Shrine of Remembrance  
Birdwood Avenue, Melbourne VIC 3004

Special guest speakers: Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC, Dr Roger Neill, DSTO and Sydney family member John Hasker AM

Price: A contribution at the door towards catering costs and a gold coin towards the Shrine of Remembrance would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Western Australian Maritime Museum**

When: Wednesday, 10 September 2014, 6pm – 8pm

Where: Function Centre & Balcony at the Western Australian Maritime Museum,  
Victoria Quay, Fremantle

Special guest speakers: The Hon Chris Ellison and Sydney family member Mrs Pat Ingham OAM

Price: A contribution at the door towards catering costs would be greatly appreciated.

#### **Western Australian Museum – Geraldton**

When: Saturday, 13 September 2014, 4.30pm – 6pm

Where: Western Australian Museum – Geraldton, Batavia Coast Marina, Geraldton

Special guest speakers: Mayor Ian Carpenter and Ted Graham AM with Commodore Bob Trotter OAM providing an address on behalf of all Sydney family members.

Price: A contribution at the door towards catering costs would be greatly appreciated.