



Naval Centenary Memorial Committee
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To all members of the Naval family

Let's not lose naval history in Queensland...

I'm writing to you on behalf of the Naval Centenary Memorial Committee to ask you to invest \$10 in the past, present and future of Navy in South East Queensland.

A significant Navy Memorial is to be constructed in the gardens at St Mary's, the 'Navy Church' at Kangaroo Point to recognise the contribution of the men, and more recently the women, who have served in the Queensland Navy, the Commonwealth Naval Forces, the Royal Australian Navy, and those who paid the supreme sacrifice.

Many of the historical reminders of our history are now commercial redevelopments - the Brisbane Port Office has become a restaurant, HMAS MORETON a unit block, and so on. Similarly there are many memorials commemorating events such as the Battle of the Coral Sea, individual ships, and associations, but there is no memorial recognising the origin of the Navy in Queensland and the State's historic ties.

The Foundation Stone for this Memorial was laid on 11th July 2011 by Her Excellency the Governor, of Queensland Ms Penelope Wensley AC, and it will be dedicated on 9th April 2013, the 110th anniversary of the first Australian Naval ship-to-shore radio communications between HMQS GAYUNDAH off Moreton Island and a receiving station in what is now the gardens of St Mary's. This site was chosen because of the many historical links with the Navy, its commanding position overlooking the first shore base of the Queensland Navy, the Brisbane River and across to the City

We have received support from many associations and individuals, and will soon be in a position to seek support from DVA and others, but this is a Navy memorial and in the first instance we seek your support.

We anticipate that this Memorial will serve as a focus for Navy commemorations, celebrations and remembrances for generations to come and we invite you to take ownership of it with a contribution. To donate, simply make a cheque or money order payable to the Naval Centenary Memorial Committee, PO Box 119, Holland Park Qld 4121, or direct transfer to: Account - *Naval Centenary Memorial Committee*
Account No - 21549138 BSB 124001

A register of donations is being kept and will be included in a Time Capsule. Please forward those details you would like included in our records either by mail to the above address, or by email - hpmtgrsl@bigpond.com

Thank you for your interest and please pass this around to all your mates - we would be disappointed to learn that people with links to the Navy just did not know about our plans for this significant Navy Memorial in Queensland.

Tony Townsend RAN (Ret'd)
Chairman

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