

THE MERCHANT NAVY WAR MEMORIAL FUND LTD



**56th ANNUAL COMMEMORATION AT THE MERCHANT NAVY MEMORIAL AND COLUMBARIUM**

**HAWTHORN AVENUE, ROOKWOOD, NECROPOLIS**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021, COMMENCING AT 1100 HOURS**

**FOLLOWED BY LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

**GUEST OF HONOUR DELIVERING THE 2021 ADDRESS**

**Rear Admiral Mark Hammond, AM, RAN  
Commander Australian Fleet (TBC)**



Mark Hammond joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1986 as an electronics technician at HMAS *Cerberus*. He was commissioned as a naval officer in 1988. He completed seamanship and navigation training in various ships then volunteered for submarine service, qualifying in submarines in 1994, and served as the commissioning Operations Officer in HMAS *Waller*. In 2003 Hammond completed the Netherlands Submarine Command Course (Perisher) and the US Navy's Prospective Commanding Officer Course.

He graduated from the Australian Command and Staff Course in 2004 before assuming command of HMAS *Farncomb*. In late 2014 Commodore Hammond was appointed as Director General Maritime Operations, exercising operational control of the Navy's ships, submarines and detachments, before relocating in 2017 to the United States for duties in the Pentagon as the Chief of Defence Force Liaison Officer to the Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Rear Admiral Hammond returned to Australia in March 2018 to assume duties as the Deputy Chief of Navy. On 17 November 2020 he was appointed as the Commander Australian Fleet based in Sydney and responsible for the raise, train and sustain activities for the Australian fleet.

**RSVP BY FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2021**

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DELIVER TO REGISTRATION TABLE MARKED (1) ORGANISATION (2) PERSON LAYING (3) TITLE

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IF YOU ARE AWARE OF ANY VETERAN WHO WOULD ATTEND IF TRANSPORT PROVIDED  
CONTACT YOUR ASSOCIATION

**OR**

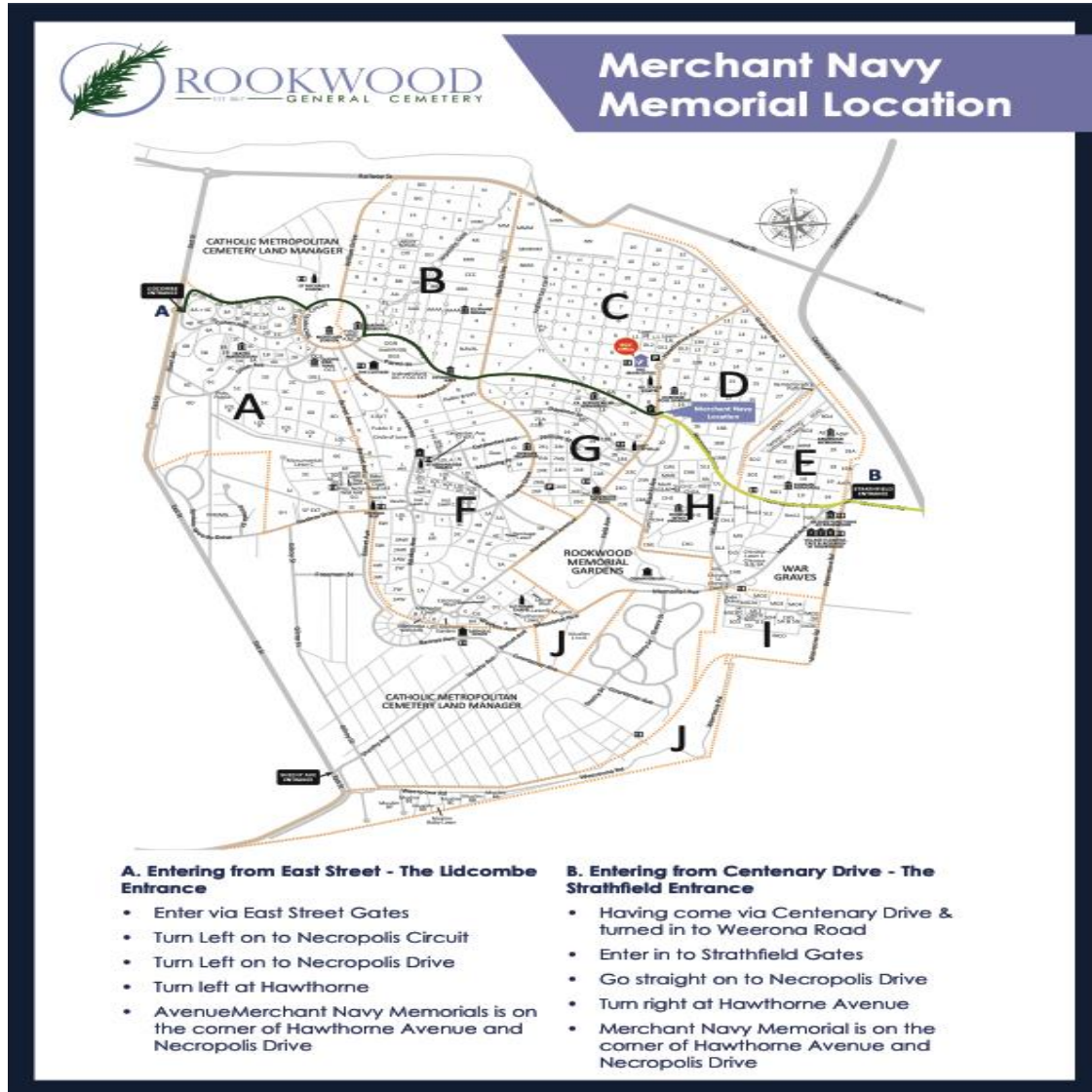
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