



## Merchant Navy Day Memorial Service



*Merchant Navy Memorial Sculpture:  
Australian War Memorial, Canberra.*

**Date: Sunday 3 September 2023**

**Time: 11.00AM**

**Place:** The Grand Hall, Mosman Art Gallery, 1 Art Gallery Way, Mosman, adjacent to the War Memorial and Allan Border Oval behind the Council Chambers at Spit Junction.

This Remembrance Service is dedicated to the service and sacrifice of Australian merchant seamen who manned ships in all parts of the world during the First and Second World Wars. The support these men provided was vital to the success of the war effort. Merchant ships carried essential supplies and troops but were vulnerable to enemy attack because they were generally slow, poorly armed and often loaded with dangerous cargoes.

Due to the lack of adequate records, we cannot know the full number of merchant seamen who died serving the allied cause. It is widely suspected that there may have been at least one Australian on many foreign flagged vessels. However, the Australian War Memorial has listed the names of 520 Australian mariners who had died during World War 2. On the Australian coastline alone, more than 30 ships were sunk and a number more were damaged.

All are welcome to lay a wreath/tribute following the official wreath laying. Please notify Merrill Barker so the name can be added to the list, **no later than Friday 25 August.**

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Please note: - Sunday 3 September is also Father's Day.