

**32ND ANNUAL COMMEMORATION**  
**NATIONAL MERCHANT NAVY WAR MEMORIAL, KINGS PARK, CANBERRA**

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023, COMMENCING AT 1100 HOURS

FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA – GARDEN CITY MOTEL  
55 Jerrabomberra Ave, Narrabundah ACT 2604

**GUEST OF HONOUR**  
**MR MATT ANDERSON PSM**  
**DIRECTOR OF THE AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL IN APRIL 2020.**

Mr. Anderson was appointed Director in April 2020. Previously he had a distinguished career within the Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade (DFAT), including Deputy High Commissioner to the **United Kingdom** (2016-20), Ambassador to **Afghanistan** (2015-16), High Commissioner to the **Solomon Islands** (2011-13) & **Samoa** (2007-11). He has also had postings to **South Africa, Papua New Guinea** and served as the Chief Negotiator of the Peace Monitoring group on **Bougainville** (2001-02). He was awarded the Public Service Medal for his role in leading the humanitarian and consular response to the 2009 Pacific tsunami. Mr. Anderson is a Graduate of the Royal Military College, Duntroon (1988) & served with the Royal Australian Engineers as a Troop Commander.

**RSVP: Mon Oct 16<sup>th</sup> by Phone or Email to Stan Moriarty, Secretary [secretary@mnwmf.com.au](mailto:secretary@mnwmf.com.au) 0418 488163**

**WREATH LAYING: Organisations / Individuals who wish to lay a Wreath are requested to provide:**

**(A) NAME OF ORGANISATION**

**(B) NAME & TITLE OF PERSON LAYING WREATH.** On arrival all Wreaths / Flowers, clearly identified, to be delivered to the Wreath Registration table

**PARKING:** All Parking is via the Gate Entrance (with signage) to a fenced off grassed area, diagonally opposite the Memorial. No parking in Bays opposite the Memorial, as reserved for Official Guests & Service Providers.

**MINI- BUS:** Will be available from & return to the Garden City Motel, **55 Jerrabomberra Ave, Narrabundah ACT 2604**

**TRANSPORT ASSISTANCE:** NO VETERAN should be prevented from attending the Commemorations, due to lack of transport. If any Veteran would like to travel to and from Canberra on the Sunday, car-sharing volunteers will be arranged. If interested, please make direct contact with your organisation. Alternatively, please contact Stan.