

Captain Joe Crumlin OAM
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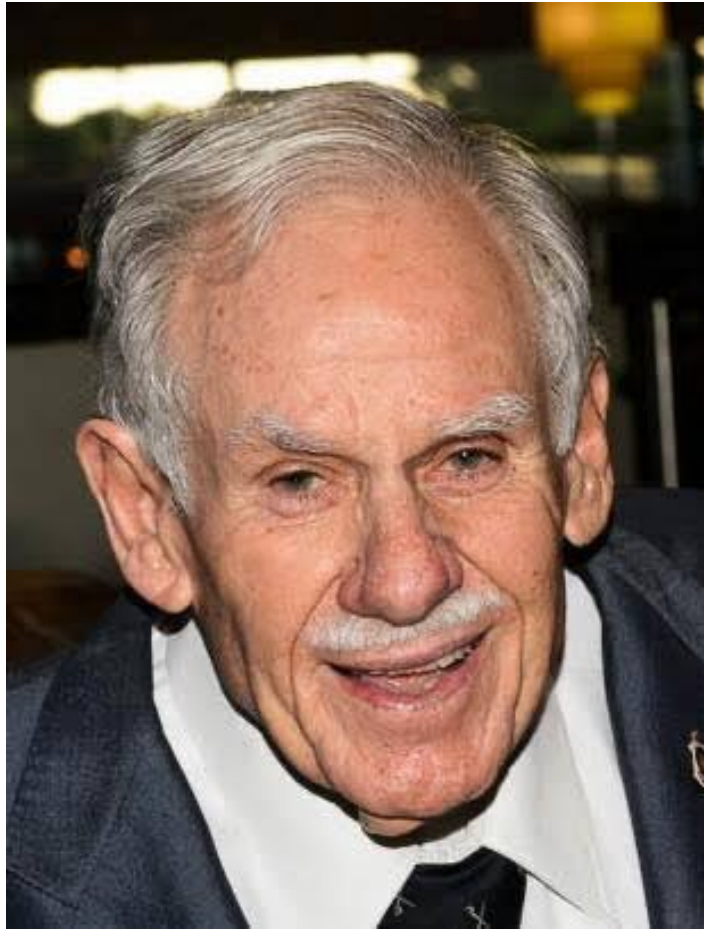


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Joe was a Bondi boy, sweep and life member of Bondi Surf Bathers Lifesaving Club, Captain of St Anne's School at Bondi. He went to sea after WWII as a Deck Boy, sailing out of Sydney and by his retirement was a Foreign Going Master Mariner, having put himself through his own certification at sea as an AB and subsequently as coxswain on the famous Sydney pilot Cutter "Captain Cook".

He sailed as an officer with Adelaide Steamship Company, coming ashore during his children's school years working with Waratah Tugs as a skipper. He was highly regarded as a salvage master and was involved in many outside salvage jobs over the years. He also served on the Federal Executive of the Merchant Service Guild.

A great raconteur and historian, in later years he was a sought after speaker on the Australian Maritime Industry in general and the Australian Merchant navy in particular. He was also an active historian on our military history in general and the First World War, particularly concentrating on the Gallipoli campaign, a historical site he visited on numerous occasions.

He was awarded an Order of Australia Medal for his historical work and was very active in the RSL movement and member of Pittwater RSL and Sub Branch, at one time playing a central role in military archives.

He greatly loved his wife Erin, a Bondi girl, and held her memory central to all his activities and achievements following her passing a number of years ago.

A dedicated member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Parish in Mona Vale. Member of St Vincent de Paul Society and driver of the Community Bus.

Father of Sean, Padraig, Kieran, Erin, Mary Kathleen & Joseph. Grandfather of Sol, Jed, Daniel, Shea, James, Benjamin & Rory. Great grandfather of Benjy, Isabella, Malia, Finn, Maisie, Anneliese, Darby, Rosie, Ella & Poppy.

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