



The Merchant Navy War
Memorial Fund Ltd
(MNWMF)

FUND RAISING APPEAL

We need your most valued assistance for this project of recognition & respect and we cannot achieve it without the support of all those who hold dear the Australian Merchant Navy

NEW & REMEDIAL WORKS AT THE MERCHANT NAVY MEMORIAL & COLUMBARIUM ROOKWOOD, SYDNEY

**With the centre-piece being the design and installation of
FOUR (4) BRASS PLAQUES BEARING THE NAMES AND
RESPECTIVE SHIPS OF THE 862 AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT
MARINERS, WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR
COUNTRY IN WWI (184) & WWII (678).**



Existing Merchant Navy Memorial site with Columbarium and surrounded by the Merchant Navy Rose Garden, which was granted to the Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund by the Church of England Cemetery Trust in 1947



Concept design (as at 8/12/23) of installation of plaques

Our Architects, Daryl Jackson Alastair Swayn, Canberra.

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CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE TO

The Secretary, Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund Ltd (MNWMF)
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Account Name: MNWMF PROJECT DEVELOPMENT FUND

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*Personal message from David Field FAICD,
Chairman The Merchant Navy War Memorial Fund Ltd (MNWMF)*

When the present Board was appointed in 2014, and developed our

VISION STATEMENT & PRIMARY OBJECTIVE,

we undertook **“TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE”**

in all that we undertake. We recognised that not enough was being done, within the Merchant Navy Community, to develop & implement new initiatives, all aimed at a greater recognition of the vital role undertaken by the Australian Merchant Navy in WWI & WWII. For this reason, we have over the last 9 years ‘taken on’ a significantly wider range of activities, all of which, have passed the test of ...will it make a difference. Of all our projects nothing has been more important or so appropriately answers the ‘will it make a difference’ question than the installation of these Plaques, at both the

CANBERRA & ROOKWOOD MERCHANT NAVY MEMORIALS.

THE CANBERRA PROJECT WAS COMPLETED IN OCT 2019

This major project could not have been achieved without the significant contribution of the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA), National Capital Authority (NCA) and the combined financial support of many organisations, companies and individuals.



The 2019 completed New & Remedial Works at the National Merchant Navy War Memorial, Canberra that were officially opened by Senator the Hon. Linda Reynolds CSC, Minister for Defence, at the 30th Annual Commemoration, Sunday 20th October 2019

**THE ROOKWOOD PROJECT FOR COMPLETION FOR
THE 59TH COMMEMORATION, SUNDAY 14TH APRIL, 2024**

We now once again seek that same support for the New & Remedial Works, we are undertaking at the Merchant Navy Memorial and Columbarium, at Rookwood General Cemetery.

Presently the Rookwood Memorial has a number of Garden Interments and within the Columbarium, small Brass Plaques, have been installed over the years and continue to be installed.... In memory of predominantly Merchant Navy Veterans, who have

‘Crossed the Bar’, since the end of WWII.

The vision of this project is that those that have died since the end of WWII, will be surrounded by their friends & fellow Merchant Mariners, who were unable to return to the love and safety of their families. As is the case with the 2019, installation of the Canberra Plaques, the installation at Rookwood will serve as a permanent fixture for generations to come.



Example of the four (4) plaques to be installed at Rookwood



The 2023 Commemoration with Rear Admiral Christopher Smith, AM, CSM, RAN, Commander Australian Fleet delivering the Annual Address



Rookwood Commemoration site