



**MERCHANT NAVY COMMEMORATION ROOKWOOD CEMETERY
SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2023 COMMENCING AT 11.00AM**

I extend a warm invitation to you & your Members to attend the **58th ANNUAL COMMEMORATION** at the **MERCHANT NAVY MEMORIAL & COLUMBARIUM**, on **Sunday 16th April at 11.00am**



Guest of Honour is **REAR ADMIRAL CHRISTOPHER SMITH AM CSM RAN - COMMANDER AUSTRALIAN FLEET**, who will deliver the 2023 Merchant Navy Address. As well as speaking of the vital role played by Australia's Merchant Navy, during WWI & WWII, I have invited him to also comment on the following:

I. The Oct 2022 appointment by The Australian Government of a **STRATEGIC FLEET TASKFORCE**, to advise Government on **THE CREATION OF A MARITIME STRATEGIC FLEET** . II. The **AUKUS NUCLEAR-POWERED SUBMARINE PATHWAY**

Our **MERCHANT NAVY VETERANS**, who are able to attend and the Merchant Navy Community, very much value your organisations support & representation.

Please respond by email to MNWMF Secretary Stan Moriarty secretary@mnwmf.com.au with copy to myself chairman@mnwmf.com.au

Re participation in the **WREATH LAYING**, can you please advise, the **NAME & TITLE** of the person participating.

We very much look forward to your company on Sunday 16th April.

**DAVID FIELD, FAICD
CHAIRMAN
THE MERCHANT NAVY WAR MEMORIAL FUND PTY LTD (MNWMF)**