

GUEST LIST FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE

3 JUNE 1999

IN WELCOMING EVERYONE HERE TODAY I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNISE THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE WHO IS REPRESENTED BY SENATOR ABETZ

THE CHIEF OF NAVY VICE ADMIRAL DON CHALMERS

THE US CONSUL GENERAL MR RICHARD GREENE

MARITIME COMMANDER OF AUSTRALIA WHO IS REPRESENTED BY COMMODORE BRIAN ROBERTSON

THE NSW PRESIDENT OF THE RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA WHO IS REPRESENTED BY MR JACK SCOTT

THE US NAVAL ATTACHE CAPTAIN CLEVELAND

REAR ADMIRAL ROSS SWAN PATRON OF THE HMAS MELBOURNE ASSOCIATION

REAR ADMIRAL TONY HORTON PAST PRESIDENT OF THE HMAS MELBOURNE ASSOCIATION

THE AUSTRALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION IS REPRESENTED BY

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF QANTAS AIRLINES OF AUSTRALIA WHO IS REPRESENTED BY MS DIANNE CRAIG

CAPTAIN JOHN STEVENSON FORMER COMMANDING OFFICER OF HMAS MELBOURNE

REGRETABLY , ADMIRAL MIKE HUDSON THE PRESIDENT OF THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA , WHO WAS SERVING IN MELBOURNE AT THE TIME OF THE COLLISION HAS BEEN DETAINED ON DUTIES IN CANBERRA AND ASKS THAT HIS APOLOGIES BE GIVEN.

CAPTAIN PETER BODEN , PRESIDENT OF THE HMAS MELBOURNE ASSOCIATION IS LIKEWISE ON DUTY IN CANBERRA AND IS UNABLE TO JOIN US TODAY.

ON HIS BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION I BID EVERYONE A WARM WELCOME TO THIS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 30 TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLISION OF HMAS MELBOURNE AND THE USS FRANK E EVANS.

MOST PARTICULARLY I WELCOME J C CAMPBELL THE PRESIDENT OF THE USS FRANK E EVANS ASSOCIATION TOGETHER WITH HIS MEMBERS , AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS . YOUR PRESENCE TOGETHER WITH ALL THOSE HERE TODAY ADDS TO THE SOLEMNITY OF THE OCCASION IN REMEMBERING THE TRADGIC LOSS OF 74 YOUNG MEN WHO WERE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY.

DURING THIS MORNINGS SERVICE THERE WILL ONLY BE TWO WREATHS LAID ; ONE ON BEHALF OF THE MELBOURNE AND ONE ON BEHALF OF THE EVANS. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE I WOULD ASK ALL PRESENT TO FOLLOW ME UP THE STAIRS TO THE SANCTURY AND CAST A POPPY , THE FLOWER OF REMEMBRANCE , INTO THE SHRINE AS AN ACT OF PERSONAL REMEMBRANCE.

I NOW ASK J C CAMPBELL THE PRESIDENT OF THE USS FRANK E EVANS ASSOCIATION TO COME FORWARD AND ADD TO THESE WORDS OF WELCOME .