

# Tour of the secure area of Garden Island For sub-Branch members and their friends

The Naval Historical Society of Australia conducts tours of the secure area of Garden Island on most Thursdays.

The Society asks for a modest fee of \$20.00 per person payable on the day of your tour by the leader of the group.

Tour dates need to be booked and confirmed in advance to ensure availability. Access to and from Garden Island is by ferry, or organised coach only, and you need to take this into consideration when planning your visit. **Please note that any attending bus/coach cannot accompany you on the tour and must be parked adjacent to the Navy Heritage Centre.**

Our Heritage Tour includes areas within the secure precinct of Garden Island (which is not open to the public); including the Kuttabul Memorial, the GI Chapel, heritage buildings and the top of the Captain Cook Dock. *There is quite a lot of walking involved and some stairs during the tour, so group members need to be relatively mobile. The tour is not suitable for visitors who utilise a wheelchair or walking frame.*

We also advise that sensible footwear is a must, and we recommend hats, sunglasses and sunscreen be used, even if the weather is overcast. It is also a good idea to bring bottled water so everyone stays hydrated throughout the tour. **If the weather appears to be inclement, you will need to bring wet-weather gear and umbrellas.**

Free BBQ facilities for lunch are available in the public access area should you wish to use them. The Salthorse café in the RAN Heritage Centre (phone 9359 2023 or Fax 9359 2021) is available for lunch.

## **Tour Outline**

- Your group will travel to GI via ferry departing Circular Quay at 10:05am (or arrive by organised coach at the GI front security gates by 10.00am).
- A representative of NHS or a Navy escort will meet your group upon arrival and escort you to the Heritage Centre where visitor passes will be issued. An opportunity for a comfort stop is available within the Heritage Centre.
- The group along with the Navy escorts will proceed to the Boatshed for a briefing before starting the tour of the secure area of Garden island which takes about 90 minutes.
- At the conclusion of the tour you can opt to explore the RAN Heritage centre located in the public access area at your own leisure.
- Don't forget, the last ferry to leave the Island is at 4pm.

## **Important:**

**To assist us with Garden Island security issues, a list of names of individuals in your party will have to be provided to us no later than one week before your tour. In addition a photo ID (eg Driver Licence, Passport or other photo ID) will need to be shown on the day of your tour.**

**Could the tour leader please pay the total by cheque or cash on the day of your tour.** If you have any further questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us on Thursdays by telephone) **(02) 9359 2243.**

Yours sincerely,

**Paul Nolan and Frank Doughty  
NHS Tour Co-ordinators**