



State Minister's Message
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A regular update from the Office of the Minister for Veterans' Affairs, The Hon. Michael Atkinson M.P.

Navy Week 2009 (17 - 25 October)

Minister Atkinson encourages the veterans' community to attend Navy Week activities in South Australia. The principal event is the Memorial Garden Service which will be held at 11am, Tuesday, 20 October at the Naval Memorial Gardens, Memorial Drive, North Adelaide. The event will be supported by RAN Band SA Detachment, Parade & Ceremonial, Australian Navy Cadets and followed at 12pm by the Navy Headquarters - South Australia BBQ (BYO, tables, chairs, drinks).

Minister Atkinson acknowledges the magnificent contribution the Royal Australian Navy has made and continues to make to our nation.

For more information on other Navy Week events can be found at www.navy.gov.au or by telephoning LCDR Kendall Holbert or Ms Valerie Hogston by telephone (08) 8305 6731.

90th Anniversary of the McLaren Vale RSL

On 10 October Minister Atkinson was delighted to join almost 200 people, including distinguished guests such as the Governor, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Keith Payne V.C., the President of the McLaren Vale Sub-branch, Brian Flavel and the President of the RSL (S.A. Branch), Jock Statton O.A.M. to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the McLaren Vale Sub-branch. The event featured an Honour Guard from the Navy Cadets and entertainment provided by the Navy Band.

Foundation Daw Park - Remembrance Day Business Breakfast

Foundation Daw Park funds medical research associated with Veteran and Community Health at the Repatriation General Hospital.

Members of the veterans' community are invited you to attend the:

2009 Remembrance Day Business Breakfast

7.15am for 7.30-9.00am – Tuesday, 10th November 2009

The Banquet Room, Adelaide Festival Centre

Cost: \$65.00 per person - \$650.00 per table of 10.

Foundation Daw Park is hosting this special event in partnership with the Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce (AICC) with support from the Defence Teaming Centre.

Guest Speaker will be Professor Peter Buckskin, Dean & Head of School: David Unaipon Indigenous College of Education and Research, University of South Australia. The Title of his Presentation is "United in Battle and United at Home" covering the roles of Indigenous People and Torrens Strait Islanders in our Military History; from WW1 to present conflicts.

Minister Atkinson will be attending and is looking forward to the event.

For registration queries please contact Chloe Watts on 8221 7004.

For program details or sponsorship opportunities please contact Chris Jenner on 8275 1310.