

Ordinary Meeting

Meeting Date: Monday, 22 August, 2022
Location: Council Chambers, City Administrative Building, Bridge Road, Nowra
Time: 5.30pm

Membership (Quorum - 7)
All Councillors

Addendum Agenda

Mayoral Minute

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MM22.16 Mayoral Minute - 75th Anniversary for the Fleet Air Arm Freedom of Entry, Nowra 20221

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Recommendation

That Council:

1. Support a Freedom of Entry Ceremony and Celebration on Friday 21 October 2022, noting the significance of the 75th Fleet Air Arm Anniversary and the fleet's continuing connection to the Shoalhaven.
2. Approve Budget requirements for the ceremony and celebration be dealt with through a quarterly review.

Details

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) has long had its home here in the Shoalhaven with two bases within our region at Albatross and Creswell. Council has a long and proud tradition of valuing our relationship with the ADF.

Tradition in the Shoalhaven has been to extend to ADF a Freedom of Entry Parade and Ceremony, which has its roots in medieval times when cities were fortified. Freedom of Entry is a formal ceremony where the ADF receive a ceremonial scroll that signifies the bestowing of freedom of the City. A Freedom of Entry is the highest accolade that can be bestowed on an individual or group of citizens and signifies a high level of trust with the recipients.

This year is a significant one for the Fleet Air Arm and in discussions with the Commanding Officer it was clear that this milestone should be commemorated with a significant Freedom of Entry Ceremony, which will be part of a number of events that aim to include as many of Navy and Civilians as possible.

The ceremony itself is unique to Navy and will create memories for many personnel who have never experienced this event. The event is also a great opportunity for our community to show their appreciation for our defence forces and their families posted locally.

I recommend that all Councillors prioritise this event on Friday 21 October 2022 for their calendars and bring family and friends to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Fleet Air Arm.

Should you wish to read more about this tradition.

[Freedom of Entry | Royal Australian Navy](#)

Defence News

[Fleet Air Arm celebrates 75th anniversary | Defence News](#)