

Recognition of Merchant Navy Day 2018  
Notice of Motion – Parliament of Tasmania

August 2018

Mr Guy Barnett MP [*Member for Lyons*] to move –That the House:-

- (1) Notes that the Merchant Navy Day is 3 September 2018;
- (2) Also notes the Australian Merchant Navy Memorial is a memorial honouring the Australian Merchant Navy's involvement in World War I and World War II;
- (3) Further notes that the memorial is located in Kings Park, on the northern shore of Lake Burley Griffin in Canberra and its location on the shore of the lake represents the Merchant Navy's relationship with water;
- (4) Recognises the Seafarers' Memorial is a memorial honouring the lives of all Tasmanian seafarers who lost their lives at sea, including those who served in the armed forces;
- (5) Further recognises the Tasmanian Seafarers' Memorial, located in Triabunna, on Tasmania's East Coast;
  - a. Notes the annual service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of October; and
  - b. The service includes the annual Blessing of the Fleet for the local fishing industry.
- (6) Acknowledges that the Merchant Navy Day illustrates the important contribution made to Australia's economic growth and prosperity in peace time and in war;
- (7) Notes that the Merchant Navy of the whole British Empire, which included the Australian Merchant Fleet, suffered proportionately the highest casualties of any of the allied services in the Second World War; and
- (8) Further notes that thirty thousand two hundred and forty eight British Empire merchant seamen who served at sea under the red ensign lost their lives doing so. The Australian Department of Veterans Affairs nominal roll records 3,500 Australian merchant seamen serving in World War II in Australian registered ships.

(30 August 2018)