



Freedom of Entry celebrations

From this Friday, 23 November at 6.20pm, the Nowra CBD will come alive with the Freedom of Entry event. The event will include a naval parade involving personnel from HMAS Albatross and HMAS Creswell and community street party celebration.

Further information is provided below, for an [event program see our website](#)



[Download the Event Program](#)



Helicopter Flypast

Eyes to the sky in the Nowra CBD at 6.40pm for the Naval Helicopter Flypast.

The Freedom of Entry celebrations coincides with 70 years of HMAS Albatross calling Nowra home so it is only appropriate that a ceremonial flight by a group of Albatross Helicopters honours service men and women at the event.

Beat to Quarters and Ceremonial Sunset

At 8:00pm at the intersection of Junction Street and Kinghorne Streets in Nowra - watch the Navy Beat to Quarters and Ceremonial Sunset, which is derived from amongst the oldest of naval ceremonies dating back centuries to the age of sail.

Originally, the ship's drums were beaten as a call for the Ship's Company to man their quarters, or action stations, when battle was imminent. It is extremely rare for the ceremony to be conducted outside of a Royal Australian Navy base or ship.

Ceremonial Sunset reflects the worldwide naval tradition of saluting the lowering of the flag at sunset each day in ships in harbour and shore establishments.



A special volley (military volley gun salute) will take place at the end of the Ceremonial Sunset, to close the event (at approximately 8:35pm). Read more on [Council's website](#)



Detours in the Nowra

Road closures will be in place for the Freedom of Entry event. It is expected that up to 2,000 people may attend the event, and as a result, there will be controlled road closures and changed conditions surrounding the Nowra CBD.

For details see [Council's website](#)

Nominate an unsung Shoalhaven resident

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to making our City a better place to live, work or play?

The Shoalhaven Australia Day Awards gives the opportunity for unsung hero's in one of eight categories including Citizen Award, Young Citizen of the Year, Sports Person, Junior Sports Person. There are also categories for Outstanding Contribution to an Inclusive Shoalhaven, Environment and Art and Culture and



Emerging Artist.

Download or completed an online form.



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