

Warship open days selling out

Tickets are selling at pace for the International Fleet Review (IFR) Warship Open Days in Sydney Harbour, with one opportunity to see international warships already sold out.



Flagship of 1913 festivities, HMAS Australia hosted interested visitors during their open day. (Sydney Mail, 8th October 1913)

Up to twenty international and Royal Australian Navy warships will be open to the public over two fun-filled, family days out at Garden Island and Barangaroo, on Sunday, 6th October and Monday, 7th October.

Afternoon sessions at Barangaroo on Sunday, 6th October sessions have already sold out. Director International Fleet Review, CAPT Nick Bramwell is encouraging everyone to get in quick so they don't miss out.

"The open days provide a great opportunity to experience a variety of navies up close." There will be a wealth of displays and demonstrations at both locations, including the water borne boarding team display, RAN Engineering Challenge, RAN Hydrographic display, Patrol Boat display, and performances by RAN and international bands.

"There were 50,000 tickets made available over the two days at the two locations, and we're

keen to see them sell out entirely,” said CAPT Bramwell.

“The International Fleet Review 2013 marks the centenary of the Royal Australian Navy’s fleet arrival into Sydney Harbour on 4 October 1913. It’s a huge event for our Navy, and we’re delighted to be able to share our commemorations with so many international partners,” he said.

Tickets must be pre-purchased from Ticketek at a cost of \$3.00 per person and \$8.80 per order (express post). A maximum of ten tickets is available per booking. There will be no tickets available on the day.

Visitors for the Open Day are encouraged to use public transport options to make their way to the Garden Island and Barangaroo locations. NSW Transport have put on over 4000 additional bus and train services over the course of the IFR weekend.

For more information see the IFR website at
<http://www.navy.gov.au/ifr/faqs/warship-open-day-faqs>