



DEFENCE MEDIA ALERT

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NAVY RESERVE EMPLOYER SUPPORT / INDUSTRY SHOP WINDOW AFLOAT

What: Navy Reserve Employer Support Shop Window and Familiarisation Function

Where: Aboard HMAS BRUNEI on the Brisbane River, from Naval Headquarters South Queensland at Bulimba to Eagle St Pier and return.

Who: Deputy Premier, the Hon Anna Bligh, Naval reservists, employers

When: Friday 28 April, departing NHQ-SQ at 0745 am

Background.

Members of the Royal Australian Navy Reserves are an integral part of the Australian defence Force. They bring civilian skills to naval operations and, conversely, take leadership and management skills learnt in the Navy back to their workplace.

Reservists currently contribute 7% to the total force output of the RAN and are vital to all aspects of current military operations. The support of their employers is critical to their ability to provide essential service to the Navy. This industry shop window and familiarisation function is designed to show employers what their Naval reservists do when they don a uniform, and to further show the many benefits to be gained by employing and actively encouraging reservists. The QLD Government is the largest employer of reservists in the state and the Deputy Premier will be making an address regarding the Qld Government's support.

Media Note: Interested members of the media are invited to join the personnel aboard BRUNEI for breakfast and the familiarisation trip on the river. Arrangements can be made to drop members off at the Eagle St Pier, or you may wish to return to NHQ-SQ at Bulimba.

Media intending to be aboard the vessel are asked to advise Paul Lineham on 0408 972329, no later than 3pm Thursday 27 April to facilitate access and catering arrangement. Attending media are asked to be at the entrance gates of NHQ-SQ, Apollo St Bulimba, by 0720 am, Friday 28 April.

For further information please contact Paul Lineham, Defence Public Affairs South Queensland, on 0408 972329

