

KNOWING OUR HARBOUR



"Hark Do You Hear The Sea"

**The Foreshore, Wharf Road,
[opposite Newcastle Railway Station. The southern side of Newcastle harbour]**

How many times have you been past this memorial on our harbours edge and not given it a thought?. To a lot of local families, including mine, this memorial to the Merchant Mariners is a stark reminder of our past.

The memorial that was established in 1994 is in 2 sections. The northern part is in a shape of a wave with the anchor draped over it. It is made of highly polished stone with gold inlay. The inscriptions are on the southern face with the Merchant Navy emblem and a cross. The southern part is in a shape of a square with a flag pole at its centre. This section is paved with pebbles set in concrete.

Inscription:

(north - anchor)

In Memory of All Merchant Mariners Lost in Time of War

"Hark Do You Hear The Sea" Shakespeare

"Lest We Forget"

(north east - plaque)

This Memorial was unveiled by The Hon. Peter Morris, MP. with the assistance of Mrs. J. Rogers and Captain L. Packman on Friday 17th June, 1994.

The anchor used was the spare bow anchor from the Newcastle built dredge E.O.K. GREEN.

The flag was formerly located outside the Administrative Building of the State Dockyard. The plaque, dedicated to the two BHP vessels was located at the BHP Newcastle Steel

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(north west - plaque)

Australia Remembers 1939-1945

During World War II the sea was the main transport route, bringing to Newcastle the raw materials needed by its industries and taking away the industries products, as well as Hunter coal. Japanese submariner operated along the east coast of Australia from 16 May to 3 August 1942 and 18 January to 16 June 1943. They sank 18 vessels and attacked another 15, killing 277 merchant mariners and 223 medical personnel, as well as attacking Sydney and Newcastle. In 1940-41 German mines sunk 4 vessels, killing 16, and a German submarine sank a vessel in 1944, killing 2.

14 men from Newcastle were among 23 lost when "Iron Crown", en route from Whyalla to Port Kembla, was sunk by submarine I-27 on 4 June 1942; earlier it had damaged "Barwon". On 22 July 1942 "Allara" was damaged by enemy action. It was repaired in Newcastle but 5 fatalities of that action are buried in Sandgate General Cemetery. Submarine I-21 which sunk "Iron Knight" had previously sunk "Kalingo" on 18 January 1943.

This Australia Remembers Plaque was sponsored by Newcastle Port Corporation

(south west - plaque)

North Coast Steam Navigation Co Ltd

For decades this company operated a fleet of small ships to navigate NSW North Coast river and bay ports but sadly it ceased trading in 1954. Two of its ships that had called regularly at Newcastle for cargoes and bunkers were sunk by enemy action during World War II. This plaque is dedicated to the memory of the officers and crew of those ships who lost their lives.

M.V. Nimbin

Sunk by a German mine off Norah Head on 5th December 1940, 7 lives lost

S.S. Wollongbar

Torpedoed by a Japanese submarine off Crescent Head 29th April 1943, 32 lives lost

(south - plaque)

In commemoration of Members of Mercantile Marine who lost their lives at sea.

S.S. "Iron Chieftain" 3rd June 1942

S.S. "Iron Knight" 8th February 1943



Total number of veterans names recorded on this memorial is 48

Rank	Last Name	Initials	Conflict	Status	Service	Ship
	Anderson	R F	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
	Bedford	E	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
	Bennett	H H	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Chieftain
	Brynes	L	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
	Callinan	J	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
	Clarke	T	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Chieftain
	Cleghorn	N	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
	Cole	D	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
	Dives	A	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
	Glossop	T R	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Chieftain
	Gunn	M	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Chieftain
Master	Haddelsey	L	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Chieftain
	Hamden	D	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
	Haynes	K L	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
	Hodgman	N F	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
	Hodson	H J	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
	Howes	F	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
	Hynes	E	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
	Iredale	K L	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight

Johannison	H	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Johnson	B J	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Jordan	R	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Kennedy	A G	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Chieftain
Kermode	K L	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Kerr	J L	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Chieftain
Lindemann	J W	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Chieftain
Maguire	J S	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Malone	G	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
McKenzie	J	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Nicker	A	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
O'Connor	J	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Perrin	G F	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Pinnington	A	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Master Ross	D	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Sargent	S H	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Chieftain
Slattery	M	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
South	H L	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Stafford	S I	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Chieftain
Steere	R B	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Stronach	G W	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Chieftain
Swainson	G S	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Chieftain
Targett	T H	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Tate	H	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Thomas	A	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Vivian	B T	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Weller	T J	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Wilkinson	H	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight
Young	J	World War 2	KIA	Mercantile Marine	SS Iron Knight