



Mid week Manoeuvre to the National Maritime Museum, Darling Harbour 16 February 2017

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A beautiful morning for our visit to the National Maritime Museum on Thursday 16th February. Thirteen members met at Circular Quay for the "compulsory coffee and chat" before boarding the Ferry (Alexander) for the short trip to Pyrmont. A sparkling morning on the harbour.

It was an interested group inspecting the exterior exhibits and then adjourned to the inside and cooler area of the Museum. It has been some years since my last visit and I was certainly not disappointed with the exhibits on display. Much laughter as we tested the hands on activities, such as are you eligible to join the Navy!!! Australia's security would be in rather poor hands if any of our lot were accepted.

The tribute to the early Mariners and settlers to our great country is beautifully displayed and it is very moving to ponder how tough conditions under sail were for our early ancestors who and the more recent migrants who came, not knowing what to expect, but generally enhancing this country and our way of life.

Lunch was enjoyed at the Museum's cafe, "Yots". Karen negotiated a 10% discount on the meal which was excellent value and high quality.

After a most enjoyable few hours the group went their separate ways, some catching the light rail to Central and others taking the bus home.

It was terrific to see Ivan looking well after his recent health problems and also great that Jean has survived her duties as Nurse/Carer. You were both missed and welcome back.

Looking forward to more interesting events with the Club this year, our 30th since the Club was incorporated. A special celebration will be planned in September to commemorate this special milestone.

