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HMAS Huon Freedom of Entry

Council is honoured to announce a 'Freedom of Entry' parade and celebration for the crew of the HMAS Huon on Saturday 4 November 2017 from 10.30am.

The Freedom of Entry tradition goes back hundreds of years. Towns, ports and cities were alarmed when sailors or soldiers arrived in large numbers with weapons. A ceremony was agreed to, where the armed servicemen paraded through the town and were stopped by an official who challenged them and, once they had agreed to store their weapons, were given **Freedom of Entry** to the whole town, so they could enjoy their 'shore leave.'

The Australian Navy still continue this tradition, while visiting the towns and cities their ships and boats are named after.

The HMAS Huon is a coastal minehunter class vessel. It was launched in 1997.

The **Freedom of Entry** parade leaves the Cenotaph in Heron Street at 10.30am. The crew will march down the Main Street to the RSL where the 'challenge' will take place. Once they are granted entry by Tasmania Police they will continue passed Walton Park where the official salute occurs. They will then proceed to the Police Station where they will hand in their weapons.

The public are invited to come and watch the parade and then meet the Officers and Crew of the HMAS Huon at the Town Hall at approximately 11.15am.

Huon Valley Commissioner Adriana Taylor says the ceremony is a great reminder of our past.



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“The Freedom of Entry ceremony is a way for us to acknowledge and honour our servicemen and women who work so hard in often trying conditions.

“We are pleased to be able to offer the crew the Freedom of Entry to Huonville and the Huon Valley, and would like to invite as many people as possible to come along and watch,” Commissioner Taylor said.

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