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VISIT OF AUSTRALIAN NAVY SHIP

The Royal Australian Navy ship, HMAS WARRAMUNGA, will be visiting the Kingdom of Cambodia from 27 October to 31 October 2016. The visit reinforces the close links between Cambodia and Australia through the Australian Defence Cooperation Program and follows successful visits by Royal Australian Navy vessels in previous years, including the recent visit by HMAS PERTH in 2015.

While in Sihanoukville, Royal Australian Navy personnel will visit the Royal Cambodian Navy Base at Ream where they will tour the base and share experiences with their Cambodian counterparts. The Australian crew look forward to the challenge of competing in a variety of sports against their Cambodian counterparts and visiting some of Cambodia's tourist destinations in the region before departure.

The Commanding Officer of HMAS WARRAMUNGA, Commander Dugald Clelland RAN will be paying courtesy calls on the Governor of Sihanoukville province, His Excellency Yun Min, and the Commander of Ream Naval Base, His Excellency Vice Admiral Ouk Seyha.

HMAS WARRAMUNGA is an Anzac Class frigate capable of air defence, surface and undersea warfare, surveillance, reconnaissance and interdiction. The ship can embark a multi role Sikorski S-70 Seahawk helicopter to enhance anti-submarine, anti-surface warfare and search and rescue capabilities.

Photographs and further information on HMAS WARRAMUNGA can be obtained from:
<http://www.navy.gov.au>

There will be a media briefing and photograph opportunities in Sihanoukville on 27 October 2016. Media staff interested in attending these opportunities are requested to register interest with the point of contact identified below.

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