

'Weekend of Commemorations'

Friday 7 November – West Island

Afternoon

Arrival at Cocos Keeling Islands Airport

Check-in to accommodation

Visit the supermarket for essential items (supermarket open until 3pm)

6.00pm - All Welcome – Cocos Club Food Night

Come and participate in a West Island tradition – the 'Food Night'. Mix with locals and visitors alike whilst enjoying a meal prepared by a community club or local business. Cocos Tropical Foods, a locally owned and operated small business, will prepare an array of delicious options for you to choose from. There is something for everyone from soups to pasta and salad.

Venue: Cocos Club
Meal Cost: \$5 per main meal serve
Beverages: Purchase from the Cocos Club
Dress: Casual

6.00pm to 8.00pm - Indian Ocean Territories Administrator's Reception (Invitation Only)

Official finger-food reception hosted by the Administrator overlooking the sunset to the west whilst enjoying the company of visitors and locals.

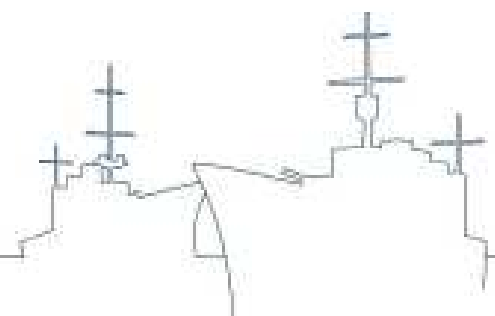
Venue: Tropika Restaurant (Oceanside veranda)
Cost: Nil
Dress: Smart Casual

8.10pm

Depart West Island settlement for Rumah Baru Jetty.

8.30pm

Ferry departs from Rumah Baru jetty, West Island to Home Island.



Saturday 8 November – Direction Island, Home Island and West Island

7.30am

Depart West Island Settlement for Rumah Baru jetty. There are a number of bus stops around the settlement to transfer via the local bus service.

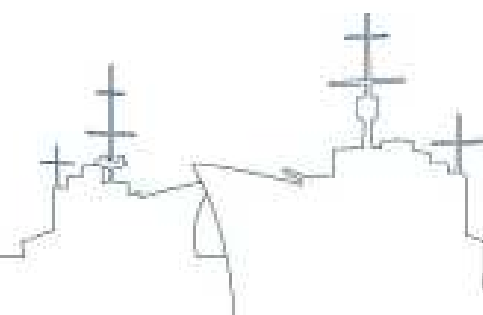
Note: Due to visitor attendance numbers we encourage car-pooling where possible. Residents are encouraged to take their own cars and boats to better facilitate visitor transport on local services.

8.00am

Ferry departs from Rumah Baru jetty, West Island to Direction Island. The ferry will make two consecutive trips between West Island and Direction Island.

Notes:

1. Each ferry service can take a maximum of 84 people. Those requiring the ferry to Direction Island are requested to be at the ferry terminal at 8am, ensuring as many people as possible catch the first ferry.
2. The first ferry will return to West Island via Home Island. The second ferry will depart West Island immediately upon passenger loading.
3. Residents are encouraged to utilise and share private boat transfers where possible to allow the large number of visitor transfers on the ferry.
4. The usual Saturday afternoon ferry from Direction Island to West Island will depart Direction Island at 4.15pm (15 minutes later than normal.)
5. There is no drinking water on Direction Island and the sun is strong. Wearing sunscreen, a hat, mosquito repellent and bringing along your own water supply are essential. A small amount of complimentary refreshments following the opening of the Gazebo will be provided.
6. For those going to Home Island please dress appropriately to respect the Cocos Malay culture. www.cocoskeelingislands.com.au has information on the climate and culture of the islands.





10.30am - Sydney Emden Gazebo official opening, Direction Island

The Sydney Emden Gazebo, a project of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Shire, is a truly unique memorial to the Sydney Emden battle. Situated adjacent to the Jetty on Direction Island, the Gazebo features interpretive panels telling the Sydney Emden story and crew lists from the HMAS *Sydney (I)* and SMS *Emden (I)*.

His Excellency The Governor General of Australia Sir Peter Cosgrove and The Hon. Luke Simpkins, representing the Australian Government will officially open the Gazebo.

10.45am

Complimentary light refreshments served.

11.00am – 2.00pm

Explore Direction Island. Walk the new 'Direction Island Heritage Trail'. Take a relaxing swim, relish the beauty of the underwater marine life or adventure snorkel 'The Rip'.

2.15pm

Ferry departs from Direction Island to Home Island. The ferry will make two consecutive trips between Direction and Home Islands.

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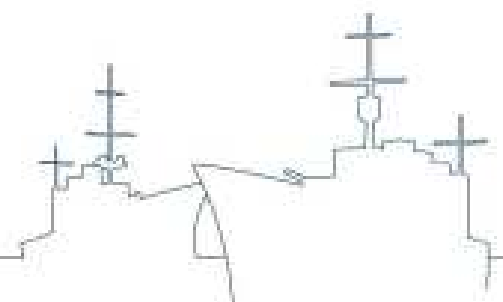
1. The Saturday afternoon ferry from Direction Island to West Island will depart Direction Island at 4.15pm.

From 2.45pm – An introduction to Home Island

Upon arrival enjoy some complimentary Cocos Malay style refreshments served on the Home Island foreshore. There is an opportunity for 5 guests to participate as crew members on a Jukung (traditional handmade Cocos Malay sailing boat). If you are interested enter your name on the paper provided under the marquee. The draw will be conducted at 3pm.

Meander around workshop stalls led by Home Islanders and gain an appreciation of the unique Cocos Malay history, culture and traditions. Try your hand at various activities and visit the Home Island Museum to learn about Cocos history and the Sydney Emden battle.

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From 3.15pm – Traditional Jukung Race

Relax on the Home Island foreshore and witness a true Cocos Malay tradition – the Jukung race. The Jukung are small yachts that used to have significant practical function but their importance now is purely symbolic. On the Cocos Keeling Islands, the *Jukung* was the preferred mode of transport across the atoll. Unlike in Indonesia, where the term "*Jukung*" usually refers to a sailing boat with outrigger/s, on the Cocos Keeling Islands, the "*Jukung*" has no outrigger. In the past *Jukung* were used for transportation, hunting and racing. The third use continues as a Cocos tradition today; racing on special occasions.

4.15pm

Ferry departs from Direction Island to West Island.

6.00pm

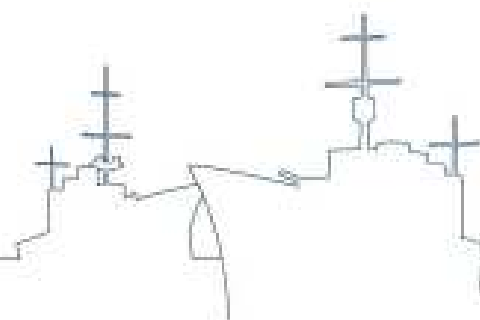
Ferry departs from Home Island to West Island.

7.00pm to 9.00pm – West Island 'Community Welcome Reception' for the Governor General

The Cocos Islands District High School (West Island Campus) is the venue for this event. Come for a complimentary meal of traditional Cocos Malay and western food. Enjoy a meal whilst talking to visitors, residents and VIPs including His Excellency the Governor General. All welcome.

Venue: Cocos Islands District High School - West Island Campus
Meal: Complimentary
Beverages: BYO drinks with water provided
Dress: Smart Casual

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Sunday 9 November – West Island

9.00am

Ferry departs from Home Island to West Island.

10.00am

Official Inauguration of the *Sydney (I)* – *Emden (I)* Friendship Mast

The six metre steel stainless mast has a two metre crossbar and replicas of the bells from both ships. The replica of the Emden bell is cast in bronze while the Sydney bell also in bronze is silver plated recalling Sydney's original silver bell.

The Friendship Mast is unique. Apart from the Japanese Gardens and War Cemetery in Cowra (NSW) and the Kemal Atatürk Memorial in Canberra, Australia has few memorials honouring those who fought on opposing sides.

Official Centenary Memorial Service conducted by the Royal Australian Navy

*The Chief of Navy will host a commemorative service at the 'Friendship Mast'. His Excellency The Governor General and the German Ambassador are expected to attend. Descendants of the crews of the *Sydney (I)* and *Emden (I)* are expected to join in remembering those who fought and those who lost their lives in the Battle of Cocos Keeling Islands.*

Please note that biodegradable wreaths will require the written permission of Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services (AQIS) to come to Cocos. Please contact the AQIS Office on Christmas Island by email christmas.island@aqis.gov.au.

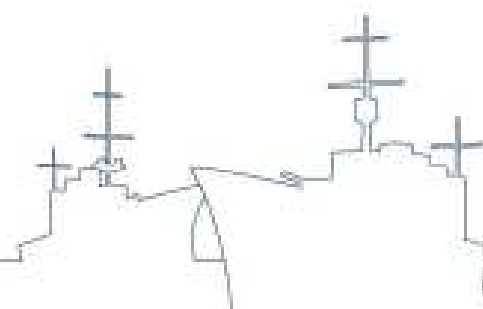
Venue: The Memorial area next to the West Island Administration Building

Dress: Smart Casual (medals and decorations as appropriate.)

11.15am

Complimentary light refreshments.

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12.00 noon – Golf Ambrose Challenge (RSVP required; max. 60 people)

This is a once in a lifetime event and an opportunity available to a limited number of lucky people! Play a social Ambrose golf challenge traditionally known on Cocos as 'Scroungers'. This is open to those of all capabilities on one of the most unique courses in the world.

Each team will be made up of residents and visitors. Where in the world can you play over an unfenced international runway? Only on Cocos!!!

Cost: \$10 (cash only) per person includes lunch, game and club hire.

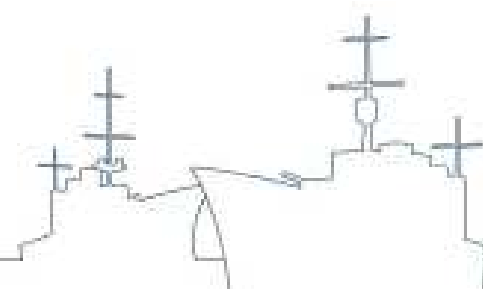
Cocos Islands Golf Club merchandise and drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) are available for purchase (cash only) at the Golf Club before and after the game.

RSVP by email to cocosislands@crc.net.au by no later than 30 October to ensure you don't miss out on this once in a lifetime opportunity.

12.00 noon - Afternoon Activities

For those not playing golf the afternoon is yours. Enjoy some lunch at the Tropika Restaurant or Dory's Café (bookings essential). Take this opportunity to do one of the many activities on offer on Cocos. Please see the 'What's On' Guide annexed to this schedule to discover the magical islands of Cocos.

Note: Pre booking of tours is essential to avoid disappointment. Some tours have limited numbers and are also dependent on tides and weather.





4.30pm

Depart West Island settlement to The Big Barge Art Centre for evening activities.

Notes:

1. Please car-pool where possible.
2. A bus service will pick-up from bus stops around the settlement.

5.00pm to 8.00pm – The Big Barge Art Centre

The beautiful Big Barge Art Centre is the venue for a spectacular evening. Experience a range of complimentary finger foods and Cocos Tropical Foods Pizza whilst enjoying a Sunset Performance by the Royal Australian Navy Band.

Witness a beautiful Cocos sunset from the most western part of Australia and sit back on your picnic mat or chair for the Centennial Screening of the recently released Fact Not Fiction Films documentary; *'Cocos 1914 – An encounter between HMAS Sydney and SMS Emden.'*

Venue:	The Big Barge Art Centre
BYO	Drinks and picnic mat/chair as seating is limited
Dress:	Casual

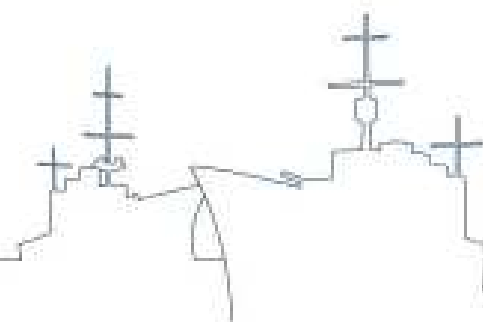
8.00pm

Transfers from the Big Barge Art Centre to Rumah Baru Jetty and West Island Settlement.

8.30pm

Ferry departs from West Island to Home Island.

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Monday 10 November

North Keeling Island Charter (Invitation Only)

North Keeling is an isolated, horseshoe shaped island, 24 kilometres north of the main Cocos Keeling group. It is also Australia's smallest National Park, Pulu Keeling, managed by Parks Australia and a place of considerable international significance. The Emden wreck lies between two and nine metres below the water line on the southern reef of North Keeling Island.

Subject to conditions a charter to North Keeling has been booked to tour the Island and if possible to conduct a simple on-water service near the wreck of the Emden.

However please note: it will be at the Captain's discretion as to whether the charter can proceed. This depends on sea, swell, tides and vessel serviceability. Even moderate conditions can make the journey difficult. Due to the limited capacity of this charter invitations will be issued for this event. Those attending should have a high degree of fitness and swimming capability to undertake this trip.

If the memorial service proceeds biodegradable wreaths can be placed in the water*.

Dress: Casual (wearing sunscreen, a hat, mosquito repellent and bringing your own water supply are essential)

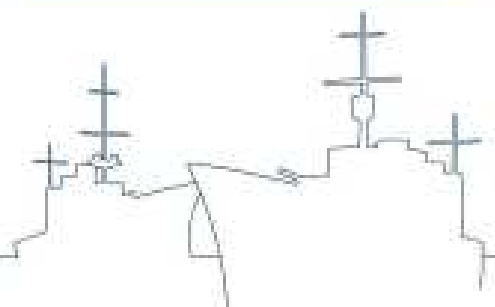
Timings: To be advised (if the trip proceeds)

*Please note that biodegradable wreaths will require the written permission of Australian Quarantine and Inspection Services (AQIS) to come to Cocos. Please contact the AQIS Office on Christmas Island by email christmas.island@qis.gov.au.

Discovery Day

For those not involved in the charter to North Keeling Island the day is yours to discover the tropical beauty of the Cocos Keeling Islands. Swim, paddle, walk, ride, tour, relax, bird watch, husk a coconut, beach comb, fish and explore. So many options!

*Tours require pre-booking and are subject to tides, weather and availability. Please contact the Cocos Keeling Islands Visitor Centre on (08) 9162 6790, email info@cocoskeelingislands.com.au or visit www.cocoskeelingislands.com.au for further information.



Tuesday 11 November

8.15am – Cocos Islands District High School 'Whole School Assembly' West Island Campus

Everyone is invited to attend the Cocos Islands District High School 'Whole School Assembly'. Students from the school will share and deliver presentations and projects to the community. Students will be presented with a limited edition uncirculated Royal Australian Mint 'Battle of Cocos Coin' by the Indian Ocean Territories Administrator. After the assembly engage with the school community by enjoying a complimentary morning tea in the library.

11.00am - 12.00 noon – For those leaving Cocos today

Check-in with Virgin Australia at the Cocos Islands airport. Afterwards you are free to go about your business or maybe get a bite to eat at Dory's Café, the Tropika Restaurant or WICK Café (traditional Cocos Malay cuisine) or have a drink at the Cocos Club. Make sure you come back to the airport when you hear the plane to ensure you don't miss your flight!

For those staying on

The afternoon and the remainder of your time on Cocos is yours to further discover the tropical beauty of this remote Australian atoll. Talk to the friendly staff at the Visitor Centre about the range of things you can do.

*Please pre-book tours to avoid disappointment. Check out the annexed 'What's On' Guide and then contact the Cocos Keeling Islands Visitor Centre on (08) 9162 6790, email info@cocoskeelingislands.com.au or visit www.cocoskeelingislands.com.au for more information.

Contacts

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