

# **Rabaul Historical Society Inc.**

## **Event Hosting & Ceremonial Services**

### **ANZAC Day Dawn Service**

Held each year on April 25th, our ANZAC Day Dawn Service is a powerful tribute to the ANZACs and all who served during conflicts across the Pacific.

- Coordinated with military representatives and local officials
- Public ceremony with traditional hymns and wreath laying
- Torch procession and bugle salute at sunrise
- Sound, lighting & stage setup included

### **Montevideo Maru Dusk Service**

A solemn evening memorial held annually to honour the 1,053 Australian POWs and civilians lost in the sinking of the Montevideo Maru on 1 July 1942, Australia's worst maritime disaster.

- Held at sunset with candlelight and silent reflection
- Historical readings and moment of silence
- Inclusion of descendants, veterans, and dignitaries
- Optional choral tribute and light installations
- Supported by Australian War Memorial representatives and local historians

### **Frangipani Festival**

Celebrate the rebirth of Rabaul following the volcanic eruption through this colourful annual event.

- Cultural performances, food stalls & arts exhibitions
- Parade coordination and vendor management
- Event branding, signage, and promotion
- Partnership with schools, youth groups, and performers

### **Papua New Guinea Independence Day**

On September 16, join us to honour PNG's journey to nationhood.

- Flag-raising ceremony and national anthem
- Guest speaker coordination (government, chiefs, veterans)

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- Community engagement booths and local crafts
- Live music and school choir performances

### **What We Offer**

Our Event Hosting Services include:

- Complete event planning and scheduling
- Venue preparation and logistics
- Permits and official protocols
- Audio/visual systems setup
- Seating and accessibility arrangements
- Public address and media coordination

### **Event Venues**

Events are hosted at historic and symbolic sites throughout Rabaul:

- Bitapaka War Memorial
- Queen Elizabeth Park
- Rabaul Town Cenotaph
- RHS Grounds (for exhibitions or speeches)
- Montevideo Maru Memorial Site

### **Partnerships & Custom Events**

We work closely with:

- Local Government Authorities
- Diplomatic Missions
- Schools and Veterans Associations
- Tourism and Culture Offices

Custom ceremonial requests or private memorial events can be arranged upon consultation.

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## **Plan or Partner With Us**

Let us help you plan a respectful, memorable and culturally grounded event.

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