



**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF NAVIGATION
– AUSTRALIA DAY 2016 –
AUSTRALIAN MERCHANT NAVY MEMORIAL
MEMORIAL POINT, WAUBS BAY, BICHENO**

The Australian Institute of Navigation marked Australia Day, 2016 by embellishing the Memorial with a 50x80cm cast bronze plaque honouring WAUBADEBAR, legendary aboriginal heroine of the sea and after whom the Bay, Beach, Gulch and Street are named.

The beautiful plaque bears the emblem of the Institute and is a professional masterpiece of precision engineering by Mr Oliver Perkins, foundry Manager of APCO Engineering.

The Institute was represented by Captain, Daryl Smith, RFD, RD, FAIN, accompanied by wife Nola.

In a most emotive gesture the aboriginal community showed its profound appreciation to the Institute when Ms Rose Press presented Daryl with a sacred and spiritual aboriginal necklace requesting he wear it on ceremonial occasions at the Memorial.

The emblazoned memorial on Crown Land, in all its magnificence and protocol, is a gift to the community represented by the children of Bicheno Primary School who are entrusted, all and singular, by Illuminated Address as Guardians and Custodians.

Daryl described the occasion as a significant and gentle act of recognition by the Australian Merchant Navy and the Australian Institute of Navigation.