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POLITICANS VISIT NAVY'S WOLLONGONG-BASED SURVEYORS

The Navy's Australian Hydrographic Service will host a visit to its Wollongong office by six locally based politicians on Thursday 2nd Oct 03 at 3.00 pm.

The six locally based politicians are the Lord Mayor of the City of Wollongong (Cr Alex Darling), the Federal Member for Cunningham (Mr Michael Organ, MP), the Federal Member for Throsby (Ms Jenni George, MP), the NSW Member for Keira (The Hon. David Campbell, MP), the NSW Member for Wollongong (Ms Noreen Hay), and the NSW Member for Illawarra (Ms Mariane Saliba, MP)

The purpose of the visit is two fold. The visit will provide Politicians with an overview of the range of activities of the Australian Hydrographic Service (with its headquarter office in Wollongong employing about 120 staff). Secondly, the Navy will present a framed montage of photographs to the City of Wollongong as a gift to acknowledge the City's gracious grant of 'Freedom of Entry' in Sep last year.

This short visit represents a unique community event for Wollongong in that its local politicians from the three levels of government will be present at the same time for a non-political occasion.

An opportunity to take photographs/vision of the group and the presentation of the gift to the Lord Mayor will be provided in the foyer of the Australian Hydrographic Office from 3.00 to 3.30 pm Thursday 02 October 2003. Captain Bruce Kafer (Hydrograher of Australia), host for the visit, will be available from 2.30 pm for a short interview if required.

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