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COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE 2ND MARCH 2008 – GARRISON CHURCH

Sadly the NSW Catalina Aircrew Group are having their final gathering at the Garrison Church on Sunday 2nd March this year.

Every year this group has formed up at Observatory Hill and marched down to the Garrison Church where they have held a service for the 320 aircrew lost during the war.

This has been a very dedicated and moving occasion where the remaining veterans have been able to get together for a sombre, reflective occasion before drowning their sorrows at the nearby Hero of Waterloo Hotel. As the number of veterans now left is so few, this is to be the last occasion, however it will be attended by all members who are available.

Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO Governor of New South Wales will also be attending on this occasion together with other official dignitaries.

The latest update of the acquisition of our flying Catalina for operation at the heritage listed Rathmines Memorial Base is attached. It is our earnest hope to have the Catalina here and a hangar museum re-erected at Rathmines before many more of our veterans leave us.

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