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Burnie port of call for HMAS Manoora

Burnie will play host to more than 250 Royal Australian Navy officers and crew from HMAS Manoora later this month.

From March 25 to 28, HMAS Manoora will dock at Burnie Port providing plenty of opportunities for the public to meet crew members and tour the ship.

Burnie Mayor Alwyn Boyd said as Manoora's nominated "home port", Burnie City Council would grant the ship's crew Freedom of Entry to the City.

"Freedom of Entry dates back to the medieval times and is the most honourable distinction a city can grant the defence forces," Mayor Boyd said.

"It signifies a mutual trust between a city and a military unit."

HMAS Manoora officers and crew will march through the CBD at 11am on Saturday, March 27, with "swords drawn", drums beating, bands playing and colour's flying.

Mayor Boyd said the parade would also involve the challenge, which is a century-old tradition where after identifying themselves to the Police on demand, military personnel are allowed entry to the city bearing arms.

"We encourage members of the public to come along and help welcome HMAS Manoora to our City," Mayor Boyd said.

"Following the parade, the ship will open its doors to the public with shuttle buses operating from 12noon until 5.30pm.

"This is a great opportunity to check out HMAS Manoora and get a glimpse of what life at sea is like for its crew members."

Council will regularly update its website at www.burnie.net with more information.

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