

Basic Detail Report



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Title

HMAS SYDNEY IV

Date

2005

Primary Maker

Mike Bass

Medium

wood, plastic, paint

Dimensions

Overall: 550 x 1420 x 155 mm

Name

Model

History

HMAS SYDNEY (IV) is an Adelaide class guided missile frigate of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). The frigate is one of six modified Oliver Hazard Perry class frigates ordered in the USA. Laid down and launched in 1980, SYDNEY was named for three previous HMA ships named after the capital city of New South Wales; she was commissioned into the RAN in 1983. During her operational history, SYDNEY has been involved in Australian foreign policy responses, e.g. to the 1987 Fijian coups d'état and the Bougainville uprising, standing-by to evacuate Australian citizens if required. The frigate was deployed to the Persian Gulf on five occasions in support of US operations during the Gulf War in 1991, the War in Afghanistan, and the 2003 invasion of Iraq, and also completed at least two round-the-world voyages. On the morning of 13 March 2009, SYDNEY was one of seventeen warships involved in a fleet review in Sydney Harbour, the largest congregation of RAN ships since the Australian Bicentenary in 1988. The frigate led the line of ships involved in a ceremonial entry through Sydney Heads, and anchored in the harbour for the review. On 20 April 2009, SYDNEY and the Anzac class frigate HMAS BALLARAT departed as part of Operation Northern Trident, a six-month round-the-world voyage by the two vessels, with a schedule of numerous diplomatic visits and joint exercises with foreign navies. In May 2009, SYDNEY and BALLARAT provided aid to two merchant vessels in the Gulf of Aden, by driving off two separate groups of Somali pirates attacking the ships. SYDNEY remained in the area to report the incidents to Combined Task Force 151, while BALLARAT escorted to safety an impromptu convoy of eight ships, including the two that were attacked. The two warships visited ports in Western Europe, North America, the Pacific and northern Asia. HMAS SYDNEY is expected to remain in service until at least 2013, when this class of frigate will be replaced by a Hobart-class destroyer.