



# **TASK FORCE 72**

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## **MISSION REPORT**

### **ROCKINGHAM**

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**Well after some time coming a new Fleet Base has opened up in Western Australia.**

**At the end of January we had our first proper running day at Rockingham and it was a great success, with 4 boats in the water, we generated a lot of interest for our hobby over here in WA and hopefully it's the prelude of more to come.**

**On display we had four models, ranging from Rob Ritchie's Udaloy class destroyer Admiral Vinogradov to HMS Manchester, Andy Kemp's Type 42 destroyer fast nearing completion.**

**In addition we had Kevin Herridge's replenishment ship HMAS Success, a model the better part of two decades old but still looking sensational. Success had not been on the water in several years and the night before was last-ditch rush to get her going again. Time well spent as she handled well on the water and is great credit to her owner.**

**The final model was the partially completed model of HMAS Darwin, an Adelaide class FFG being built by Pete Pawlete.**

**Darwin is has a long way to go, but with the ideas put forward by Pete on her functionality she will be a ship of great capability, and a lot of hours of work to complete.**

**Words and photos: Rob Ritchie**





**Admiral Vinogradov rests at the buoy with a 1:96 Daring class destroyer in the background**





**Vinogradov, Success and Manchester lie at the buoy**





**Success, looking great before getting out on the water**





**HMAS Manchester rest at the buoy**





**Peter's Darwin gets a sea trial, still a bit of work to be done**





**The Fleet Base Perth crew having too good a time to stop and pose for a photo**





**HMS Andromeda still has a way to go before setting sail**





**Early days for the Royal Navy Monitor General Wolff**





**Success at the buoy**





**Models being laid out at the anchorage**

