



TASK FORCE 72

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MISSION REPORT

MANLY DAM

SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2009



A sensational day at Manly Dam, weather was great, not too crowded and some interstate visitors made it memorable.

The usual suspects were on hand; joined by Graham from Fleet Base Gulf Waters who was over picking up a model and late in the day Glenn, from Fleet Base Perth, dropped in to take some photos and have a chat.

John Slater had the first sea trials of his Trafalgar class submarine, HMS Trenchant, sporting the experimental black and light blue camouflage that the real thing had trialed.

As is usual for such things, she ran perfectly, right up until John paused to grab a camera, at which time it started playing up. Later bench testing proved it was a twitchy speed controller, easily fixed, but very frustrating at the time

Graham was over to collect his model of HMAS Adelaide, which was the subject of much interest from members.

A very long drive from Adelaide but Graham also took the opportunity to drop in on the guys from Fleet Base Wagga on the way, and it looks like there may be opportunities for Wagga and Gulf Waters to jointly participate in some future activities.



Glenn, who was over from Perth on other business, took the opportunity to drop in and meet the members. Glenn is building an Ikara Leander so naturally Geoff's model of HMS Leander mounting an Ikara was particularly attractive and Glenn spent some time getting shots of her on the water and close up.

Peter did the honours once again with the gas-fired barbie, which was much appreciated by all there.

A highlight for the RN-loving crowd was the gathering of four Leander and derivatives for a photo op, with Cleopatra, Leander, Taragiri and Godivari sailing together.

All in all a great day, which we hope was enjoyed by our interstate members, we hope to play host to more of you in the future.

Report: Mike James

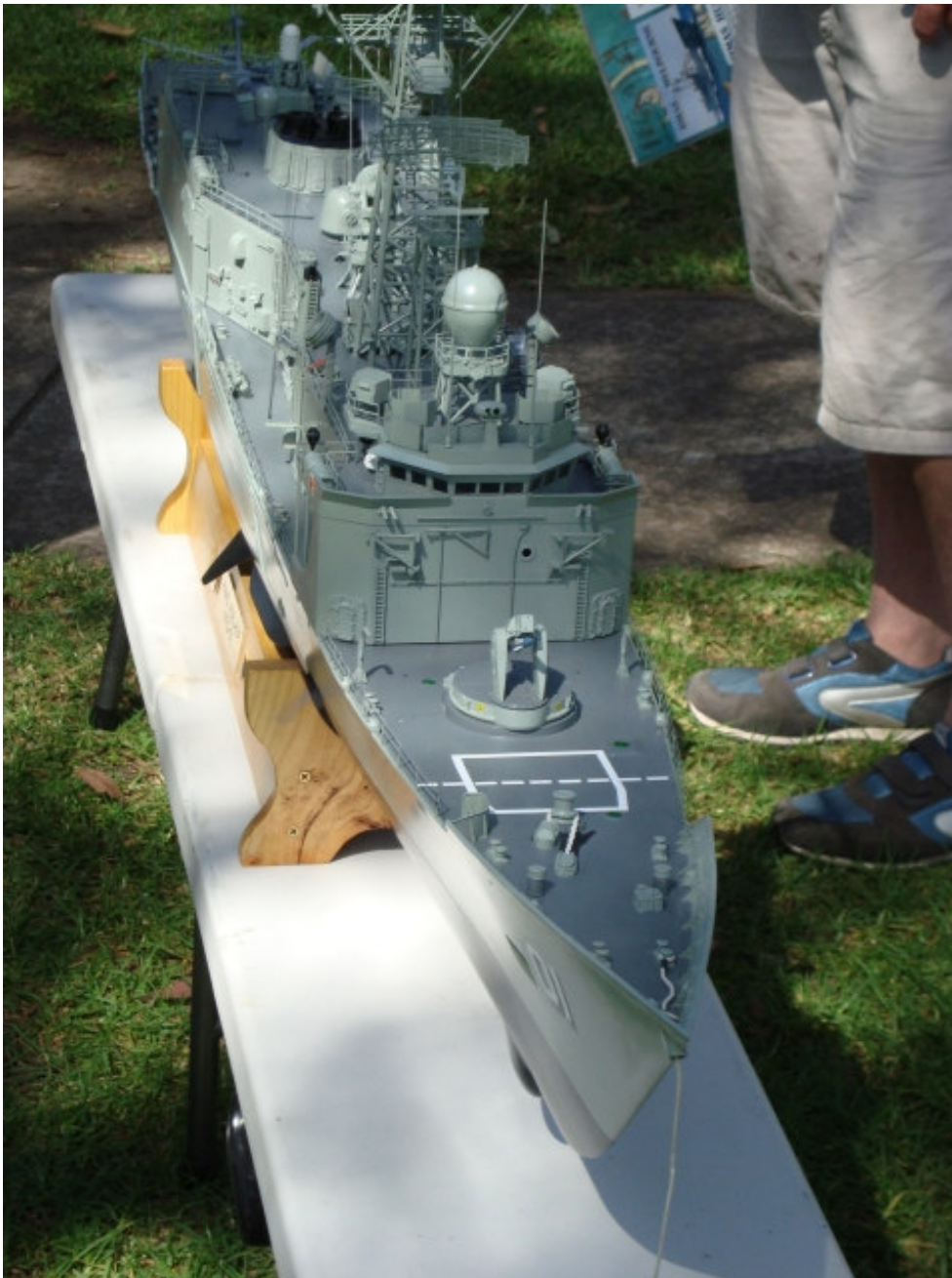
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Graham's new FFG, HMAS Adelaide, the model now resides in her namesake city





The guided missile frigate Adelaide is the second ship in the RAN to have borne the name. The first was a WW1-era Town class cruiser that saw service in WW2

Coincidentally, HMAS Adelaide 1 is also represented in the Task Force 72 fleet.



RN Leander class frigate HMS Cleopatra at the buoy

Cleopatra was modified to operate with Exocet missiles, losing her twin 4.5-inch turret in the process.





Australian River class frigate Condamine and Battle class destroyer Tobruk manoeuvre together





RN air defence frigate Lincoln rests near rocks





Australian Battle class destroyer HMAS Tobruk





Geoff's Tobruk leaves others in her wake





Tobruk showing the fine lines of a classic destroyer





Mark's WW2 Bathurst class minesweeper HMAS Toowoomba





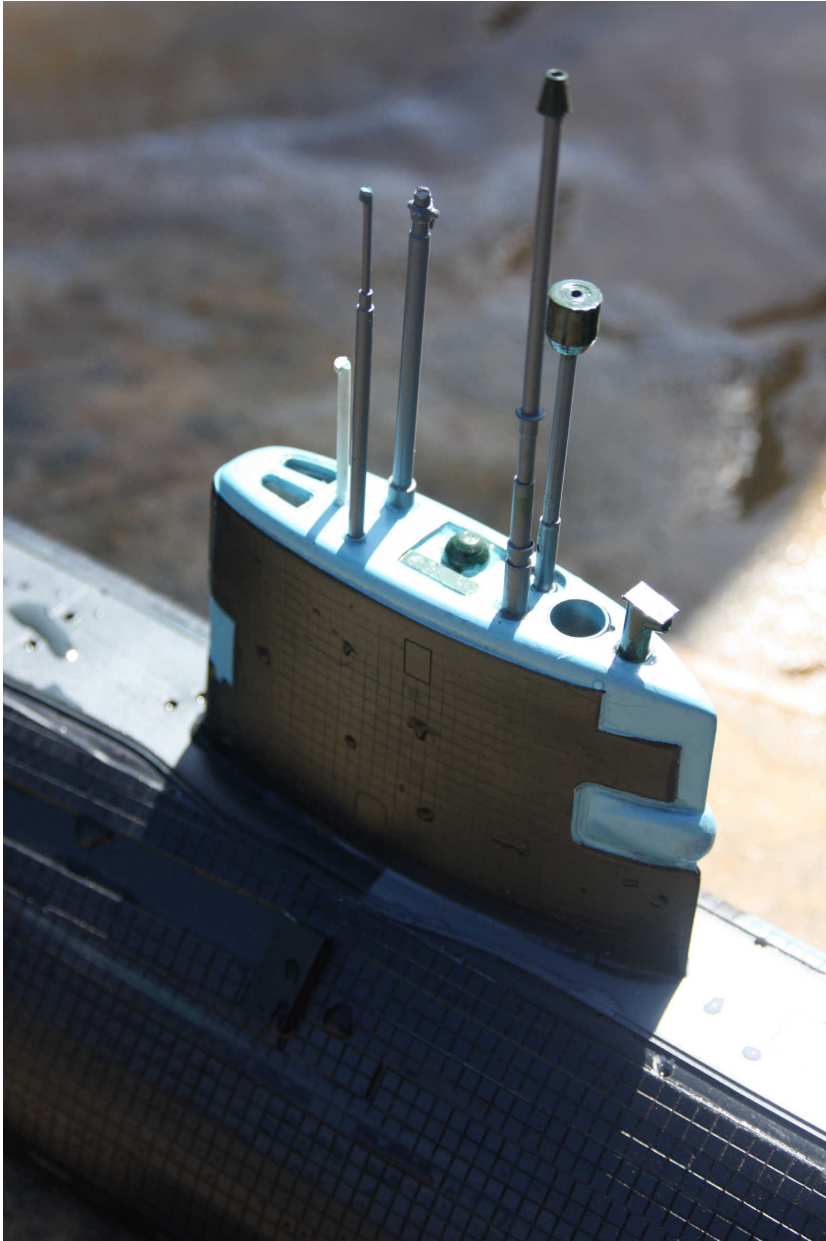
Initial sea trials for John's new Trafalgar class sub, HMS Trenchant





Trenchant passing Lincoln on her sea trials





Close up of Trenchant's fin and bridge, highlighting the very unusual camouflage scheme that was trialled on Trenchant.

Due to the subs acoustic tiles separating and disrupting the light blue colours, the trial was deemed a failure and trenchant was repainted in the standard black.





Tobruk skirts the shoals

