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# MISSION REPORT



CANBERRA MODEL SHIPWRIGHTS  
SOCIETY (CMSS) EXPO

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This year the annual Canberra Model Shipwrights Society Expo was held at Mt Rogers Primary School in August rather than September/ October which had been the case in previous years. FBC has attended the last three events and have found them to be well worth the effort.

While the focus of CMSS is fully rigged period ships, all types of maritime subjects are welcome – indeed this year a large model of an IKARA launcher with a test missile was on display. The Expo is for static display only but has as its aims the bringing together maritime modellers of all persuasions to meet and discuss their models and techniques. As well as this they attracted over 500 members of the public this time which is a good number by historic standards. About 120 models were on display.

TF 72 shared a large room with the ACT Model Boat Club and the ACT Scale Modellers' Society who model in the 1:700, 1:350 and 1:200 static scales. This year only FBC participated from TF72 and we fielded an impressive array of models with Peter Cole's HMAS DARWIN forming the centrepiece and Malcolm Ennever's very fine model of HMAS MACQUARIE making a public appearance after some time out of the public eye. Doug Bain displayed his HMAS HUON which is in an advanced state of completion.

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Members who attended were Peter Cole (DARWIN, DERWENT, QUICKMATCH, LE ROISIN), Bob Murdoch (MARRIANE YSD, LABUAN), Alex Goodieson (HMAS VAMPIRE, SMIT ROTTERDAM), Cameron Glassford (CSS VIRGINIA), Doug Bain (HMAS HUON, CAROL MORAN) and Malcolm Ennever (HMAS MACQUARIE). Bob Stevenson also joined us for a short appearance. I put in SNOWBERRY and PARRAMATTA III as usual and worked on HMAS NORMAN (G49) while a number of the team had non 1:72 scale ships in the ACT MBC section.

In addition to display models this year we put substantial effort into putting on a display featuring us working on models and had four working desks – Peter and Bob worked on their two Grimsby class ships, Cameron made a heap of masts while I got a fair bit done on NORMAN despite helpful advice and comment from Alex Goodieson who kept a chair warm and the banter going.

We got a lot of public attention and were very well looked after by CMSS with stacks of scones and drinks, a convivial dinner on Saturday evening and BBQd snags each lunch time.

We look forward to attending again next year and are working on a wide range of ships to make this attendance bigger and better. Attendance is recommended for those members who appreciate especially finely modelled period ships – CMSS displays some of the best in Australia.



HMAS DARWIN (Peter Cole) keynotes the FBC display



FBC destroyer and frigate contingent, at the rear are the non 1:72 scale models



Bob Murdoch working with Alex Goodieson offering advice



“Fix part A to assembly B” – David Peterson at the work bench with NORMAN



Peter Cole works on HMAS YARRA II



CSS VIRGINIA (Cameron Glassford) raised a lot of interest.



LE ROISIN (Peter Cole)



USN Wrecking Barge MARIANNE (Bob Murdoch)





HMAS VAMPIRE (Alex Goodieson)



FBC small fry including HMAS HUON (Doug Bain)



CAROL MORAN tug (Doug Bain)



SMIT ROTTERDAM (Alex Goodieson)



HMAS LABUAN (Bob Murdoch)