
MISSION REPORT



EWAN MCDONALD
MEMORIAL SAIL
SANCTUARY WATERS

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Fleet Base Perth held a run on the 06 November 2011 in memory of Able Seaman Boatswain's Mate Ewan McDonald of the RAN's ANZAC class frigate HMAS TOOWOOMBA (FFH-156). Ewan tragically passed away on Sunday 24 October 2011 whilst the ship was conducting a goodwill visit to Mumbai, India.

It was fitting to have it at Sanctuary Waters as it was a lake he enjoyed sailing at. Ewan was a relatively new member to TF72, he first enquired early in 2010 and by late that year had acquired a Krivak frigate and his second ship, a 1:72 scale TOOWOOMBA, was well on the way to being completed for display in November this year.

The weather threatened but held off for the morning, although the sky did get rather black at some stages. TOOWOOMBA sailed for the day under various skippers with 4 poppies on the flight deck as a mark of respect followed by a barbeque for a down to earth guy who always seemed willing to help. You will be missed.

Thank you to all who attended.



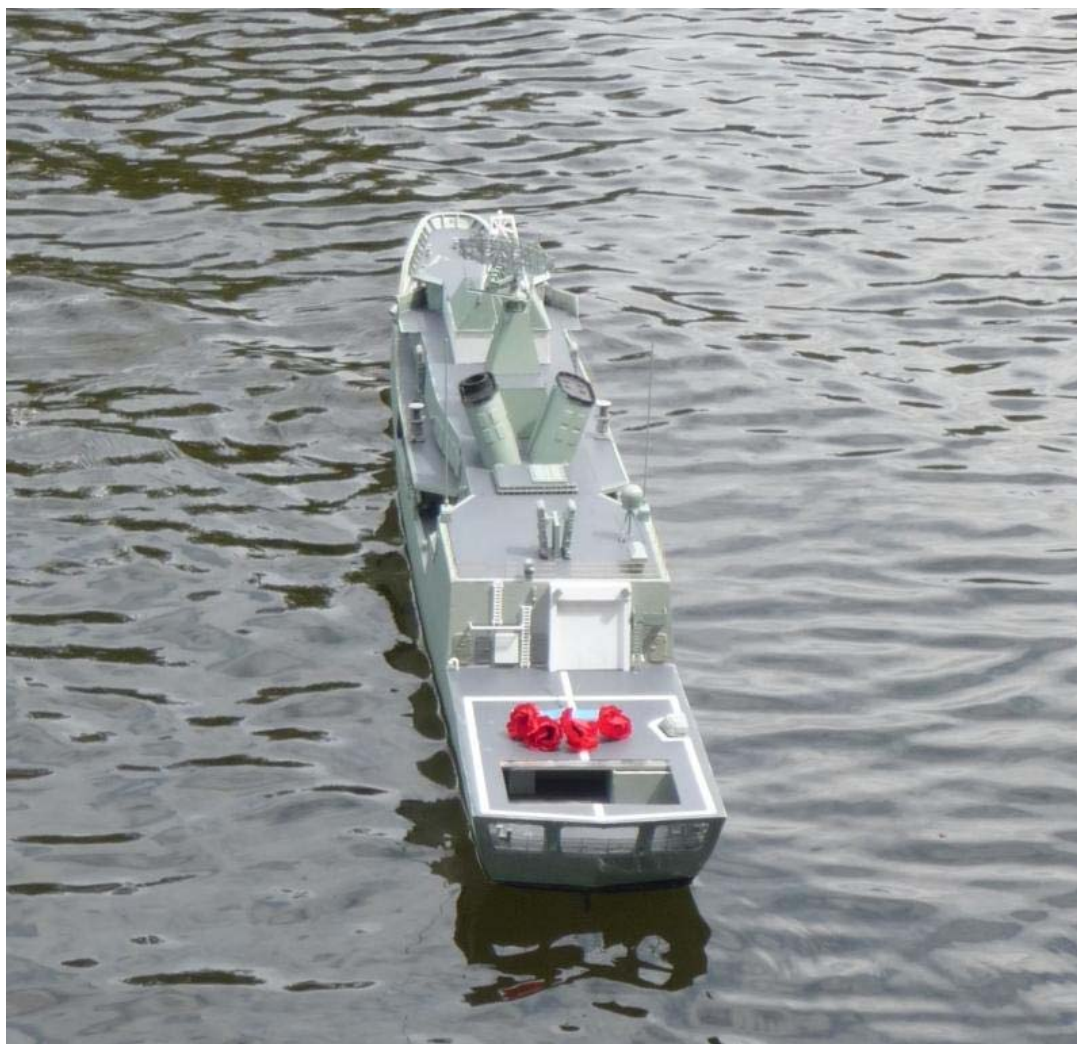
ABBM Ewan McDonald (1983-2011)



HMA Ships DERWENT and TOOWOOMBA heading out together



TOOWOOMBA in the sun



Poppies on the flight deck



HMAS MELBOURNE cruises the lake



Glenn's very nice HMAS DERWENT



Pete's HMAS DARWIN - almost ready to paint



The red poppies on TOOWOOMBA stand out under black skies



Forming up for a ceremonial column