

# History PARRAMATTA

*Members of Parramatta & District Historical Society on a tour of Parramatta IV*



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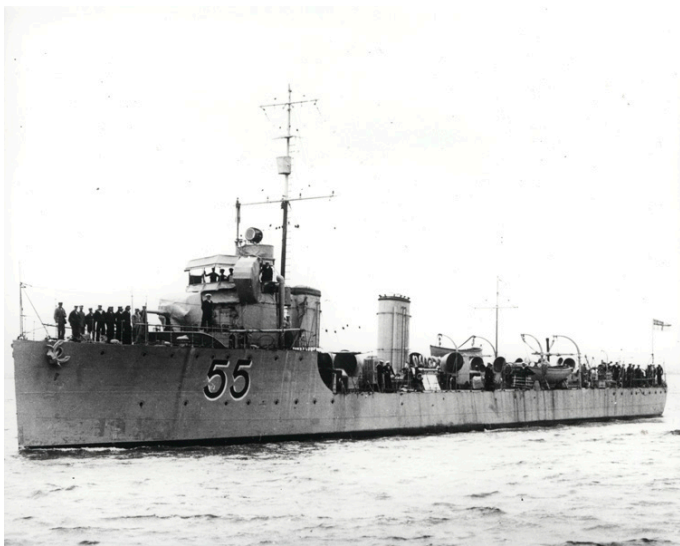


# HMAS Parramatta, the oldest name in the Royal Australian Navy

Every Captain of HMAS Parramatta IV has been an honorary member of Parramatta & District Historical Society. Whenever the ship is in Port, the Captain together with some of the crew attends a Society General Meeting and reports on the ship's activities.

Members of Parramatta & District Historical Society toured HMAS Parramatta IV whilst docked at Garden Island in Sydney.

These conducted tours of the ship are offered to Society members. Selected decks of the Ship have received the names of streets in Parramatta linking the city to the ship's company.

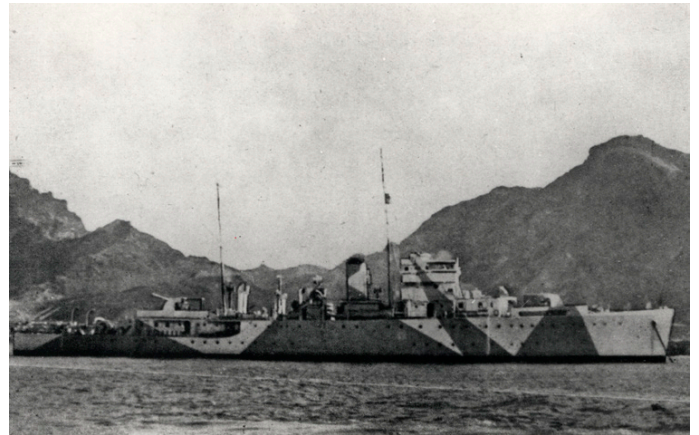


## HMAS Parramatta I

River class Torpedo Boat launched in 1910. First ship built for the Commonwealth Naval Forces—later to become the Royal Australian Navy. Served with distinction in World War I. She was present at the surrender of German New Guinea to Australian forces at Rabaul in 1914. Maintained Patrols throughout Malayan, East Indies and Philippine waters.

In 1917 was despatched to Mediterranean Sea to hunt submarines in the Adriatic and Black Seas. Later war service included visits to Piraeus, Constantinople, Sebastopol and Gallipoli.

After the war, Parramatta was used for training until retiring from naval service in 1928. The hull has been preserved by locating the bow at Garden Island and the stern in Parramatta.



## HMAS Parramatta II

### *We Will Remember Them*

The Royal Australian Navy received the Grimsby Class Sloop following its launching in 1939.

She took part in operations against Italian Eritrea, East Africa, in 1941, then transferred to the Mediterranean station, escorting vessels carrying desperately needed supplies to Tobruk in North Africa where Australian soldiers were under siege by the German army led by Rommel.

In one action, forty eight dive bombers attacked the ship and her surrounding vessels, and she successfully defended her charges.

On November 27, 1941 a single torpedo struck amidships tearing the ship apart. One hundred and thirty-eight men, including the Commanding Officer and all nine officers, lost their lives. Only twenty-four of the crew survived.





## HMAS Parramatta III

First of six River Class Anti-Submarine Destroyer Escorts launched in 1959.

Early career highlight was the escort of Royal Yacht Britannia during the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in 1963.

Parramatta saw active service during the Vietnam War, escorting troopship Sydney to Vung Tau in 1965, 1968 and 1971. She also served on patrol in 1964 and 1966 during the Indonesian Confrontation. In 1976 Parramatta provided humanitarian relief following an earthquake in Bali.

A visit to the People's Republic of China in 1986, Australian Navy 75th Anniversary Naval Review and Bicentennial Naval Salute in 1988 were further commission highlights. She was decommissioned in 1991.



## HMAS Parramatta IV

ANZAC Class Frigate launched in 2000 is the fourth ship to bear the oldest name in the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and was built in Williamstown, Victoria as one of eight vessels.

Parramatta is a long-range frigate capable of air defence, surface and undersea warfare, surveillance, reconnaissance and interdiction. She can counter simultaneous threats from aircraft, surface vessels and submarines.

The ship's main armament comprises one five-inch (127mm) gun capable of firing 20 rounds per minute, ship-launched torpedoes and Sea Sparrow Missiles. The ship has an operational range in excess of 6,000 nautical miles at 18 knots.

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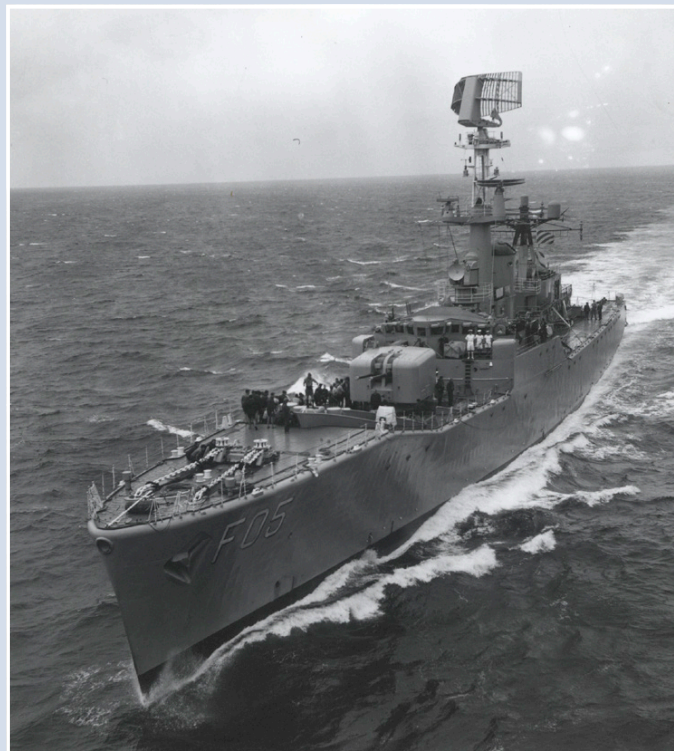




# History of HMAS Parramatta in pictures



*The launching of HMAS Parramatta I February 9th 1910*



*HMAS Parramatta III at sea*



*HMAS Parramatta I Stern*



*HMAS Parramatta I Bow*



*HMAS Parramatta Memorial*







HMAS Parramatta IV Gun Crew



Photos from the Group Tour of HMAS Parramatta IV





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