HMAS *Canberra* (III)

FACT SHEET



What

HMAS *Canberra* (III) is one of two ship Canberra Class Landing Helicopter Docks (LHD). The first of her class, *Canberra* carries the pennant number L02 so that she may share it with the last vessel to carry that number, the Adelaide Class frigate HMAS *Canberra* (II).

Why

The LHDs are the largest ships ever constructed for the RAN and provide the ADF with one of the most capable and sophisticated air-land-sea amphibious deployment systems in the world. *Canberra* is able to conduct amphibious operations and project a force of over 1000 embarked personnel from ship to shore along with all their weapons, ammunition, vehicles and stores by LCM-1E landing craft, helicopters or a combination of both.

Canberra is capable of conducting large-scale humanitarian and disaster relief missions. The medical facility is comparable to that of a regional hospital, equipped with two operating theatres, an eight bed Critical Care Unit, and a variety of low and medium dependency beds. In addition, the medical facility has dedicated areas to accommodate pathology and radiology services, x-ray, pharmacy and dental facilities.

When

HMAS *Canberra* was commissioned into service at her home port of Fleet Base East, Sydney in November 2014 and in March 2015 she was formally designated the flagship of the Royal Australian Navy.

Further information

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