



MEDIA BACKGROUNDER

Finding Sydney Foundation Donates to Memorial

The Finding Sydney Foundation will donate all video and photographs from the sea bed, showing the wrecks of HMAS *Sydney* II and HSK *Kormoran* to the Australian War Memorial.

The material is from the high resolution imagery taken by cameras on the Remotely Operated Vehicle controlled from the Foundation's chartered search vessel, *SV Geosounder*, during April 2008. The donation is being made jointly by the Foundation and the photographer Mr David Mearns, the Foundation's Search Director at the time of the successful search for HMAS *Sydney* II.

The material is being donated is as follows:

ROV Photographs

- HMAS *Sydney* (II) and surrounding debris field 1,139 photographs
- HSK *Kormoran* and surrounding debris field 241 photograph
- Near battle site (Geological Outcrops) 50 photographs

ROV Video Footage

- HMAS *Sydney* (II) and surrounding debris field
39 hours, 1 minute and 30 seconds in duration
- Near battle site (Geological Outcrops)
3 hours, 45 minutes and 55 seconds in duration
- HSK *Kormoran* and surrounding debris field
7 hours 56 minutes and 33 seconds in duration

The *SV Geosounder* filmed video and took high resolution photographs using camera equipment acceptable for deepwater wreck photography. The original digital record is being donated to the Memorial.

The Finding Sydney Foundation is presently winding up its operation, having completed its objectives by locating HMAS *Sydney* (II) and HSK *Kormoran* and setting up a Virtual Memorial and this donation is an important step in closing the search and discovery phase of *Sydney's* enduring story.

Further information

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