

# The Royal Australian Navy in 15 Objects

## Object 6

### The Corvette **HMAS *Castlemaine***



HMAS *Castlemaine* was one of sixty Australian designed Bathurst class corvettes built during World War II in Australian shipyards as part of the Commonwealth Government's wartime shipbuilding programme. Twenty were built on Admiralty order but manned and commissioned by the Royal Australian Navy (RAN). Thirty-six were built for the RAN and four for the Royal Indian Navy. Their simple and robust design was within the capabilities of Australian industry and the Bathurst class are regarded as Australia's most successful shipbuilding program.

In 1973, *Castlemaine* was presented to the Maritime Trust of Australia for conversion to a museum ship. She is one of two surviving examples of the *Bathurst* class, the other being HMAS *Whyalla*.

**Location:** Maritime Trust of Australia at Williamstown.

