HMAS Hobart (III)

HMAS Hobart (III) is the first of three ships of the Hobart Class guided missile destroyers. Her sister ships are HMAS Brisbane (III) and NUSHIP Sydney (V). The keel of Hobart was laid down on 6 September 2012 and the ship was launched on 23 May 2015. HMAS Hobart (III) commissioned on 23 September 2017.

Hobart is based on the Navantia designed F100 frigate and is coupled it with the Aegis Combat System. Hobart was constructed in Australia by the Air Warfare Destroyer Alliance.

Hobart provides air defence for accompanying ships in addition to land forces and infrastructure in coastal areas, and for self-protection against missiles and aircraft. The Aegis Combat System incorporating the state-of-the-art phased array radar, AN/SPY 1D(V), in combination with the SM-2 missile, provides Navy with an advanced air defence system capable of engaging enemy aircraft and missiles at ranges in excess of 150km.

Hobart will carry a helicopter for surveillance and response to support key warfare areas. The surface warfare function will include long range anti-ship missiles and a naval gun capable of firing extended range munitions in support of land forces.

Hobart will also conduct undersea warfare and be equipped with modern sonar systems, decoys, surface-launched torpedoes and an array of effective close-in defensive weapons.
These capabilities ensure that the Hobart Class guided missile destroyers have the layered defensive and offensive capability required to counter conventional and asymmetric threats.

**HMAS Hobart** was commissioned in a ceremony at Fleet Base East on 23 September 2017.