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HMAS Newcastle makes goodwill visit to Colombo

The Royal Australian Navy Adelaide class frigate, HMAS *Newcastle*, arrived in Colombo on Tuesday 14 November 2017 for a four day goodwill visit. Whilst in Sri Lanka, sailors from the *Newcastle* undertook several professional, sporting, social and charity activities to build on the friendship and engagement between the Australian and Sri Lanka navies.

The *Newcastle* left from her home port in Sydney on 11 June 2017, deploying to Middle East where she was assigned to the multi-national Combined Maritime Forces (CMF).

During this deployment, the *Newcastle* undertook missions involving counter-terrorism, counter-piracy and theatre security cooperation including regional engagements. The deployment was part of Australian Defence Force contribution to support international efforts to promote maritime security, stability and prosperity in the Middle East region.