

Commander Anita Sellick



Born and raised in Newcastle, NSW, Commander Anita Sellick joined the Royal Australian Navy in January 1994. After graduating from the Australian Defence Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science (Oceanography and Computer Science), she spent her early watchkeeping years in Frigates, Patrol Boats and Minehunter Coastal vessels.

In 2001 she specialised as a Long N navigator and undertook Navigating Officer duties in the Frigates *Adelaide* (FFG-01) and *Canberra* (FFG-02). She graduated as a navigation warfare specialist in 2004, joined *Kanimbla* (LPA-51) and later deployed to Operation SUMATRA ASSIST following the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami. She undertook Advanced Navigation training in 2005.

Promoted to Lieutenant Commander in 2006, she joined RAN *Sea Training Group* where she was responsible for accrediting the first RAN Electronic Navigation Display Systems in Royal Australian Navy patrol boats. In 2008 she assumed Command of Patrol Boat Crew ARDENT TWO (based in Cairns) and had charge of two Armidale Class Patrol Boats, HMAS *Bundaberg* (ACPB-91) and HMAS *Childers* (ACPB-93) on a rotational basis.

In July 2010 she joined Fleet Headquarters, as Staff Officer Navigation and Seamanship and supported the final Fleet transition to Electronic Navigation. Promoted to Commander in January 2013, she undertook staff duties with Commander Mine Warfare, Hydrographic and Patrol Force and, in January 2017, staff duties with Commodore Warfare.

In January 2018 she achieved a career milestone, assuming Command of HMAS *Newcastle* (FFG-06). Under her command, *Newcastle* completed INDO-PACIFIC ENDEAVOUR 2019 and, as a proud Novacastrian she had the honour of decommissioning *Newcastle* in June 2019.

Commander Sellick is married to Nigel and together they have two children. She was awarded a Conspicuous Service Medal (CSM) in the 2013 Queens Birthday Honours; and holds a Chief of Joint Operations Group Commendation for her actions in Command of ARDENT TWO. She is a graduate of the University of New South Wales and holds a Bachelor of Science (Oceanography/Computer Science). She is in the final stages of progressing a Master of Business Administration through the Macquarie Graduate School of Management.