



Figure 2.9 The recreational ground on Cockatoo Island that was used by the boys of the *Sobraon*. The central cupola and chimney of the Engineering Workshops are visible in the background. The brick boathouse at the rear was demolished when the Commonwealth Government took over the Island in 1913. (Source: Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW).



Figure 2.10 The launch of the HMAS *Brisbane* in September, 1915. Workers, families and invited guests crowded every space available to view the ship's first movement. (Source: Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW)

Figure 2.11
HMAS *Australia* in
Sutherland Dock, 1914.
By this time, Sutherland
Dock was the second
largest dock in Sydney
at the time, but its
government status was
the preferred Dock for
the Royal Australian
Navy. (Source: Jeremy,
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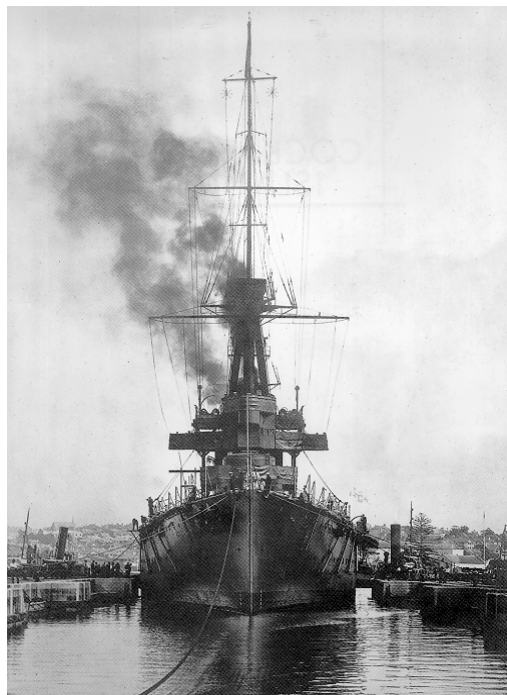


Figure 2.12
One of the RAN's
Torpedo Boat
Destroyers in for
annual overhaul in
Fitzroy Dock
c1928, on the
brink of the Great
Depression and a
downturn in work
for Cockatoo
Island. (Source:
Cockatoo Docks
and Engineering
Co Ltd, Sydney,
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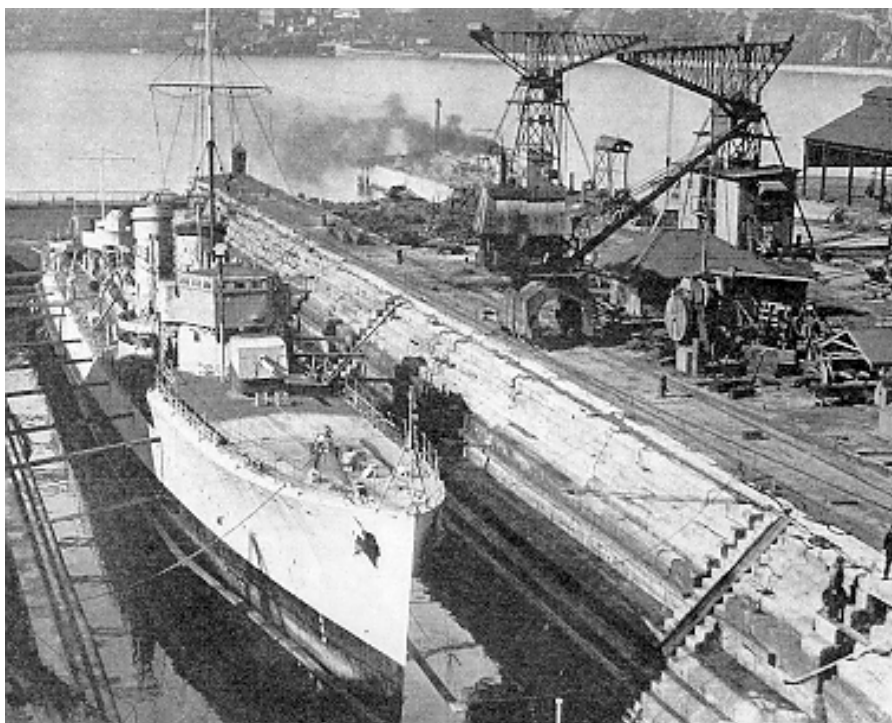




Figure 2.13 Workers celebrate the successful launch of the second HMAS *Warrego* in 1940. During the Second World War, 19 ships were laid down at the dockyard, as well as major repairs on 40 more. (Source: Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW)



Figure 2.14 The Governor-General, Lord Gowrie, inspects the naval guard at the launch of the HMAS *Arunta* in 1940. Cockatoo Island was to become the most important naval shipyard in the south-west Pacific after the fall of Singapore in 1942. (Source: Australian War Memorial)

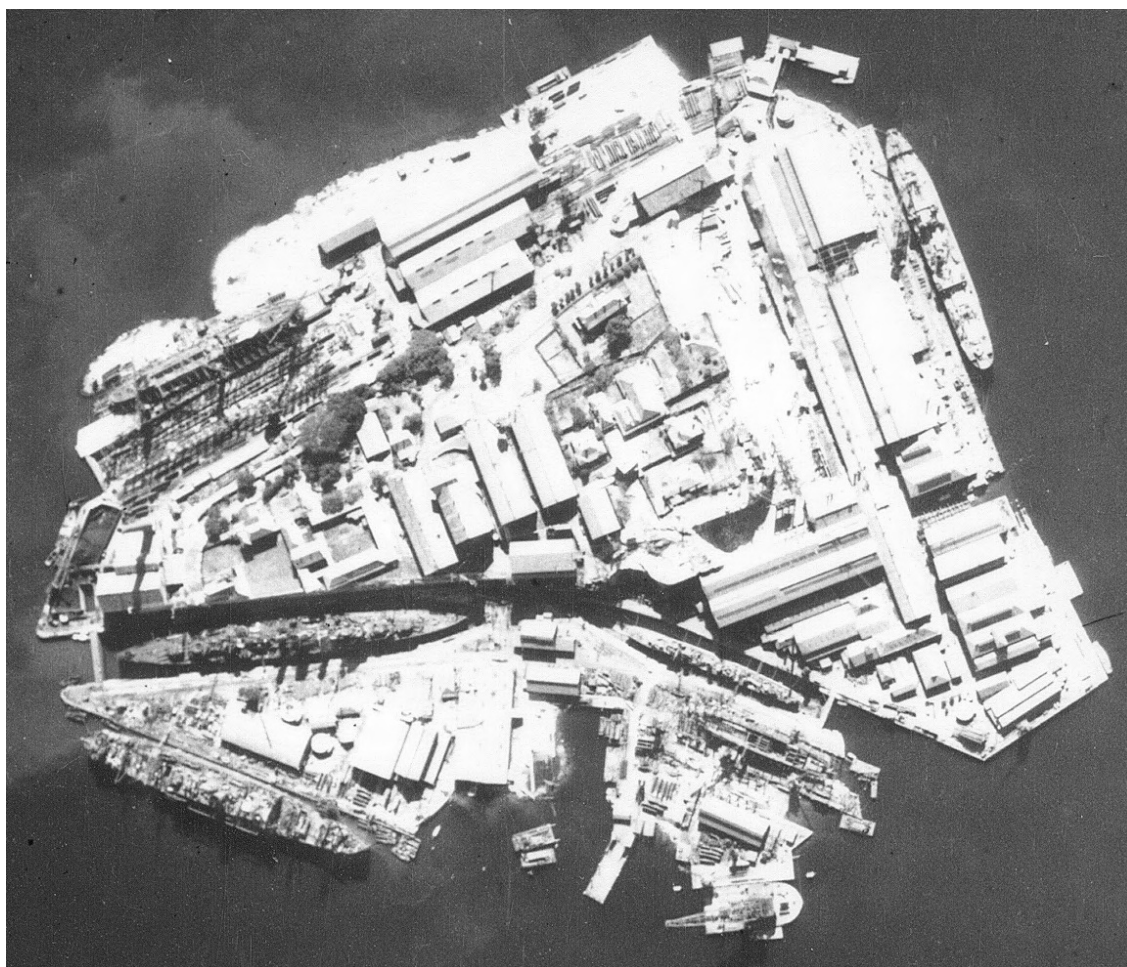


Figure 2.15 Aerial photo, 10 May 1943, with the HMAS *Australia* docked in Sutherland Dock and HMAS *Nepal* in the Fitzroy Dock, with the Titan floating crane moored at the Fitzroy Wharf. World War II was the Island's busiest period, as it refitted, serviced, overhauled and repaired battle damage to ships of the allied navies, especially the British, US, Dutch and Australian navies. (Source: RTA Archives)