

DEEP LIGHT

illuminating the wrecks
of *Sydney* and *Kormoran*

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fascinating history
of Australia's oldest
shipwrecks.



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The *Batavia* Gallery

Permanent Exhibition

Batavia is Australia's second-oldest known shipwreck.

On the morning of 4 June 1629, the VOC shipwrecked off the coast of Western Australia. The ship's senior officers, some crew and passengers—48 in total—deserted the remaining 268 people while they went in search for water and help.

What followed remains one of the deadliest mutinies in known history.

334 years later, fishermen and divers located the wreck of *Batavia*. Between 1972 – 1976 the Western Australian Museum's Maritime Archaeologists conducted a series of excavations, recovering numerous artefacts including part of the hull.

After undergoing extensive treatment and restoration, these artefacts and the original hull are now on display at the WA Shipwrecks Museum, revealing a story of trade, betrayal and scientific ingenuity.



Tours

Our Shared Stories

**Free Tour
Every Friday**

Explore the nature and impact of interactions between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people from the time of Dutch exploration through to the 1800s.

WA Shipwrecks Museum Highlights

**Free Tour
Every Day**

Take a guided tour through the WA Shipwrecks Museum galleries with a Visitor Services Officer. Tours commence at 10.30am and 2.30pm. Enquire at front desk for details.

Events

July – December 2020



Museum After Dark

**Free Event
Saturday 5 September**

Join us for a night of candlelit gallery tours, expert talks and live performances. Bookings are essential.

School Holiday Fun

**Free Program
Every School Holiday**

Inspire curiosity and wonder with fun school holiday activities, perfect for the whole family.

Deep Light: Illuminating the Wrecks of *Sydney* and *Kormoran*

Exhibition

12 September – 31 January

The World War Two encounter between HMAS *Sydney* (II) and the disguised German raider HSK *Kormoran* off the Western Australian coast stands as Australia's worst naval disaster. 81 men from *Kormoran* were killed and 318 survived. All 645 men on *Sydney* were lost.

In 2015, the WA Museum and Curtin University returned to the wreck sites. Using remotely controlled equipment, the team captured stunning underwater images that revealed the fate of the ships on the seabed, over two kilometres beneath the waves.

In this poignant exhibition, remarkable images and footage allow us to witness this tragic moment in World War Two history.

