

Hobart, Tasmania



Then there was Hobart. Standing astride the lovely Derwent River and nestling in the shadow of Mt. Wellington, Hobart can justifiably claim to be one of the most beautiful harbor cities anywhere. Although very much a part of Australia, Tasmania is distinctly different. Isolated from the mainland by the stormy waters of the Bass Strait, the country has quaintly fallen behind the modern times. POLAR SEA departed Newcastle and then stopped in Sydney for an afternoon to top off fuel. The Bass Strait rocked our socks for the two following

days in what was to be the worst weather we would encounter. But the weather ashore was perfectly calm and relaxing. The ship hosted a party aboard the first night in, entertaining 200 guests with "smashing" success. Most crew members enjoyed sightseeing around the town and country side. The Australian American Association hosted a picnic for the ship at a nearby park, where the crew held koalas, checked out the wallabies and introduced the Aussies to frisbee football. They loved it.

