

If you are able to help with the following please contact
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Hello, Please help with the following - 4 ton class minesweepers were broken up - Hawk at Maclean (Clarence River), Gull unknown but somewhere in Sydney and Snipe and Ibis were broken up at Homebush Bay, Sydney. I have this blurred photo that was taken in 1988.

Have a quick look here [Fate of the Australian Ton Class Minesweepers](#)



Photo: Gamine Andrews

Other RAN vessels being broken up at Homebush Bay in 1988. The ramp shown here is just south of the Karangi/Heroic wreck site. Industrial Rhodes is in the background. A barge is all that is now left on the ramp.

Unfortunately the pic is a bit blurred but I think it shows the remains of the Snipe - stern in the foreground with another Ton outboard of the dark hulled vessel. The white door is the wheelhouse door with the port light box above on the wing of the bridge. The Caption says 1988 and the title of the pic is 0508p38-2-Wrecks-Homebush.jpg if that is any help to anyone.

Please help - if any one has any knowledge of the Tons being salvaged, even anecdotal, please advise. The NSW dept of Planning is about to research all the historic wrecks at Homebush Bay but had no knowledge that shipbreaking activities were carried out past 1980. Gull was sold for salvage in 1983, Snipe and Ibis in 1985.

Looking forward to receiving any information re breaking up the Tons at Maclean, Homebush Bay or elsewhere.

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