



Over the last 12 months, CANTERBURY has played an integral role in developing the NZDF's potential to conduct amphibious support to military operations, humanitarian assistance, non-combatant evacuation, as well as general naval training and support to other government agencies.

**Commissioned:** 12 June 07

**Days at Sea:** 109

**Distance travelled since commissioning:** 18992 nm

**Ports visited:** 9

- ▶ Melbourne
- ▶ Lyttelton
- ▶ Wellington
- ▶ Auckland
- ▶ Timaru
- ▶ Bay of Islands (Waitangi Day 08)
- ▶ Townsville (Qld)
- ▶ Noumea (New Caledonia)
- ▶ Sydney (NSW)

## Exercises

### Ex WOLF III – Sept 07

- ▶ 230 soldiers plus Unimogs, LOVs, NZLAVs

### Passex with RAN & PLA(N) - October 07

- ▶ HMAS KANIMBLA & Chinese ships PLA(N) HONGZHU & HAERBIN

### Passex with TE MANA – Feb 08

- ▶ Tasman Sea crossing

### EX SEA LION 08 (Queensland) – Feb/March 08

- ▶ One Company (approx 200) Australian troops embarked then landed

### EX CROIX DU SUD 08 (New Caledonia) March/April 08

- ▶ 20 NZ Army and 19 RNZAF personnel embarked for transport to New Caledonia, plus 2 UH-1H Iroquois helos, in addition to a Seasprite
- ▶ During the exercise, CANTERBURY embarked and landed 250 troops: Australian, Vanuatu & French

## Capability tests

- ▶ Seasprite helicopter integration trials - Nov 07
- ▶ Rafting with ENDEAVOUR – Dec 07 (fuel transfer with one ship at anchor and the other alongside)
- ▶ HQ ship for Australian amphibious task force staff during Ex Sealion – March 08
- ▶ Raoul Island resupply with DoC staff - April 08
- ▶ CANTERBURY senior staff embarked in HMAS MANOORA as amphibious task force staff (Ex Joint Kiwi - May 08)

## Planned maintenance

Ship repair availability at Devonport dockyard \_ Aug/Sept 08