

Carrier Attack Darwin 1942

The Complete Guide to Australia's own Pearl Harbor

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This is an excellently contrived and stimulating publication which delves into the analytical truths behind the air raids on Darwin in early 1942. It does much to dispel urban myths about the bombings, whilst adding new, as well as previously neglected, primary source references

The research into this title has been thorough and, in an unbiased and balanced way, outlines the Japanese perspective, in addition to Australia's reaction and the defensive measures implemented.

This reference comes complete with colour plates, graphs and charts, which

from archives and veterans spanning Australia and the US, as well as Japanese archival records.

The work is crafted in an easy to read style, which allows for the deeper technical and historical points to be referenced, without losing its readers in jargon that only a historian might understand.

assist the reader to further break down specific aspects of the raids, and complements the many primary accounts and official files that have also been included.

The work covers the background of the raids – who was where – and point-by-point dispels or reinforces what beforehand have been deemed as 'historical facts', or what to date have been uncharted waters in the storytelling of Australia's Pearl Harbor.

This title is highly recommended for anyone with a family linkage to the Darwin Defenders or for those who have an avid interest in the impact of war on Australia's own soil and in the immediate south-west Pacific area.

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