

Posting Q&A - Canberra

Where we ask a Defence member about what they think of their new posting.
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First name and service?

Bernadette, Defence, Civilian

Where was your last posting?

Darwin

How was the move?

We had a great move - stress free! We drove out from Darwin to Canberra and had a wonderful time exploring Australia along the way - one big adventure!

First posting to Canberra?

Yes, it is.

What do you like about Canberra?

Canberra is one of the best kept secrets. It is a wonderful place for children with fantastic parks and cycle tracks, sporting groups, museums and, of course, Questacon to name but a few - we are still discovering the rest! We are enjoying the change of seasons at the moment - the trees look beautiful in their Autumn hues. We like the fact that Canberra is so close to Sydney - a real novelty for us to drive there for the weekend rather than catch the 'red eye' at 1am from Darwin and landing at 6am in Sydney!, And also that in 2 to 3 hours you can be at Merimbula on the coast - which was beautiful!

What do you hate about it?

We are really enjoying Canberra - maybe we still have our rose-tinted glasses on? I don't think so somehow.

If you have kids, how are they finding it?

We have three children, aged 16yrs, 12yrs and 9yrs. They have all made the transition beautifully and are enjoying their respective schools and sporting groups. They are finding it a tad on the cold side – frosts are a novelty at the moment... don't know how long that will last! They miss the green tree frogs, Mindil Beach and the warm weather. But, having said that, they think it funny to see kangaroos when we go cycling around Mount Majura and at the top of our street!

If you could change one thing about Canberra, what would it be?

Make it a bit warmer! Though the frosts are cold, it is nice to have sunny blue skies for the rest of the day ...so we can pretend it is warm!