AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE MAJOR BASES AND DISPOSITION IN AUSTRALIA

Note: This fact sheet lists major ADF establishments and it is not a comprehensive description of the Defence Estate.

Australian Capital Territory

Australian Defence Force Academy, Campbell: Undergraduate tertiary education for ADF officer cadets.

HMAS Creswell, Jervis Bay: Navy’s initial entry officer training and leadership training; supports fleet units operating in the East Australia Exercise Area.

HMAS Harman, Symonston: Supports ADF communications facilities and administrative support to Navy personnel.

Royal Military College, Duntroon: Army regular and Reserve Officer training.

Russell Offices, Russell: Offices of the Chief of the Defence Force, Secretary, Navy, Army and Air Force HQ and other key elements.

New South Wales

Headquarters Joint Operations Command (HQJOC), Bungendore: HQJOC plans and controls campaigns, operations, joint exercises, and other activities.

HMAS Albatross, Nowra: Provides operational and logistic support for the naval aviation force.

HMAS Kuttabul, Potts Point: The Navy’s east coast operational, ship repair and maintenance base, and location of Fleet Headquarters.

HMAS Penguin, Mosman/Balmoral: Navy Diving, Hydrographic and Medical Training Schools.


HMAS Watson, Watsons Bay: Naval warfare, combat systems and navigation training.

Blamey Barracks, Kapooka: Army Recruit Training Centre.

Liverpool Military Area, Holsworthy/Moorebank: Multi-functional Army base accommodating Army light infantry (3 RAR will relocate to Townsville this year), special forces, Reserve training units and Defence logistics functions.
Lone Pine Barracks, Singleton: Special forces and infantry training units.

Randwick Barracks, Randwick: Accommodates special forces, Army Reserve, logistic and specialist units.

Victoria Barracks, Paddington: Army command elements.

RAAF Base Richmond, Richmond: C-130 Hercules operational and support units.

RAAF Base Wagga, Wagga Wagga: Air Force technical training base and initial entry training.

RAAF Base Williamtown, Williamtown: F/A-18 fighter aircraft and Hawk fighter trainer operations, air surveillance and support elements.

**Northern Territory**

Larrakeyah Barracks / HMAS Coonawarra, Larrakeyah: Includes Northern Command HQ, Darwin Naval Base and HMAS Coonawarra (Navy patrol boat operations) and Norforce.

Robertson Barracks, Palmerston: Army’s 1 Brigade, 2nd Cavalry Regiment and support and logistics units.

RAAF Base Darwin, Winnellie: Major mounting base for ADF operations, including Air Force Combat Support units.

RAAF Base Tindal, Tindal: F/A-18 fighter aircraft operations and the Delamere Range Facility.

**Queensland**

Army Aviation Centre, Oakey: Army pilot and aircrew training activities.

Borneo Barracks, Cabarlah: Army’s 7 Signal Regiment.

Gallipoli Barracks, Enoggera: The Army’s major command (deployable Joint Force HQ / HQ 1 Division), operational and reserve base in southeast Queensland.

HMAS Cairns, Cairns: Navy patrol boat base.

Kokoda Barracks, Canungra: Defence and Army training base.

Lavarack Barracks, Townsville: Army’s 3 Brigade and support, logistics and training units.
RAAF Base Amberley, Amberley: Air Force’s strike (F/A-18F Super Hornet), heavy airlift (C-17) and air-to-air refuelling (KC-30) components, with supporting units.

RAAF Base Townsville, Townsville City: The Army’s 5 Aviation Regiment and Air Force Combat Support units.

**South Australia**


Woodside Barracks, Woodside: The Army’s 16 Air Defence Regiment.

**Tasmania**

Anglesea Barracks, Hobart: ADF Reserve and administrative elements.

**Victoria**

Albury Wodonga Military Area, Albury-Wodonga: Major training base for Army, including Bandiana and Bonegilla.

Puckapunyal Military Area, Puckapunyal: The Army’s centre for combat and doctrinal development accommodating the School of Armour and School of Artillery.

HMAS Cerberus, Crib Point: Navy personnel training and development.


Simpson Barracks, Macleod: Army training and Army Reserve base.

**Western Australia**

HMAS Stirling, Garden Island: The Navy’s west coast operational, ship repair and maintenance base, including the submarine force.

Campbell Barracks, Swanbourne: The Army’s Special Air Service Regiment.

Irwin Barracks, Karrakatta: The Army’s HQ 13 Brigade and Army Reserve training and logistics support.

RAAF Base Pearce, Bullsbrook: The advanced flying training base for Air Force and Navy pilots Navy’s east coast operational, ship repair and maintenance base, and location of Fleet Headquarters.