



Address: 2 Max Allen Road, Lindfield, NSW 2070

Size: 2 hectares

Spectacle Island was established in 1865. It was used to store gunpowder before subsequently being converted to store naval munitions. More recently, the site was used as a repository for the Navy history collection and parade location for Navy Cadets. The use of Spectacle Island ceased in 2023.

Site Functions

This site has been vacant since 2023. Cadets have relocated to Cockatoo Island and the Navy historical collection has relocated temporarily to Banksmeadow Depot (9km), with a plan to move the collection to Randwick Barracks (14.7km).

Site Occupants

Nil.

Relocation Options

Nil personnel to be relocated.

History and Heritage

- ① The Australian Government is committed to preserving and enhancing public access to historically significant sites and collections, including museums.
- ① Properties on the Commonwealth Heritage List have protections under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. The Government has an obligation to protect the Commonwealth Heritage Value of a property as part of any sale. Alternative heritage management options will also be considered.
- ① There is one Commonwealth Heritage Listing that covers all of the buildings, structures and facilities on the island.
- ① Buildings are significantly degraded due to limited routine maintenance, accessibility challenges, low operational activity, heritage buildings and high maintenance costs.
- ① Options will be explored with future owners to manage heritage obligations as a condition of sale.