

## Spectacle Island, NSW



**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

- ➊ The Australian Government is committed to preserving and enhancing public access to historically significant sites and collections, including museums.
- ➋ 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.
- ➌ There is one Commonwealth Heritage Listing that covers all of the buildings, structures and facilities on the island.
- ➍ Buildings are significantly degraded due to limited routine maintenance, accessibility challenges, low operational activity, heritage buildings and high maintenance costs.
- ➎ Options will be explored with future owners to manage heritage obligations as a condition of sale.