

Woodside Barracks, SA



Address: Nairne Road, Woodside, SA 5244

Size: 145 hectares

Woodside Camp was established in 1927 for training light horse and infantry. In the 1950s it was used as a migration reception camp in addition to military use. In 2015, the former married quarters area, known as Inverbrackie, was subdivided from the site and sold. Separate to the Estate Audit, nearly all ADF have moved to RAAF Base Edinburgh for capability reasons unrelated to the Estate Audit.

Site Functions

This site serves as office space, live-in accommodation Army Reserves and Cadet training facility.

Government will engage with existing tenants as part of the divestment process.

Site Occupants¹

ADF²: Nil

APS³: Nil

ADF Reserves⁴: Nil

Cadets⁵: 100–150

- People are and will remain Defence's most important capability.
- The Estate Audit recommendations will enhance Defence work environments, ensuring our estate is a key point of attraction for and is fit-for-purpose for both current and future members of our workforce. These improvements will strengthen the overall appeal of working for Defence.

Relocation Options

- Woodside Barracks personnel including Reserves completed relocation at the end of 2025 to Edinburgh Defence Precinct (54km).
- Cadets will remain in the region and relocate to a new lease at a community venue or school. Defence will engage with potential venues to facilitate this.

Regional Communities

- The ADF is deeply committed to regional Australia and will continue to maintain strong, meaningful connections with communities across the country.
- Recruitment and retention will remain a priority, supported by initiatives such as deploying the mobile ADF Careers Centre to locations without a permanent facility.
- The ADF will also maintain activities associated with school outreach, participation in local events, partnerships with regional organisations, and targeted community programs.
- These efforts reaffirm the ADF's dedication to creating opportunities, supporting local communities, and maintaining a trusted presence throughout Australia's regions.

History and Heritage

Nil.

¹ Approximate figures as at 31 December 2025

² ADF = Permanent members.

³ APS = Australian Public Service staff.

⁴ Reserves = Part-time members.

⁵ Cadets = Youth development program participants aged 13 to 18 years.