

Geelong - Training Ship *Barwon*, VIC | Leased site



Leased site: Defence leases this site from another entity (State/Local government or private landowner).

Address: 86 Western Foreshore Road, Geelong, VIC 3220

Size: 0.07 hectares

Training Ship *Barwon* is a leased site which supports Australian Navy Cadet parading and training activities.

Site Functions

This site serves as a Navy Cadet training facility.

Site Occupants¹

ADF²: Nil

APS³: Nil

ADF Reserves⁴: Nil

Cadets⁵: 10–50

- ⦿ 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

- ⦿ Nil personnel to be relocated.
- ⦿ Cadets will remain in the region and may relocate to the proposed new multi-user depot in Geelong or 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.