

Newland Barracks, VIC



Address: 198 Myers Street, Geelong, VIC 3220

Size: 1.10 hectares

Established in the 1870s, Newland Barracks is located in the City of Geelong. The site has been in continuous use by military volunteers, Army and the Army Reserves. The historic buildings have been adaptively repurposed for multiple uses.

Site Functions

This site serves as an Army Reserves and Cadet training facility.

Site Occupants¹

ADF²: <10

APS³: <10

ADF Reserves⁴: 50-100

Cadets⁵: 50-100

- ① People are and will remain Defence's most important capability.
- ② 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

- ① Newland Barracks personnel will relocate to the proposed new multi-user depot in Geelong.
- ② Facilities will need to include working and office space, logistics warehousing and vehicle storage. The new location could collocate Newland Barracks, Training Ship Barwon and Geelong – Air Force Cadets personnel.
- ③ Cadets will remain in the region and also 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

- ① The ADF is deeply committed to regional Australia and will continue to maintain strong, meaningful connections with communities across the country.
- ② Recruitment and retention will remain a priority, supported by initiatives such as deploying the mobile ADF Careers Centre to locations without a permanent facility.
- ③ The ADF will also maintain activities associated with school outreach, participation in local events, partnerships with regional organisations, and targeted community programs.
- ④ 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.