

Leeuwin Barracks, WA



Address: Riverside Road, East Fremantle, WA 6158

Size: 14.30 hectares

HMAS *Leeuwin* was established in August 1941 as a naval depot during World War II. The site was decommissioned as a naval base in 1986, transferred to the Army, and renamed Leeuwin Barracks. It was declared surplus to Defence requirements in 2014. Divestment was paused in 2021.

Site Functions

This site serves as office space, logistics, Army Reserves and Cadet training facility.

Site Occupants¹

ADF²: 10–50

APS³: 50–100

ADF Reserves⁴: 100–150

Cadets⁵: 200–250

- 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 Leeuwin Barracks personnel will relocate to Palmer Barracks (21km).
- ② Cadets will relocate to Palmer Barracks or a new lease at a community venue or school in the region. Defence will engage with potential venues to facilitate this.

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.