



Fort Queenscliff



The Australian Government recognises Fort Queenscliff as a place of significance for the local community, Defence personnel, Cadets, Reservists, veterans, and visitors. With its strong heritage, cultural, and tourism value, the site plays an important role of preserving Australia's military history.

Most buildings and features at Fort Queenscliff are protected under a Commonwealth Heritage Listing pursuant to the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. As part of the divestment process, Defence and the Department of Finance have a legal obligation to safeguard these heritage values. The Government will work with any future owners to ensure the site's heritage is appropriately managed and conserved.

The Government also acknowledges the Fort Queenscliff Museum as a valued community asset and a contributor to local tourism. The museum is currently open for guided tours four days a week, with visitor access requiring sign-in and escort arrangements.

The Government has committed to exploring opportunities to increase public access to significant sites and collections. Expanding access to the museum and its collections would support greater community engagement and help visitors better understand Defence's history, service, and sacrifice.

Movement of our Personnel



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

Australian Public Service personnel will relocate to the new multi-user depot in Geelong.

Defence recognises that the relocation of Cadet units from Fort Queenscliff is a concern for Cadets and their families.

Cadet units will not be disbanded and will continue to operate within the local area. Cadets will relocate to a new leased community venue.

Defence will work closely with each unit to identify a suitable location near Fort Queenscliff to ensure minimal disruption and continuity for Cadets and their families.

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Fort Queenscliff is listed in the Commonwealth Heritage List, 93% of the buildings and features are included in the listing. These are marked in yellow.

Buildings and Features

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The Cottage – 5 King Street – Living in accommodation 2 Soldier's Club Gazebo – Shelter 3 Defence Archives, Fort Queenscliff – Store 4 Communications Building – Communication 5 Royal Australian Engineers Barracks – Office accommodation 6 Cells – Office accommodation 7 Guard Room – Sentry post 8 Bistro/ Assembly Hall – Assembly hall 9 Combined Ranks Mess – Office accommodation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Lecture Room – Cadets – Store 11 Toilet – Ablution 12 Store – DSG and RAAF Cadets – Store 13 The Keep – Defensive building element 14 Electrical Engine Room/Museum Storage – Store 15 Army History Unit (former Quartermasters Store) – Office accommodation 16 Royal Australian Army Barracks (former Gymnasium) – Office accommodation 17 Signal Station Tower – Communication 18 Observation Plate – Observation post | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 Black Lighthouse – Museum 20 Royal Australian Army Barracks – Office accommodation 21 Royal Australian Army Barracks – Office accommodation 22 Royal Australian Army Barracks – Training and administration facility 23 Museum – Museum 24 Museum Shop – Museum 25 Directing station – Museum 26 Parade Ground – Located in front of buildings 3 and 5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27 Perimeter Walls – Defensive building feature 28 Magazines – Museum 29 Magazines – Museum 30 Gun Emplacements 31 The Ditch 32 Perimeter Wall Gates 33 Underground rooms (former Electric Light Emplacements and Tunnels) |
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