



Victoria Barracks Sydney



The Princess Anne Banner is marched on parade during the Royal Australian Corps of Signals centenary parade at Victoria Barracks in Sydney

The Australian Government recognises that Victoria Barracks Sydney is a significant place for the local community, Defence personnel, Cadets, Reservists, veterans, and visitors. The site has strong heritage and architectural value and plays an important role in Australia's military history.

Victoria Barracks Sydney was established in 1841 as a colonial barracks. Today, the Barracks houses Headquarters Forces Command and Headquarters 2nd Health Brigade, and provides office space, a museum, live-in accommodation and Cadet training.

The site includes 12 Commonwealth Heritage listings, all protected under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth). Defence and the Department of Finance have a legal obligation to protect Commonwealth Heritage values as part of the divestment process.

The museum at Victoria Barracks Sydney contains and displays significant items and collections connected to the Army's history in New South Wales. The museum is currently open every Thursday and on the third Sunday of each month, with access requiring visitor sign-in and escort.

The Australian Government is committed to enhancing public access to Victoria Barracks Sydney and to significant collections.

The Australian Government will work with the future owners to ensure the site's heritage values are appropriately managed, protected, and conserved. Facilitating greater public access to the museum and its collections will help the community and visitors foster a greater understanding of Defence's history and recognise the service and sacrifice of our people.

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Divestment

The divestment of Victoria Barracks Sydney will occur in a manner that is sensitive to our people and their families, and to the organisations and community who support Defence.

Movement of our Personnel

Defence is committed to ensuring that the transition of personnel to alternative sites occurs in consultation with the affected workforce, on a site by site basis.

The Defence Estate Audit recommended the consolidation of all domain headquarters to a single location. This location will be informed by further analysis of consolidation options for Forces Command and Health Brigade.

Administrative personnel will relocate to Defence Plaza Sydney.

Cadets will relocate to Randwick Barracks, or a new lease at a community venue.

