

IN PEACE & WAR



AN INVITATION

The Royal Australian Navy invites you, your family and friends to visit the RAN Heritage Centre at Garden Island Sydney. Explore and experience the story of Australia's Navy from colonial times to the present day within the beautiful and historic northern precinct of Garden Island.



THE RAN HERITAGE CENTRE

The RAN Heritage Centre opened in 2005 in two renovated National Estate listed buildings: The Gun Mounting Workshop (1922) and the Boatshed (1890) as the setting to exhibit the Naval Heritage Collection. This nationally significant Collection holds the artefacts of Navy's history with many items on display having never been seen by the general public.



THE BATTLE OF SYDNEY

View the conning tower of one of the Japanese midget submarines that attacked Sydney Harbour in World War II and watch the battle unfold on interactive A/V. See the Boom Boat that first raised the alarm on 31 May 1942.

IN WHICH WE SERVE

View a variety of items from the ships and battles of Navy's history. Artefacts include those from the colonial period, HMAS SYDNEY & EMDEN - Navy's first victory at sea, the struggles of World War II, the Cold War and the Persian Gulf.

THE PERISCOPE

Get a submariner's view of Sydney Harbour through the only fully operational attack periscope available for public use in Australia.



EXHIBITION GALLERIES

The RAN Heritage Centre exhibits over 3000 artefacts from the history of the Navy. Displays range from large weapon systems to sailor's personal items all representing the developments and events of more than 100 years of the Navy's history.



THE PROFESSIONS OF NAVY

See how Navy's people have 'done the job' at sea over the years. From gunnery to stores, from navigation to aviation, all are included in this display of how the 'profession' has changed and developed over a century of naval warfare.

NAVAL TECHNOLOGY & ORDNANCE

See how technological developments have been applied to the naval environment. Precision instruments for navigating and gunnery and a range of ordnance used in naval warfare from shells to torpedoes and missiles.

BOATS AND DOCKYARDS

Without the dockyards, Navy goes nowhere. Artefacts exhibited include original workers tools from the early 20th Century and a range of items that track the history of warship construction and repair in Australia.



THE DISPLAYS

Visitors to the RAN Heritage Centre will be able to enjoy seeing, touching and listening to a range of displays that provide an experience of Navy.

THE
V O Y A G E
OF
GOVERNOR PHILLIP
TO
BOTANY BAY,
with an
*Account of the Establishment of the Colonies of
PORT JACKSON & NORFOLK ISLAND,*
compiled from Authentic Papers,
*which have been obtained from the several Departments,
to which we allude.*
*The Journals of Lieut. Nathaniel Bate, Capt. King, Boscawell,
with an Account of their respective Voyages.*



NATIONAL LEGACIES

View unique artefacts and rare books including Captain Cook's plotting board from HMS RESOLUTION, Scott's sledge from the Antarctic, Nelson's dinner plate and first editions of Flinders' 'Terra Australis' and Phillip's 'Voyage to Botany Bay.'

A SAILOR'S LIFE FOR ME

Gain a greater understanding of what it was and is like to live at sea in a warship. View a Mess Deck from World War II (hammocks and all); see the traditions and pastimes of Navy and how they reinforce the spirit of a fighting Service.



FACILITIES & SERVICES

The RAN Heritage Centre provides a range of facilities and services that are available to the public beyond the exhibition galleries themselves.

RAN HERITAGE CENTRE – FUNCTION HIRE

The Open Gallery within the RAN Heritage Centre can be hired as a function venue outside normal Centre opening hours. The highest level of function possible is a Reception / Cocktail Party for approximately 250. For further details contact us.

THE TINGIRA ROOM

The TINGIRA Conference Room is named for HMAS TINGIRA, an ex clipper ship that was commissioned by Navy in 1913 and was anchored at Rose Bay until 1929. TINGIRA was used as a training ship for boy seaman between the ages of 12 and 15.

The TINGIRA Room offers full facilities for small conferences, meetings, leadership retreats or other functions in a unique location for a small fee. Bookings can be made by contacting the Centre on 02 9359 2003.

THE GARDEN ISLAND PUBLIC PRECINCT

The RAN Heritage Centre is located within the Garden Island Public Access Precinct that contains a number of relics from Garden Island's long history. These include the earliest known white graffiti in east Australia (January 1788), fortifications from the colonial period, the first grass

tennis court in Australia (not for public use), heritage gardens, beautiful grass verges, picnic tables and seating, and free BBQ facilities.

The ex-Main Signal Building, which once controlled the movement of naval vessels in and out of the harbour, has had its roof converted to a viewing platform. From there visitors can enjoy a spectacular 360 degree view of Sydney Harbour.

THE SALTHORSE CAFÉ

The SALTHORSE Café provides all visitors with the opportunity to enjoy a light meal, coffee or cold drink on the foreshore of Sydney Harbour. Surrounded by artefacts of Navy's heritage, watch the boats pass by and the changing moods of the harbour in this most idyllic location. Special lunch menus are also available for visiting groups. Contact us for more detail.

OPERATING HOURS

The RAN Heritage Centre is open between 9:30am and 3:30pm daily.

The RAN Heritage Centre and Garden Island Public Access Area are closed on Good Friday, Xmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Eve and New Years Day.

ENTRY FEES

Entry is free to all areas of the RAN Heritage Centre and Garden Island Public Access Area except for the Special Exhibition Gallery.

Entry to the Special Exhibition Gallery is \$5. Children and School Groups are admitted free to all areas.

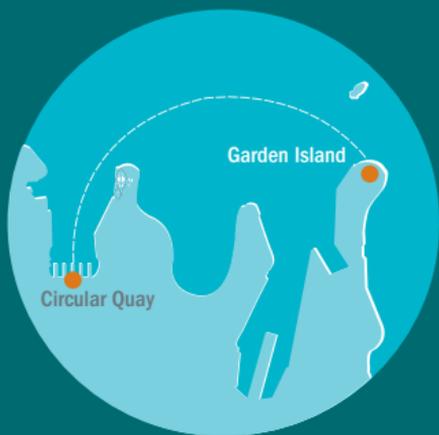


DISABLED ACCESS

The RAN Heritage Centre has been designed to allow full access to the disabled.



ALL revenue raised at the RAN Heritage Centre is retained by the Naval Heritage Collection and goes directly to conserving, restoring and exhibiting the Collection nationally.



YOURS TO ENJOY

The RAN Heritage Centre is a unique facility within one of the most historic and beautiful locations on the harbour and is available for all to enjoy.

HOW TO GET THERE

SYDNEY FERRY

In collaboration with Sydney Ferries, pedestrian visitors to the RAN Heritage Centre arrive by Sydney Ferry using the Circular Quay to Watson's Bay route. The Ferry stops at the Garden Island Ferry Wharf during RAN Heritage Centre opening hours.

BUS TOURS

Booked tour buses are permitted to transit Garden Island Dockyard to the RAN Heritage Centre. There is no bus transport provided by Navy. All bus tour groups depart prior to the RAN Heritage Centre daily closing time.

SECURITY & VISITOR ACCESS

As the RAN Heritage Centre adjoins the Navy operational areas of Garden Island there are some security restrictions on how visitors may access the Centre. Tour bus operators are NOT permitted to allow passengers to disembark until inside the RAN heritage Centre precinct.

Due to security needs and lack of parking facilities there is NO pedestrian or private vehicle access to the RAN Heritage Centre via Garden Island Dockyard.

Private boats and vessels are NOT permitted to enter the buoyed area marking the extent of Naval Waters around Garden Island and are NOT permitted to land or tie-up at the Garden Island Ferry Wharf.

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