

ABOUT



The National Anzac Centre is set within a 260 hectare parkland reserve located in the heart of Albany, Western Australia. It includes the summit of Mt. Clarence and Mt. Adelaide and stretches from the centre of Albany to the shores of King George Sound and Middleton Beach. The centre overlooks the actual location from which over 41,000 Australians and New Zealanders left Australia bound for the Great War.

The park surrounding the National Anzac Centre offers the ultimate blend of natural, cultural, historical and adventure based experiences including historic cultural sites, nature based walking and mountain bike trails, wildflowers, whale watching as well as shopping and dining.

Explore the park by car, bike or foot to discover Albany's number one attraction.

NATIONAL ANZAC CENTRE



Opened on the 1st of November 2014 by the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand, **The National Anzac Centre is an award-winning facility that uses multimedia, interactive technology and historical artefacts to create a deeply personal connection with the past, as well as pay tribute to those who served.**

Through traditional museum display and highly interactive multimedia content, visitors assume the identity of one of 32 actual service men or women, and follow their experience of the Great War: from recruitment, through training and embarkation, ship-board life on the convoys, the conflicts at Gallipoli, the Middle East and the Western Front and for those lucky enough to survive, their return home and the difficulties they faced adjusting back into normal society. The centre overlooks the actual location from which these men and women left Australia bound for the Great War.

The National Anzac Centre is open every day of the year (except Christmas Day) between 9am and 5pm with last entry at 4pm. It is recommended to allow at least 2 hours for the experience.

PRINCESS ROYAL FORTRESS



The National Anzac Centre is located within the grounds of the heritage listed Princess Royal Fortress which was one of two pre-federation fortresses built to protect intercontinental trade routes. At the time all Australian colonies contributed to the cost, demonstrating rare pre-federation cooperation between the colonies. The Fortress is of exceptional significance for its key role in the first national strategy to defend Australia and is the oldest surviving military site in Western Australia.

Wander the grounds of the fortress and experience what it was like to protect Australia's shores at times of war. Explore original gun batteries, massive coastal gun defences and the barracks where officers lived and worked.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS MEMORIAL



The Desert Mounted Corps Memorial stands at the summit of Mt Clarence. It is a recast of the original statue erected at Suez in 1932 however the granite blocks are the originals from Suez. The statue formed part of a memorial which was erected at Port Said, Egypt and unveiled on 23 November 1932 but was irreparably damaged during the Suez crisis in 1956.

The masonry was salvaged and brought to Australia for re-erection on this site which, for many troops who sailed from King George Sound in 1914, was their last glimpse of Australian soil. It was unveiled by Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia on 11 October 1964. Bullet marks sustained during the Suez conflict can still be seen on the granite blocks.

The memorial is the site of Albany's Anzac Day dawn service on 25 April each year and is accessed by foot via a commemorative staircase that interprets the memorial. Accessible car bays are also available adjacent to the memorial via a sealed service road.

PADRE WHITE LOOKOUT



The Padre White Lookout is a steel walkway located at the top of Mt. Clarence and marks the spot where the Rector of St John's Church, Padre White, stood in 1930 after leading a pilgrimage from his church in York Street to Mt Clarence, in what is claimed to have been the first ever observance of a Dawn Service on ANZAC Day in Australia.

Padre White is a revered character in Albany's history. From 1916 to 1918 he served as an army chaplain with the 44th Battalion and, upon his return to Australia delivered sermons in remembrance of locals who lost their lives in the First World War.

The lookout provides stunning views of King George Sound, Princess Royal Harbour and the City Centre of Albany and is accessible on foot via the Desert Mounted Corps Memorial commemorative stair case. Accessible car bays are also available adjacent to the lookout via a sealed service road. For the more adventurous it can be accessed by foot via the Mt. Clarence Heritage and Granite Trail.

IMMERSE YOURSELF IN NATURE



The 260 hectare reserve surrounding the National Anzac Centre is a hotspot for nature and adventure lovers and provides a range of activities for all ages and fitness levels.

WALKING & BIKE TRAILS

Traverse granite summits, wander among natural Australian bush or take in magnificent views on the shores of King George Sound. There is a walking trail experience for everyone. Mt. Clarence also features a purpose built downhill track for mountain bikes, just minutes from town.

WILDFLOWERS

Take a stroll on one of our many bush-walking trails to experience the wildflowers we have on show.

WHALE WATCHING

As whales frolic in our sheltered bays between June and October – they can be seen from prime viewing spots around the reserve. Dolphins and seals are also regularly spotted in Albany's sheltered waters.



ACCESS & OPENING HOURS

National Anzac Centre
Open everyday of the year (except Christmas Day) between 9am and 5pm with last entry at 4pm. Charges apply for admission.

The Princess Royal Fortress
Open everyday of the year (except Christmas Day) between 9am and 5pm.

The Forts Store Boutique
Open everyday of the year (except Christmas Day) between 9am and 5pm.

Monuments, trails and lookouts surrounding the National Anzac Centre are accessible all hours however access may be restricted during special events. Vehicle access to the Princess Royal Fortress is restricted after sunset.

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MAP KEY

- ① Mt Clarence Summit
- ② Padre White Lookout
- ③ Desert Mounted Corps Memorial
- ④ Apex Lookout
- ⑤ Avenue of Honour
- ⑥ Car Park
- ⑦ Princess Royal Fortress
- ⑧ National Anzac Centre
- ⑨ Mt Adelaide Summit
- ⑩ Convoy Lookout & Whale Watching
- ⑪ Rotary Lookout
- ⑫ Plantagenet Battery
- ⑬ Ataturk Statue
- ⑭ Point King Lighthouse
- ⑮ Anzac Peace Park

- Ellen Cove to Albany Port Walk
- Mt Adelaide Nature Trail
- Padre White Trail
- Circular Trail
- Link Trails
- Mountain Bike Trail
- Park Boundary

- Road
- 🍴 Food & Beverage
- 🚻 Toilets



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