



Tour Times: 1.00pm & 3.00pm Sat, Sun, School & Public Holidays

Additional tour at 11.00am during September and December/January school holidays.

Group tours available anytime upon request.

Morning & afternoon tea facilities available for groups. Bookings are essential.



A tour of the Fort takes approximately an hour and a half and includes a visit to the museum and magazines which are buried under the cliffs of Shortland's Bluff.

Public toilet facilities are available in the adjacent public park for use before and after tours.

Friendly tour guides are available to share their knowledge and answer your questions.

Disabled access is available to the museum and many of the Gun positions but is limited in the underground magazines.

You can have your photograph taken by your friends and experience history for yourself.



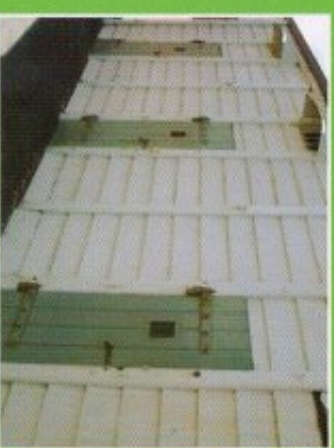
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For more information about the tours, special offers and the history of Fort Queenscliff log on to the official website at:
www.fortqueenscliff.com.au





Fort Queenscliff, in Victoria, Australia, dates from 1860 when an open battery was constructed on Shortland's Bluff to defend the entrance to Port Phillip Bay.

The Fort, which underwent major redevelopment in the late 1870s and 1880s, became the headquarters for an extensive chain of forts around Port Phillip Heads.

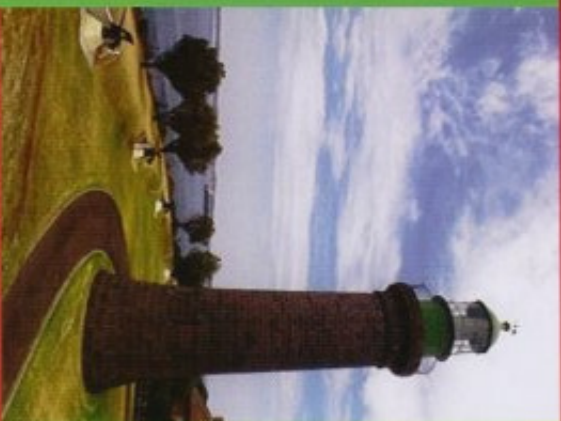
Its garrison included volunteer artillery, engineers, infantry and naval militia and it was manned as a coastal defence installation continuously from 1883 to 1946. The other fortifications and armaments around the Heads were completed by 1891. This made Port Phillip one of the most heavily defended harbours in the British Empire.

It is claimed that the first British Empire artillery shots of World War I were fired when a gun at Fort Nepean fired across the bow of the German freighter Pfalz, as she was attempting to escape to sea. The orders to fire came from Fort Queenscliff. It is alleged that the same gun, with a different barrel, also fired the first Australian artillery shot of World War II.

By 1946 coastal artillery was outmoded, and the Fort became home of Army's Staff College. After the three Service Staff Colleges were combined in Canberra, it became the base for Army's Soldier Career Management Agency in 2001.

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