

Army Museum Duntroon update

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The Army Museum Duntroon is in the midst of its much anticipated refurbishment. After slowly closing the doors to the public in early 2024 and carefully decanting all of the contents throughout the year, the building was handed over for its revamp in October 2024.

Since the contractors took carriage, the building has undergone work both inside and out. The exterior paint has all been removed and repainted, new gutters installed, and new window furnishings added. The interior is getting an even bigger facelift, with new paint, new museum-grade lighting, and a refurbished floor – ready to house 30 new glass showcases.

The museum staff are busy planning for the new exhibits to tell the stories of Australia's formal officer training institutions. With approximately triple the gallery space than before, we certainly have our work cut out for us! Thankfully, there is plenty of history to choose from.

The building has served many purposes throughout its approximate 90 year life, most recently as the Bridges Memorial Library, and as the science block before that. The refurbishment will transform the building into a museum befitting of officer training. Being in a prime location on the parade ground, it is well positioned to continue to observe the life of the College, and to maintain and promote the history of Australia's officer training.

In the coming months, the Army Museum Duntroon will reach out to the associations to seek input into the new exhibits, to help shape the stories we tell.

The refurbishment is expected to continue until the end of the year. An official reopening will be announced in due course.



Scaffolding around newly painted exterior, shown from rear.



Interior gallery space, readying for new lighting and repainting, and floor repair.