



# Garden Island Dockyard & North End Heritage Group Tour



Garden Island became part of Australia's naval history just 16 days after the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788, firstly as a ships' garden. Its naval use further developed into a naval depot near the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and ceased to be an island in 1945.

Many of the buildings now over 100 years old, each has its own history. Rarely seen by the public these tours provide an exceptional opportunity to visit a working dockyard and appreciate its history.

Key sites visited and described include:

## For Group Organisers

- The Naval Historical Society of Australia will conduct these tours for your group on a mutually agreed Thursday morning.
- At least one month notice is required.
- Suited to groups from 15 to 21.
- Easy to access via public transport.
- Tours & Cruises for schools & other education/special interest groups can be tailored to suit your needs – we are happy to discuss your unique requirements & costs.

- Captain Cook Graving Dock & an overview of the massive increase in the size of the island in 1942
- Naval chapel in the former sail loft
- Site where HMAS Kuttabul was lost to a Japanese midget submarine attack in 1942
- Barracks and other heritage listed buildings including the Main Building & Boatshed.
- Commentary on naval vessels alongside
- First Fleet crew members rock carvings
- Australia's oldest tennis court
- The Old Signal Station which provides great views
- Indigenous history including local indigenous man Bungaree



## Tour Information

**Location:** Garden Island Defence Precinct, Cowper Wharf Road, Potts Point NSW 2011

**Duration:** 2.5 hours starting at 10:00 am. This includes administrative arrangements, introductory video and walk.

**Cost:** The cost is \$50 per person. Paid by bank transfer ahead of time. Cost includes a booklet on the history of Garden Island.

**Mobility:** The tour is approx. 2.5km on generally flat surfaces. The internal stairs in the chapel & the North end external stairs total 135. Unaided mobility is required.

**Cancellation Policy:** More than 14 days prior, full refund. Less than 14 days prior, 75% refund.

## Contact Us

**Website:** <https://navyhistory.org.au/tours-and-cruises/dockyard-heritage-tour/>

**Call:** (02) 9537 0038 (Tuesday or Thursday only)