

## AUSTRALIAN ARMY OPEN DAY

**Where:** Puckapunyal Military Area, Victoria

**When:** 14 March 2026

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

What's on: Refer <https://www.army.gov.au/news-and-events/events/2026-03-14/australian-army-open-days-2026>

The open day will include a variety of static and dynamic displays showcasing various capabilities. There will be public access to the 'Payne of Valour' exhibit.

The day's activities will commence with the unveiling of a Plaque provided by VVAA Victorian Branch commemorating all conscripts who trained at 2 Recruit Training Battalion (2RTB) between 1965 – 1972.

The event will also feature rides on selected vehicles and the Annual National Servicemen's Day gathering.

### 2ND RECRUIT TRAINING BATTALION (2RTB)

THIS PLAQUE COMMEMORATES THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF THE THOUSANDS OF YOUNG MEN FROM VICTORIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NSW WHO UNDERWENT RECRUIT TRAINING HERE BETWEEN 1965 - 1972 AFTER BEING CONSCRIPTED INTO THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY UNDER THE NATIONAL SERVICE ACT 1964.

MOST OF THE RECRUITS WERE ALLOCATED TO THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY CORPS.  
SOME WENT TO OTHER ARMY COMBAT ARMS AND SUPPORT CORPS.

MANY WHO TRAINED HERE SERVED IN VIETNAM DURING THEIR TWO-YEAR NATIONAL SERVICE OBLIGATION.

RECOGNIZED ALSO ARE THE BATTALION TRAINING STAFF, MANY OF WHOM WERE VIETNAM VETERANS.

PLACED BY THE VICTORIAN BRANCH  
VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA  
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*Honour the dead, but fight like hell for the living*