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# HMAS Lonsdale Drill Hall

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## Location

Rouse Street, Port Melbourne, PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Municipality

PORT PHILLIP CITY

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

Vic. War Heritage Inventory

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Construction dates 1941,

Hermes Number 126102

Property Number

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## Physical Description 1

WW 2 brick drill hall

## Historical Australian Themes

Providing administrative structures and authorities - defence

## Usage/Former Usage

Demolished

## Veterans Description for Public

The HMAS Lonsdale Drill Hall was built on a site compulsorily acquired from the Melbourne Harbour Trust on April 3rd 1941. During the Second World War, economy and speed of construction were the primary concerns. Accordingly, drill halls of this period returned to designs similar to the First World War but were built of weatherboard with corrugated asbestos cement roof. The one exception is HMAS Lonsdale which is of unique design in brick with tall west facing windows (the building is now empty). The only remaining timber example is used as a scout hall in Red Cliffs near Mildura. The site was demolished sometime between 1995 - 1999 and is now used for housing.

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