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# Royal Australian Armoured Corps Memorial Museum

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## Location

Hopkins Barracks PUCKAPUNYAL, MITCHELL SHIRE

## Municipality

MITCHELL SHIRE

## Level of significance

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## Heritage Listing

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## Veterans Description for Public

The Royal Australian Armoured Corps Memorial Museum is located inside the Hopkins Barracks. In 1946, the Australian Army Southern Command gave authority for the formation of an Armoured Fighting Vehicle museum. This responsibility was taken by the Army School of the Australian Armoured Corps. The school retained vehicles of significance or variants as they went out of service or were offered to it. These vehicles were displayed around the Armoured Centre and the Puckapunal Base Area.

In May 1970, the Royal Australian Armoured Corps (RAAC) Tank Museum brought all these vehicles together and in 1985 the museum was moved to its current site in the new Hopkins Barracks. This barracks, named after Major General R.N.L. Hopkins was officially opened 31 October 1985 by his Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps.

The museum now displays over seventy armoured fighting vehicles with various histories and countries of origin. British, American, Canadian, Japanese, Iraqi, Russian, Chinese and German vehicles are on display as well as Australian vehicles. The museum is also the home of many memorials to members of the Australian Light Horse and Armoured Corps who died both at war and in training.

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