

## THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



RT MACQUARIE Borealing Plant circa 1870

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### National Artillery Museum

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Since its formation in 1981, the Historical Society has had the use of the Army Depot at Pittwater Road, Manly in which to house and develop its historic artillery collection. Although the status of the collection has been upgraded to that of a museum, the establishment of the National Artillery Museum has been restricted by the very poor state of repair of the Depot and its unsuitability for public access.

The Society has recently been informed that the Pittwater Road Depot is included on a list of readily realisable assets under consideration for disposal by the Commonwealth Government with vacant possession being required by 14th November, 1987.

Ideally, the relocation of the present collection should be to a site suitable for development as the National Artillery museum. Although a final selection of a permanent site has not been made, the old 9.2" battery area at North Fort, adjacent to North Head Barracks, appears to offer the best solution. This site besides having historical significance to the RAA has considerable potential as a tourist attraction. It contains several buildings which would provide the basic structure for the museum. Although these buildings are at present occupied by Locating Wing of the School of Artillery an investigation is currently in progress to find alternative accommodation for the Wing in the main barrack complex.

Until approval for the establishment of the Museum at North Fort is granted, the historic collection, library and office of the Society have been relocated at the School of Artillery at North Head Barracks. Meanwhile a draft plan of management for the Museum is being prepared and preliminary planning is being undertaken in anticipation of approval being made.

It is hoped that the museum can be established during 1988.

The assistance of all Artillery Associations will be sought once the approval is granted and the task of establishing the Museum is commenced.

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