



DISTANCE TO DEFENCE AND OTHER RELEVANT LOCATIONS

City Centre to Royal Military College (RMC) Duntroon	5km
City Centre to RAAF Base Fairbairn	8km
City Centre to Campbell Park	5km
City Centre to Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)	5km
City Centre to HMAS Harman	10km
City Centre to Russell Offices	5km
City Centre to Headquarters Joint Operation Command (HQJOC)	24km
Queanbeyan to Headquarters Joint Operation Command (HQJOC)	14km
Kingston to Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)	5km
Braddon to Royal Military College (RMC) Duntroon	7km



Take a closer look at where some of our **MCA properties** are located.

Canberra is located in the Australian Capital Territory, which is surrounded by New South Wales. The city is 150km inland, 280km from Sydney and 660km from Melbourne. Canberra's population is approximately 369,000. Apart from Civic (the City Centre), Canberra is divided into four main 'town centres' - Tuggeranong, Woden, Belconnen and Gungahlin. Buses travel to and from all parts of the city and major shopping centres.

Suburb information

MWOD and MWD(U) Choice Accommodation (MCA) properties can predominately be found in locations close to the City Centre such as Civic, Kingston, Griffith, Braddon and Turner. These areas are close to the city or close to base and have easy access to amenities such as shopping centres, cafes, entertainment, sporting grounds and public transport.

Kingston is approximately 4km south of the City Centre. It boasts a cafe lifestyle suited to the young demographic that live in the area (average age is 30 years). Housing in this suburb is mainly units and flats. Features in the area include restaurants, cafes, bars, speciality stores, a fitness centre and weekly markets. Cinemas, an outdoor pool and Manuka Oval are all close by. The distance to base is approximately 7km.

Braddon is less than 1km north of the City Centre and only 5km to base. Braddon boasts all of the features of living close to the heart of the city with easy access to restaurants, nightspots, cinemas and shopping. The Canberra Centre is the hub for retail and entertainment in the City Centre.

Narrabundah is approximately 3km from the City Centre. It is close to base and has amenities such as local shops, a golf course and fitness centre. Narrabundah offers a relaxed and quiet living environment.

Belconnen, located 10km north of the city, offers a large Westfield Shopping Centre with speciality shops, department stores, a great food court and supermarkets. The Belconnen Fresh Food markets are open five days a week and have fresh foods and a scattering of cafes. Lake Ginninderra, positioned on the border of Belconnen and Bruce, is approximately 7km in diameter – perfect for getting out and being active. The lake's banks host a skatepark, pubs and bars, fast food outlets and some restaurants. The average age of Belconnen residents in 2006 was 34 years of age, although with the host of new apartments built in the last five years, it has become home to a younger generation of professionals.

Queanbeyan, just over the NSW border, offers a relaxed lifestyle with a community vibe. Popular for its access to National Parks and historical towns, Queanbeyan has recently been revitalised by the construction of a number of apartment blocks and is becoming increasingly popular with young investors. It offers a small town feel with the facilities of Canberra city's hotspots and facilities only 16km away.

Woden has a Westfield shopping mall, cinema and range of restaurants which make it a popular hub for Canberra's south-siders. The vicinity offers outdoor spaces such as Eddison Park (great for picnics and recreation) and popular trekking spot, Mount Taylor.



Dickson, bustling with restaurants and trendy bars, is a favourite amongst young professionals and university students. It is home to Canberra's China Town and a range of other Asian eateries, supermarkets, an aquatic centre and gym facilities, and it's a quick 3.5km to the City Centre.

Utilities

You will need to arrange your own utilities such as electricity, gas, pay TV, internet services or telephone. You should contact your local service providers, or you may like to take advantage of the free **Fast Connect** service, where they will arrange for the disconnection and reconnection of utilities on your behalf – you can contact them on **1300 661 464** (local call cost) or access the service via the **DHA** website.

Public transport

Action Buses run throughout Canberra, while **Deanes Buslines** cover the Queanbeyan and Jerrabomberra areas, with limited services running between Queanbeyan and Canberra City.

Shopping

> **The Canberra Centre** (02) 6276 4222

– located in the City Centre, includes major department stores, fresh food markets, supermarkets, specialty stores, cinemas, a fitness centre and cafes.

> **Westfield Woden Plaza** (02) 6283 6000

– approximately 10km south of the City Centre, has major department stores, supermarkets, specialty stores and cinemas.

> **Westfield Belconnen** (02) 6251 4333

– approximately 10km north of the City Centre. Boasts major department stores, specialty stores, supermarkets, cafes, cinemas and a fitness centre.

Recreation

The Canberra region offers many sporting and recreational activities. Popular activities include cycling, kayaking on Lake Burley Griffin, hiking and skiing. Stromlo Forest Park is popular for cross country running and mountain biking. National icons such as the National Portrait Gallery, National Film and Sound Archive and the Australian War Memorial are popular cultural attractions.

Sport

Canberra Stadium is the home of the Canberra Raiders (League) and The ACT Brumbies (Union).

Manuka Oval hosts international cricket matches as well as NSW Blues

Shield matches in the summer. During the winter months it is the home of the North East Australian Football League (NEAFL) as well as hosting several Australian Football League (AFL) matches during the season.

The Australian Institute of Sport is where Australian sporting champions live and train. The **Yellow Pages** will help you locate local clubs and sporting grounds.

Canberra surrounds

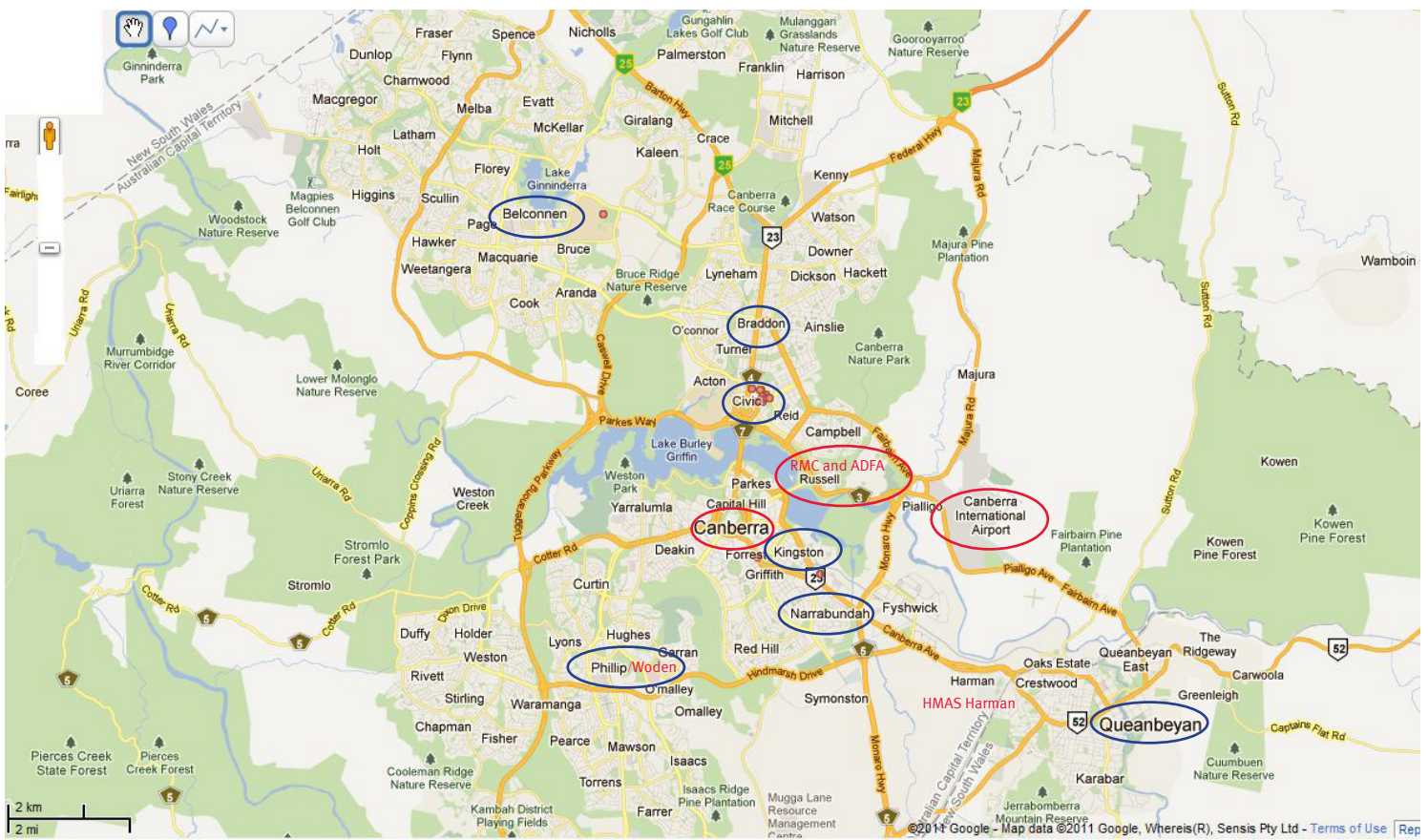
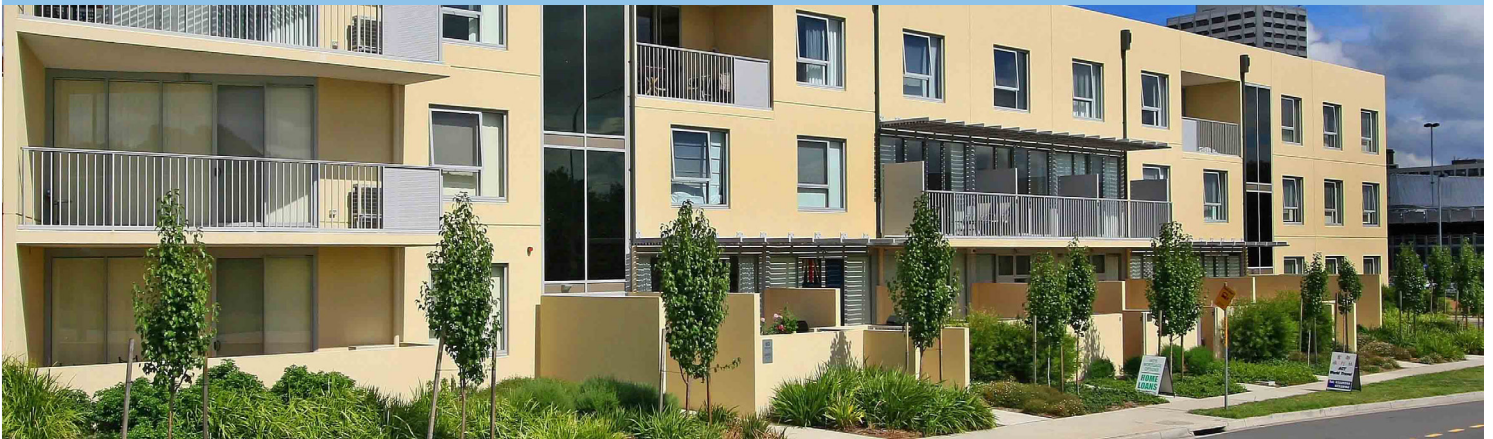
Canberra surrounds offer an abundance of weekend getaway opportunities. For more information on some of the regions greatest attractions including the Snowy Mountains, wine country, and New South Wales South Coast, check out **Visit Canberra**.

Where can I find more information?

- > **Visit Canberra** contains information on accommodation, attractions, food, entertainment and sports found in Canberra and surrounding regions.
- > **The ACT Government** website provides information on all matters relating to residing in the ACT.

Contact DHA

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| > DHA (139 DHA) | 139 342 |
| > Canberra Office Fax | (02) 6222 2247 |
| > www.dha.gov.au | |



map courtesy of [Google Maps](#)