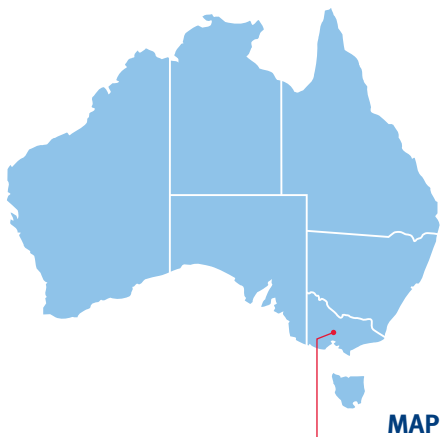




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APPROXIMATE DISTANCE TO DEFENCE LOCATIONS

Melbourne to Puckapunyal	113 kms
Seymour to Puckapunyal	8 kms



MAP

A map of the Puckapunyal region can be found on the [Defence Housing Australia \(DHA\) website](#) and [Google Maps](#)

Puckapunyal is an Australian Army Base in north central Victoria. The Base was established in 1939, and for many years was the largest Army camp in Australia. The camp has reduced in size since the late 1960s when it housed the 2nd National Service Training Battalion and as many as 4,000 personnel were training or permanently based there. Today, only 25 per cent of the original National Service Barracks remain and these have been recently restored and upgraded to provide emergency accommodation for up to 1,000 people.

Named for the area's Aboriginal name meaning "Valley of the Winds", Puckapunyal is 8km from the township of Seymour. Dotted with parks, cafes, art galleries and wineries, Seymour is a beautiful old town on the banks of the Goulburn River. It also plays a key role in servicing the nearby Puckapunyal Army Base, one of the Australian Army's most important training centres.

Finding a property

Seymour, the closest town to Puckapunyal, has virtually no rental accommodation. The rental market in Melbourne is tight, with demand usually outstripping supply. The key to any posting to Puckapunyal is to plan early so you have a better chance of finding suitable rental accommodation if that is your preference.

NOTE - Ceiling increases to cover any rent above the ceiling entitlement is not guaranteed, and must meet the requirements as set out in the Defence Pay and Conditions Manual (**PACMAN**). You should check your eligibility before submitting a request.

Townhouses and units

Townhouses and units are subject to Body Corporate rules. Please ask your landlord or real estate agent for details. The ability to keep pets in townhouses is limited and you should check with the landlord or real estate agent in regards to this.

House hunting trips

House hunting trips are subject to approval. If you wish to apply for a house hunting trip please refer to **PACMAN** for your entitlements or alternatively, contact DHA on **139 DHA (139 342)**.

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.



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Public transport

Buses operate within Seymour, as well as between the town and surrounding areas. For specific routes and timetables, please visit the regional bus information on the [VicLink](#) website.

Schools

[The Department of Education](#) website contains information on public education in Victoria, as well as a list of schools by location. There are several schools within Seymour as well as a school situated on base at Puckapunyal.

Child care

For information on child care within the Seymour and surrounding areas, please check out the following links:

› Mitchell Shire	
› Family Day Care Australia	1800 621 218
› ABC Learning Centres	1800 222 543
› Child Care Access Hotline	1800 670 305
› Department of Defence Child Care Centres	
› Australian Child Care Index	

Hospitals

For information on health services within Seymour and surrounding areas visit the [Seymour Health](#) website.

Sport

Sporting clubs and associations within Seymour can be found on the [Mitchell Shire](#) website.

Water restrictions

Water restrictions apply in Victoria. This affects the watering of lawns, gardens and vehicles. [The Our Water](#) website has further information.

Where can I find more information?

[The Department of Defence](#) website contains a vast amount of information on facilities at the Puckapunyal Army Base.

[The Victorian Government](#) website provides information on all matters relating to residing in Victoria.

There are countless local councils within Victoria. [The Local Government](#) website has information on which local council services your residential area.

Contact DHA

› DHA (139 DHA)	139 342
› Puckapunyal Office Fax	(02) 6222 2241
› www.dha.gov.au	



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