

Local Notice to Mariners

Operation of Vessels within the Naval Waters of HMAS Coonawarra

To	Port Users	Location	HMAS Coonawarra
Date of issue	27 May 2026	Ref number	Local NtM 2026 - 039 (P)

Notification

Notification by Superintendent of Naval Waters Northern Territory, Royal Australian Navy:

Operation of Vessels within Naval Waters, off HMAS Coonawarra.

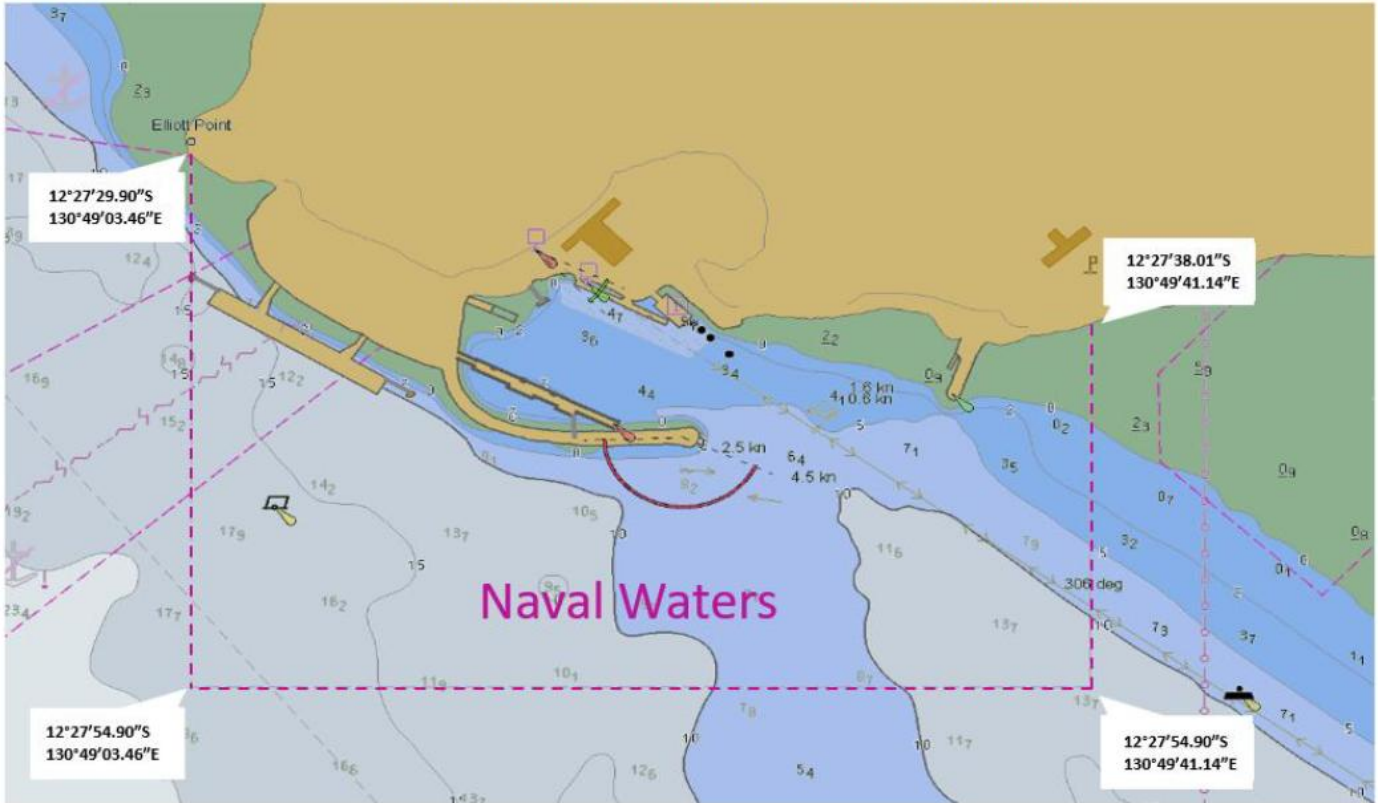
Location of activity:	Naval Waters of HMAS Coonawarra
Assets/ Vessels involved	All vessels Commercial and Recreational
Description of Activity:	<p>The Naval Superintendent, HMAS Coonawarra, Royal Australian Navy has declared the following restrictions for vessels operating in the Closed and Controlled waters off HMAS Coonawarra.</p> <p>Closed Naval Waters. These are the waters landward of the Special Buoys installed approximately 200m from the land.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Vessels are not permitted to enter, transit, loiter, anchor, moor or engage in activities within Closed Naval Waters without express approval, or to conduct any activity incidental or necessary to ensure the safety of the Vessel, or assist another Vessel in distress.Closed Naval Waters may be enforced by a Navy security patrol vessel or Police members of the Northern Territory Police for the purposes of communicating and exercising powers concerning the placing or removal of the Vessels in declared Naval Waters. <p>Controlled Naval Waters. These are the waters seaward of the Special Buoys, to the boundary of the Declared Naval Waters.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Vessels may enter Controlled Naval Waters for the purpose of expeditious transit and giving way to another Vessel.Vessels must not moor or anchor within Controlled Naval Waters at any time, unless approved, or to conduct any activity incidental or necessary to ensure the safety of the Vessel, or assist another Vessel in distress.

	<p>c. Vessels must transit expeditiously through Controlled Naval Waters. In all circumstances, vessels must not loiter by remaining in Controlled Naval Waters for any period longer than is reasonably necessary.</p> <p>d. Fishing from a Vessel by any means, is prohibited in Controlled Naval Waters.</p>
Conducted by:	Royal Australian Navy – Naval Superintendent
Communication : Radio	Coonawarra Tower – VHF channel 14
Mobile	Port Services Manager – North. Portservices.north@defence.gov.au 0419036358
Additional information	NOTE: <i>The restrictions above do not necessarily apply to vessels of ‘Named Entities’ as designated in the Reference (i.e. Regional Harbour Master, Darwin Port, the Australian Federal Police and Northern Territory Police).</i>
Cancel this notice on:	

Jon Abbey

Acting Regional Harbourmaster – Darwin

Declaration of Naval Waters – HMAS Coonawarra



Closed Naval Waters Seaward of the HMAS Coonawarra Large Ship Wharf

