

The Australian Armour and Artillery Museum, Cairns



The clever use of the 'tin-shed' typology provides a surprisingly appropriate exhibition space for this private armour and artillery collection.

The restrained interior and stately facade evokes a connection with military imagery. Large openings for cross ventilation and natural sky lighting have created a very efficient building envelope.

It is an innovative exercise in optimising the capabilities of cold formed steel framework in a cyclonic region achieving a 30m span.

Containing over 200 tanks armour and artillery from WWI and WWII, it features an assembly area, artillery display, entry foyer, 50 meter basement shooting gallery and ancillary offices.

This project received a Regional Commendation for Far North Queensland; The People's Choice Award and was shortlisted for the BlueScope Steel Award in 2015.

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