



# CADET NEWS

Welcome TO 2022



## UAVS UNLOCK LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.

Cadets were recently involved in testing a new joint training initiative with JAR Aerospace, and watching on was Wing Commander Keirin Joyce, Air Force Chief Engineer for Remote Piloted Aircraft Systems.

"UAVs teach the full range of STEM; science, technology, engineering and maths. They teach physics, science, engineering, how to apply technology, design, program, build and repair aircraft."

He said that STEM skills are essential for the future Air Force and the future ADF. "Our Air Force is embracing un-crewed aircraft and robotic technology, and it is really moving ahead in leaps and bounds," WGCdr Joyce said. UAVs are a part of the education program that is transforming the AAFC to become the best youth development program in Australia.



## COMMANDER UPDATES

Group Captain (AAFC) Mark Dorward.

One of my reflections on 2021, and looking to this year, is how adaptable and resilient the Air Force Cadets are despite the challenges we have faced.

This is testament to our ethos, the culture we teach, share and live in our organisation. We had some bold goals this year in aviation, curriculum and other learning programs, and while there have been many delays and disruptions, I am feeling very positive for 2022.

I think the Air Force's current humanitarian effort with Tonga demonstrates the importance of being agile and adaptive, no matter the challenges.

So my message to you is; stay focused through this pandemic, and one day it may be you helping deliver Australian Aid to our Pacific neighbours in need.

## ONLY LIMITED BY YOU!

The Air Force Cadets offers a wealth of opportunities for people who have drive and focus. The Ellie Tibble Award is given to high performing Cadets who represent the finest values and traditions of the organisation.

The most recent recipient is Braydan Newman from No. 104 (City of Cairns) Squadron. "Cadets gave me the confidence to take on new challenges and tasks," Braydan said. "It has provided me with good time management, communication and problem solving skills and to have the confidence to back myself and the belief that I can achieve my goals in life. You will also have lots of fun, gain friends and friendships that you will have for life."

## RECRUITMENT CLOSES MARCH 31!



Air Commodore Craig Heap AM, CSC, Director General Cadets - Air Force, recently recorded three video messages to support the current recruitment round for Cadets, Instructors and Volunteers.

The videos are now on the Air Force Cadets YouTube channel. If you are interested in joining the Air Force Cadets or know of someone who would benefit, now is the time, share the videos and recruitment closes on March 31!

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## LET'S CONNECT



30,203



4,713



1,870



1,807



129



## OUR FAMILY



Cadets  
6751



Instructors  
1223



Volunteers  
385



## LET'S ALL PULL TOGETHER IN 2022!

RAAF No. 36 Squadron held their annual charity fundraising event in the form of a C-17A Globemaster III tug-of-war race. Units from across RAAF Base Amberley raised funds to compete as a team and see who could pull the C-17A Globemaster the fastest. The funds raised went to Beyond Blue, a charity organisation that works with the community to improve mental health.



TODAY I affirm



I am somebody's reason to smile.



I am grateful.



I am meant to do big things.



I realise that my mistakes help me grow.

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