



ALUMNI Magazine

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We hope you enjoy your August Newsletter My sincere thanks to those who have taken the time to provide material and feedback. We have a couple of regular readers who help with spotting material that may interest one or two of our alumni. I must admit, I borrow some of the great material from the AAFC web page and Facebook sites. The AAFC pages are certainly improving and are providing some great material. Now that our alumni newsletter is accessible to all those who use the AAFC site it is up to our alumni to show them how we enjoyed our time as a Cadet and what we did after cadets.

Do you think it might be time for you to give something back to our Cadets? The AAFC is looking for Staff members but not only that, the AAFC would like to hear from you to share your life skills in your chosen profession. You might like to make contact with a local Squadron in your area. Do you have industry experience? I know personally where current serving members have made a presentation to cadets letting them know of the life in the services, not just what comes down from Defence Force Recruiting. I have personally experienced several of these contacts and you would be amazed at the calibre of questions that come from cadets. From one of these presenters who regularly travelled with recruiters talking about ADFA opportunities, the officer told me that the questions asked by the cadets were far better than any coming from parents at a formal DFR presentation.

Your feedback helps to shape the content we include in each edition so please keep it coming. So, why not share your knowledge and experience with other Alumni members? We look forward to your contribution.

In the May Newsletter I mentioned that some of the Squadrons have set the bar high Paul Gregory

took up that challenge and has highlighted a couple of those squadrons and put some names to that comment. You might like to add some more of our high achievers.

Remember, if you like what you read in your magazine, you are most welcome to share and invite your friends who are ex Cadet or Staff members to join. If you don't like what you are reading please tell us, AlumniDirector@aircadetsalumni.org.au We love to receive your letters. We hope that our magazine can remind you of your time in our great organization. We are always on the lookout for articles and photographs that you may like to share.

If you think you have missed out on some of the earlier Alumni Newsletters, the good news is you haven't! They are available on the Air Cadets Alumni website, AAFC Web page, <https://www.airforcecadets.gov.au/> and go to the Bulletin Board.

We need material that can be circulated to those who are no longer in touch with their old Squadron or in receipt of material from the AAFC. I am aware that the Newsletter is rather large and many readers would like me to cut back on the length. I certainly don't anticipate that you will read the entire magazine, I know I don't read the entire copy of The Australian, but I scan the paper and read what interests me.

We have an **Interactive Contents Page**. To access any article that you would be interested in, hit Control and Left Click on the Mouse and you will go direct to your selected article. You don't need to scroll through material that doesn't interest you.

Until November,

Fly Safe and stay Covid Safe.

John Griffiths, MBE
Alumni Director

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Cadet News



CADET NEWS

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AMBERLEY AVIATION PRECINCT OFFICIALLY OPEN

The Australian Air Force Cadets Amberley Aviation Precinct facility is now open.

Named after WGCDR(AIRTC) Neville Currey, the founder of the QLD AIRTC Flying Flight in 1975, the 'WGCDR(AIRTC) Nev Currey AAFC Aviation Precinct' was officially opened on 9 April, 2022.

The state of the art aviation and education facility is housed in a historic World War II building, which has been faithfully restored and modernised.

In the place where 70 years ago, parachutes were dried and packed, are now two lecture halls, operations rooms and offices. Commander-AAFC, Group Captain (AAFC) Mark Dorward, said it is a great environment to educate and inspire future leaders.

"You can feel the history between these walls - the spirit of the aviators that came before us will inspire the next generation" he said.

OUR FAMILY

		
Cadets	Instructors	Volunteers
7850	1232	404



COMMANDER UPDATES

Group Captain (AAFC) Mark Dorward.

The Australian Air Force Cadets (AAFC) Foundation, works alongside the AAFC to improve the experience for all Cadets.

Foundation members are successful people from the civil and military aviation sector and wider Australian community. Many are also proud ex-cadets.

In a weekend in late March, EFTS Amberley were able to relocate 2 Diamond DA-40 aircraft to the Flight Options Pilot Academy on the Sunshine Coast QLD, allowing 100 local cadets to have a Cadet Air Experience.

We thank the Foundation and the Flight Options Pilot Academy to enable our cadets, which for many was their first flight.



CHIEF OF AIR FORCE VISITS POINT COOK EFTS

Chief of Air Force (CAF), Air Marshal Neil Huggitt, was recently in Point Cook for the end of Air Force Centenary commemorations. While there he visited the Point Cook EFTS. Pictured is the CAF and Air Vice-Marshal (RtM) Neil Huggitt listening to Wing Commander David Cheppin (right), Head of Operations for the EFTS, discuss the capabilities of the Diamond DA40 aircraft.

WELCOME TO OUR QUALIFIED REPL PILOTS

The Royal Australian Air Force is developing advanced and capable un-crowed platforms. The Air Force Cadets are supporting this future direction with courses in un-crowed aviation. Recently, in a week-long course led by Global Engine Solutions, over 20 cadets and AAFC staff underwent training and were awarded their CASA Remote Pilot Licence (RPL).

SONDR (AAFC) Matthew Fletcher, Staff Officer Unmanned Aerial Systems and Recovery for Cadet National Headquarters, said the first courses held in WA and TAS are still in a concept stage, but early results are promising. "At the end of the course, cadets and staff received their CASA certified licence, and there is a great outcome for all," he said.

LET'S CONNECT

				
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QUOTE of the day

Integrity, insight and inclusiveness are the three essential qualities of leadership.

- Sathguru



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Regular Features

What our Foundation is up to

Hello to All the AAFC Alumni!

Since I last wrote to you, I and the Foundation members have been out and about generating support for the AAFC. We have been ‘pushing on open doors’ with the companies that we have approached and the challenge going forward will be in closing the loop across Australia and connecting the AAFC units able to participate in the activities with the companies. I recently spoke about the AAFC and how to support them to about 70 industry representatives that were touring C-130 aircraft repair, engine maintenance and simulators at RAAF Richmond. The response was very positive and we gained about another ten offers of great industry-based activities and experiences that the Cadets could undertake.

There are many examples of great support being provided to AAFC units across Australia, including Flight Options on the Sunshine Coast that has thrown open its doors on weekends and allowed the AAFC to operate their Diamond aircraft from their facilities. This has allowed many more cadets who live in the Sunshine Coast region to go flying. Also I recently went down and spoke to the Nowra-based AAFC cadets and noted that Air Affairs had generously accommodated some AAFC simulators in an Air Affairs facility. Similarly, the Australian Space Agency has been very supportive of the South Australian 6 Wing cadets with tours of their Space experience facility at Lot 14. The list goes on...and we will make sure it keeps increasing! Let me know (kym.osley@defence.gov.au) if there are other companies out there that you are associated with who would like to help.

I would like to acknowledge the exceptional work that Wing Commander (retd) John Griffiths has done in supporting the AAFC Alumni. He has personally given of much of his time and effort over many years to keep ex-Cadets in touch and I know it is very much appreciated. John is planning to ‘pass the baton’ of coordinating the AAFC Alumni to another ex-Cadet in the near future – who is GPCAPT (retd) Warren ‘Bish’ Bishop. Bish is no stranger to you, as he has been a prolific contributor to the Alumni newsletter for a long time, and is also a Squadron Commander of one of the AAFC Squadrons here in the ACT.

Plans are in place to expand the AAFC to about 10, 000 cadets in lieu of the 7,800 in the current units. This of course means more volunteers are required – both in AAFC uniform and also those who perhaps want to contribute in a civilian capacity. Both types of support would be welcomed. Please reach out either direct to Cadet Branch (via John Griffiths/Warren Bishop/me) in Canberra or through your local AAFC squadron. All help will be very much appreciated!

Best wishes and stay safe!

Cheers, Koz

K. Osley AM, CSC
Air Vice-Marshal
Chair
Australian Air Force Cadet Foundation

Now back to our roots



40th ANNIVERSARY OF FEMALE CADETS IN AIRTC / AAFC

On 06 May 2022 our organisation reached another milestone in its history, with the 40th anniversary of female cadets in the Air TC / AAFC.

Back on 06 May 1982, the Minister for Defence announced a landmark decision to include females in the organisation, which opened up the pathway for a more diverse youth development platform

On 21 May 1982, 17 female cadets were enrolled in VICAIRTC. CDT Leanne Lacey of No.30 Flight, Kyneton, was the first to be enrolled. This followed the onboarding of female staff to support the new cohort of cadets in both home training units and on activities. She recalls experiencing the GST at East Sale within her few months, bivouacs that were great for team building and taking responsibility for yourself, and being happy to finally get into new uniforms after having to parade in the old battle blues.



CDT Carolyn Morton of 8FLT Ringwood recalls joining and the welcoming staff at her unit, as well as the excitement of being issued her first uniform.

She recalls the AirTC as “a wonderful organisation with very fond memories and training that is still with me”.

Cadets of No.8 Flight, Ringwood, appeared, in uniform, at the Air Force Association’s Battle of Britain Memorial Service on 12 September 1982, at Croydon Uniting Church. This is believed to have been the first occasion on which female cadets had paraded in uniform, anywhere in Australia.

To mark this milestone occasion, 4 Wing has commenced connecting with those pioneer female cadets from the 1982 intakes, and will endeavour to celebrate the 40th Anniversary at their forthcoming Annual Parade in October by way of several acknowledgements, including an all-female escort squadron and special guests.

What our Alumni are up to

It Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time!

Thanks to Ray Gibson for this article.



As often is the case, there is more to this news article than would appear on the surface.

Under the Defence Cooperation Program, such as it was in the early 70's, a plan was hatched to provide the Indonesian Air Force with the resources to establish its own Navigator Training School using surplus RAAF Dakota aircraft.

Hawker de Havilland in Sydney was given a contract to refurbish two Dakotas and outfit them with 6 very basic 'nav stations,' with the normal aircraft navigator station being retained as the primary Nav position. Apart from basic instruments for heading, airspeed, altitude and time,

there was a B6 drift sight, an ADF receiver with display repeaters, and a periscopic sextant. The primary Nav station also retained the old Mark 1A drift sight.

In the middle of a cold East Sale winter in 1973, two Indonesian 'Navigators' arrived at the School of Air Navigation, East Sale. Peter May (fellow Nav instructor) and I were 'selected' to be their mentors to bring them up to speed on the aircraft, give them some rudimentary pointers on building a Navigator Training Syllabus suitable for their needs, and then send them on their way to Indonesia with their 'new' aircraft, crewed with CFS pilots and the two Indonesian Navigators.

The masterplan was never going to work. The first challenge was their limited English and our even more limited Indonesian. We soon established that one of them had trained in the Soviet Union and last flew as a missile operator on a Badger Bomber. The other chap had been an airfield manager for many years and flew on the Albatross aircraft before that.

50 hours were allocated for each aircraft (including the ferry to Indonesia) so about half that time was used to shake any 'bugs' out of the birds after collection from HDH, and we flew a number of Dak style navexes out of East Sale. We did our best. They were both nice guys but it was a huge ask given their lack of currency in air navigation and the contrast between navigating in the tropics around Indonesia and the skies over Southern Australia in the middle of winter with limited nav aids.



The inevitable conclusion: Peter and I were tasked to join the crews for the trip to Jakarta. It was an interesting journey, with the two Indonesians sitting in the primary Nav Stations 'navigating the aircraft' while we sat down the back doing a little 'refresher training' on manual airplot and sunshots, and occasionally wandering up the front to have a *quiet word* with the pilots. The CFS pilots involved in the project were: WGCDR Ed Plenty (CO CFS), SQNLDR Frank Cox, FLTLT Ben Shiemer and FLTLT John Ogden.

To this day, I'm not sure if they actually established an Indonesian Air Force Navigator Training School. When we arrived at Halim Air Base, there was a bit of a commotion after the ceremonial handing over the aircraft log books by Ed Plenty. We heard there was talk of stripping the trainee navigator stations from the aircraft and using them as troop transports!

Perhaps it wasn't such a great idea after all!



Our History Page

Do you recognize any of these cadets?

Submitted by Paul Gregory.

18FLT in Sydney. I believe that the majority of those in the photo would have been students at Caringbah High School as was my brother and I.

The Flight Commander FLTLT Albert Martin-Henry was an instructor on the Link Trainer at Qantas. The unit later moved to the Qantas Jet Base and into the simulator training building.

Martin, as he was known, was instrumental in flying scholarship training at Bankstown using Chipmunks through the Royal Aero Club (up until 1975 I suspect when Gough canned it all). My Father, Hugh Gregory, and Keith Tisdell were the other regular members of the flying scholarship training team.

318SQN is now at the Multi-User depot at Sutherland

The attached photo includes Bob Delahunty of HARS, as a member of 18FLT Air Training Corps (ATC).

The Gregory is my older brother so the photo was probably taken around 1961/2 as I joined 1963.

AIR TRAINING CORPS—No. 18 Flight, R.A.A.F.



Back Row: Cadets Lee, Rowe, Wood, George, Walker, Watts, Clapham, Last, Stephens, Smith.

Middle Row: Cadets Dunk, Wright, Mollica, Hutton, Coberoft, Delahunty, Cooper, McCallum, Gregory.

Front Row: Cadets Champion, Smart, Snowden, Smart, Flight-Lieutenant A. Martin-Henry, Wymer, Dunk, Prigg, Aitken.

Also from Paul:

2FLT was a source of star officers for the RAAF in the 60s and 70s. The Science Master at the school was FLTLT Don Bitmead, an air wireless gunner who was the FLTCDR before me. Most of the below benefitted from his leadership.

The ones I know of apart from Craig Heap are:

AVM Dave Dunlop (Head Cadet Policy – later HCRESO), AVM Dave Rogers (DCAF), AVM Chris Deeble AEW&C program head (now CEO Northrop Grumman Australia), AIRCDRE Roger Harrison (AOC ALG and DGCADETS-AF), AIRCDRE Dennis Green (former DGCADETS-AF)

There are a string of other Senior Officers, some of whom were part of the unit when I was FLTCDR. CO 302SQN (the unit is now at Rockdale MUD) would have them in the unit history.

The new DG, AIRCDRE Craig Heap is an ex-cadet from the old 2 FLT Sydney Technical High School at Bexley, where I was his Flight Commander.

I know he has some great stories to tell from his time in cadets which would be of interest to readers.

The invitation is always there to share your stories from your time as a Cadet or Staff member. Thanks Paul for sharing.

This page is not Intentionally Blank.

It's just waiting for your story.

Aviation Museums and Collections

RAF HANDS OVER FAMOUS TORNADO TO WA AVIATION MUSEUM

Thanks to Randal McFarlane for spotting this article



Royal Air Force Wing Commander Erica Ferguson. Credit: Matt Jelonek/Matt Jelonek

“Yeah, right. Australia. Of, course we can donate a Tornado to Australia.”

That was the initial reaction from Royal Air Force Wing Commander Erica Ferguson to Aviation Heritage Museum WA’s bold request for a Royal Air Force Tornado bomber that was being retired after thirty years of distinguished service.

And this wasn't just any old bomber the Tornados had been part of the famous 617 Dambuster squadron that in 1943 had devastated Germany's wartime production destroying dams in the Ruhr Valley with bouncing bombs dropped from lumbering Avro Lancasters at just 20m above the dam water.

After initially discarding the request letter from the other side of the world WGCDR Ferguson thought "I am not a say no kind of person" and picked it up and thought maybe.

"I read about the museum and its Lancaster, and I went online, and I read about the fantastic stories that it tells, particularly of the Royal Australian Air Force personnel who flew in the 6" "I thought, there really is a story to tell here and my aim is to tell stories as widely as possible, to engage the broadest possible audience and how could I have done that better, than to lead a fabulous team to bring a Tornado out to Western Australia?"

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Commander Erica

Ferguson with the JARTS team pose for a photo in front of a RAF Tornado at the Aviation Heritage Museum.

Credit: Matt Jelonek/Matt Jelonek

According to WgCDR Ferguson what sealed the deal was the passion and skillset of the volunteers who make the museum work so well.

The Tornado was shipped Fremantle in parts and has been reassembled this week by the RAF's Joint Aircraft Recovery and Transport Squadron and will be formally handed over on Tuesday.

Wg Cdr Ferguson, a former RAF air traffic controller, examiner and instructor, is Heritage Lead for the Royal Air Force which produces and implements the RAF's Heritage Strategy and provides advice and guidance on the identification, preservation and sharing of that important heritage.

Head of Clear Skies RAAFA, which oversees the museum, Ian Craig said that the Tornado GR4 is "a really exciting and significant addition to the RAAFA Aviation Museum's collection.

"We have the Lancaster and the Spitfire, which also represent the close relationship and cooperation between the Australian and UK air forces, plus there are many Australians who have flown, worked on or had an association with the RAF Tornado fleet.

"This has been an ongoing project for over 3 years. It has been such a privilege to work with the RAF, RAAF and RAAFA WA teams to actually get the Tornado to Australian shores.

Celebrating the Arrival of the Tornado GR4 at the Aviation Heritage Museum

Thanks to Aviation Heritage Museum



We are very excited to announce that RAAFA has been gifted one of the retiring Tornado GR4 aircraft from the RAF to put on display in the museum. The aircraft is already in Perth, in pieces, but will be rebuilt by a specialist JARTS team who will be visiting the museum from the 13th to 21st June.

During and following the rebuild we will have a number of special events and opportunities for the community to come and see the aircraft. We encourage you to like our [Facebook page](#) to stay up to date with the rebuild and events around it.

More information and event details will be added to this page over the coming weeks. We encourage you to revisit the page to stay up to date.

About The Tornado

The Tornado entered service in 1979, as a vital component of the Royal Air Force (RAF). It is a twin-engine aircraft with a tandem-seat cockpit, to be crewed by a pilot and navigator/weapons officer.

Updates to the aircraft over time resulted in the GR4 model, which includes features such as forward-looking infrared, heads up display, improved cockpit displays, night vision, GPS and other improvements to avionics and weaponry systems.

The main function of the Tornado GR4 is its ground attack ability, that is, low to medium level bombing.

In 2019 the Tornado GR4 was officially retired from the RAF.

In 2022, RAAFA will be gifted a retired Tornado GR4 to be displayed at the Aviation Heritage Museum in Perth, WA. The gifting of this aircraft is particularly significant, as the Aviation Heritage Museum is the only one, outside of the United Kingdom, to be gifted an aircraft of this kind.

The gifting of this aircraft recaptures the spirit of the original Imperial Gift from the RAF to Australia, which led to the formation of the RAAF.



Photo credit: Sgt Peter Mobbs RAF



Celebrating the Arrival of the Tornado GR4 at the Aviation Heritage Museum

We are very excited to announce that the Tornado GR4 has officially arrived at its new home, the Aviation Heritage Museum in Bull Creek!

On Thursday 19 May the Tornado's fuselage, wings and fuel tanks were transported to the Museum, a momentous day indeed! The transport of these components relied upon two semi-trailers, a 100-tonne crane and forklift.

On Monday 23 May, the final items of the Tornado were transferred from RAAF Base Pearce to the Museum in Bull Creek, including the fin (tail) and engine. A semi-trailer and forklift were again involved in this operation.

These very special items are currently being stored at the Museum, awaiting the arrival of the specialist RAF JARTS (Joint Aircraft Recovery and Transportation Squadron) team to construct the Tornado, ahead of its grand unveiling.

A seven member JARTS Team from the UK will be responsible for the construction of the Tornado from 13 to 21 June.

The Tornado will official be open for display on 26 June, with a number of special events planned to celebrate its arrival. It will be the only Tornado GR4 in Australia so will be an exhibit not to be missed.

Remain up to date with the Tornado's build and unveiling, including opportunities to be involved, via the [Aviation Heritage Museum's Facebook page](#).

What are Our Cadets up to?

3 Wing AAFC

Aviation Hall of Fame Opened at HARS

On the 18 Jun 2022 No.314SQN "City of Wollongong & No.338SQN "City of Shellharbour" had the pleasure to perform honour guard for the arrival of Air Chief Marshal Mark Binskin AC (Retd) and Air Vice Marshal Kym Osley for the opening of the Australian Aviation Hall of Fame at HARS (Historic Aircraft Renovation Society) Shellharbour Airport.

The cadets were identified during the opening address as the future of aviation. They also had the chance to view the extensive collection at the Museum and jump into a F-111 cockpit to see what an office that goes over Mach 2.0 looks like.

Excellent work by the Cadets to mark such an important moment in the museum's history

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AVM Osley in his old office.



Some of our great alumni and AAFC Foundation members represented in this photograph. Can you spot them?

4 Wing AAFC

SQNLDR(AAFC) Samantha O'Sullivan
Staff Officer Development & Community Engagement

BATTLE OF THE CORAL SEA – SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE MELBOURNE

On 01 May 2022, cadets and staff of 404SQN Point Cook supported the Battle of the Coral Sea 80th anniversary commemorative service at the Shrine of Remembrance.

This service commemorates the battles which took place from 4 to 8 May 1942. This saw the Imperial Japanese Navy battle a combined United States Naval and Australian Air force, that resulted in significant losses for the Allied fleet than that of the Japanese, but it is now considered a strategic victory for the Allies.

The battle led to the damage of two Japanese fleet carriers, which were then unable to take part in the Battle of Midway, contributed to the Allied victory.

CFSGT Declan Maddock lead a procession of Australian Air Force Cadets and new Australian Navy Recruits from HMAS Cerberus to the Eternal Flame forecourt.

This service was attended by the Australian American Association Victoria, the American Ex-Servicemen's Association, the Naval Commemoration Committee and government dignitaries



VRA ROGAINING CHALLENGE 2022

On 01 May 2022 around 96 cadets from squadrons across 4 Wing gathered at Creswick in the early hours for the Victorian Rogaining Association School Scouts & Cadets Rogaining Challenge for 2022.

This is an annual event within 4 Wing that allows cadets to exercise their navigational skills as well as strategic planning, leadership and fellowship to get through almost 20km worth of local bush land to secure markers at different locations. It was worth noting the amount of new Leading Cadets with little fieldcraft experience who attended the activity to have a go!

Teams of up to 5 work to gather the greatest number of points in the shortest amount of time with two trophies up for grabs: The VRA Sectional Trophy for Cadets, and the 4 Wing "Golden Boot".

Winners this year for the VRA Cadets Rogaining Section were:

920 points - 414 SQN (Indi Bowden, Lily Johnson, Saige Harrison, Porscha Rotty.)

740 points - 402 SQN (Spencer Waymire, Max Harris, Hudson Mueller, Brendan Cam.)

690 points - 403 SQN 403 SQN (Ace Simpson-Braden, Abigail Donoghue, Alex McLaurin, Shameera Tan -beating their own squadron team by 0.03 seconds!!)

Winner of the Golden Boot 2022 was:

414 SQN with 1570 points

403 SQN with 1380 points

415 SQN with 1320 points

This was possibly one of the biggest attendances in many years and great to see the sea of blue of all ages and ranks ready to lead and compete.

What was noted by many was the overall enthusiasm of every cadet attending, and the many requests and subsequent conversations about taking part in the 2023 challenge!

Thanks to all of the support staff who attended, drove busses, manned radio comms and generally immersed themselves in the experience alongside the competing cadets. And as always special thanks to FLTLT(AAFC) Howlett, Commanding Officer 414SQN Melbourne Girls College and his team for keeping this activity alive and available to us each year

For more information about Rogaining in your state go to <https://rogaine.asn.au/>

* Anyone interested in sponsoring large format Wing and Squadron flags for cadets to use and display at such activities, please contact SGNLDR(AAFC) Samantha O'Sullivan at sodce.4wg@airforcecadets.gov.au

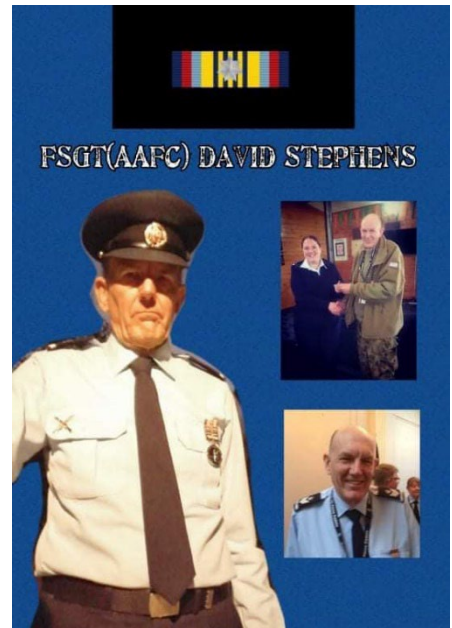


NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK 2022

16 May 2022 marked the start of National Volunteer Week (NVW) an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers. Volunteering brings people together and our organisation is built on the volunteer OOC, IOC and Defence Approved Helpers who give their time week after week to support our youth development program.

National Volunteer Week is a chance for all of us to celebrate and recognise the vital work of our volunteers and to say thank you. We are, Better Together.

402SQN recognised **FSGT(AAFC) David Stephens** in celebration of National Volunteers Week 2022. In December 2021, he reached a milestone of 40 years of service as IOC with AAFC /AIRTC, which is an exceptional commitment that only a few have attained. Forty years now makes David eligible for the Federation Star on his ACFSM - the medal was introduced in 1991 and not many have remained continuously committed to the Corps in this time. David's service to the organisation has seen him serve at many units in 40 years, and is a regular feature at GST camps, bivouacs, ANZAC day marches and Firearms training.



FLTLT(AAFC) Stefan Kudilczak PSM, who is retiring after over 50 years of AAFC service, was celebrated for his service and dedicated volunteerism with the AAFC

In 1963, Stefan joined the then Air Training Corp at the age 15, reaching the rank of CUO. Stefan then joined the RAAF Reserve as an Instructor with the ATC, and has supported this organisation ever since. Through various Wing and National appointments over the decades, Stefan has made significant contributions to the AAFC through logistics, ensuring Squadrons are equipped with the uniform and necessary tools to conduct training.

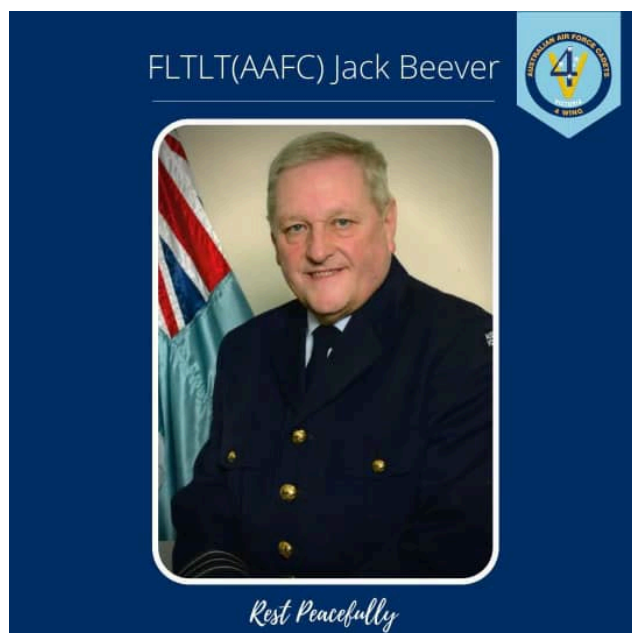
In his address to the mess, FLTLT(AAFC) Stefan Kudilczak PSM spoke fondly of his memories with ATC, VICAIRTC and now AAFC, drawing

comparisons to the significant changes between then and now. FLTLT(AAFC) Stefan Kudilczak PSM received a standing ovation from all members present at the conclusion of his address. We thank Stefan for his dedication to the AAFC and stand in awe of his service and commitment!

Congratulations to **FLTLT(AAFC) Paul Marsland** - Commanding Officer 413 Squadron Warrnambool, on being awarded his Australian Cadet Forces Service Medal & Clasp. This is to recognise Paul's 20+ years of service to Australian Air Force Cadets at both Geelong and Warrnambool Squadrons.



The award was presented to him by Regional Executive Officer West SQNLDR(AAFC) Troy Ashton in front of cadets and staff in Warrnambool



IN REMEMBRANCE - FLTLT(AAFC) JACK BEEVER, 4 WING

22 MAY 2022 4 Wing acknowledges the first anniversary of the passing of our dear friend and colleague FLTLT(AAFC) Jack Beever who dedicated over 25 Years of service to the AAFC. As a volunteer, Jack's work ethic, passion and support of our youth development philosophy and for the cadets and staff alike will always be a source of inspiration to those who knew and valued him. His humour and genuinely good nature was synonymous with the way he approached his duties and how he extended himself. Jack gave so much to all of us, nothing was ever too much trouble. On behalf of all past and present members we send our love, thoughts and prayers to his family.
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SQUADRON WINTER BIVOUACS

WING BIVOUAC 10 JUN 22 - 13 JUN 22

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These include drone piloting, model rocketry, camouflage and concealment, stretcher building, field engineering, morse code deciphering and more! Upon completion of each activity, cadets received clues for their final navigation exercise, where sections raced each other to reach a secret location. Over the four days, cadets also used hexamine tablets and stoves to cook their own meals, using ration packs prepared by the Wing.

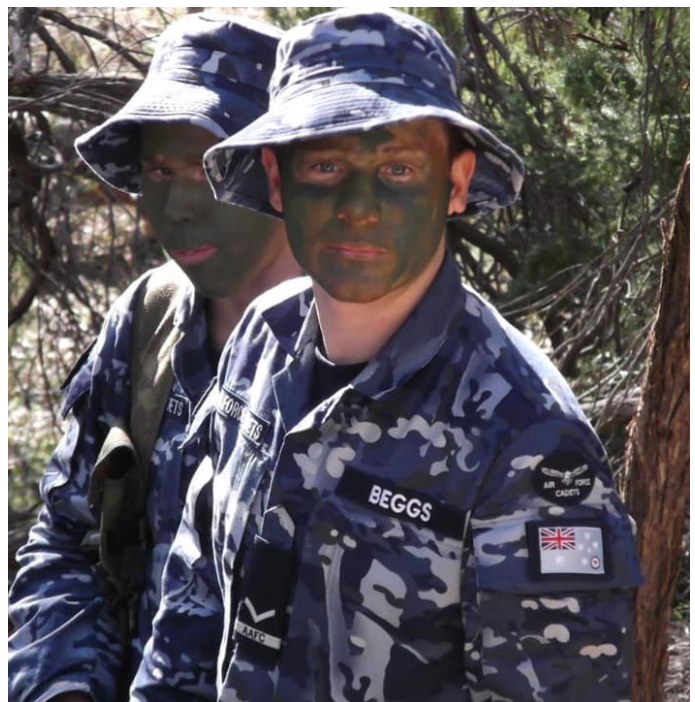
The Wing bivouac was designed to offer experiential, scenario-based activities for cadets with an interest in fieldcraft and seeking challenges beyond what their Squadron may offer. As the first of its kind in the recent era, this activity paves the way for more exciting Wing field exercises to come.



420SQN CITY OF BENALLA - WANGARATTA

420 Squadron hit the bush for their first Bivouac for 2022, at a training area located at Taminick, north west of Glenrowan. This area provides cadets with a wide variety of landscape and opportunities to experience field craft in all of its forms.

Cadets have been actively conducting bush navigation, patrolling utilising field signals and movements as well as demonstrating cam & concealment, shelter building and self catering their meals.



401 SQN SURREY HILLS

401SQN cadets and staff conducted their second bivouac at Dallas Brooks Scout Camp for Exercise Exodus - to exercise fieldcraft theory and practical elements learnt throughout the year.

This included Fieldcraft Recruit, Basic and Survival proficiency. The culmination on the night exercise involves cadets using RATEL to receive a grid reference, search patterns to locate a mock casualty, deploy a field stretcher or improvised field stretcher and rendezvous with 'starlight' for a simulated helicopter extraction with simulated sounds and lights.

Success resulted in mass hot chocolate and cookies to help endure a cold Melbourne evening!



4 WING BIVOUCAC – QUEENS BIRTHDAY LONG WEEKEND JUNE 22

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4WG REMOTE PILOT COURSE 2022

Senior cadets from across Victoria had the unique opportunity to attend the 5-day residential Remote Pilot License Course (RePL) at RAAF Base Williams Laverton during the June school holidays.

This fantastic STEM skills opportunity was funded by Cadet Branch - Air Force (CB-AF) and provided twenty cadets a nationally accredited CASA qualification, which allows them to pursue many opportunities in the rapidly expanding UAV sector, both within the AAFC and their future pathways.

Now days, drones are used in defence, engineering, mining, photography, environment, building & construction, agriculture, disaster management and many other areas.

A big thank you to the staff team involved, and SOT 4WG who supported this “pilot” program. Such initiatives allow a progressive range of training options to be available to the next generation of AAFC Cadets



4 WING END OF COURSE PARADE // PROMOTION DETACHMENT 2/22



On Saturday, 09 July 22, an End of Course Parade was held for the completion of the mid-year SNCO and JNCO courses held at RAAF Base Williams - Laverton & Point Cook.

The Parade Commander was CUO Kiamah Dowling of 406SQN and the Parade Warrant Officer was CWOFF Gus Thiel of 419SQN. Escort Squadron Commander was CUO Charlotte O'Sullivan of 403SQN, Escort Squadron Warrant Officer was CWOFF Jake Dimovski of 418SQN, and Escort Flight Commanders were Patrick Nguyen of 405SQN and CUO Sienna Levy of 402SQN. Host Officer was FLGOFF(AAFC) Bree Neve, and the Reviewing Officer was Air Force Liaison Officer 4WG WGCdr Trevor Murphy.

Congratulations to over 140 cadets and cadet staff who trained for the two solid weeks of the June school holidays to form such a large and high-quality parade on the day. Despite Melbourne weather being true to form, cadets marched through rain and sunshine to deliver a fantastic show for their parents, squadrons, and special guests.

Such parades showcase the culmination of daily drill and ceremonial training undertaken by our cadets during the detachment. This training is in addition to the program of subjects including instructional technique, leadership, organisational understanding as well as development of their personal attributes and teamwork as courses.

As always, 4 Wing thanks and acknowledges the detachment staff who give up their own personal leave, to supervise, mentor, assess and develop our young people into the next phase of cadet leaders.



After the challenging two-week promotion detachment, the Promotion Course Awards were also presented.

Congratulations to the 4WG cadets who were awarded the following:

142 SNCO Dux: CCPL Peter Xu - 415 SQN

143 SNCO Dux: CCPL Sanuda Gamlath - 401

SQNLDR(AAFC) Albert Linder PSM Overall Dux of SNCO courses: CCPL Peter Xu - 415 SQN

251 JNCO Dux: LCDT Aarav Patel - 418 SQN

252 JNCO Dux: LCDT Ella Bennet - 417 SQN

253 JNCO Dux: LCDT Katherine Richardson - 414 SQN

254 JNCO Dux: LCDT Claire Darrigan - 416 SQN

Ross Watson Memorial Shield for Overall Dux of JNCO Courses: LCDT Aarav Patel - 418 SQN

Dux of Excellence Awards:

142 SNCO: CCPL Jonathon Eather - 427 SQN

143 SNCO: CCPL James Liddell - 408 SQN

251 JNCO: LCDT Tiffany Nguyen - 405 SQN

252 JNCO: LCDT Joseph Adametz - 418 SQN

253 JNCO: LCDT Toby Beggs - 420 SQN

254 JNCO: LCDT Claire Darrigan - 416 SQN

The Ack Loveless Award for the highest combined Leadership score: LCDT Aarav Patel - 418 SQN

Congratulations to all of our award recipients for your hard work, efforts and achievements during your time on promotion course detachment.

GENERAL SERVICE TRAINING – RAAF BASE EAST SALE



The second round of GST detachments rolled out for the June holidays, allowing even more cadets across the Wing to experience life on an active RAAF base and its operations.

Once again, the GST program provided a more in depth look at what skills a AAFC Cadet leader needs to master as well as the art of followership. Cadets experienced sessions with 1FTS, Officer Training School Leadership Reaction Course, flight tower visits, and flight simulators.



In addition to the regular scheduled training, cadets were treated to a flight on a C-130J Super Hercules courtesy of the RAAF. These flights are often not only the highlight of the detachment, but also the turning point of many young cadets' interest and journeys into a career in Defence. We thank our sponsors for providing such opportunities to the young people in our organisation.

6 Wing AAFCC

STEM

6 Wing Southern Squadrons STEM Sunday!

Cadets primarily from 601, 605, 609 and 617 Squadrons converged on the Keswick Drill Hall to increase their STEM awareness. The full day of activities included 3D design and printing, stealth and space technologies, artificial intelligence and cyber security gaming.

This time was for the southern squadrons. The next time it's likely to be even bigger. Watch this space for some happy snaps of the activities on the day soon!



7 Wing AAFC



Canning MP Andrew Hastie visited cadets at Coodanup College.

Mr Hastie said supporting local cadets was “a key priority of mine”.

“I have always been a strong supporter of cadet programs in the Peel region. I was a cadet myself, and I know that involvement in cadets will help kids build the character and skills to meet their future life and career goals,” he said.

“Cadet programs are especially important as a youth development opportunity for disadvantaged young people in our area.”



Cadet Sergeants Abbey and Prue Pillar from No 106 Squadron (Tablelands) enjoying their Cadet Aviation Experience (CAE) flight in a Cessna 172S on 26 March 2022 courtesy of Townsville Flight Training. Image by ACW(AAFC) Romney Blunt.

AVIATION OPERATIONS

Part 1 – Powered flying at Cairns

Cadets from two squadrons of No 1 Wing (North Queensland) recently had the opportunity to participate in Cadet Air Experience (CAE) flights from Cairns Airport (YBCS).

These CAE flights, on the weekend 26-27 March, were provided by Townsville Flight Training, a pilot training facility which operates from Townsville International airport.

The AAFC aviation program allows Cadets to have a safe, positive and educational aviation experience to foster an early interest in flying – one way of achieving this is through a non-instructional Cadet Aviation Experience (CAE) flight in a powered aircraft.

The intention is that every Cadet in their first year of membership, with parental consent, will have access to at least one such non-instructional flight – at no cost to the Cadet.



Members of No 106 Squadron with a Cessna 172S operated by Townsville Flight Training at Cairns airport on 26 March 2022 (left to right): CCPL Nicholas Brammer, LCDT Pierre Guntendorfer and CSGT Ethan Steptoe. Image by FLGOFF(AAFC) Sarah Lannan.



Left to right: CCPL Lachlan Costa, LCDT Mia Phillips and LCDT Oscar Byrne from No 106 Squadron. Image by FLGOFF(AAFC) Sarah Lannan.



Members of No 106 Squadron with a Cessna 172S at Cairns airport on 26 March 2022 (left to right): CWOFF Emily Phillips, LCDT Hamish Geddes and CWOFF Sarah Westwood. Image by FLGOFF(AAFC) Sarah Lannan.



Members of No 106 Squadron (Tablelands) enjoying a Cadet Aviation Experience (CAE) flight in a Cessna 172S from Cairns airport on 26 March 2022, provided by Townsville Flight Training (left to right): ACW(AAFC) Romney Blunt, CSGT Abbey Pillar and CSGT Prue Pillar. Image by ACW(AAFC) Romney Blunt.

The Commanding Officer of No 106 Squadron (Tablelands) FLGOFF(AAFC) Sarah Lannan said, “The activity was organised as part of the ongoing efforts by the AAFC to get our cadets flying and to inspire our youth. All cadets and staff had a great time and a looking forward to future powered flight opportunities within the AAFC”.



No 106 Squadron (Tablelands) is based in Mareeba: the squadron has the motto “Rise to Excellence” and a history dating back to 5 October 1956 when it was formed as No 6 Flight of the North Queensland Air Training Corps (NQAIRTC) Squadron. See more here:

[*No 106 Squadron \(Tablelands\), AAFC*](#)

No 107 Squadron is based in Innisfail, originally No 7 Flight of the NQAIRTC Squadron. See more here:

[*No 107 Squadron \(Innisfail\), AAFC*](#)

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Aviation Operations Wing (AOW) has the aim of delivering flying pathways to Air Force Cadets through gliding and powered flying experiences and training. Opportunities are made available across the country through the Elementary Flying Training School (EFTS) and Gliding Training School (GTS), and Air Force-approved service providers.



Flying trainee LCDT Arshnoor Singh from No 601 Squadron at Keswick Barracks (in the pilot's seat) at Balaklava Airfield (YBVA) on 2 April 2022, with PLTOFF(AAFC) Brink van Schalkwyk, a Level 1 Instructor. Image by FLTLT(AAFC) Ian Wright.

AVIATION OPERATIONS

Part 2 – Balaklava Glider Training Flight

Balaklava Glider Training Flight began the year offering Pilot Experience (PEX) flights to Cadets of No 6 Wing, giving South Australian cadets the feel of flying a DG1000S glider.

Then in March Balaklava Flight conducted a Gliding Theory Training Course at RAAF Edinburgh, to prepare a new cohort of aviation trainees.

Some had previously flown an instructional PEX flight, but for most this course was their first chance to progress their theoretical knowledge acquired in their home training curriculum.

In a comprehensive training program, the trainees covered topics of Aircraft General Knowledge, from aviation terminology, units, and time and date formats through to GFA checklists, inspections and ground handling.



Graduates of the Balaklava Flight 1/22 Gliding Theory Course (Cohort 02/22); image by CIV Gordon Ings:

Front row (left to right): Leading Cadet Jerom Cooray (604 Squadron); Leading Cadet Lachie Hinds (609 Squadron); Cadet Corporal Husan Ara (613 Squadron); Leading Cadet Tegan Revolta (604 Squadron).

Middle row: FLTLT(AAFC) Ian Wright, Flight Commander; Leading Cadet Treyson Sutthi; Leading Cadet Wyatt Apat; Cadet Corporal Kiera Griffiths; Leading Cadet Mackenzie Griffiths (613 Squadron); Cadet Corporal Nathan Samuel (609 Squadron); Cadet Corporal Oliver Schneider (603 Squadron); FLTLT(AAFC) Paul Rosenzweig, Executive Officer.

Rear row: CPL(AAFC) Phyll Martin, Safety Officer and COVID Marshal; Leading Cadet Joel Porteous-Hurst (613 Squadron); Cadet Sergeant Brayden Willmott (609 Squadron); Cadet Sergeant Jesse Isaac (604 Squadron); FLTLT(AAFC) Ian Harlow, Equipment Officer; Cadet Corporal Ryan Lind (613 Squadron); Cadet Sergeant Matthew Thompson (613 Squadron); Leading Cadet Connor Brink (609 Squadron); Leading Cadet Arshnoor Singh (601 Squadron); FLTLT(AAFC) Neil Martin, Activity OIC.

They also studied Aviation Theory Training, from aerodynamics to meteorology, and rules and procedures of flight. Aviation Operations Wing's Head of Operations—Gliding SQNLDR(AAFC) Dennis Medlow was a guest lecturer on Human Factors in Aviation (Gliding).

The Flight Commander of Balaklava Flight, Flight Lieutenant (AAFC) Ian Wright said, “*The attitude of the cadets was extremely positive, and they all took the opportunity to explore not just the gliding theory we presented but also to discuss careers in the fields of aviation and aerospace generally*”.



Flying trainee LCDT Tegan Revolva from No 604 Squadron at Hampstead Barracks at Balaklava Airfield (YBVA) on 2 April 2022, with WOFF(AAFC) Steve Shuck CSC, a Level 3 Instructor. Image by FLTLT(AAFC) Ian Wright.

FLTLT(AAFC) Wright said, “*All cadet trainees have been recommended to progress, to join Flying Continuation Training weekends and a Gliding Course*”.

Glider flying weekends were then conducted – in April, May and June – Flying Continuation Training for Cohort 1 trainees on their pathway to their first solo flight, and *ab initio* training for selected members of Cohort 2 fresh from the gliding theory course.

Inspire Cadets through flying experiences

Thanks to considerable support from Air Force, the AAFC aviation program enables Cadets to have a positive, educational experience designed to inspire their interest in the aerospace industry.

The goal of the AAFC flying training program is to give Cadets exposure to, and inspire their interest in, the aerospace industry through education in theoretical and practical skills of aircraft handling, aircraft engineering and flight operations.

AAFC gliding activities are conducted by the Gliding Training School (GTS), which has the mission of delivering flying pathways to Cadets through glider flying experiences and training using the AAFC's fleet of DG1000S gliders. The DG1000S is a two-seater, high performance basic soaring trainer, with a two-piece canopy.

Gliding trains pilots to be very well coordinated on the aircraft controls, and develops in them a high degree of in-flight situational awareness and respect for other airspace users.

Further information on gliding opportunities may be found on the updated AAFC website:

<https://www.airforcecadets.gov.au/what-we-do/training/aviation-experiences/gliding>

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LCDT Jaydn Mereszko before flying his first solo flight at Warwick Airport (YWCK) on 2 October 2021 during a Gliding Course conducted by Warwick Glider Training Flight. Image supplied by Warwick Glider Training Flight.

FIRST SOLO

Leading Cadet Jaydn Mereszko

Warwick Glider Training Flight conducted another successful Gliding Course at Warwick Airport (YWCK) during the September-October holidays last year. A highlight of the course was seeing five continuation trainees fly their first solo flight in the DG1000S glider.

One of them was Leading Cadet Jaydn Mereszko, who achieved his first solo flight on 2 October. LCDT Mereszko is a member of No 222 Squadron in Upper Coomera in the City of Gold Coast, Queensland ('Excellence through Tenacity'). Read more here:

<https://www.airforcecadets.gov.au/how-to-join/wings/2-wing-aafc-sth-qld/222-squadron-upper-coomera>

LCDT Mereszko spoke to the Public Affairs Officer of Aviation Operations Wing, Flight Lieutenant (AAFC) Paul Rosenzweig about his AAFC career to date and his impressions of flying solo.



LCDT Mereszko during a powered Cadet Air Experience (CAE) flight in a Diamond DA-40 NG from Amberley on 1 May 2021 – his first ever experience of flying: “Moments after taking off I knew I wanted to continue with aviation, taking any and every opportunity I could”.

Do you have an ancestor who served in the military forces?

My great-grandfather served in WW2 in the RAAF. He was a Leading Aircraftman during his service period within 313 Radar Flight, and a Corporal with No.3 Entertainment Unit.

He was a mechanic and a magician, with a few stories to tell to say the least!

RAAF Mobile Entertainment Unit No 3 was a company of fourteen performers known by the name 'The Gremlins' (additional members of the party were one driver and an electrician). The unit deployed on entertainment tours of RAAF establishments in northern country areas in a large truck which carried their equipment and then converted into a stage for their concert performances.

LCDT Mereszko's great-grandfather was born in Neutral Bay, NSW in 1912, and during World War 2 served from 12 May 1942 to 14 February 1946. He was known as 'the conjurer and mystery man', and gave performances involving sleight-of-hand.



LCDT Jaydn Mereszko stands before a General Dynamics F-111C strike aircraft at RAAF Amberley on 1 May 2021. This aircraft (A8-138) flew its first flight on 17 December 1968, and was based at Amberley between 1973 and 2007. It took part in a flying display at the F-111 retirement ceremony on 3 December 2010. This iconic airframe was on display at the RAAF Heritage Centre until 19 December 2015, when it became the Gate Guard at RAAF Amberley, repainted in its original camouflage colours.

For more information: <http://www.adf-serials.com.au/3a8.htm>



LCDT Jaydn Mereszko (at the back, second from the left) and his fellow flying trainees during the 2/21 Gliding Course at Warwick Airport in winter 2021, with Warwick Gliding Club's Piper Aircraft Corporation tug.

Why did you join the AAFC?

I primarily joined the AAFC in hopes of kickstarting my hopefully successful aviation career. I wanted to go on experience flights and aviation courses as I don't have the privilege to do so in my personal life.

What is your best memory of cadets?

My best memory at cadets has to be my first solo flight – the impact that it had on me was phenomenal.

Falling under that, I loved attending and taking part in the Emu Gully leadership and teamwork building camp, it was a real eye-opener for myself as a developing LCDT and Year 10 student. It was also great making a few friends on the way.

What was your first ever experience of flying?

My first ever experience of flying took place at Amberley on a Cadet Air Experience (CAE) flight, I loved it! Moments after taking off I knew I wanted to continue with aviation, taking any and every opportunity I could. I didn't care whether it was an unpowered or powered plane, I was still flying!

What was your experience of flying a glider?

Flying a glider is easy and extremely fun. You have freedom, and the only thing you hear is the sound of the air rushing through the vents into the glider. Although it is easy, it can also be quite challenging at times, but to me that's just part of the fun and the path to becoming a better Pilot.

What was your experience of flying solo?

Before take-off on my first solo, not long ago, I was very nervous, but as soon as I started rolling for take-off, I knew I had it in the bag. I knew this was going to be just as easy and calming as flying with an instructor.



A glider pilot's view of Warwick Airport (YWCK) in the Southern Downs Regional Council area of south Queensland. Image supplied by Warwick Glider Training Flight



*A glider pilot's view of Warwick Airfield (YWCK), lower left, and another soaring glider.
Image supplied by Warwick Glider Training Flight*

You will never forget your first solo. It is a moment that you will remember for life, and the smile on your face after you touchdown (assuming it was a smooth landing) will be remembered by you and many others.

As I am still learning how to become a better and safer pilot, as we all are, I look back to when I first started, so I can feel proud of myself for how far I have come in under a year.

It is truly amazing. I believe we can achieve anything if we put the effort in at the very beginning.

What has the AAFC taught you most?

The AAFC has taught me a new way of doing things, from addressing a higher rank, to general respect and tenacity as key qualities now second nature and a part of me.

Most of all, the AAFC has taught me how become a more respectful person, a more loyal person and I have learnt in this organisation that you only get out what you put in. And that there are countless people just like you, you will meet them eventually, and they could be some of your closest friends for life.

What would you tell a new recruit joining today?

To all new recruits joining the AAFC, no matter how young or how old, put in the effort to do what you want in this organisation, only then will you accomplish things you thought you couldn't, only then will you start seeing results. Countless people give up because they don't believe in their self. If I can put in the effort, so can you!

How would you summarise the excitement of glider flying?

The excitement of flying a glider is endless, no flight is the same. You will always enjoy yourself up in the sky, towering over everything in your way, peacefully gliding silently after you have released from the tug.

I am lost for words when it comes to describing gliding and my general experience, it is just truly amazing. Why don't you see for yourself?



A very happy LCDT Jaydn Mereszko after flying his first solo flight at Warwick Airport (YWCK) on 2 October 2021 during a Gliding Course conducted by Warwick Glider Training Flight. Image supplied by Warwick Glider Training Flight.

Have you flown again since your solo flight?

I have done a total of 20 post-solo flights, and I have achieved my 'A' and 'B' Certificates. I am currently a Defence Force Recruiting candidate, hoping to become a RAAF pilot in 2024.

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Bathurst Glider Training Flight began the year with staff currency and recertification training – this image shows a tug launch from Bathurst Airfield (YBTH) in January

AVIATION OPERATIONS

Part 3 – Bathurst Glider Training Flight

Last year, Bathurst Glider Training Flight had to cancel a proposed Gliding Course due to the ongoing COVID restrictions in NSW. But the keen staff instead ran an online gliding course for their aviation trainees.

Early this year though, Bathurst Flight started preparing to run Pilot Experience (PEX) flights, to give Cadets in No 3 Wing (NSW) the feel of flying a DG1000S glider. They began by running staff currency and recertification training. Squadron-Leader (AAFC) Bill Gleeson-Barker said: *“Some great flights were achieved in spite of some bad weather and all the COVID safety measures”*.

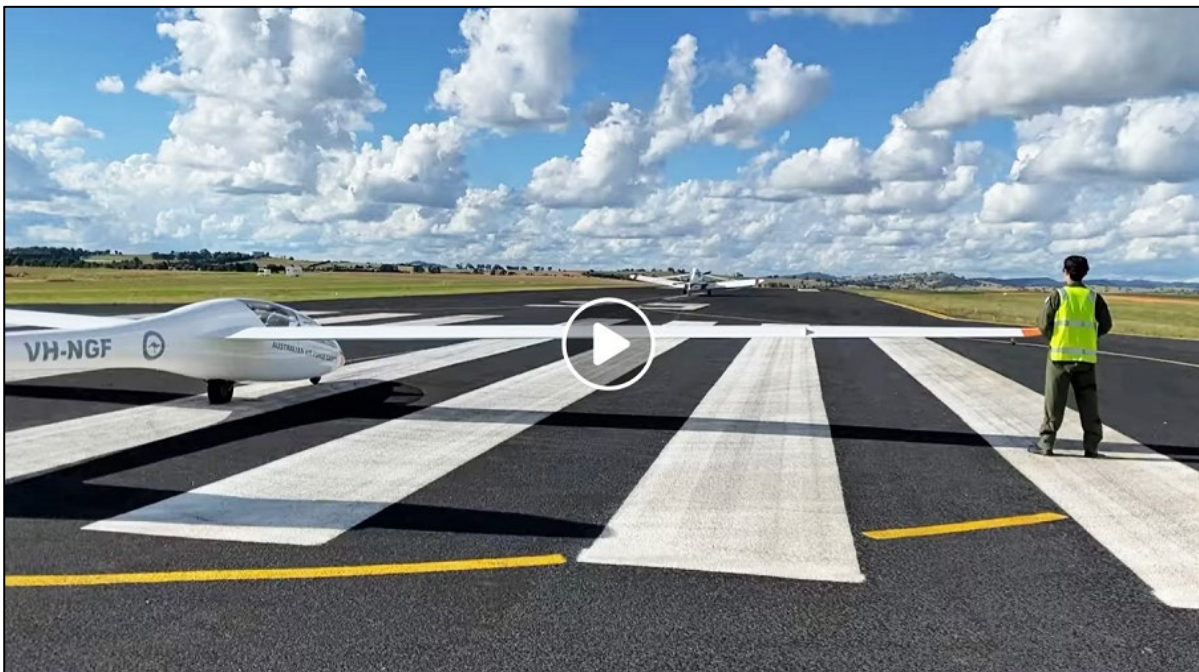
Then they were ready to run a PEX flying weekend. SQNLDR(AAFC) Gleeson-Barker announced: *“Bathurst Flight GTS is back in action! On the weekend of the 4 - 6 FEB we successfully ran our first COVID SAFE weekend PEX with 50+ cadets and staff”*.



Bathurst Flight's DG1000S glider 'VH-NGB' preparing to launch for another staff currency and recertification training in January this year.



Bathurst Flight's Pawnee tug, a Piper Aircraft Corporation PA-25-235/A1



*'VH-NGF' launches on Runway 35 Bathurst (YBTH) on 8 January.
Watch the video by SQNLDR(AAFC) Bill Gleeson-Barker:
<https://www.facebook.com/GTSA AFC/videos/1345728235841386>*

That weekend offered pilot experience flights to cadets from No 310 (City of Tamworth) Squadron, No 319 Squadron (Inverell), No 337 Squadron (Armidale) and No 339 Squadron (Moree).

Bathurst Glider Training Flight is one of three units of the Gliding Training School (GTS), which delivers flying pathways to Cadets through gliding experiences and training using the AAFC's fleet of DG1000S gliders.

The aim is to provide every cadet with an immersive aviation experience – at no cost.

The Gliding Training School operates a fleet of DG1000S two-seater, fully dual-controlled gliders. The DG1000S is a high-performance training glider with an 18-metre wingspan, which offers excellent visibility and comfortable seating for two persons.

These aircraft are registered to the Commonwealth of Australia and are maintained by Cadets Branch – Air Force, and are flown by qualified AAFC instructors.

Watch the launch of DG1000S glider 'VH-NGF' on Bathurst Runway 35 on 8 January this year:

<https://www.facebook.com/GTSA AFC/videos/1345728235841386>

SQNLDR(AAFC) Gleeson-Barker said: *We have a full flying program for the 2022 year and are excited to continue to provide aviation opportunities!*

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Further information on gliding opportunities and instructional Pilot Experience (PEX) flights may be found on the updated AAFC website:

<https://www.airforcecadets.gov.au/what-we-do/training/aviation-experiences/gliding>

SQNLDR(AAFC) Gleeson-Barker said: *"The Flight staff are looking forward to getting back in the air with cadets from next month and delivering the massive year that's planned!"*.

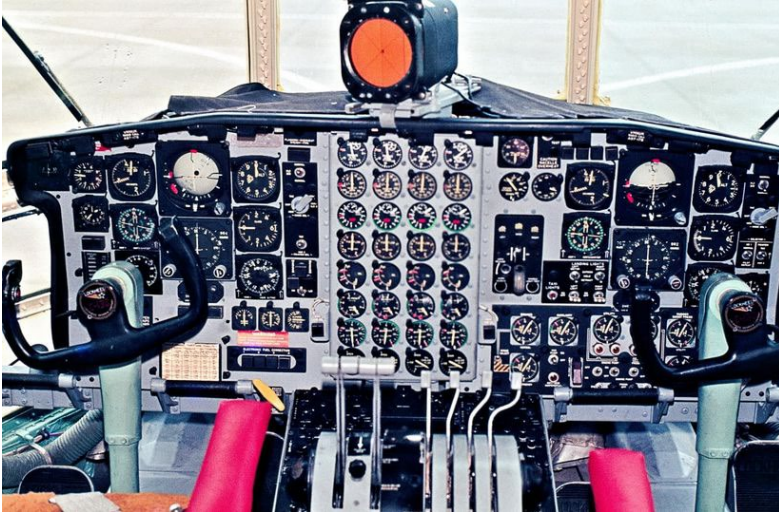
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Quiz

Quiz May Answers

There were no responses to the May Quiz, so we're still waiting for answers!



1. Aircraft type?



2. Aircraft types?



3. Can you spell OH&S?

An hour before the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on 7 December 1941, Australian forces in the Pacific were already in action against the Japanese?

4. What occurred and where did this take place?



5. What have we here?



6. Aircraft type?



7. I bet you can win this one.



8. Aircraft and location. Alumni who may have owned one of these two can also answer.



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9. Caption s please.
'It fell off on my last landing'



10. What's wrong here?



11. In time for Bomber Command memories.



12. Airfield?

Quiz August



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1. Location?



2. Aircraft type?



3. Aircraft types and Location?



4. Type? Don't be fooled.



5. Who owned this?



6. Aircraft and if possible, location.



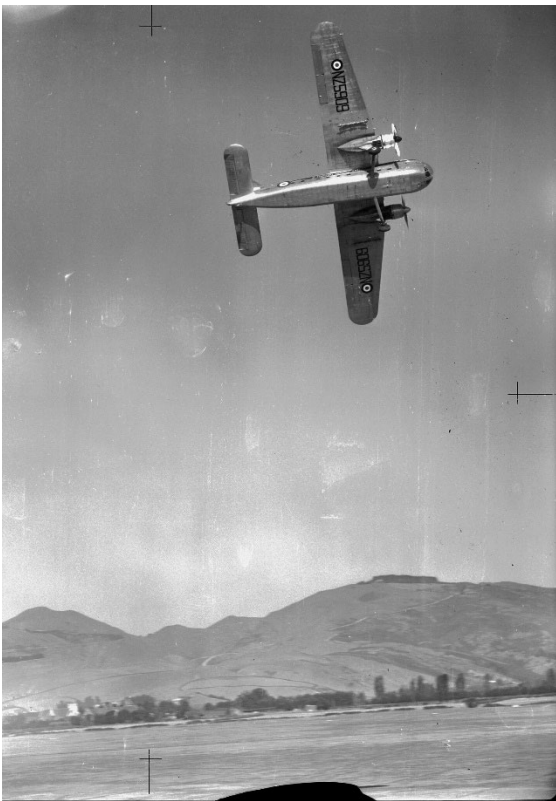
7. A few of our alumni have sat here.



8. Type



9, Aircraft and a guess for location. One of our alumni flew them.



10. Type and story.

Of Interest



The Australian Defence Force (ADF) is looking for adult volunteers to lead and inspire young people as part of the Navy, Army and Air Force Cadets. ADF Cadets is Defence's leading youth development program, supporting 13 to 18 year-olds through activities that help them thrive in a team environment, improve communication skills, and become responsible members of the local community.

Head of ADF Cadets in Defence, Major General Douglas Laidlaw, said the program helps young people become more confident, capable and resilient. "The Cadets program provides rewarding, challenging and exciting activities for youth in hundreds of locations around Australia," Laidlaw said. "However, it wouldn't be able to provide the experiences it does without the support from the local community and the involvement of volunteers."

ADF Cadet adult volunteers come from a diverse range of age, cultural and professional backgrounds, and are supported with training to develop their own leadership skills. "You don't need any previous military experience to help out as a volunteer," Laidlaw said. "Whether you have a little time to give or a lot, you will be welcomed into a close-knit, supportive and friendly community of volunteers who are putting the future of our nation in good hands."

ADF Cadets is an inclusive organisation that provides opportunities for young people from a wide range of social backgrounds and abilities. There are approximately 28,000 cadets currently enrolled in the program across the three services. The call for adult volunteers is a key component of a number of initiatives being implemented to enhance the ADF Cadets program. To find out more about volunteering with the ADF Cadets, visit

www.cadetnet.gov.au/volunteer.

Get to know 'Who We Are' Air Force Cadets



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mltVNx5ZBFM>

ANZAC is not merely about loss. It is about courage, and endurance, and duty, and love of the country, and mateship, and good humour and the survival of a sense of self-worth and decency in the face of dreadful odds.

Sir William Dean Governor General of Australia on ANZAC Day 1999

From those basic tenets of Decency, we as Australians and New Zealanders have always been welcome back into those areas of conflict, Turkey, France, Germany, Korea, Vietnam, our Defence Forces have Won Hearts and Minds.

What is this Spirit of ANZAC called Mateship?

As poet Henry Lawson once **put it**, a mate is someone who abuses you to your face and defends you behind your back.

Mateship is an [Australian cultural idiom](#) that embodies [equality](#), [loyalty](#) and [friendship](#). as loyalty to one's mates in preference to society at large.

In a Military context[[edit](#)]

Mateship is regarded as an Australian military virtue. For instance, the Australian Army Recruit Training Centre lists the "soldierly qualities" it seeks to instil as including "a will to win, dedication to duty, honour, compassion and honesty, mateship and teamwork, loyalty, and physical and moral courage."^[1]

Australian Constitutional preamble[[edit](#)]

During the [1999 Australian constitutional referendum](#) there was some consideration regarding the inclusion of the term "mateship" in the [preamble](#) of the [Australian constitution](#). excellence as well as fairness, independence as

ARMY TRADITIONS

Today's Army carries on a tradition steeped in the core values of courage, initiative, respect and teamwork. What binds these values together is an icon of Australian history - the Rising Sun Badge. While the Rising Sun has evolved over time, every soldier that wears it carries on the proud tradition of service to the nation.

Our officers and soldiers live the values of courage, initiative, respect and teamwork. They're ordinary Australians who tackle extraordinary situations.

The Australian Army has an ethos of courage and toughness. Australian soldiers work as part of a team, and are inspired by the ANZAC tradition of fairness and loyalty to their mates. They are respected for their professionalism, integrity, initiative and esprit de corps.

WHAT WE VALUE IN YOU

An Australian soldier has a will to win, a dedication to duty, a great sense of honour and compassion, belief in honesty and the benefits of mateship and teamwork and a wealth of physical and moral courage. You are accountable for your actions and decisions and are asked to bring honour to Australia, the Army, your mates and yourself.

TRADITIONS

The Army has a number of time honoured traditions which survive today as a reminder of our rich history. They're important in building the Army's esprit de corps, the spirit of comradeship and commitment to a cause.

THE RISING SUN

Proudly worn in the Wars, the Rising Sun Badge has THE RISING SUN

Proudly worn in both World Wars, the Rising Sun Badge has become a part of the digger tradition and ANZAC spirit.

Strong Gear

If you think carrier borne aircraft need a strong nose wheel structure for the catapult launch, it come in handy with some arrested landings too!! (thanks to Dave Rogers for this one)



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Letters

Hi Brady

A tit bit of AIRTC/RAAF Trivia which shows Air Force family.

The newly appointed Chief of Air Force, Air Marshall Robert CHIPMAN, AM CSC is the son of retired RAAF Air Commodore Doug CHIPMAN.
Doug, who is currently the Mayor of the City of Clarence in Tasmania was many years ago a Cadet, in a Hobart Flight of the Tasmanian Squadron Air Training Corps .

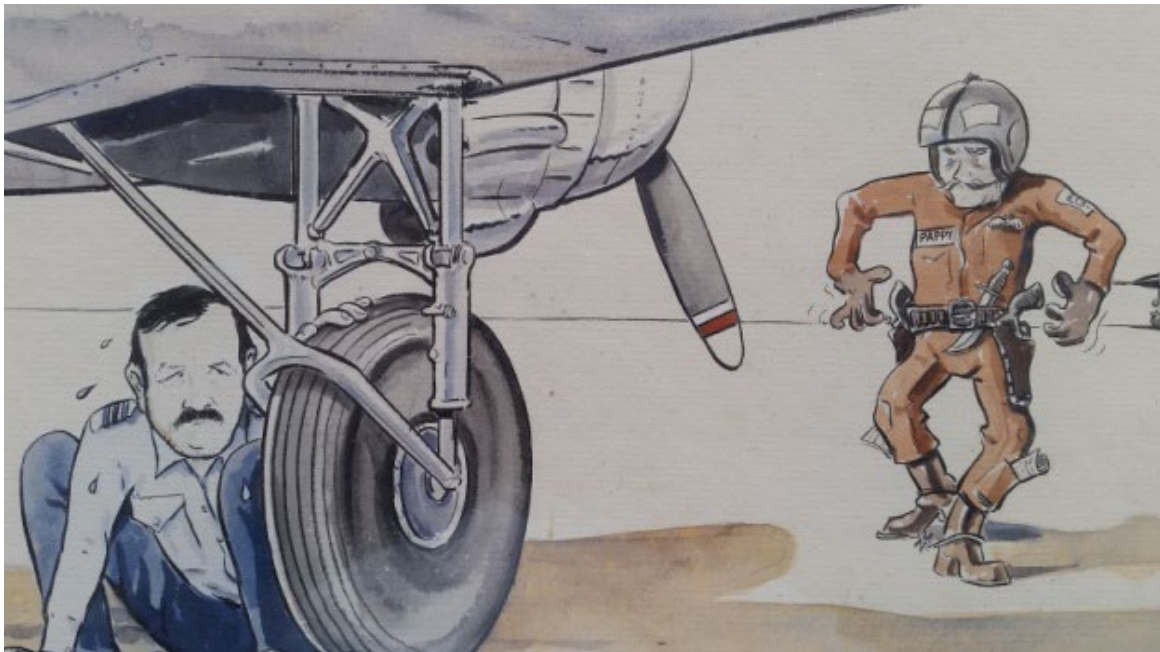
Robert is the first ADFA Officer to be appointed to Chief of Service.

Cheers

Dudley Barrow
Retired Wing Commander (AIRTC)

Feedback

Please feel free to send through any feedback or suggestions you may have to us at AlumniDirector@aircadetsalumni.org.au



Keep in Touch // 2022 + Beyond

Many of you are reading this Newsletter after logging on to our Alumni Web Site. You can come and join us, at no cost. Thanks to our friends at the AAFC for running our advertisement.

Are you leaving the Australian Air Force Cadets? You can keep in touch with mates through our network website & social pages. It's also a great opportunity to contribute your experience and ideas to help the Air Force Cadets of tomorrow.

Current and past staff are also welcome! Stay connected via the [Australian Air Cadets Alumni Network](#).

www.aircadetsalumni.org.au
[#airforcecadets](#)

Leaving the AAFC? Stay connected..

The AAFC thanks the *Australian Air Cadets Alumni Network* for their support in this important 75th Anniversary year of the Cadets. In particular, it was the *Air Cadets Alumni Network* that created the commemorative 75th anniversary pin for presentation all staff and cadets who age expire in this milestone year.

The *Air Cadets Alumni Network* was also instrumental in the production of the official history of the journey of the Air Cadets Organisations so far.

These are just two of the worthwhile initiatives they have undertaken. And there is more to come in the years ahead. When your time as a cadet comes to an end you can stay connected though the *Air Cadets Alumni Network*.

You can keep in touch with mates through our Network website and facebook pages and also receive an *e-magazine* with news and other interesting stuff about cadet life. You will also have the opportunity to contribute your experience and ideas to help the air cadets of tomorrow.

Current and past Staff members are also welcome to join the Network.

**Joining the Network is easy and, most importantly,
IT'S FREE.**

Just visit our website <http://www.aircadetsalumni.org.au> and look for the Register Link under the Network Information tab.

