



## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR FLYING OFFICER ERIC JOHN JEWELL AWARD

Each year, Air Force Cadets experiencing financial hardship have the opportunity to apply for the Flying Officer Eric John Jewell Award, to further their participation, talent, or leadership in the Air Force Cadets.

For more information on the Flying Officer Eric John Jewell Award:



Air Force Cadet Squadron representatives are now invited to submit an application for funding for cadets, or cadet programs. Applications will be accepted until 25 April 2023 and successful recipients will be notified in June/July 2023.

Flying Officer Eric Jewell was one of the first pilots in the Vickers Wellington aircraft with 458 Squadron. He took part in a number of operations, and perhaps most notable was 458 Squadron's involvements in Operation DRAGOON, starting on 15 August 1944.

This operation came to be known as the second D-Day landings.



## COMMANDER UPDATES

Group Captain (AAFC) Stephen Johns

It was great to catch up with our Air Force Cadets and Adult Volunteers during the Avalon International Airshow 2023. The 4 Wing (AAFC) team did an incredible job in planning and delivering a great experience for all those who visited the marquee. A big thankyou to those industrious AAFC members who worked tirelessly on a rotating roster, to represent us and show the public through the AAFC static displays.

During the three days, we saw over 800 ADF cadets visit the airshow – I hope it inspired you for a future career in aviation or the aerospace industry! It was also a great opportunity for me to speak to cadets and volunteers, and I was encouraged by the positive feedback on the new Cadet Learning Curriculum.

I am looking forward to getting out to all of the Wings in the coming months and am excited for the year ahead.



## ADULT LEARNING CONTINUUM REVIEW NOW UNDERWAY

The Adult Learning Continuum Review (ALCR) is currently undergoing a thorough design process following the recently completed analysis into the AAFC structure, roles and adult experiences (past and present).

This is part of the critical process to analyse, design and develop the learning requirements for AAFC adult volunteers.

Our intent is to provide adults with a contemporary learning experience that is engaging, relevant and delivers a practical personal development opportunity. The ALCR will also prepare adults and senior cadets to better understand cadet learning for their own development, with a focus on developing leadership across the AAFC.

As such, the Performance and Personal Growth Framework will be based on three streams: organisational understanding, which includes understanding youth development; role preparation; and leadership.

We are also planning the next AAFC Think Tank in May to assist the ALCR design - so stay tuned for more information on that event. This will precede the ALCR Roadshow across all Wings in June and July.



For more information on the Adult Learning Continuum Review

## OUR FAMILY



Cadets  
9190



Instructors  
1287



Volunteers  
401

## CYBERTAIPAN

CyberTaipan is an Australian Youth Cyber Defence competition run by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO). Teams compete in a series of online competition rounds by fixing vulnerabilities, hardening systems, and performing other tasks related to networking, cyber defence and cyber security.

The AAFC entered 13 teams in CyberTaipan 2022 and three cadets (LCDT Aliana He, LCDT Tali Nikadie, and LCDT Sophie Robertson) were subsequently chosen as part of a team of 16 girls from across Australia to attend the CSIRO CyberTaipan Young Women's Career Tour in Canberra. They visited the Australian Signals Directorate, Mount Stromlo Observatory, CSIRO Discovery Centre, Australian National University and Services Australia.

The coordinator of the AAFC National CyberTaipan teams, Commanding Officer 346 Squadron (AAFC), FLTLT (AAFC) Melissa Jones, said it was an amazing opportunity for all involved. "The cadets all gained an in-depth insight into cybersecurity and made connections with people who work in this space."



For more information on the CSIRO Cyber Taipan program



## QUOTE of the day



You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.  
Dr. Seuss

## LET'S CONNECT

