



## FIRST ADF CADETS TRI-SERVICE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT A SUCCESS

Ten high-performing Air Force Cadets recently joined Navy and Army Cadets in Canberra for the inaugural ADF Cadets tri-Service Leadership Summit, organised by the newly established ADF Cadets Directorate (ADFCD) in Joint Support Services Division.

Joined by the Patron of the ADF Cadets, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove, and senior officers in the Australian Defence Force, Cadets engaged in a range of theoretical, experiential and practical leadership theory sessions. The Cadets also tested their skills in a series of obstacles at a Leadership Reaction Course, and participated in the Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial.

Colonel Peter Steel in the ADFCD said that the Summit will be an event that all cadets will be keen to attend in the future. "The inaugural Summit was a unique tri-Service initiative that delivered a challenging and rewarding experience for all involved," he said.

## AAFC FOUNDATION PATHWAY PROGRAM OFFERING CADETS GREAT OPPORTUNITIES

Air Force Cadets from 227 Squadron, (City of Rockhampton), recently toured the new Alliance Airlines Rockhampton Maintenance Facility. The hangar, to be officially opened in June, is large enough to park three Embraer E 190 jets, side-by-side for maintenance.

Alliance Airlines is Australia's largest air-charter operator, boasting a fleet of over 40 aircraft; and employing over 500 staff to provide airline and charter services in Australia and New Zealand.

The airline is also a member of the AAFC Foundation Pathways Program, which gives Air Force Cadets great experiences that provide cadets the opportunity to consider aviation and aerospace as career paths.

Alliance Operations Services Manager for Central Queensland, Amanda Schuler, said it was great to give the local Air Force Cadet Squadron an opportunity in regional Australia that would only be normally offered to Cadets in capital cities.

"The local Squadron really enjoyed their visit and gifted us a certificate of appreciation that was presented at the end of the tour," she said. "It will take pride of place in the new facility."



## COMMANDER UPDATES

Group Captain (AAFC) Stephen Johns

It has been a very busy start in my role as the new Commander of the AAFC. Since my appointment I have managed to visit 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 Wings with 5 and 7 Wing to have visits in the near future. Thank you for the hospitality and welcome from you all into my new role.

In May, senior leadership from the AAFC and Cadets Branch – Air Force gathered in Canberra for the biannual National Headquarters Conference, which was a great opportunity to share our updates, success stories, obstacles and network as a team.

As part of my new role I have now released my Commander's Intent for the AAFC. My Commander's Intent is a concise statement that sets my desired direction for our organisation.

In military terms, a Commander's Intent is a key component for planning and provides guidance to subordinate units and leaders regarding the overall objectives and priorities. We have created some communication products and produced a video that you can view via the QR code below.

Please take some time to read or view my intent message via the NEWS tab on the AAFC web page, it will help you shape your path and decision-making.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and I look forward to seeing all of you in person soon!



View the AAFC Commander's Intent via this link.



## GREAT ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE BATHURST GLIDING TEAM

Delayed a year by COVID and floods, 15 Cadets finally had the opportunity to go solo at a recent Air Force Cadets gliding camp.

Flight Commander of the Gliding Training School Flight (Bathurst, NSW), FLTLT (AAFC) Amy Baddams, said she was proud of the team for how hard they worked to overcome the setbacks of the last two years. "I wasn't expecting this many cadets to go solo," she said. "This was a great team effort and thank you to our incredible team of flying staff that helped make it happen!"

FLTLT (AAFC) Baddams said that even those Cadets who didn't go solo still had amazing aviation experiences which will shape them for their future lives and careers. "The AAFC gliding program is great for building teamwork and leadership because you can only get into the air supported by the team around you. Everyone has to pitch in with operations, launching and crewing so it is ideal for youth development."

The AAFC Gliding Training School conducts gliding training through three 'Centres of Excellence': Gliding Training School Flight (Balaklava, SA), Gliding Training School Flight (Bathurst) and Gliding Training School Flight (Warwick, QLD).

## OUR FAMILY



Cadets  
8902



Instructors  
1306



Volunteers  
420

## QUOTE of the day



"The only impossible journey is the one you never begin."  
Tony Robbins

## LET'S CONNECT

