



## INTERNATIONAL AIR CADET EXCHANGE PROGRAM RESUMES

The AAFC has resumed engagement with the International Air Cadet Exchange Program hosting an Australia-wide tour for overseas partner participants last month.

Participants from the UK, USA, Belgium, Republic of Korea and New Zealand visited a variety of locations and were involved in many activities including a tour of RAAF Amberley, a Qantas deep maintenance facility, the Australian War Memorial, Temora Aviation Museum, flew in one of our AAFC Diamonds and experienced Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

In return Cadets and six adult volunteers from the AAFC will travel to those participating countries during the same period. One of the highlights of the visit was the Chief of Air Force dinner where Cadets met and dined at the ADFA Cadet mess with Chief of Air Force, Air Marshal Robert Chipman.

## CADET AIR EXPERIENCE IN CANBERRA

Over 120 Cadets from Canberra recently had the opportunity to have a Cadet Air Experience (CAE).

The team from Elementary Flying Training School (EFTS) Richmond, flew four Diamond DA-40 NG aircraft to the Fairbairn RAAF base and over two days ran continuous flights and circuits of the Capital.

The EFTS has a goal of giving every Cadet an air experience, no matter where they are and that may be in the fleet of the AAFC aircraft or Powered Service Providers.

Cadets in their first year of membership, with parental consent, have access to at least one non-instructional aviation experience flight, at no cost to the cadet.

Participants receive a formal pre-flight briefing, then fly as passengers where they partake in and observe a complete flight experience.



## COMMANDER UPDATES

Group Captain (AAFC) Stephen Johns

It was my great pleasure to tour Australia with Cadet and adult volunteers from around the world and proudly give them an engaging and educational Royal Australian Air Force and AAFC experience.

Thank you to all that made this visit possible - I am very proud of what we achieved as a team.



The International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE), which began in 1947, is a world-wide exchange for aviation-minded young people each July and the AAFC has re-joined the program this year.

Each year the IACE Association, currently 16 countries, gives over 500 young people the opportunity to expand their horizons, experience different cultures and make life-long friendships.

You can learn more about the IACE via the QR code



## CHIEF OF ARMY CADET TEAM CHALLENGE

A team from the 2 Wing took part in the 3-day Chief of Army Cadet Team Challenge 2023 at the Kokoda Barracks, Canungra QLD.

The team was pushed through scenario-based challenges with simulated mass triage and river crossings, trailer pulls, stretcher carries, field engineering and navigation exercises. By the end of day two, they had travelled over 30 kms in challenging conditions and heavy rain.

With the field phase component of the challenge complete, the team took on the obstacle course, leaping, climbing, crawling, jumping, swimming and sprinting to the finish line.

The Patron of the ADF Cadets, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove was there to observe, and although the Army Cadets walked away with the honours, our Cadets demonstrated impressive leadership skills, perseverance, drive and self-sacrifice to overcome challenges.

## OUR FAMILY



Cadets  
8886



Instructors  
1321



Volunteers  
466

## QUOTE of the day



"Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm." - Winston Churchill

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