



CADET NEWS

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TEN THOUSAND CADETS!

We now have over 10,000 cadets in our ranks.

It's a proud milestone and testament to the incredible work of many in the AAFC, Air Force, the Air Force Cadet Foundation, the volunteers, the parents and of course our cadets.

Recent history has seen an evolution in every part of the organisation, from the tireless work at squadron level around Australia, to the Wing leadership, and of course the class-leading Cadet and Adult Programs.

This continued effort aligns with our AAFC vision to be the best youth development program in Australia.



MATT HALL IS OUR FIRST AAFC FOUNDATION AMBASSADOR

Reigning Red Bull Air Race world champion and former Royal Australian Air Force Top-Gun fighter pilot Matt Hall, has accepted an honorary appointment to become the AAFC Foundation Ambassador.

Like many cadets, Matt went solo in a glider at age 15, before gaining his aircraft pilot's licence at the age of 18. After a long and distinguished flying career in the Royal Australian Air Force, he went on to become one of the most successful air racing pilots of the modern era.

Recently, Matt was able to meet with many Cadets of 3 Wing at the Airshows Downunder Shellharbour. We look forward to the opportunity for Matt to inspire the next generation of cadets through many other engagements into the future.



DGCADETS-AF UPDATES

Director General Cadets - Air Force
Air Commodore Craig Heap AM, CSC

It's great to be back for another exciting year. Air Force look forward to sustaining and enhancing the great AAFC organisation, including the AAFC enabled Cadet and Adult Programs.

The hard work redesigning and implementing the Cadet and Adult Programs is now providing dividends from the energy and time invested. During the final phase of the programs design, I highly recommend everyone explore the information and content on the 'Our Future' tab on our website. You can download a copy of the Reaching New Heights strategy and watch videos of the real program experience of AAFC staff.

As we celebrate our 10,000 cadet milestone, let's ensure the new Cadet and Adult Programs are the foundation to a long successful future.

THINK TANK 6

Selected staff from around Australia recently gathered in Canberra to workshop the next level of the Cadet and Adult Programs.

The Think Tanks are a chance for AAFC staff to meet with our service providers and discuss all aspects of the next tranche of learning systems to be introduced this year.

You can catch all the breaking news, information, videos and find out if there is an information session coming up at your Wing via the 'Our Future' tab on the airforcecadets.gov.au website.



GOLD COAST SQUADRON WIN THE ERIC J. JEWELL AWARD

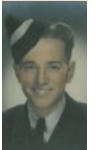
Congratulations to 232 Squadron – Robina, for winning the 2023 Eric J. Jewell Award.

The Award allowed for the purchase of ceremonial drill uniform & equipment for Cadets and Staff.

Air Force Cadet Squadron representatives are invited to submit an application for the 2024 memorial award now.

Application will be accepted until 25 April 2024, with successful recipients notified in June/July.

You can learn more about the award via the QR Code:



LET'S CONNECT



OUR FAMILY



Cadets
10,466



Instructors
1,364



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411