

CADET NEWS

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AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE CADETS STRATEGIC INTENT RELEASED

The Australian Defence Force Cadets Strategic Intent has been released by the Chief of the Defence Force, General Angus Campbell.

The document complements the Air Force, Navy and Army cadets own strategies and reinforces Defence's vision for the programs and their common objectives, including inclusivity and diversity.

The Strategic Intent also reinforces Defence's commitment to the development and empowerment of youth in a safe and inclusive environment.

The Air Force Cadets is currently refreshing our own Strategic Plan out to 2030 – so stay tuned for more information.







A new Youth Protection Officers and Instructors of Cadets Course is in place from 01 July 2024.

The course explains Defence's obligations for ensuring the protection of youth, and discusses the characteristics of youth development and the effects of trauma. Officers and Instructors of Cadets will learn your responsibilities for youth protection within Defence.

By doing the course you will be prepared to respond to disclosures of youth protection incidents, and understand the processes for managing and the requirements for reporting youth protection incidents. Before enrolling in the new course, Officers and Instructors of Cadets must be complete the pre-requisite Youth Protection Awareness Course.

New adult volunteers will have 60 days to complete Youth Protection Officers and Instructors of Cadets Course from the date of their commencement. All existing adult volunteers are required to complete the new course by the end of December 2024.

Youth protection training courses were developed as part of Defence's response to the findings of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.



AAFC FOUNDATION PATHWAYS

Cadets from 409 Squadron in Victoria had the opportunity to visit Jet Aviation's Maintenance facility at East Sale. The event, part of the Air Force Cadets Foundation Pathways Program, gave cadets the opportunity to learn about the job roles of design engineers, life support technicians, aircraft structure and mechanical maintainers.

Cadets also learnt about the role that Defence Industry plays in Defence capability and the broad range of roles and career opportunities within the Jet Aviation 'turn-key' program. Allison Murphy, from Jet Aviation Australia, said the day was a big success for all. "It was great to demonstrate some great career pathways in aerospace," Allison said. "They were very surprised by the variety of jobs outside the cockpit and working behind the scenes."



CONNECTING IN CANBERRA

In June, Air Force Cadets from our Canberra Squadrons, attended the annual Bomber Command Commemorative Ceremony and had a rare chance to meet the Governor-General – His Excellency General the Honourable David John Hurley AC DSC (Retd).

Cadet Under Officers Jakob Elphick and Olivia Scholten of 334 Squadron gave an address reflecting on the courage and sacrifice of Bomber Command personnel.



The second annual Australian Defence Force Cadets Tri-Service Leadership Summit

UPCOMING WING INFORMATION SESSIONS

The 2024 Wing Information Sessions are scheduled for August and will be held across all Wings. These sessions ensure consistent delivery of information about the development and implementation of the Cadet and Adult Programs, and provide the opportunity for you to give feedback.

Wing information session dates:

- 1 Wing (virtual) 24 August
- 2 Wing 24 August
- 3 Wing 10 August
- 4 Wing 17 August
- t 5 Wing 11 August
 6 Wing 04 August
 7 Wing 03 August
 8 Wing (virtual) 04 August



INSPIRING TODAY. LEADING TOMORROW

Further details about these sessions, along with other valuable information and resources about the Cadet and Adult Programs, can be found on the <u>Our Future</u> page on our website!

was also recently held in Canberra, demonstrating the bonds between the ADF Cadet organisations.

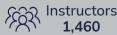
Cadets from the Air Force, Army and Navy programs were joined by many senior Defence leaders including Patron of the ADF Cadets, General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK, AC(Mil), CVO, MC (Retd).

Cadets experienced a leadership theory session led at the Australian Defence Force Academy, a presentation from GPCAPT Maz Jovanovich (Air Force Test Pilot and former CO of No. 10 Squadron), a private tour and Last Post ceremony at the Australian War Memorial, before heading back to HMAS *Harman* for a formal dinner at the Bonshaw Mess. The weekend culminated with cadets employing the capabilities learned over the weekend in a series of stands at the Leadership Reaction Course at Majura Training Range.



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