



4 WING EXCEEDS FUNDRAISING GOAL

Cadets and staff from across 4 Wing Victoria have held their annual Flying Fit event at RAAF Base Point Cook. The 5km run promotes fitness, teamwork, community spirit and raised \$27,395 for the Starlight Children's Foundation.

The following weekend they held their Annual Parade and Expo, with over 1,500 Cadets & staff on parade – top effort 4 Wing!

CADET NEWS FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA



In Pearce WA, a group of cadets had the opportunity to see Republic of Singapore Air Force F-16 aircraft up close. Cadets met the aircrew, asked questions and of course, exchanged patches.



In Townsville QLD, Cadets visited the 3 Brigade Open Day at Lavarack Barracks. They had the opportunity to drive a Bushmaster Protected Mobility Vehicle simulator



In Warwick QLD, at a recent Gliding Training Camp, there were 298 sorties flown, a total of 174hrs!



In NSW, cadets visited CAE at Homebush where they were able to experience simulators and talk to CAE engineers and technical designers who design, build and maintain simulators for the ADF.



DGCADETS-AF UPDATE

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

With the standing up of the integrated Learning Systems Team, the Cadet and Adult Program demonstrates its readiness for the 2025 intake of cadets.

The team recently held a successful cyber security extension trial weekend with Air Force cadets and adults testing the new cyber platform and giving feedback on both the quality, accessibility and content suitability.

Fifth Domain, the platform developer, was present to make necessary amendments and enhancements and ensure it will be a great experience for future cadets.

Work continues on the AAFC Strategic Plan. The plan was discussed and workshopped at the recent Cadet Conference, and I look forward to its release in 2025.

The plan will be a key motivator and give Air Force the direction it needs to assign funding and resources well into the future.

And finally, I recently visited 6WG, including 623SQN Mildura and 603SQN Berri, as well as the 6WG Cadet Orientation Weekend. Thanks to all for hosting me, and for all your efforts in sustaining and enhancing the AAFC.



LEARNING UPDATE

After three years development of the Cadet and Adult Programs, the end of this year marks a significant milestone in a significant change for the AAFC.

By the end of 2024, the programs development will be complete and the focus will shift to final implementation and ongoing support.

Recently, a team of seven staff (3 x Cadet Branch – Air Force, 4 x AAFC staff), have been appointed to create an integrated Learning Systems Team. These positions have the responsibility to support the AAFC Wings, in integrating the Cadet and Adult Programs.

Squadron Leader Ben Cowan has experienced the whole journey from the start and says it has been a mammoth undertaking.

“History will show that this milestone was reflective of an organisation recognising the need to grow and committing to being the best youth development program it can be,” SQNLDR Cowan said.

“We should all be proud of what we have achieved, and what we all will continue to achieve.”

For more information on our programs, go to the Our Future tab on the Air Force Cadets web page.

