



# CADET NEWS

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Australian Army Cadets, Australian Air Force Cadets, Navy Catafalque party at the National Rugby League Anzac Day match, 2023



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## TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

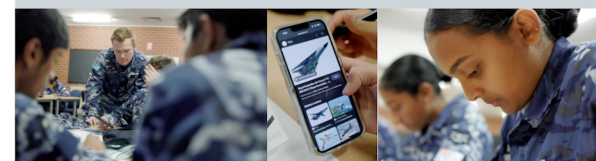
Effective and engaging learning programs are essential for leadership development in the AAFC. Throughout my career of more than 36 years, I have been involved with the training and development of the next generation of aviators and now, in my role as Deputy Chief of Air Force, it is my pleasure to oversee the AAFC.

Very early in my career, following a posting to No.1 Squadron flying the F-111C, I became an instructor on the PC-9 advanced trainer, Macchi lead-in-fighter and F-111. Later, as Commander of Air Force Training Group, I oversaw the formation of the Air and Ground Academies, the introduction of the PC-21 for basic and advanced flying training, and the centralisation of all officer aviation initial training at RAAF Base East Sale.

AIRCDRE Craig Heap and GPCAPT (AAFC) Stephen Johns regularly inform me of the excellent progress of the AAFC. On 06 May, I attended the National Headquarters Conference in Canberra where I enjoyed meeting the AAFC Officers Commanding and the other AAFC adult volunteers.

I have been particularly impressed at the diverse range of youth development activities and growth of the organisation to 9,128 cadets and 1,703 adult volunteers during 2023.

Developing future leaders for the ADF and the Australian community is a privilege. I hope all of you embrace the opportunity to participate in our modernised future Cadet and Adult learning continuum programs as they are implemented.



## OUR FAMILY



Cadets  
9128



Instructors  
1297



Volunteers  
406



## AAFC SUPPORTS WOMEN VETERANS NETWORK

Air Force Cadets from No. 323 (Glenbrook) Squadron, supported the Women Veterans Network Australia, Anzac Day Service at Memory Park in Penrith on Saturday 22 April with an all-female catafalque party. The Women Veterans Network Australia is a support network that helps women veterans connect with each other to share information and access services.

The network aims to provide a cohesive and engaging environment for Australian women veterans to network effectively on social media and in local groups. The AAFC adult volunteers and cadets were appreciative to be a part of such a special commemorative event raising the issues and challenges of servicewomen.



## AAFC ANZAC DAY EVENTS

The Air Force Cadets provided notable contributions to the Anzac Day commemorations right across Australia this year. In Sydney, nearly 200 Cadets from No. 3 Wing continued the ANZAC tradition of carrying the Australian flags for the Sydney City Anzac March supporting RSL NSW. In Melbourne, No. 4 Wing welcomed the Governor of Victoria, then formed a Guard of Honour at the Shrine of Remembrance. The No. 7 Wing Marching Band in Perth made their first public performance, leading the Australian Defence Force Cadets' contingent on the WA Anzac Day March. In Brisbane No. 2 Wing Cadets attended the Dawn Service at ANZAC Square and in Adelaide, No. 6 Wing proudly flew their banner on the march through the heart of Adelaide.

LCDT (AAFC) Ziggy Till and mother CPL (AAFC) Bree Till, members of our No. 3 Wing family, appeared on the Channel 10 program: The Project. The story honoured Ziggy's father, SGT Brett Till, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. The Acting Air Commander Australia, AIRCDRE Harvey Reynolds, himself a former cadet, said that Ziggy did a superb job of reading the Ode of Remembrance at the Dawn Service in Sydney on Anzac Day.

You can watch the story aired on The Project, of Leading Cadet Ziggy Till's tribute to his father via this link:



Her Excellency the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, CVO, Governor of Victoria is welcomed to an Anzac Day event by No. 415 Squadron as they supported the Melbourne Legacy Students' Service at the Shrine of Remembrance.

QUOTE  
of the day



In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.  
Abraham Lincoln

## LET'S CONNECT



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