CADET NEWS

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OUTSTANDING FIELDCRAFT FROM OUR CADETS!

An Air Force Cadet team from No. 2 Wing, achieved an outstanding result in one of the hardest Cadet team challenges in Australia. Thirteen tri-service teams and a team from NZ, recently competed in the Chief of Army Cadet Team Challenge (CACTC). They endured three arduous days in the mountain range of the ADF's Canungra Military Training Area, QLD.

The challenge given to all teams was to search, locate and rescue ten tourists who were lost in the jungle. In a series of exercises, they explored an abandoned remote village for evidence, built an antenna, re-establishing communications, administered first aid then transported the injured tourists to an evacuation landing zone that they had surveyed and cleared.

The Kiwi's won first place and the CACTC Trophy, but our Air Force team came in second placing it ahead of all Australian Army teams. Congratulations, that's what happens when you prepare, plan, train hard and work as a team!

VIDEO: LEARN HOW OUR TEAM AT CACATC USED SKILLS AND TEAMWORK TO ACHIEVE A GREAT RESULT!

INTERNATIONAL AIR CADET EXCHANGE 2025

The Australian Air Force Cadets recently hosted international guests from NZ, the US, UK, and Belgium as part of the 2025 International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE). The prestigious global annual, world-wide exchange program, connects young aviation leaders through cultural immersion and Defence engagement.

While this tour is underway, our Australian Cadets were also experiencing a once-in-a-lifetime experience on exchange overseas. Over 17 days, our guests undertook an inspiring tour of Australian sites and experiences, from the Sydney Opera House, the Qantas Jet Simulators at Aviation Australia, the Jellurgal Aboriginal Culture Centre, swimming at the iconic Bondi Beach, visiting Parliament House, and the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

The program also included exclusive ADF experiences including the ADFA over-water confidence course and touring RAAF Amberley and 34SQN in Canberra.

COMMANDER UPDATE

Group Captain (AAFC) Stephen Johns

Firstly, congratulations to the No. 2 Wing team for their outstanding result at the CACTC. This team could not have achieved this result without the support of the larger Air Force Cadets team.

In addition to pre-event training and fitness preparation, there was mentoring by other cadets who had previously attended the CACTC or other Cadet field competitions. These cadets shared their experiences and knowledge of these events and together, you all made us proud – well done!

This month, I also had the opportunity to attend the **IACE Chief of Air Force formal dinner** in Canberra and meet our overseas exchange guests. This program offers amazing experiences and lifetime connections. Thank you to our AAFC team for the endless hours to make this happen again in 2025!

If you are interested in the program for next year, search IACE on the Air Force Cadets web page.

Lastly, I had the opportunity to visit No. 3 Wing Cadets completing their GST in Wagga in the school holidays – **welcome to our new Cadets!**

SET-C AT CACTC

Next time you are at a large Cadet event – keep your eyes out for the **Specialist Engagement Team – Cadets** or **SET-C**.

The team were at the CACTC talking to Cadets interested in a career in the ADF, Defence APS or Defence Industry. If you want to pursue a Defence career, they can provide one-on-one personalised advice.

They will help navigate your enlistment journey, helping you reach your full potential and career life goals. To contact the team, email set.cadets@defence.gov.au

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