



TORCH & SWORD

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Cadet Camera Team runs the show

By Cadet Under Officer Joshua Parcell

From 13-20 January 2024, the Headquarters of the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) held the second annual First-Person View Drone Racing Course at Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera. During the course, members of the South Queensland AAC Public Affairs (PA) team were tasked with capturing and releasing photo and video product to share on AAC social media, Defence News, and supply to external media.

The PA team consisted of 4 members; Cadet Under Officer Harry Anderson, Cadet Under Officer Joshua Parcell, Cadet Corporal Adeline Putelli and Cadet Lance Corporal Keira Marshall, with Lieutenant (AAC) Brent Adams supervising and providing mentorship.

"Participating in the drone course really helped me develop my confidence and open my eyes to the different skills needed within a PA team," said CPL Putelli.

While the cadets on course were building, flying and fixing drones, the PA team practiced and advanced their photography, videography and writing skills while also developing their teamwork and editing skills. This, coupled with having a fantastic experience meeting cadets from all over Australia, working with soldiers from 7th Brigade's PA team, and having their work featured on the Defence Image Gallery and Defence Australia's Facebook page, gave the cadets an experience unlike any other.

"I feel privileged to have had some of my images used by Defence. I feel that it is great exposure not only for me, but PA as a whole," said CDT Putelli.

The PA elective is recommended for all cadets wanting to open themselves to up to a wide range of opportunities both inside and outside of the AAC.

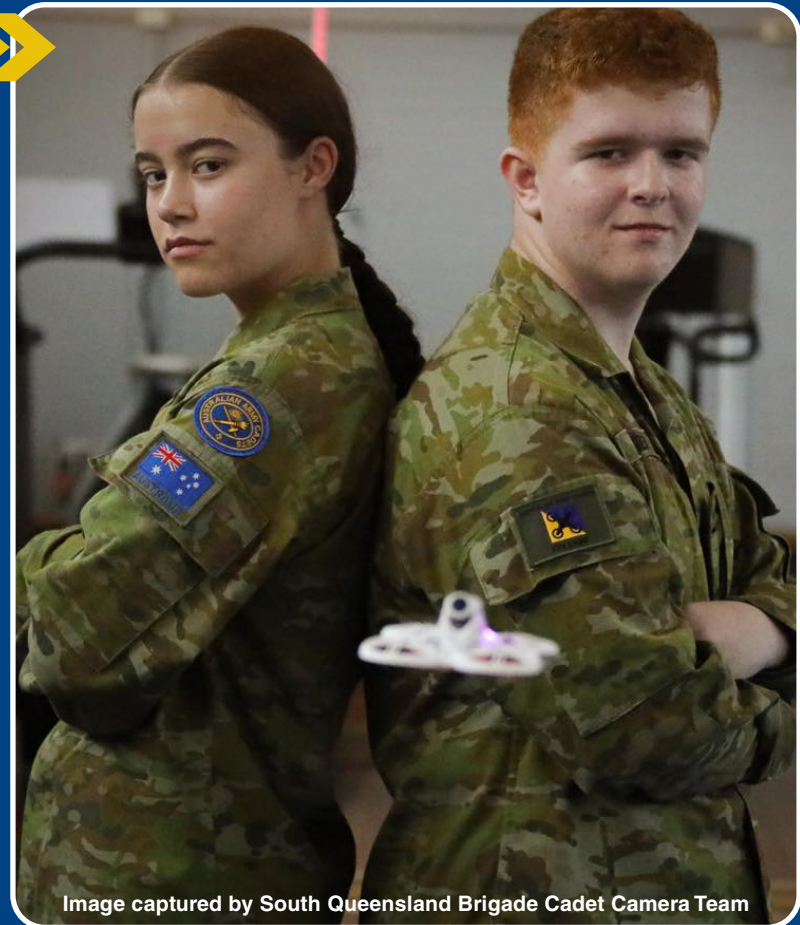


Image captured by South Queensland Brigade Cadet Camera Team

RSM Reminder

WO1 David Rowe,
Regimental Sergeant Major
Australian Army Cadets



As 2024 starts, it is a perfect time to refresh your knowledge about the Australian Army Cadets, the values you are to uphold, and the expectations that come with your rank.

A number of cadets will have stepped up into senior leadership roles as Warrant Officers and Cadet Under Officers. No doubt this may be challenging as these leaders will need to navigate the ability to direct and supervise other cadets that are likely to be part of their friendship groups. Good leadership is about going out of your way to be fair, no matter how small the action is.

I look forward to seeing how this year shapes, and instils a newfound confidence in our youth.

Please email aac.hq.pa@defence.gov.au with any recommendations and feedback on how we can improve getting information to you.

Values we value

When you join the Australian Army Cadets in a cadet or staff capacity, it is expected that you uphold the values of the Program.

The values of Service, Courage, Respect, Integrity, and Excellence are a reflection of the Australian Defence Force values, and empower youth to achieve their full potential.

When you embody all five values, you are a true representation of the Australian Army Cadets and promote the Australian Army in a positive light to your community.

If you do not put your All In, you will not get the full benefits of what the Program has to offer you and the community around you.

If you, or someone you know is interested in becoming an Army Cadet Staff, please scan the QR code to find out more.



STEM Camp 2024

The latest and greatest STEM opportunity in AAC has just opened up!

The STEM Camp will see cadets enjoy drone racing, cyber, and STEM lab experience, with visits to the Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex, Australian War Memorial and Royal Military College Duntroon.

This activity will be open to all ages and ranks and will be held between 07-13 July 2024 in Canberra.

Only 3 cadets per Region will be selected, so get your expressions of interest (EOI) in FAST! #All In

Contact your chain-of-command for more information.



Looking to the future?

The 'Specialist Engagement Team – Cadets' (SET-C) aims to support 'Cadet to Careers' and staff information, awareness and engagement in relation to Department of Defence employment pathways (ADF, Defence Industry and Australian Public Service).

If you would like to learn more, reach out to them at SET-Cadets@defence.gov.au with all of your questions or for support at any time.

Our AAC community



18,500+
Cadets



1,500+
Adult
Cadet Staff



250+
Army
Cadet Units

**statistics based on the 2024 ADF Cadet census*

Coming up in 2024!

23 March–14 April:

School Based Units Annual Field Exercise (NSW 2nd AAC Brigade)

05–08 April:

Regimental Sergeant Major - Army (RSM-A) Drill Competition

09–13 April:

Deputy Chief of Army Adventure Training Award

25 April:

ANZAC Day



Image captured by Cadet Charlotte MacDonell

Fill the frame

Congratulations to **CDT Charlotte MacDonell** for winning this editions Fill the Frame competition!

If you would like the chance to have your camera skills featured in the next edition of Torch and Sword, email your best Army Cadet photo to aac.hq.pa@defence.gov.au. The competition is open only to cadets, with a **maximum of 3 photos each**.

Photos will be judged by WO2 Mick Davis, multi-award-winning ADF photographer.

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