



TORCH & SWORD

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Images: LT (AAC) Katie Styles at a recent cadet parade, and example of her amazing photography

The many hats of Army Cadet Staff

Volunteering for the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) as an adult Army Cadet Staff (ACS) was a no-brainer for Lieutenant (AAC) Katie Styles who is determined to empower the lives of Australia's youth.

Katie has taken up multiple roles within AAC at 312 Puckapunyal and 309 Bendigo Army Cadet Units, where she first joined as a cadet herself in 2003, to give back to the program.

"I got a lot out of being a cadet when I was younger. Being outdoors and learning new skills has really translated into my adulthood.

"My passion is working with youth and ensuring they have mentors that lift their spirit and create safe spaces for them to be themselves," said LT (AAC) Katie Styles.

Becoming an ACS, has given her a strong sense of community, and allowed her to become more adaptable, resilient and patient.

Above all, she has recognised the requirement for the program to have the unwavering support of the community behind them, and the necessity to learn from others.

"It's not just about the cadets learning—we need to learn with the them, expand on our knowledge and not feel too proud to admit when we need support," said LT (AAC) Katie Styles.

Beyond her dedication to AAC, Katie is an avid photographer who readily captures memories from cadet camps and activities.

She hopes to teach on the Public Affairs One and Two courses now available to cadets, and potentially the national command activities in 2024.

Coming up in 2024!

13-20 January:

Racing Drone Camp, Enoggera, QLD

21-24 March:

AAC Drone Racing Team, Melbourne Formula 1, VIC

04-07 April:

RSM-A Drill Comp, RMC Duntroon, ACT

09-13 April:

Adventure Training Award, Lake Barrington, TAS

01-06 July:

Chief of Army Cadet Team Challenge, Canungra, QLD

New electives galore!

- **Public Affairs One (MAC-PA1-NAT)** focuses on the promotion of AAC activities through the capture and editing of photos.
- **Public Affairs Two (MAC-PA2-NAT)** includes advanced photography techniques, including video, editing and composition of articles.
- **Field Engineering (MAC-ENG-NAT)** provides an introduction to field engineering and safe use of hand tools.



Staff salute

COL (AAC) Linda Galloway,
National Assistant Commander



There's no better time to honour and acknowledge the contributions of our Army Cadet Staff than at the end of a successful year!

These devoted individuals play a crucial role in moulding the destinies of Australia's youth.

Through mentorship, leadership training, and instilling values like service, respect and excellence, they empower the next generation.

The impact of our Army Cadet Staff extends far beyond the parade ground, fostering resilience and character in our young Australians. Their commitment ensures a legacy of capable and confident leaders.

It is important to recognise and appreciate the invaluable contribution of the Army Cadet Staff in moulding our nation's future leaders.

Wishing all staff, cadets and the wider Army cadet community a safe and happy holidays!

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

Fill the frame

Congratulations to **CDTCPL Adeline Putelli** for winning this issue's Fill the Frame competition!

If you would like the chance to have your camera skills featured in the next newsletter, 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.



Image by CDTCPL Adeline Putelli



Our AAC community



19,000+
Cadets



1,500+
Adult
Cadet Staff



260+
Army
Cadet Units

Find your centre

As an adult volunteer with the Australian Army Cadets, you will help develop future leaders within your community to become capable, confident and resilient young adults.

You have to be **All In** when you join, as Army Cadet Staff are the program's centre of gravity. Without you, there's no program.

All In doesn't mean you work 24/7. You can volunteer as little or as much as you have time for, and be a part of something bigger than yourself.

Your role is about facilitating a safe environment and undertaking youth development in line with the values of the Program.

Are you ready to get involved with the Australian Army Cadets? It's time to be **All In**.



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 hq.aac.dfr@defence.gov.au with all of your questions or for support at any time.

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