



TORCH & SWORD

2023, Quarter 3



National Drone Racing Championships

Four Army cadets reached the semi-finals of the National Drone Racing Championships, held in Townsville.

Competitors from around Australia and New Zealand took part in the event from 23 to 27 August.

Cadets competed in the five-inch class, which involved manoeuvring through obstacles at speed, with quick reaction times and sharp hand-motor skills needed to make the two-lap requirement for a spot on the leader board.

During the three days of qualifying rounds, the cadets were supported by members of the Army Drone Racing Team, who mentored them in building, flying and repairing the drones.

AAC Warrant Officer Class 2, Kyle Croghan, said flying in the semis was a feat in itself and made the cadets eager to improve their times and climb the leader board at future events.

STEM subjects have become a significant component of the AAC program. Along with drone racing, cadets can undertake electives in robotics and cyber, giving them transferrable skills and opportunities.

The AAC program has been designed to complement all levels of adolescent development, providing pathways for specialist knowledge.

If you're interested in learning how to fly a drone, join us at the Australian Army Drone Racing Camp in January! Who knows, maybe you'll be the next national champion.

Upcoming courses

November 2023

03–06: STEM, Cadet Training – CDC-LAI-LCPL – Tasmania

04–10: ACS Training – ALDC Grade Two Course – New South Wales

12–18: ACS Training – ALDC Grade One Course – New South Wales

December 2023

10–15: ACS Training – ALDC ACU Command Course – Australian Capital Territory

January 2024

14–19: Army Drone Racing Camp – Queensland

Want to participate?

EOIs for Army Cadet Staff to support the planning and conduct of the 2024 ATA, RSM-A Drill Comp and CACTC are due 09/10/23. Details are contained in ACKNote 35/23.

04–07/04/24 RSM-A Drill Competition, Royal Military College Duntroon, ACT

09–13/04/24 Adventure Training Award, Lake Barrington, TAS

01–06/07/24 Chief of Army Cadet Team Challenge, Canungra, QLD



Commander's comment

It has been a very busy and rewarding year so far for the Australian Army Cadets. I'd like to express my gratitude to everyone who has been involved in making all this year's national activities so successful.

This is the first year since the COVID pandemic that Army Cadets have been able to conduct all our regular national activities. Well done everyone! I'm looking forward to the Annual Field Exercises in September and October, with the hope of meeting as many of you as possible.

To keep up with all our activities and stay connected, Army Cadets have started this quarterly newsletter. This is a great addition to our program, serving as a means of keeping the Army Cadet community up with the latest news, cadet and career pathways, and announcement.

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



Fill the frame

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.

Photos will be judged by WO2 Mick Davis.

Image by CDT CPL Zac Melvaine

Are you All In?

What does 'All In' mean to you – does it make you think of inclusivity, working with a team, being actionable?

In short, it's all of them, and MORE! 'All In' will serve as the Australian Army Cadets new tagline to promote its mission, differentiate it from the other cadet organisations, and increase recognition.

The Australian Army Cadets Headquarters worked with the wider community to develop something actionable and empowering that resonated not just with cadets, but all staff, Army, and the Australian community.

Ask a friend, neighbour, cousin – whoever you meet – are you ready to get involved with the Australian Army Cadets? Are you ready to be **All In**?



Looking to the future?

The 'Specialist Engagement Team – Cadets' (SET-C) aims to support 'Cadet to Careers' 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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18,500+
Cadets



1,500+
Adult
Cadet Staff



250+
Army
Cadet Units