



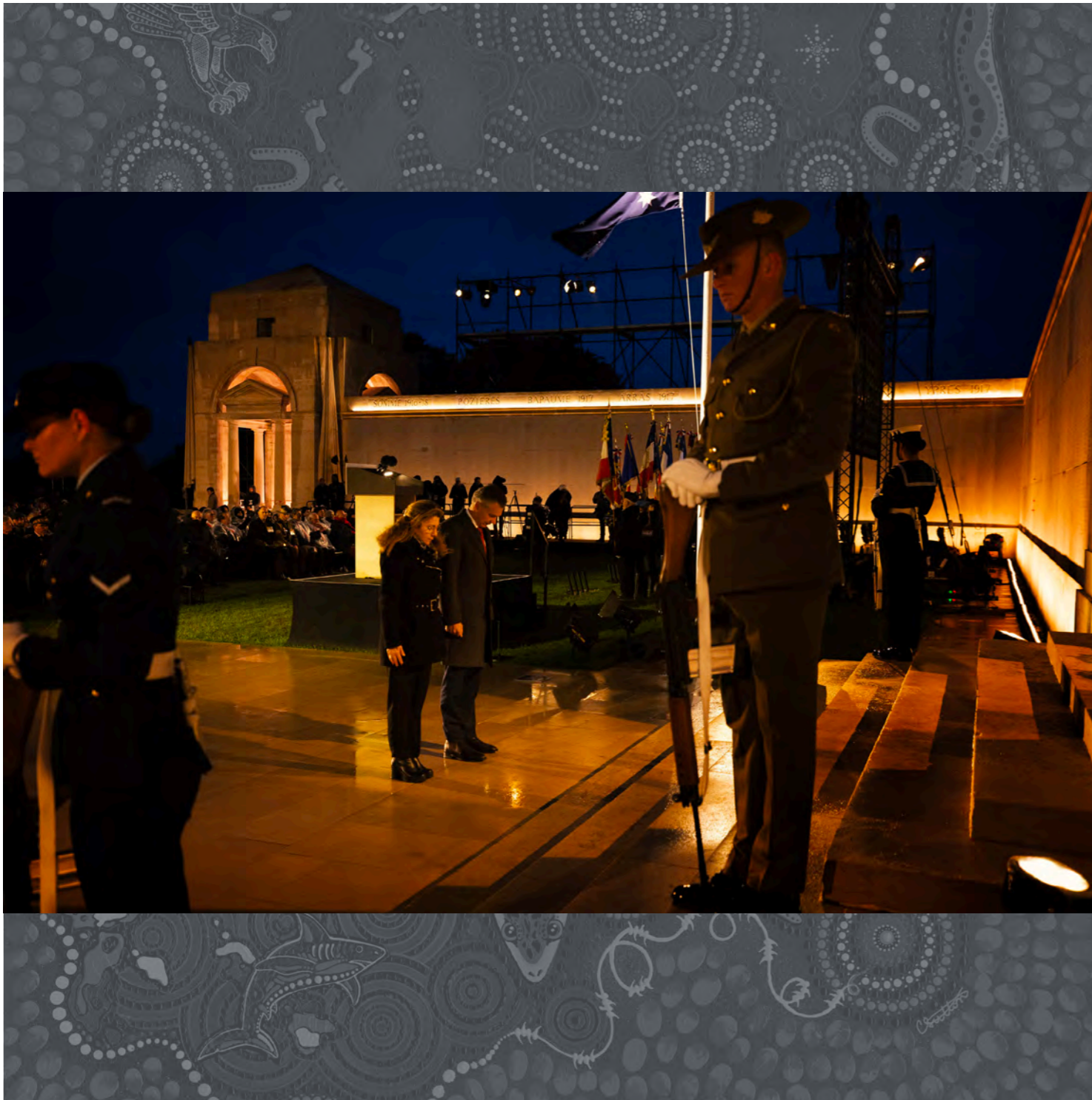
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Parliamentary Program 2024





Message from the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP Assistant Minister for Defence Assistant Minister for Veterans' Affairs Assistant Minister for the Republic



It gives me great pleasure to invite Members and Senators to participate in the 2023 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program. This initiative has enjoyed continued bipartisan support since it was brought to life as Private Member's Business in the House back in 2001.

The Program supports Members of Parliament to develop a better appreciation of the outstanding work undertaken by the men and women of the Australian Defence Force. It is a unique opportunity to get out from behind a desk and briefly walk in the boots of our servicemen and women and experience the challenges of life in our Services while developing a broader understanding of the capabilities of the Australian Defence Force.

The range of options available for you to choose from this year cover a spectrum of military activities from training and support, through to continuing operations, military exercises and humanitarian relief efforts.

This is your invitation to discover for yourself the qualities of professionalism and dedication of the men and women that underpin the strength of the Australian Defence Force.

The other dimension of the Parliamentary Program that has gained momentum in recent years is the exchange element where Australian Defence Force personnel are hosted by parliamentarians during a sitting week later in the year. It is an in-demand program, with Australian Defence Force personnel keen to develop a better understanding of the work of parliamentarians and the operations of the Parliament.

As an MP who has hosted an exchange, I commend it to you as a great experience and one that is highly valued and appreciated by members of the Australian Defence Force.

I encourage all Members and Senators to take the time to consider the options available and I hope to see you taking part in this valuable Program.

Welcome from Vice Admiral David Johnston, AC, RAN Vice Chief of the Defence Force



Welcome to the 2024 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program (ADFPP). As Vice Chief of the Australian Defence Force, I have the privilege of co-sponsoring the Program with the Assistant Minister for Defence, the Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP.

The Program continues to showcase the breadth and depth of the critical work undertaken by the ADF, and builds mutual understanding between Members and Senators of Parliament and our service men and women.

Since its inauguration in 2001, the success of the Program has been built on offering you a unique opportunity to see the work of the men and women of the Australian Defence Force.

The 2024 Program is no exception with a suite of attachment options covering all facets of Defence's capability. I encourage you to review the full range of options from pages 16 to 23 of this brochure. Some highlights of the 2024 Program include:

- The opportunity to experience life at sea aboard a Surface Combatant Ship, Amphibious Assault Ship or a Collins Class Submarine with Navy;

- An opportunity to work with the Aboriginal Community Assistance Program supporting Army's work with the Amata community in the extremely remote Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia;
- Experience an Army field exercise alongside the United States Marine Corps;
- Visit the bases which support exercises and operations across Northern Australia, including Operation RESOLUTE; or
- The opportunity to attend the largest combined air exercise in Northern Australia, Exercise PITCH BLACK.

Whichever option you choose, I assure you the experience will give you an insight into the Australian Defence Force like no other. On behalf of the Chief of the Defence Force, General Angus Campbell, AO, DSC, the Chiefs, and the wider Defence community, I wish you a very warm welcome to the 2024 Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program.



Ms Zoe McKenzie MP

Member for Flinders

I was thrilled to be offered the chance to participate in the Australian Defence Force Parliamentary Program (ADFPP) in early 2023.

I am proud to have HMAS Cerberus located in Flinders. It is the Australian Navy's premier training facility, and trains around 6000 Australian men and women every year. I am a regular visitor, seeing their first-class training facilities at the School of Survivability and Ship Safety in action whenever I can. Cerberus is an important and much loved part of our local community.

So it was obvious, if I was able to participate in the ADFPP, it would be with the Navy and because the idea of it frightened me a little, I ticked the box next to 'submarine fleet'.

Aboard HMAS Rankin for almost a week was a fascinating experience. I cannot celebrate enough the professionalism, good humour, camaraderie and collaboration of the men and women on board. They inspire confidence and pride, and it was my honour to spend a few days at sea in their company.

Aboard we lived like the sailors, sleeping under torpedo berths, watching the crew practice drills and war gaming. We also had an opportunity to drive, and to spend some time listening to the sea. Every time I asked "what was that", the answer was a patient "bio ma'am" but as an avid diver, I found whales, squid, and the occasional dolphin squeak more than magical.

But mostly, I valued the time to talk to the sailors and officers about their experience, their training and their careers, and above all - their desire to serve Australia. It was a rare privilege to see the insides of Australia's defence at sea.



Senator Tammy Tyrrell Senator for Tasmania

Wow, what an experience. Participating in the ADF Parliamentary Program is certainly very different to our day job as politicians!

I was lucky enough to spend a week at Exercise Talisman Sabre with the RAAF in Darwin.

You can read about what it is like to be in the ADF or the RAAF and the challenges they face, but it is a whole other kettle of fish to talk to people on the ground and see exactly what they do every day.

From the pilots and the ground crew to the maintenance crew, transport, dog security and mess crew, there are so many different moving parts that make the ADF work. No matter what jobs they were doing, every single member took pride in their work. It really highlighted for me that there is a job in the ADF for everyone – even a few I could do!

Some of the highlights of my trip included riding in a C-17 Globemaster with the back of the plane dropped open so we could see over Kakadu, sitting in the cockpit during take-off and landing, making a cheese platter for the community morning tea and watching the attack dogs in action.

This does not even go close to describing my experience with the RAAF – you cannot really put it into words.

I would encourage all Members and Senators to consider participating in the 2024 ADF Parliamentary Program. It's way outside of our comfort zone and that's what being a politician is all about – listening to the people on the ground, learning new things and having new experiences.

I will never forget the wonderful experience I had with the RAAF and everything I learnt in my short time with them.

You will never know how cool it is unless you actually go and do it yourself. So get going!



Mrs Fiona Phillips MP

Member for Gilmore

When the opportunity came up to do the ADF Parliamentary Exchange at the ADF Parachuting School, in my own electorate, I “jumped” at it.

Not one for heights or ropes, I thought I’d take a leap of faith, to find out more about what happens at the parachuting school, just outside of HMAS Albatross.

The ADF Parachuting School is part of the Australian Army’s Special Operations Command. It’s where the best of the best in Special Operations, like Commandos and the SAS, train to learn basic parachuting and maintain their jump proficiency. There’s also advanced parachuting, instructor training and training in parachuting support roles.

My three-day experience saw me witnessing the rigorous and essential drill training for around 100 Defence Members learning static-line parachuting. They were practising for every scenario, over and over.

Behind the scenes, I learnt about the many vital job roles that support the ADF Parachuting School, like riggers, air dispatch, ground safety operators and more.

On the second day I went up in the plane and watched instructors parachuting to maintain their static-line jump proficiency. It was here that I knew that these ADF members do this all the time and I should just get over my fears, and do that tandem jump!

Day 3 and with multiple safety briefs done, up we went. We climbed to 13,000 feet which is around 4km high above HMAS Albatross.

Jumping out of the plane and free-falling through the clouds would have to be the best experience. Oddly, it wasn’t scary at all.

I have to say, when the parachute opened, we did have a slight problem and went into a wild spin. But, I knew that my ADF Parachutist had survived on dangerous deployments, and had trained for just this scenario. So, he cut away the parachute, pulled the reserve and we landed with that.

Now, I was a bit hasty getting back to ground and put my foot out (not what you do) and unfortunately fractured my ankle. But the good news is it is healing fast!

It’s a reminder of the rigorous training and dangers that Special Operations Command face every day. They train for military reasons, conduct parachuting in at night from very high altitudes and freezing temperatures, they parachute into the water, and parachute in humanitarian aid as well.

I will be forever grateful for what I learnt on my Parliamentary Exchange. It was the conversations, and knowing that all that training was occurring so that ADF Members could protect us all. Would I do it again? – absolutely.



Dr Helen Haines MP Member for Indi

When I joined the Parliament in 2019, I made a commitment to my constituents and the nation to contribute to public policy and debate with as much evidence as I could gather and as much lived experience as I could draw from. I realised very quickly that I needed to learn more about the ADF.

There is a significant ADF presence in Bandiana in my electorate of Indi where we host the Army Logistics Training Centre. My regular visits to Bandiana reinforced my desire to jump in and join the ADF Parliamentary Program to get a better understanding of the operational and geopolitical challenges our ADF personnel face. In October this year, I spent a week as part of Operation Resolute- a multi-agency taskforce within the Australian Border Force (ABF), which utilises ADF assets to conduct civil maritime security operations.

My program took me behind the scenes in Canberra and then onward to Larrakeyah Barracks, incorporating HMAS Coonawarra in Darwin. I had a fabulous experience out on the water with the crew on a Royal Australian Navy patrol boat including participating in fire drills, traversing deep into the engine room checking equipment and riding the waves on a rather thrilling jet boat. I spent some time getting to know some of the team from the amazing NORFORCE alongside their Indigenous community

partners who protect our borders in some of the most remote and inaccessible parts of the coastline.

The task of Operation Resolute is huge. Their surveillance covers approximately 10 per cent of the world's surface and includes Australia's exclusive economic zone, which extends up to 200 nautical miles from the Australian mainland and offshore territories.

I highly recommend participating in the ADF Parliamentary Program. Not only will you get the chance to participate in activities way outside the routines of usual daily life, but also it will stimulate your curiosity to learn more about the challenges and opportunities facing Australia on the global stage. Critically it provides an unparalleled opportunity to get to know the men and women who serve our nation in the defence forces – their motivations, their leadership, their skills and their personal stories.



General Information

The following provides general information about the ADF Parliamentary Program (ADFPP) and a summary of attachment options for 2024. Specific dates are nominated where applicable, however, requirements may necessitate some date changes as the year unfolds. Where an option is listed as occurring during a Parliament Recess period, suitable dates will be coordinated to best suit participants' diaries and provide the most interactive experience

Applications and Selection Process

Application forms are available in electronic format only on the ADFPP website at www.defence.gov.au/programs-initiatives/adf-parliamentary-program

Applications should indicate your first preference and in the event of oversubscription, a second and third preference. All applications will be acknowledged upon receipt. If an option is oversubscribed, a ballot system will apply to establish a participation and reserve list. Subsequent to balloting requirements, participants will be advised of the success of their application. Applications should be submitted as early as possible to allow for planning purposes with ADFPP options closing 28 days prior to commencement of the activity.

Working Routine

Attachment options on offer are designed to ensure participants get the most out of their experience. Wherever possible, participants will have the opportunity to work and live alongside service personnel at all rank levels. While the situations may not offer five-star comforts and could have very little protocol, the experience will be rewarding. Defence can, and will, tailor conditions to suit individual abilities to ensure that participants gain maximum benefit. Do not worry, there will not be an endurance test, so the prospect of arduous physical activity and conditions should not deter anyone from joining the program. To that end, wherever possible, participants are asked to plan attendance for the full attachment period offered.

Uniforms

Participants will be issued with the same uniforms, protective clothing and equipment used by ADF personnel at the destination unit, wherever possible. Participants will be provided with a distinctive 'rank' insignia to identify them as a parliamentarian participating in the program. Uniforms will be issued in Canberra during the sitting period, prior to each activity.

Travel

All travel arrangements to and from the activity start location will be at the participant's expense. All travel internal to the activity will be provided by Defence at the standard provided to the Australian Defence Force personnel participating in the activity. This may include service air, road or sea transits or economy class civilian air.

Administrative Arrangements

Medical

Certain activities offered will require participants to meet basic medical standards. Medical forms will be forwarded to participants once participation has been confirmed. These must be completed at least 14 days prior to commencement of the activity. Medicals for submarine sea activities will need to be completed by a General Practitioner. Please contact the Executive Officer ADFPP for any questions regarding medical requirements.

Meals and Accommodation

All meals and accommodation will be provided by Defence, using on base messing where available. Any dietary requirements can be catered for and should be discussed with the Executive Officer ADFPP prior to the activity.

Activity Briefing

Participants will receive a pre-activity briefing including all administrative requirements prior to the commencement of their activity.

Security

Operational security is a key factor in ensuring the safety of all ADFPP participants and ADF members involved in military operations and exercises. It is important that all participants involved in an operation or exercise adhere to the need-to-know principle and do not make public any details relating to the visit or share information regarding personnel movements with those who do not need to know.

Parliamentary Exchange

An integral part of the ADFPP is the exchange element where ADF personnel are attached to the office of a parliamentarian at Parliament House for one-week during a sitting week. This provides ADF exchange personnel with an insight into parliamentary and committee processes and an understanding of the departments that operate within Parliament House. ADF exchange personnel gain an appreciation of the extensive and varied activities undertaken by Senators and Members of Parliament. Expressions of interest from parliamentarians willing to host this year will be sought closer to the activity.

ADFPP Dining-in Night

The culminating ADFPP event is the annual Military Dining-in Night which provides participants with another valuable insight into military customs and traditions. The Dining-in Night is by invitation only and invitations are offered to parliamentarians who have participated in the program, or who have hosted an ADF member during the exchange program. This event is hosted by the Vice Chief of the Defence Force and attended by the Service Chiefs.

Joint Capabilities Group

Option 1 – ADF Cyber Warfare Operations

This activity exposes participants to the challenges faced in this rapidly evolving warfighting domain. Participants will be exposed to hands on activities which deliver this warfighting capability.

Location: Canberra ACT and Adelaide, SA

Duration: Five days

Participants: Five per activity

Option 2 – ADF Logistics Operations

Participants will gain an appreciation of the complexity of organising and managing Defence logistics across Defence's multi-tiered security environments, including support to ADF operations, commitments to allies and regional partners.

Location: Canberra, ACT and Bandiana, VIC

Duration: Five days

Participants: Four per activity

Option 3 – ADF Space Operations

Defence Space Command (DSpC), formed on 22 March 2022. This activity will Commence in Canberra, where participants will be briefed on the diverse work conducted by DSpC, observe space operations and visit operational arms of DSpC in South Australia.

Location: Canberra, ACT and Adelaide, SA

Duration: Five days

Participants: Five per activity

Defence People Group

Option 4 – ADFA Leadership Challenge III

Participants will join the emerging ADF leaders studying at the Australian Defence Force Academy, as they receive theoretical and practical command, leadership and ethics education as part of their joint military training. Participants may also contribute to the training through becoming an active role player.

Location: Majura Training Area, ACT
Duration: Two days
Participants: Four

Option 5 – ADF Peace Operations Training Centre

Participants will observe and be provided an opportunity to participate in elements of UN Core Pre-Deployment Training focused on military, police or civilian members deploying on an UN mission.

Location: Canberra, ACT
Duration: Three days
Participants: Five

Joint Operations Command

Option 6 – Operation RESOLUTE

Operation Resolute is the Australian Defence Force contribution to the whole-of-government effort to protect Australia's borders and offshore maritime interests. Participants will gain an insight into the tasks being undertaken in our north.

Location: Canberra, ACT and Darwin NT
Duration: Five days
Participants: Two per activity



Navy

Option 7 – Fleet Base West - Submarines and Clearance Diving

Visit HMAS Stirling where RAN ships, submarines and aircraft based in Western Australia are logistically and operationally supported. There may also be an opportunity to join highly skilled Navy personnel in a Collins Class Submarine at sea.

Location: Rockingham, WA
Duration: Five days
Participants: Three per activity

Option 8 – Fleet Base East – Navy Sea Ride

Participants will be provided an opportunity to spend time at sea, to gain a comprehensive overview of the role that the major surface ships, including surface combatants, amphibious and support ships provide.

Location: Sydney, NSW
Duration: Five days
Participants: Three per activity

Option 9 – HMAS Cerberus

Centred at HMAS Cerberus (Victoria) this option will provide participants with the opportunity to gain an understanding and appreciation of the Royal Australian Navy base that serves as the primary training establishment for RAN personnel.

Location: Mornington Peninsular, VIC
Duration: Three days
Participants: Three per activity

Option 10 – Naval Aviation, Officer and Combat Survivability Training

Conducted at Jervis Bay participants will be provided an opportunity to engage with Navy's emerging leaders as they undertake initial training and gain an understanding of the Navy's aviation capability.

Location: Jervis Bay, NSW
Duration: Five days
Participants: Four per activity

Option 11 – Exercise KAKADU

Exercise KAKADU is a biennial event held in the Northern Australia Exercise Area with participants from up to 26 countries invited to send ships, aircraft and service personnel to participate. Participants will be embedded with the crew of an RAN Ship during the exercise period.

Location: Darwin, NT
Duration: Five days
Participants: Three

Army

Option 12 – Combat Training Centre - Exercise WAR FIGHTER

Conducted within the Townsville Field Training Area participants will be provided an opportunity to experience life in the field alongside Australian and United States Marine Corps soldiers.

Location: Townsville, QLD
Duration: Five days
Participants: Five



Option 13 – Headquarters 1st Division - Exercise MILNE BAY

Exercise MILNE BAY is a joint command post exercise conducted at Gallipoli Barracks in Brisbane. Participants will be provided an opportunity to witness the operational planning for large-scale combat operations, including the synchronisation of effects across the Land, Maritime, Air, Space and Cyber domains.

Location: Brisbane, QLD

Duration: Three days

Participants: Five

Option 14 – Regional Force Surveillance Unit

Participants will be provided a hands on experience on an on-country patrol with one of the Regional Force Surveillance Units NORFORCE (Darwin), Pilbara Regiment (Karratha) or 51 Far North Queensland Regiment (Cairns), as they conduct remote-area, land and littoral surveillance, and reconnaissance activities in Australia's North and North West.

Location: Karratha, WA, Darwin, NT or Cairns, QLD

Duration: Five days

Participants: Three per activity

Option 15 – 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment - Amphibious Exercise

Participants will join the 1st Division Amphibious Task Group at sea and move into an Amphibious Area of Operations, embedded with Australian and US Marine Corps soldiers.

Location: Townsville, QLD

Duration: Five days

Participants: Five

Option 16 – Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program

Conducted at Amata, on the extremely remote Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia, participants will be working with the soldiers and local community as they deliver a range of vocational skills and training programs as part of the 2024 Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program.

Location: APY Lands, SA

Duration: Five days

Participants: Three

Air Force

Option 17 – Exercise HIGH SIERRA – RAAF Townsville

Conducted at RAAF Townsville and the remote operating base of Scherger on Cape York Peninsular. Participants will gain an understanding the complexities of keeping a deployed military fighter unit supported.

Location: Townsville, QLD
Duration: Five days
Participants: Three

Option 18 – Exercise PITCHBLACK – RAAF Darwin

Ex PITCHBLACK is a biennial multi-national large force employment exercise conducted primarily from RAAF Darwin. Participants will be provided an opportunity to observe and participate in Air Force's most significant International Engagement activity with forces participating from a wide range of partner and allied nations developing and enhancing military relationships at all levels.

Location: Darwin, NT
Duration: Five days
Participants: Three

Option 19 – RAAF East Sale

Located in Gippsland, a visit RAAF East Sale will provide participants an opportunity to engage with Air Force's emerging leaders as they undertake initial training. Participants will also observe trainee pilots in the Pilatus PC-21 turboprop trainer.

Location: East Sale, VIC
Duration: Five days
Participants: Two

Option 20 – RAAF Williamtown

This activity will provide participants an opportunity to meet the men and women responsible for flying and supporting a variety of aircraft including the F-35A lightning 11, Hawk 127 and the E-7A Wedge tail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft.

Location: Newcastle, NSW
Duration: Four days
Participants: Three per activity

Option 21 – RAAF Wagga

Join Air force's newly recruited aviators as they undertake their initial military training. Throughout the activity participants will also be provided an opportunity to observe and interact with the tri-service initial employment training in a number of aviation trades.

Location: Wagga Wagga, NSW
Duration: Four days
Participants: Three per activity

Option 22 – RAAF Edinburgh and Woomera Test Range

Participants will gain an insight in the day to day life of Air Force's Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance capabilities at RAAF Edinburgh. An opportunity to visit Woomera Test Range in remote South Australia, which operates in support of both Defence and National objectives.

Location: Edinburgh, SA
Duration: Five days
Participants: Three per activity



Joint Capabilities Group (JCG) was formed in July 2017 and has continued to evolve since its inception. The Group supports the Services by providing a wide range of enabling capabilities, including logistics support. JCG is also responsible for progressing leading edge capabilities, such as space, cyber, data link and satellite communications. The Group's strength lies in its people.

JCG is led by the Chief of Joint Capabilities (CJC), who is responsible to the Chief of Defence Force and comprises commands, divisions and organic elements which include: Headquarters JCG (HQJCG), Joint Capabilities Division, Defence Signals Intelligence and Cyber Command, Defence Space Command, Cyber Warfare Division, Joint Logistics Command, ICT Operations Division, Australian Civil-Military Centre, Military Strategic Effects.



Option 1: ADF Cyber Warfare Operations

Outline:

The Cyber domain is the ADF's fifth warfighting domain and permeates all of the warfighting domains: Land, Sea, Air and Space.

Delivered by the Australian Defence Force's Cyber Warfare Division, the ADF Cyber Warfare Operations activity exposes participants to the challenges faced in this rapidly evolving warfighting domain.

Indicative Program:

During the program, participants will be briefed on the diverse work conducted by the Cyber Warfare Division, observe on-the-job cyber, information and space operations, and visit joint and single-service cyber environments in Canberra and Adelaide. Participants may have the opportunity to:

- Visit cyber teams in Russell Offices, the Defence Security Operations Centre located at HMAS Harman, and the Joint Cyber Unit, embedded in the Australia Cyber Security Centre at Brindabella Business Park.
- Visit 1 Joint Military Public Affairs Unit at Fyshwick, followed by a trip to Headquarters Joint Operations Command at Bungendore to receive capability briefs. These briefs will cover cyber intelligence and cyber warfare.
- Visit the Air Force's 462 Squadron in Adelaide, the Information Warfare Directorate of the Air Warfare Centre, and the Defence Science and Technology Group to observe a the ADF's defensive cyberspace operations, influence activities and electronic warfare capabilities. Participants will also be provided with an overview of current and emerging trends and threats to networks and mission systems within the information environment.
- Visit 1 Radar Surveillance Unit, and Squadrons located at RAAF Edinburgh to observe tactical support to air operations.

Location: Canberra, ACT and Adelaide, SA.

Dates: This is a five-day program - dates are flexible during the Winter and Spring parliamentary recess periods.

Participants: Five per activity.

Option 2: ADF Logistics Operations Activity

Outline:

Delivered by the Joint Logistics Command (JLC), the ADF Logistics Operations Activity provides participants an insight to the day-to-day responsibilities and functions of JLC, with briefings and tours across multiple sites.

Participants will gain an appreciation of the complexity of organising and managing Defence logistics across Defence's multi-tiered security environments, including support to ADF operations, commitments to allies and regional partners.

Participants will be briefed on key Defence logistics business including the Defence Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) – a major Defence transformation program that will revolutionise Defence's business practices. The new ERP solution will provide a single, trusted source of accurate, real-time information.

Indicative Program:

Commencing in Canberra, participants may have the opportunity to:

- Visit JLC Headquarters to receive in depth briefings on the ERP Program, the roles of the Logistics Systems Branch and the Defence Logistics Authority.
- Gain an appreciation of the complexity, risks, and issues associated with maintaining the ADF's logistics node and Participants how JLC support partners and our allies.
- Subject to the JLC activity schedule, participants may visit a regional Joint Logistics Unit where:
- They will receive a brief on the Unit's capability and role in the JLC network, and the 'United States Leave Behind Equipment' concept.
- Tour warehouse, equipment and distribution facilities, a deep level maintenance facility, and tank test track (including accompanying vehicle test).
- Gain an understanding of the progress and implications of the Defence Fuel Transformation Project and Defence Fuel Network Contractor roll out.

Location: Canberra, ACT and Bandiana, VIC.

Dates: This is a four-day program - dates are flexible within the Autumn, Winter and Spring parliamentary recess periods.

Participants: Four per activity.

Option 3: ADF Space Operations

Outline:

Defence Space Command (DSpC), formed on 22 March 2022, reports to the Chief of Joint Capability Group and brings together members of the Navy, Army, Air Force, Australian Public Service and Industry under an integrated Joint Headquarters.

Indicative Program:

Commencing in Canberra, participants will be briefed on the diverse work conducted by DSpC, observe on-the-job space operations and visit operational arms of DSpC in South Australia. Participants may have the opportunity to:

- Visit Headquarters DSpC located in the Fairbairn Defence Precinct. Participants will receive overview briefings to understand where DSpC sits in the wider ADF architecture and an opportunity for open discussion with directorate heads of Work Force, International Engagements, Strategic Plans, Capability, and Operations.
- Visit to the Australian Space Operations Centre (AUSSpOC), in Bungendore.
- Visit No. 1 Space Surveillance Unit (1SSU), where participants will observe how the ADF provides space domain awareness and missile warning in support of Joint and Coalition Forces via the Space Surveillance Telescope (SST) and C-Band Radar.
- Visit the Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) to be provided an overview of threats to Space-Based Capabilities and briefed on how DSTG Science Technology and Research (STaR) Shot and Space Programs are integrated within the ADF Space architecture to innovate and build resilience against these threats.
- Visit LOT 14, Bureau of Meteorology Space Weather Forecasting Centre and the Space Discovery Centre, to observe how the Australian public is informed and educated on the criticality of space and necessity of a domestic space industry

Location: Canberra, ACT and Adelaide, SA.

Dates: This is a five-day program - dates are flexible within the Autumn, Winter and Spring parliamentary recess periods.

Visits will be aligned to exercise dates where possible, where this is not possible additional site visits will be provided.

Participants: Five per activity.



Military Personnel Organisation

Following the Defence Strategic Review (DSR), Defence reorganised the delivery of workforce design, planning and organisation, and personnel management to deliver an integrated workforce system, optimised to best support our people and to enable the growth of a focused force aligned to DSR. The Chief of Personnel position was established to lead the Military Personnel Organisation, alongside the Deputy Secretary Defence People position.

The Chief of Personnel commands the military personnel organisation of Defence People Group (DPG) to direct, manage, coordinate and deliver the military personnel system; to best staff the war fighting domains, the enabling Groups and the strategic centre; and steward rewarding careers across the continuum of military service. The DPG Military Personnel Organisation includes Joint Health Command, the Australian Defence College, Joint Support Services Division, Military Personnel Division.



Option 4: ADFA Leadership Challenge III

Outline:

Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Trainee Officers receive theoretical and practical command, leadership and ethics education as part of their Joint Military Education and Training, to prepare them for leadership roles in the ADF. Leadership Challenge III is an assessment of Trainee Officer's leadership development using a Joint Operational scenario in a field environment based on low-level stability operations in a fictional country, possibly encountering: civilians, Australian and foreign nationals, non-government organisations, local police, local military forces, insurgents and criminal organisations. Leadership Challenge III reinforces foundational military skills including field craft, communications, planning, navigation and use of personal weapons.

During the immersive scenario, Trainee Officers are assessed on their command and leadership skills. The assessment scenarios are complex and dynamic and require Trainee Officers to show a combination of physical and mental resilience, social intelligence (cultural, gender and religious) and decision making abilities.

Indicative Program:

The program will commence with an orientation of the Majura Training Area, a briefing on the operational scenario and a meet and greet with key activity personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Meet and interact with trainees and staff.
- Observe trainees as they undertake assessment scenarios.
- Opportunity to act as a role player for a Key Leader Activity.

Location: Majura Training Area, ACT.

Dates: This is a two or three-day program in late August / early September.

Participants: Four.

Option 5: ADF Peace Operations Training Centre

Outline:

The Australian Defence Force Peace Operation Training Centre (ADF POTC) is part of the Australian Defence College, the strategic provider of joint professional military education and individual training for the ADF. Since 1993, the ADF Peace Operation Training Centre's mission has been to prepare Australian and international personnel for employment on peace operations, and more recently as Gender Advisers. The Centre contributes to Defence's international engagement objectives through the conduct of bilateral exercises, instructor support and mobile training teams.

The United Nations Military Observer Course (UNMOC) is a prerequisite for ADF personnel deploying on international United Nations missions as United Nations Military Observers, Military Liaison Officers or Military Advisers. This course is also open to Australian Federal Police or Australian Public Servants who will deploy to a UN field environment.

Indicative Program:

The activity allows participants to gain an understanding of Australia's military commitment to the UN, learn about the UN training system, and includes discussions with personnel deploying. Participants will be provided opportunities to:

- Gain insight into the UN and its structures to support peacekeeping operations around the world.
- Gain insight into Australia's commitment, Peace Operations Strategy and a visit to the Majura training village.
- Participate in classroom based UN training.
- Participate in classroom based simulation and syndicate activities.
- Participate in UN field training as a Military Observer.

Location: Canberra, ACT.

Dates: This is a three-day program between:
13 – 28 May and 23 September – 10 October.

Participants: Five per activity.





The role of Joint Operations Command (JOC) is to plan, control and conduct operations, activities and actions as directed to meet Australia's strategic objectives. JOC is the critical node in applying Defence capability at the operational level and conducts operations and exercises to meet government aims, deepen Australia's alliances and partnerships, and prepare the joint force for future contingencies.

JOC emerged from its predecessor, the Headquarters Australian Theatre (HQAST) in 2004, to reflect the changing internal structure of the ADF and the need to establish a purpose built, co-located joint headquarters. The complex is known as the General John Baker Complex, named after a former Chief of Defence Force who was a strong advocate of joint command and control.

JOC is a capable, agile and adaptive organisation enabled by a world-class intelligence architecture and a diverse range of domestic and international partners. In the coming decade, JOC will continue to enhance its position as a leading global exponent of joint force command, control and capability integration to deliver the Government's direction for Defence to Shape, Deter, Respond.

Option 6: Operation RESOLUTE

Outline:

Operation RESOLUTE is the ADF contribution to the whole-of-government effort to protect Australia's borders and offshore maritime interests. The area of operations covers approximately 10 percent of the world's surface and includes Australia's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) extending up to 200 nautical miles from the Australian mainland and offshore territories. Christmas, Cocos Keeling, Heard, McDonald, Macquarie, Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands also fall within the Operation RESOLUTE boundaries.

The ADF contributes forces under Operation RESOLUTE to Maritime Border Command (MBC), which is a multi-agency taskforce within the Australian Border Force (ABF). MBC uses assets from ABF and ADF to conduct civil maritime security operations. MBC's maritime surveillance and response activities are commanded and controlled from MBC Headquarters.

Indicative Program:

Commencing in Canberra with a day in Headquarters Maritime Border Command, and Headquarters Joint Operations Command. Participants will learn about ADF operations and strategic aspects of maritime border protection activities. Participants may:

- Travel to Darwin and visit the Regional Force Surveillance Group to learn about their contribution to Border Protection Operations and the 'Closing the Gap' initiative.
- Embark on a maritime patrol aircraft as it conducts an aerial patrol of Australia's northern approaches.
- Undertake a sea-ride on one of Navy's Armidale / Cape Class Patrol Boats or Australian Border Force Cape Class Patrol Boats.
- Observe boarding party drills and transit security element activities.

Location: Canberra, ACT and Darwin NT.

Dates: This is a five-day program - dates are flexible within the Autumn and Spring parliamentary recess.

Participants: Two per activity.

Medical Requirements: Aircraft flight is subject to successful completion of aviation medical, physical restrictions of the aircraft and aircraft availability.



The Royal Australian Navy is the principal naval force of Australia. The Royal Australian Navy was formed in 1901 as the Commonwealth Naval Forces, through the amalgamation of the Australian colonial navies following the Federation of Australia. Although it was originally intended for local defence, it became increasingly responsible for the defence of the region as the United Kingdom started to reduce its forces in the Pacific.

The Royal Australian Navy was initially a green-water navy, where the Royal Navy provided a blue-water force to the Australian Squadron. The Squadron was initially a small force of Royal Navy warships based in Sydney, intended to protect the colonies of Australia and New Zealand. This period lasted until 1913, when naval ships purchased from Britain arrived, although the British Admiralty continued to provide blue-water defence capability in the Pacific up to the early years of the Second World War.

During its history, the Royal Australian Navy has participated in a number of major wars, including the First and Second World Wars, Korean War, Malayan Emergency, Indonesia-Malaysia Confrontation and the Vietnam War. The navy is one of the largest and most sophisticated naval forces in the south Pacific region, with a significant presence in the Indian Ocean and global operations in support of military campaigns and peacekeeping missions.

Option 7: Fleet Base West - Submarines and Clearance Diving

Outline:

This option will introduce participants to the sea power generated by the submarine capability. Fleet Base West is at HMAS Stirling on Garden Island in Rockingham, Western Australia and is the homeport of the Collins Class submarines and Australian Clearance Diving Team Four.

The characteristics and range of Collins Class submarines are designed to be as quiet as advanced technology can achieve. These submarines boast a range of features including highly automated controls, low noise rates, high shock resistance and an efficient weapons handling system.

Australian Clearance Diving Team Four is one of two commissioned Clearance Diving Teams in the Royal Australian Navy. They are the ADF's specialist divers, who operate in-service diving equipment to the maximum permissible depths.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Observe how some of the most highly skilled personnel in the Navy conduct their duties in support of submarine operations.
- Visit the Weapon Training Simulation System facility and observe or take part in small-arms weapons training.
- Undertake some activities with Clearance Diving Team Four.
- Participate in a training demonstration at the Royal Australian Navy School of Survivability and Ship Safety, which includes firefighting, dealing with fast and slow floods and defence against nuclear, biological and chemical attacks.
- There may be an opportunity to spend a period of time at sea in a Collins Class submarine. Please note this is subject to platform availability and the sea ride component is not guaranteed.

Location: Rockingham, WA.

Dates: This is a five-day program - dates are flexible within the Autumn, Winter and Spring parliamentary recess.

Participants: Three per activity.

Medical Requirements: As per subsurface unit sea ride medical, which requires confirmation from a General Practitioner.

Option 8: Fleet Base East – Navy Sea Ride

Outline:

This option will provide participants with a comprehensive overview of the role that the major surface ships, including surface combatants, amphibious and support ships provide to enable the Navy's mission at Fleet Base East, Sydney.

In their primary warfighting role, surface combatants are expected to counter a wide variety of threats across all domains (air, surface and sub-surface). They must also be able to conduct constabulary tasks such as dealing with piracy, illegal fishing, bio-diversity (quarantine) infringements, human trafficking, drug and arms smuggling and illegal maritime arrivals. Furthermore, they must be able to participate in an equally broad range of international engagement activities either independently, or as part of a larger task force.

The Amphibious Warfare Force consists of the largest ships ever built for the Royal Australian Navy, the Amphibious Assault Ships also known as Landing Helicopter Docks (LHD), the ships provide the ADF with one of the most capable and sophisticated air-land-sea amphibious deployment systems in the world.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the Garden Island Defence Precinct, including Fleet Headquarters. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Meet the highly skilled members of Fleet Headquarters and gain an understanding of Fleet Command within the whole-of government operational context.
- Visit HMAS Watson (Watsons Bay) and observe the next generation of Navy's leaders undergo maritime warfare training and take part in simulated maritime warfare training using state of the art simulators.
- This option may also include an opportunity to spend a period of time at sea to gain an understanding of the platform's capabilities and to experience what life at sea is like for our Navy personnel. This is subject to ship availability and the sea ride component is not guaranteed.

Location: Sydney, NSW.

Dates: This is a five-day program - dates are flexible within the Autumn, Winter and Spring parliamentary recess.

Participants: Three per activity.

Option 9: HMAS Cerberus

Outline:

Centred at HMAS Cerberus (Victoria) this option will provide participants with the opportunity to gain an understanding and appreciation of the Royal Australian Navy (RAN) base that serves as the primary training establishment for RAN personnel.

The base is also the home of the RAN Recruit School where all sailors have their first contact with life in the RAN and where all full-time and reserve general sailors complete their initial entry training. HMAS Cerberus comprises numerous training and recreation facilities, two chapels, weapon firing ranges and a small marina.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Explore and undertake activities within the various facilities including, the Technical Training Faculty, Maritime Logistics & Health Centre, Maritime Skills Training Centre (incl. boat ride on Hanns Inlet), ADF PT School, Heritage & Learning Centre, Chapels and Gymnasium/Pool.
- Participate in a training demonstration at the RAN School of Survivability and Ship Safety, which includes firefighting, dealing with fast and slow floods and defence against nuclear, biological and chemical attacks.
- Visit the Survival at Sea Training Centre and participate in a survival at sea training session.
- Visit the RAN Recruit School for a tour and get an overview of some of the training and education conducted in the recruit course.
- Tour and explore the West Head Gunnery Range and observe a firing demonstration.
- Participate in supervised activities of an indoor obstacle fitness session.

Location: Mornington Peninsula, VIC.

Dates: This is a three to five-day program - dates are flexible within the Autumn, Winter and Spring parliamentary recess.

Participants: Three per activity.



Option 10: Naval Aviation, Officer and Combat Survivability Training

Outline:

This activity will provide you an opportunity to engage with Navy's emerging leaders as they undertake initial training, and gain an understanding of the Navy's aviation capability and combat survivability training provided to all ADF mariners to meet Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) obligations and requirements.

HMAS Creswell, located at Jervis Bay, was originally established as the RAN College for training Naval officers prior to the First World War. Today, all Navy officers commence their career at HMAS Creswell. The base also provides support to operations within Jervis Bay and the Eastern Australian Exercise Area.

HMAS Albatross, on the outskirts of Nowra, is the centre of naval aviation in Australia. It is the home to the Fleet Air Arm who operate the Navy's helicopters. The base is also home to the Tactical Electronic Warfare Support Section, the Naval Weather and Oceanographic Centre, the Joint Acoustic Analysis Centre.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of each establishment. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Join the next generation of Navy's leaders as part of the Initial Entry Officer Course undertaking training.
- Visit the Navy School of Survivability and Ship Safety and participate in controlled shipboard practical firefighting exercises using fire extinguishers and/or as a member of a hose team to enter burning compartments to extinguish fires dressed in full fire-fighting rig and breathing apparatus.
- Participate in controlled shipboard practical leak stop and repair (flooding training) in a moving flooding simulator, employing timber bungs, wedges and shoring techniques to reduce water ingress and restore water tight integrity to the mock ship, or a practical chemical biological radiological nuclear (CBRN) training activity including dressing in the ADF approved CBRN protective suit and mask and entering a testing facility with tear gas agent in the atmosphere.
- At HMAS Albatross you will gain an understanding of the naval aviation capability through engagement with Navy aircrew.
- Fly one of the Navy's 'state-of-the-art' helicopters in a flight simulator and participate in Helicopter Underwater Escape Training (HUET) and, subject to availability, fly in a Navy helicopter.

Location: Jervis Bay, NSW.

Dates: This is a three to five-day program - dates are flexible within the Autumn, Winter and Spring parliamentary recess.

Participants: Four per activity.



Option 11: Exercise KAKADU 2024

Outline:

This option will encompass a series of fleet activities within the Northern Australian Exercise Area (NAXA) projecting from the Port of Darwin, Northern Territory in quarter 4 of 2024.

Exercise KAKADU is a biennial event held in the NAXA with participants from up to 26 countries invited to send ships, aircraft and service personnel to participate in the exercise. Conducted between 9– 19 September 2024, the Fleet, along with service personnel and aircraft from partner nations, will engage in a series of exercises rehearsing and refining their Anti-Submarine (ASW), Anti-Surface (ASUW) and Anti-Air Warfare (AAW) capabilities.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the Larrakeyah Defence Precinct, including HMAS Coonawarra and Headquarters Northern Command (NORCOM) to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel.

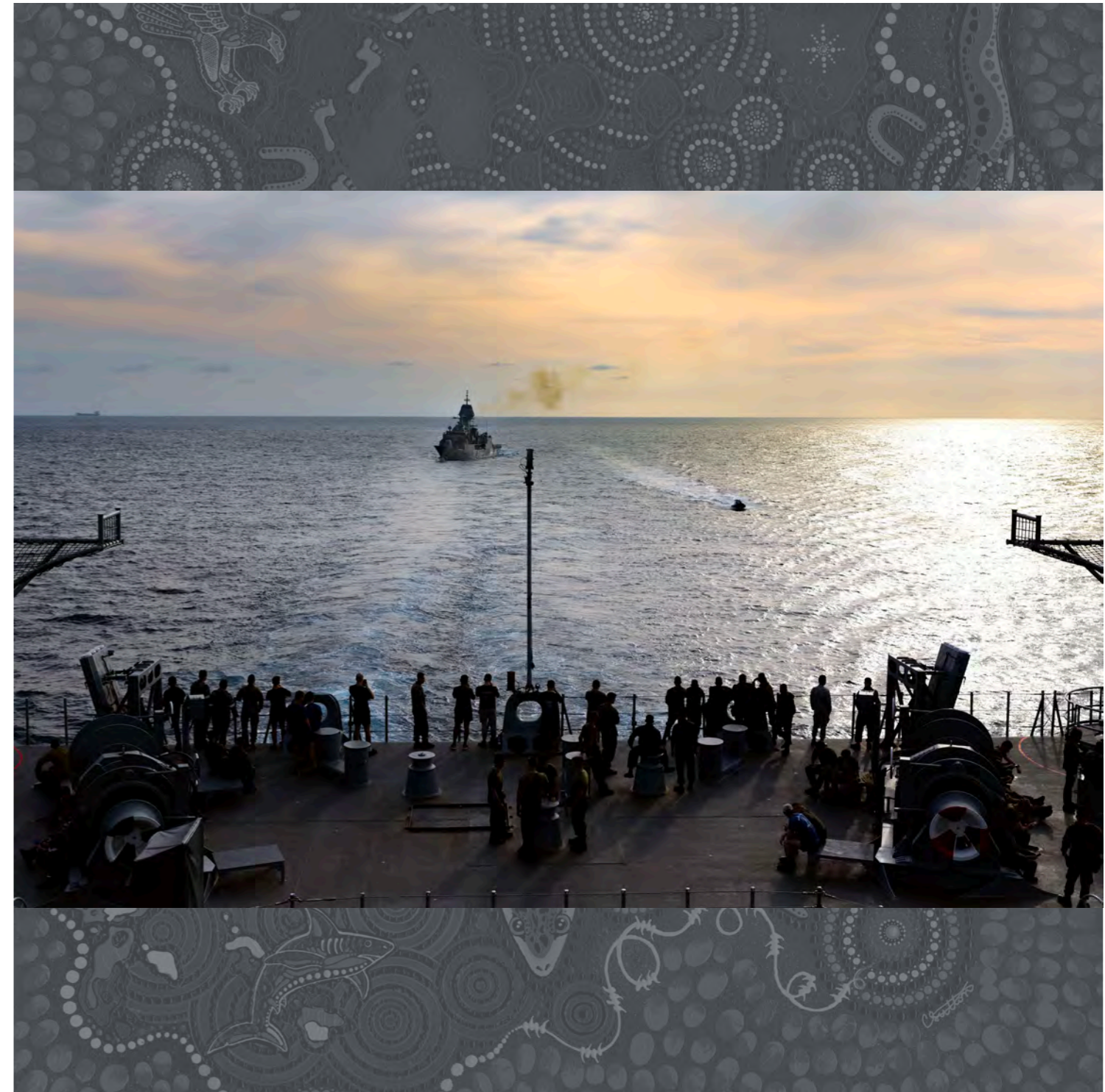
You will then have the opportunity to:

- Engage with the Fleet Force Generation Division, who are responsible for the collective training and the conduct of Exercise KAKADU.
- Meet the highly skilled members of the International Exercise Control and gain exposure to an understanding of capability generation cycles and the command and control of exercises.
- Visit ships alongside Fort Hill Wharf and be immersed in the planning and considerations undertaken by key operations staff as well as walk the deck plates and get face to face with ship's company.
- This option will be rounded off with a period of two to three days at sea in a Major Surface Combatant or Patrol Boat, to gain an understanding of the platform's capabilities and to experience life at sea.

Location: Darwin NT.

Dates: This is a five-day program to be conducted between 09 – 19 September.

Participants: Three.





The Australian Army is the principal land warfare force of Australia. The Australian Army was formed in 1901 as the Commonwealth Military Forces, through the amalgamation of the colonial forces of Australia following the Federation of Australia. Although Australian soldiers have been involved in a number of minor and major conflicts throughout Australia's history, only during the Second World War has Australian territory come under direct attack.

The Australian Army was initially composed almost completely of part-time soldiers, where the vast majority were in units of the Citizen Military Forces (CMF or Militia) (1901–1980) during peacetime, with limits set on the regular Army. Since all reservists were barred from forcibly serving overseas, volunteer expeditionary forces (1st AIF, ANMEF, 2nd AIF) were formed to enable the Army to send large numbers of soldiers to serve overseas during periods of war. This period lasted from federation until 1947, when a standing peacetime regular Army was formed and the Australian Army Reserve was restructured.

During its history, the Australian Army has fought in a number of major wars, including the Second Boer War, the First and Second World Wars, Korean War, Malayan Emergency, Indonesia-Malaysia Confrontation, Vietnam War, and more recently in Afghanistan and Iraq. Since 1947, the Australian Army has also been involved in many peacekeeping operations, usually under the auspices of the United Nations. Today, it participates in multilateral and unilateral military exercises and provides emergency disaster relief and humanitarian aid in response to domestic and international crises.

Option 12: Combat Training Centre - Exercise WAR FIGHTER

Outline:

The Combat Training Centre, headquartered in Townsville, fosters continuous improvement in the ability of the Australian Defence Force's largest tactical teams to respond to crisis and win in combat – today, tonight and tomorrow.

The 3rd Combat Brigade War Fighter Exercise represents a major collective training event for the Army. Participants will experience the full range of tasks our members complete while training for large-scale combat operations. In 2024, this activity will include troops from the United States Marine Corps, Papua New Guinea Defence Force and the Japanese Self-Defense Forces.

Indicative program:

Your program will commence in Townsville with a tour of the base. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Observe Defence capability and meet the key exercise command teams.
- Transit from Townsville, QLD to the High Range Training Area.
- Receive familiarisation training on Australian equipment and receive safety briefs where appropriate.
- Visit to Exercise Control and gain and understanding of the Exercise conduct and outcomes.
- Participate in land force actions in the field environment for select activities.
- Opportunity to interact with a wide range of Army personnel from all trades and specialisations and of all ranks.
- Opportunity to interact with international partners, including foreign senior leaders.

Location: Townsville, QLD.

Dates: This is a five-day program to be conducted between 25 May – 05 June.

Participants: Five.

Medical Requirements: A good level of mobility preferred to move up to 1km by foot in a field environment. Participants may be required to enter and exit military vehicles and may be wearing load carriage equipment (helmet and body armour).

Option 13: Headquarters 1st Division - Exercise MILNE BAY

Outline:

Ex MILNE BAY is a joint-enabled Command Post Exercise (CPX) conducted at Headquarters 1st Division in Enoggera Barracks. It aims to enable Command and Control (C2) nodes to meet certification through participation in large scale Joint and Coalition exercises and operations.

A CPX typically focuses on the battle readiness of staff such as a particular command or one of its components at any level. It may run in parallel with a Field Training Exercise (FTX), or as a stand-alone event for headquarters staff only with heavy emphasis on simulated events. Exercise objectives are derived from a consideration of mandated preparedness levels and appropriate military response options.

Ex MILNE BAY will be conducted indoors, in an office based environment, utilising a number of Defence simulation tools.

Indicative program:

Your program will commence in Brisbane. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Be immersed in operational planning for large-scale combat operations, including the synchronisation of effects across the Land, Maritime, Air, Space and Cyber domains.
- Assist in the coordination of exercise governance including safety, environmental protection, science and technology initiatives, damage control, public affairs, security/force protection and exercise related construction
- Observe the role of Exercise Control in managing the conduct of the exercise which is fundamental to the attainment of exercise objectives

Location: Brisbane, QLD.

Dates: This is a three-day program to be conducted between 11 June – 02 July.

Participants: Five.

Option 14: Regional Force Surveillance Unit

Outline:

The Regional Force Surveillance Group (RFSG) conducts remote area, land and littoral surveillance and reconnaissance in Australia's North and North West regions, to support national border security objectives. The RFSG comprises the Army's three Regional Force Surveillance Units: the 51st Battalion, The Far North Queensland Regiment, the North West Mobile Force (NORFORCE) and The Pilbara Regiment. The RFSG also incorporates the Indigenous Development Wing, which is responsible for the delivery of pathway and education programs to support Indigenous Australians pursuing a career within Army. The RFSG employs a significant number of Indigenous soldiers, with its units representing the highest rates of Indigenous participation within the Army.

Participants may join an on-country patrol experience with one of the Regional Force Surveillance Units NORFORCE (Darwin), Pilbara Regiment (Karratha) or 51 FNQR (Cairns), as they conduct remote-area, land and littoral surveillance, and reconnaissance activities in Australia's North and North West.

Indicative program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Conduct familiarisation training with Australian equipment, and receive safety briefs where appropriate.
- Receive instruction on field craft required for patrolling and reconnaissance.
- Deploy in to the environment to practice your newly acquired field craft skills.
- Observe and participate in mounted reconnaissance patrols and static observation posts.
- Participate in watercraft activities being undertaken by the patrols.
- Engage with the Unit's part-time workforce and gain a greater understanding of their contribution to the Army.

Location: Karratha, WA, Darwin, NT or Cairns, QLD.

Dates: This is a five-day program - dates are flexible within the Autumn and Winter parliamentary recess periods.

Participants: Three per activity.

Option 15: 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment - Amphibious Exercise

Outline:

The 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment is the amphibious light infantry battalion of the Australian Army part of the 1st Division Amphibious Task Group based at Lavarack Barracks in Townsville. The Black Series is an amphibious exercise including United States Marine Corps units exercising interoperability with the 2nd Battalion, in the vicinity of Townsville and nearby Training Areas.

This option provides participants an opportunity to embark at sea with the pre-landing and Australian and United States Marine Corp forces. Participants may participate in the lodgement of ground forces via small boats and landing craft.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the ship. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Embark on a Canberra Class Landing Helicopter Dock at sea.
- Move with the amphibious capability at sea into an Amphibious Area of Operations.
- Participate in the planning and rehearsals for amphibious missions.
- Receive familiarisation training on Australian equipment and receive safety briefs where appropriate.
- Lodge with ground forces (soldiers and armoured vehicles) via landing craft and helicopters.
- Participate in the Land Force actions at an offensive or defensive objectives.

Location: Townsville, QLD.

Dates: This is a five-day program to be conducted between 25 May - 05 June.

Participants: Five.

Medical Requirements: A good level of mobility preferred to move up to 1km by foot in a field environment. Participants may be required to enter and exit military vehicles and may be wearing load carriage equipment (helmet and body armour).



Option 16: Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Program

Outline:

The Army Aboriginal Community Assistance Programme (AACAP) began in 1997 and is an ongoing commitment that reinforces the strong association between Army and the Indigenous peoples of northern and central Australia. It is an interagency initiative between Army and the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) in support of the Government National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

2024 AACAP sees the deployment of Army personnel to deliver construction of local infrastructure, health and skills training and community engagement to remote aboriginal communities.

This year AACAP will be in Amata a community in the extremely remote Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands in South Australia, 40km south of the Northern Territory border and around 250km west of the Stuart Highway, over several months whilst local infrastructure projects are delivered.

Indicative program:

Your program will allow you to experience life as a member of an Army Engineer Construction Squadron and gain an understanding of the conditions experienced in a remote community. On arrival, you will be immersed in a range of activities and have the opportunity to:

- Observe and participate in the construction of township infrastructure and community buildings.
- Meet personnel during visits to the medical and environmental health facilities, workshops and kitchen.
- Observe members of the community in a range of vocations skills workshops and training programs.
- Visit the Youth Centre, Flood Management System and Service Provider Accommodation being delivered.
- Experience the integration between the Army and remote communities.
- Meet officers and soldiers deployed in an expeditionary environment actively involved in efforts to improve health, well-being and infrastructure in a remote indigenous community.

Location: Amata, APY Lands, SA.

Dates: This is a five-day program to be conducted in September.

Participants: Three.





The Royal Australian Air Force is the principal air and space force of Australia. The Royal Australian Air Force was formed in March 1921, through the separation of the Australian Air Corps from the Army in January 1920, which in turn amalgamated the separate aerial services of both the Army and Navy. It continues the traditions of the Australian Flying Corps (AFC), the aviation corps of the Army that fought in the First World War.

During its history, the Royal Australian Air Force has fought in a number of major wars and other conflicts, throughout the Second World War in Europe and the Pacific, the Berlin Airlift, Korean War, Malayan Emergency, Indonesia–Malaysia Confrontation, Vietnam War, and more recently in operations in East Timor, the Middle East Region and Southeast Asia.

It operates the majority of the ADF's fixed wing aircraft and provides support across a spectrum of operations such as air superiority, precision strikes, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, air mobility, space surveillance, and humanitarian support.

Option 17: Exercise HIGH SIERRA – RAAF Townsville

Outline:

RAAF Townsville is a key ADF mounting airbase for the Asia/Pacific region. It has one of the busiest operational tempos of any Australian Air Force base, typically hosting over 35 ADF exercises annually.

In 2024, RAAF Townsville will host Exercise HIGH SIERRA, the culminating phase of the F-35A Lightning II operational conversion course which aims to graduate the newest generation of fast jet pilots.

RAAF Townsville is home to a diverse range of units including 27 Squadron (airbase operations), 383 Contingency Response Squadron, 65 Airbase Recovery Squadron, Combat Survival Training School and Army's 5th Aviation Regiment.

RAAF Scherger is located on the western side of the Cape York Peninsular in Queensland, approximately 26km from Weipa. It was established in the 1990s to provide support for land, air and sea operations aimed at securing Australia's northern approaches.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have an opportunity to:

- Travel to RAAF Scherger to gain an understanding of the challenges faced by Australian Defence Force members working at a remote base, whilst gaining an appreciation of the base capabilities.
- Experience life in a deployed military fighter unit (as part of HIGH SIERRA) Undertake a facilities tour of a deployed Squadron with exposure to technical staff and the training they are required to undertake to work on the aircraft.
- Experience the ADF Survive, Evade, Resist, Escape (SERE) capability and develop some basic bush craft skills through a hands on experience.
- Experience Combat Support Capabilities by participating in a range of activities including: air movements, refuelling operations and Military Working Dog displays.

Location: Townsville, QLD.

Dates: This is a five-day program to be conducted within the Exercise periods: March and April and September and October.

Participants: Three per activity.

Medical Requirements: Aircraft flight is subject to successful completion of aviation medical, physical restrictions of the aircraft and aircraft availability.

Option 18: Exercise PITCH BLACK - RAAF Darwin

Outline:

EX PITCHBLACK is a biennial multinational large force employment exercise conducted primarily from RAAF Darwin. Participants will be provided an opportunity to observe and participate in Air Force's most significant International Engagement activity with forces participating from a wide range of partner and allied nations, developing and enhancing military relationships at all levels.

As a key ADF mounting airbase for the Indo Pacific region, RAAF Darwin also hosts a six-month deployment of United States Marine Corps (USMC) personnel and their aircraft under the United States Force Posture Initiative (USFPI) and No 2 Expeditionary Health Squadron.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you with the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have an opportunity to:

Experience a deployed military fighter unit - undertake a facilities tour a deployed Squadron with exposure to technical staff and the training they are required to undertake to work on the aircraft.

Observe the numerous aircraft participating in Ex PITCHBLACK and have an opportunity meet the crew.

Attend the RAAF Darwin Pitch Black Open Day - Providing an insight into the unique community support for the military and RAAF in Darwin.

Experience Australia's Air and Space Surveillance and Battle Management Capabilities - Inspect the Mobile Regional Operations Centre system operated by 114 Mobile Control and Reporting Unit, and the wide range of equipment they operate.

Travel to RAAF Curtin in Northern Western Australia to inspect the bare base at Curtin and understand the challenges faced by Australian military members working in a remote bare base, whilst understanding the capabilities of the base.

Location: Darwin, NT.

Dates: This is a five-day program 15 July – 19 July with an option to stay on for the Darwin Open Day Saturday 20 July.

Participants: Three.

Medical Requirements: Aircraft flight is subject to successful completion of aviation medical, physical restrictions of the aircraft and aircraft availability.



Option 19: RAAF East Sale

Outline:

RAAF East Sale is located 220 km south east of Melbourne, in Victoria's Gippsland region, and is the home of Air Force officer training. New officers attend the Officers' Training School for 12 weeks of initial training, with aviation specialists moving to the Air Academy for their next phase of training. Other Base units include the Central Flying School, No 1 Flying Training School, School of Air Traffic Control, Air Mission Training School, No 32 Squadron and No 30 (Airbase Operations) Squadron. RAAF East Sale operates as an integrated military, civilian and contractor workforce responsible for the delivery and sustainment of training aircraft, flight training devices and the provision of support functions and contingency response.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you with the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have an opportunity to:

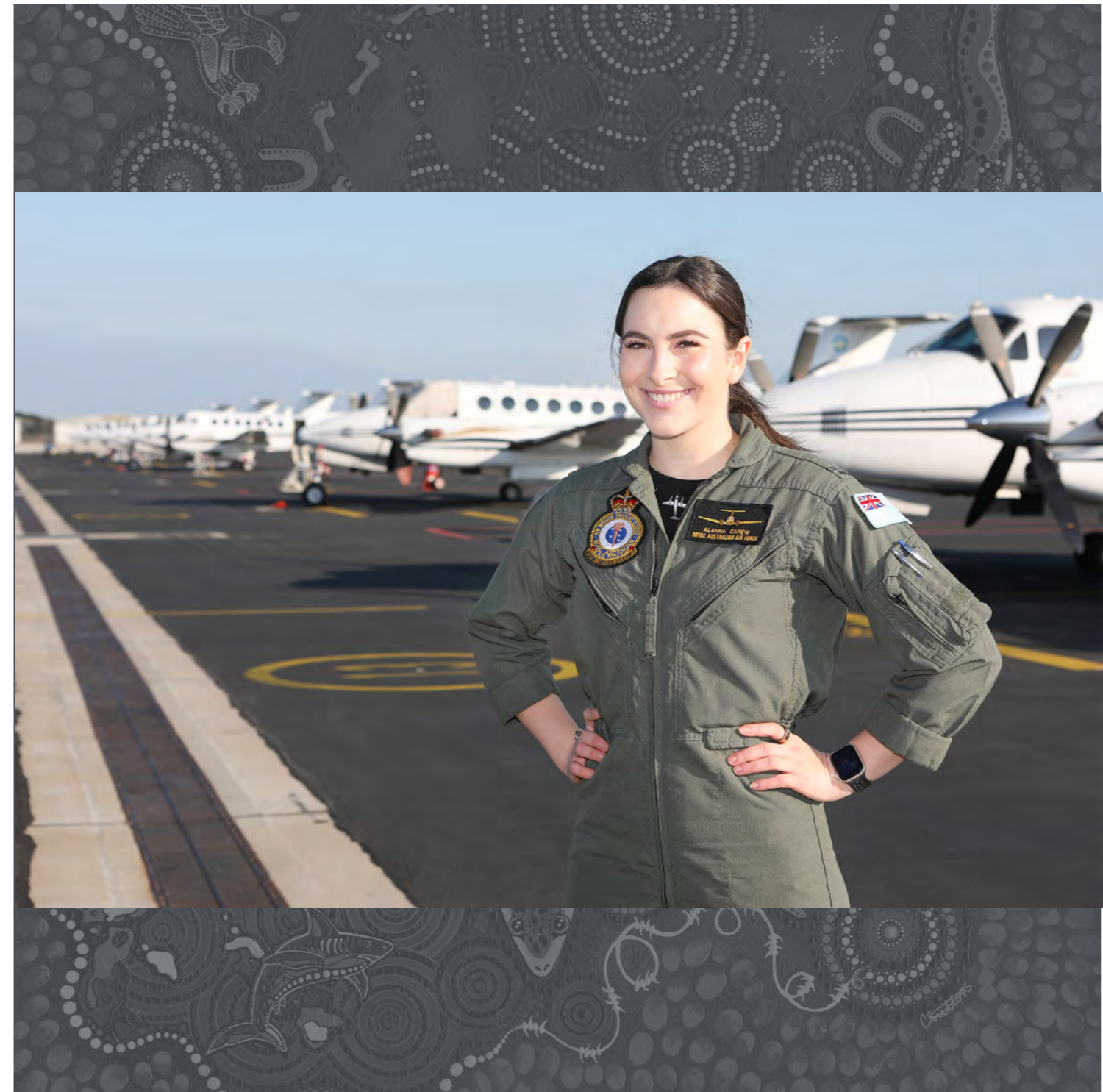
- Experience initial officer training including drill, teamwork, leadership and ground defence training.
- Visit the Dutson Air Weapons Range including a visit to indigenous heritage site.
- Observe officer aircrew candidate selection process and experience simulators used for the support the pilot training system.
- Experience on-the job training for air traffic control including airspace management and flight planning.
- Experience air mission training including simulator activity with Air Mission Training School.
- Experience morning brief and planning with Central Flying School and join an aircraft maintenance team as they prepare the PC-21 for the daily flying program.

Location: Sale, Vic.

Dates: This is a five-day program - dates are flexible within the Spring parliamentary recess period.

Participants: Two.

Medical Requirements: Aircraft flight is subject to successful completion of aviation medical, physical restrictions of the aircraft and aircraft availability.



Option 20: RAAF Williamtown

Outline:

RAAF Williamtown is located north of Newcastle in New South Wales and is one of the Air Force's busiest and most complex bases. The base includes: Headquarters Surveillance and Response Group, which commands the Air Force's airspace and air battle management capability; Headquarters Air Combat Group, responsible for developing and maintaining the expertise to competently operate fighter aircraft; Combat Support Group, which provides airbase operations support functions and contingency response to national and international relief support tasks; and, Security and Estate Group, responsible for the provision of base support services ranging from security, estate management and base maintenance.

A variety of capabilities permanently operate from RAAF Williamtown, including the Eastern Regional Operations Centre providing surveillance and Air Battle Management, Air Traffic Control services, F 35A Lightning II, Hawk 127, E-7A Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and Control aircraft and PC 21 Pilatus Forward Air Control aircraft.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to facilities and key base personnel. You will then have the opportunity to:

- Meet with No. 26 Squadron (26SQN) gaining an understanding of airbase operations at Williamtown including a visit to Salt Ash Air Weapons Range.
- 381 Contingency Response Squadron (381CRS) tour and interaction with 381CRS personnel.
- Air Combat Group tour to include 76 Squadron (Hawk), 4 Squadron (Combat Control Teams and Forward Air Control) and a Joint Strike Fighter Squadron.
- 26SQN Security Flight and 1 Security Forces Squadron tour, includes Military Working Dogs and a visit to the Weapons Training simulator.

Location: Newcastle, NSW.

Dates: This is a four-day program - dates are flexible within the Autumn, Winter and Spring parliamentary recess period.

Participants: Three per activity.

Medical Requirements: Aircraft flight is subject to successful completion of aviation medical, physical restrictions of the aircraft and aircraft availability.

Option 21: RAAF Wagga

Outline:

RAAF Wagga is popularly known as the 'Home of the Aviator'. The Base, since 1940, has been an integral part of the Wagga Wagga community and comprises approximately 1,500 Australian Defence Force, civilian and contracted personnel. RAAF Base Wagga delivers the highest quality of tri-Service graduate and post-graduate ground training for all ranks of the Air Force, Army and Navy.

RAAF Wagga is home to four major training Units: No 1 Recruit Training Unit, which provides initial military training; RAAF School of Technical Training (RAAFSTT), conducts initial and post-initial employment training for ADF aviation maintenance personnel; RAAF School of Administration and Logistics Training, offers initial and post-initial employment training for Air Force members specialising in logistics and personnel capability management; and the School of Postgraduate Studies (SPS), provides post-graduate education across enlisted personnel and officers.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you with the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have an opportunity to:

- Visit and interact with ADF trainees undertaking their initial employment training at RAAFSTT.
- Gain an appreciation of post-IET courses by participating in classroom or outdoor-based experiential activities in disciplines and topics, such as Leadership, Military Management.
- Experience initial military training for enlisted aviators in activities such as drill, teamwork, leadership, physical fitness and ground defence training by 1RTU.
- Visit the 1RTU Ground Defence Training Area and engage with recruits in a field environment whilst experiencing ground defence training on Exercise RABAU.
- Visit the 1RTU Ground Defence Training Area, and engage with recruits in a field environment whilst experiencing ground defence training on Exercise RABAU.

Location: Wagga Wagga, NSW.

Dates: This is a four-day program - dates are flexible within the Autumn, Winter and Spring parliamentary recess period.

Participants: Three per activity

Option 22: RAAF Edinburgh and Woomera Test Range

Outline:

The Edinburgh Defence Precinct, comprising RAAF Edinburgh in Adelaide's north and RAAF Woomera approximately 450 kilometres north of Adelaide.

RAAF Edinburgh is a critical Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance hub for the ADF being home to the P-8A Poseidon aircraft, 1 Remote Sensor Unit and its JORN surveillance system and Air Warfare Centre's information warfare and electronic warfare elements.

Woomera Test Range covers an area of approximately 122,000 square kilometres of land and airspace. Woomera Test Range operates in support of both Defence and National objectives. It provides Defence with a self-reliant capability for conducting Test and Evaluation (T&E) and Research and Engineering activities for manned and unmanned aircraft, weapons, electronic warfare systems and navigation warfare systems.

Indicative Program:

Your program will commence with a tour of the base to orientate you to the facilities and key base personnel. You will then have an opportunity to:

- Tour Surveillance and Response Group's P-8A Poseidon aircraft and new facility including time at the P-8A Poseidon Flight Simulator.
- Visit Air Warfare Centre elements at RAAF Edinburgh gaining insight into how it enables new and emerging 5th Generation Air Force capabilities.
- Spend time with No. 24 Squadron, as they support RAAF Edinburgh air operations.
- Undertake a personal tour of and gain insight into the unique Woomera area including its people, the village and history.

Location: Edinburgh, SA.

Dates: This is a five-day program - dates are flexible within the Autumn, Winter and Spring parliamentary recess period.

Participants: Three per activity.

Medical Requirements: Aircraft flight is subject to successful completion of aviation medical, physical restrictions of the aircraft and aircraft availability.



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Defence acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia. Defence recognises their continuing connection to traditional lands and waters and would like to pay respect to their Elders both past and present. Defence would also like to pay respect to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who have contributed to the defence of Australia in times of peace and war.

Artwork title – ‘Caina Putut, Ilya, Wartanganha’ ‘Long ago, Today, Tomorrow’.

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