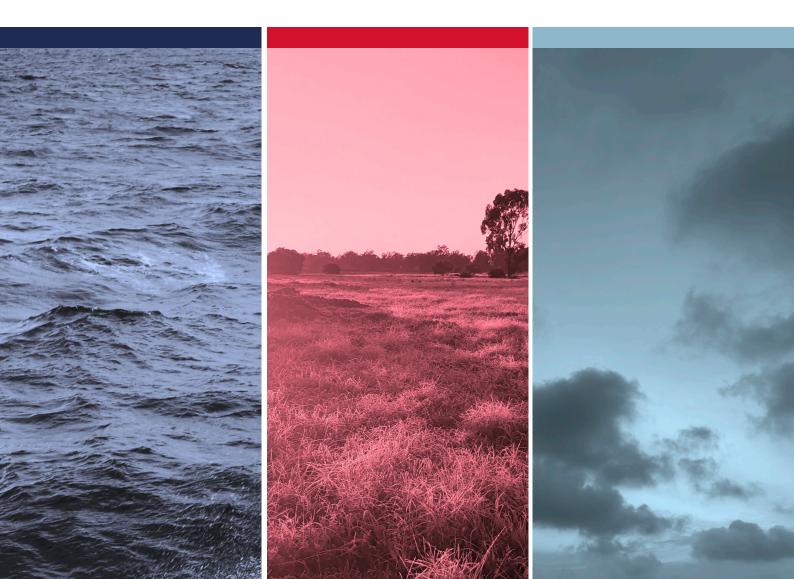


Australian Defence Force Cadets Strategic Intent



Statement from the Chief of Defence Force



General Angus J. Campbell AO, DSC

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) has a long and proud history of supporting ADF cadets. They represent the next generation of Australians. By supporting the cadet programs, Defence seeks to further connect with the community we serve, and engender an interest in and positive disposition towards Defence.

The Service (Navy, Army and Air Force) cadet organisations operate in partnership with communities to deliver youth development programs focused on youth empowerment. The programs are inclusive, non-discriminatory, and open to young people from 13 to 18 years of age of all abilities, provided their needs do not compromise the safety of any participants.

There are almost 30,000 cadets currently enrolled in the three cadet programs in more than 500 ADF cadet units across all states and territories. Over 4,500 adult volunteers including officers of cadets, instructors of cadets, and 'approved helpers' supervise and support the cadets.

Statement from the Patron of the ADF Cadets



General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK, AC (Mil), CVO, MC (Retd)

As Patron of the ADF Cadets, it is a privilege to be involved in what is a unique program that allows us to foster the next generation of community leaders. The ADF cadet programs aim to inspire young people within a safe environment to come together to learn new life skills, make new friends and reach their full potential.

I'm honoured to once again put on a uniform to support our young people through activities that help them thrive and become responsible members of their local community.



Vision

Defence's vision for the ADF cadet programs is to contribute to the community by providing youth with inclusive and fulfilling development opportunities consistent with Defence values, enhance an inter-generational connection between the Australian Defence Force and the community that we serve, and facilitate and promote an interest in Defence careers.

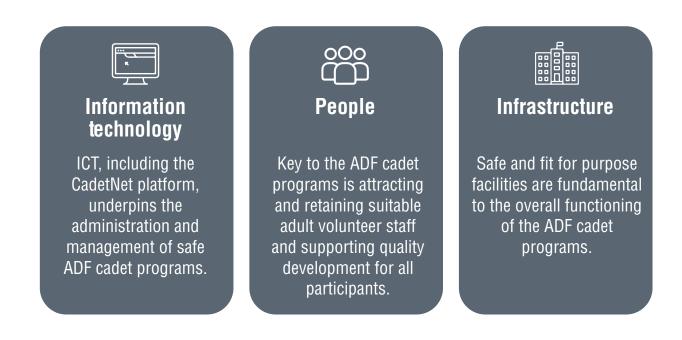


Values

The program is underpinned by Defence values, which reflect community expectations and engender an interest in and positive disposition towards Defence.

Service	Service to each other and the community underpins everything in the ADF cadet programs.
Courage	Courage is essential for developing resilience and creating and maintaining a safe culture for youth.
Respect	Respect is central to treating others with dignity, building trust, and providing a safe environment.
Integrity	Integrity sets a foundation for moral and ethical strength in doing the right thing.
Excellence	Excellence is the pursuit of safe and positive opportunities and experiences, both individually and as an organisation.

Critical enablers



Principles and objectives

