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WELCOME TO EDINBURGH



WING COMMANDER CRAIG KEANE
Senior Australian Defence Force Officer
Edinburgh Defence Precinct

WELCOME TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA and the Edinburgh Defence Precinct.

As the Senior Australian Defence Force Officer for the Edinburgh Defence Precinct (EDP), I am honoured to represent our Defence members and their families in South Australia.

I am a proud South Australian, on my fifth posting to RAAF Edinburgh. Each occasion has been a challenging, yet rewarding, experience and I hope your time will be the same. I encourage you to strive for a good life balance and use every opportunity to enjoy the beaches, wildlife, festivals, sporting events, world's best wine, award-winning restaurants, bustling food markets and boutique bars the state has to offer.

The EDP comprises four major sites including RAAF Edinburgh, Defence Science Technology – Edinburgh, and Edinburgh Parks located approximately 27km north of Adelaide with the Woomera Range Complex 500km further north.

The precinct is home to more than 6,500 Air Force, Army and Defence civilian personnel representing more than 65 Defence units and elements from across most of Defence's Groups.

All the sites, units and personnel provide key operational or enabling capabilities in support of our nation's overall Defence capability. Noting the changing strategic circumstances, it is vital we remain focused on ensuring the precinct is ready to support our nation's needs.

While the base has undergone significant development over the past 10 years, major development will continue over the next decade to support new and enhanced air, land and joint capabilities reinforcing the precincts ongoing importance.

I look forward to continuing the precinct's strong relationship with the local community through our various partners, stakeholders, Defence service agencies and support groups. I encourage you to do the same, with a range of opportunities presented in this publication. I guarantee you will find your involvement rewarding and a great way to meet new friends.

Have a great 2024, look after yourself, your families and your workmates. I look forward to meeting you and challenge you to be Ready, Resourceful and Resilient.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY



← A Kurna Custodian presents the Senior Australian Defence Force Officer – Edinburgh Precinct with a sample of soil during a ceremony at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH DEFENCE PRECINCT acknowledges that we are on the traditional lands of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kurna people living today. And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and First Nations Peoples.

Kurna Meyunna Yerta the Kurna peoples' traditional tribal land, or Country, extends from Cape Jervis to the south of Adelaide to Port Broughton in the north, and from the Mt Lofty Ranges to the coast of Gulf St Vincent. Kurna actively manage the land and live off the land and waterways of the region.

Edinburgh Defence Precinct recognises the importance of fostering cultural understanding and engagement initiatives that are vital to reconciliation. Learn more about our commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagements on page 26.



JEFFREY NEWCHURCH

Chairperson, Kurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association

MARNI NAA PUDNI KAURNA YARTA-ANA.

(We welcome you to Kurna land).

The Kurna people hold a deep relationship with the lands, sea and skies of the Adelaide Plains. We have established a strong relationship with the Edinburgh Defence Precinct and are committed to increasing cultural awareness and provisions that enhance inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. We hope you enjoy the lands of the Kurna people and immerse yourself in local Kurna culture.



MATT BURNELL MP

Federal Member for Spence

THE NORTHERN SUBURBS community and I, as a former serving member, are proud to have RAAF Base Edinburgh in our electorate.

There are more than 16,000 Defence force personnel, veterans and their families who reside locally and have a long history of generations that have served.

The community I represent thanks you for your service and welcomes you and your family.

We are honoured to have you in our community and see pride in the uniform you wear as a symbol of South Australia – The Defence State.

Please contact my office located in Salisbury on 08 8258 6300 or matt.burnell.mp@aph.gov.au if I can help with any local matters.

I look forward to seeing you in the community.

WELCOME TO the City of Playford. You are now part of one of South Australia’s fastest-growing communities, with seven new people calling our city home every day. Spanning 345 square kilometres, our diverse city is the economic centre of Adelaide’s north, as well as taking in smaller townships, rural areas and the state’s major horticultural region.

Located just five minutes from RAAF Base Edinburgh base, you and your families can visit our vibrant CBD in Elizabeth and enjoy shopping, dining and entertainment.

The City of Playford is committed to supporting an active and connected community, with ongoing investment in outdoor spaces across the city for you and your family to enjoy. You can also enjoy performances at our Shedley Theatre, live music at Northern Sound System and recreation at the



GLENN DOCHERTY

Mayor, City of Playford

Aquadome – the leading indoor aquatic and health facility in the north.

Once again, a warm welcome to Playford and thank you for your service to our country and community.

ON BEHALF OF THE city of Salisbury, it is my utmost pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to you and your families.

As you settle into our community, you’ll discover a city that embraces diversity and offers exceptional educational opportunities for your family. Immerse yourselves in our vibrant sports, art and cultural scenes, and enjoy our exciting family fun days and festivals.

Your presence enriches our city, and we look forward to creating lasting memories together.

Feel free to contact me on 0411 703 706 or galdridge@salisbury.sa.gov.au if you want to discuss anything.



GILLIAN ALDRIDGE OAM

Mayor, City of Salisbury

I AM PROUD to have the RAAF Base Edinburgh in my electorate and the opportunity to represent a community with so many Defence Force personnel, veterans, and their families.

I know Defence personnel and their families make many sacrifices to serve our nation. I am always here to help. If there is any way I can make your time here in the North better, call my office on 08 8254 1023. My electorate office is located at 86b/600 Main North Road, Smithfield.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in the community.



NICK CHAMPION MP

State Member for Taylor

ON THE COVER: Members of No.11 Squadron and Maritime Patrol and Response Officer Flight, from No.292 Squadron, on the flight line at RAAF Base Edinburgh. Photo: LAC Sam Price.

INSET: Soldiers of the 7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment drive an M113AS4 Armoured Personnel Carrier as part of the 9th Brigade Transition of Authority parade at RAAF Base Edinburgh (Photo: PTE Johnny Huang); an Air Warfare Engineering Squadron avionics technician and a Defence Science and Technology electronics apprentice with the DJI Matrice UAV at DST Edinburgh (Photo: SGT Bill Solomou); The National Advanced Surface to Air Missile System fires an AIM-120 Advanced Medium Range Air to Air Missile during its first Australian live-fire at Woomera Test Range, 14 November 2023 (Photo: PTE Nicholas Marquis).



PHOTO: LACW Jacqueline Forrester

A MAJOR JOINT DEFENCE PRECINCT

With four sites and more than 6,000 personnel, Edinburgh Defence Precinct is South Australia's largest Defence establishment, and continues to develop.

THE EDINBURGH DEFENCE PRECINCT, approximately 27km north of the Adelaide Central Business District, is the largest Defence establishment in South Australia in terms of geographical area, number of staff and number of units.

The precinct comprises four sites:

RAAF Edinburgh. Located on the western side of West Avenue, RAAF Edinburgh comprises the RAAF Base, the precinct's operational elements including Air Force and Army units, logistics and maintenance supports units, garrison support elements (messes, accommodation, gym, pool) and a commercial area comprising cafes, banks, post office, community centre and barber.

Defence Science & Technology Group-Edinburgh (DST-E). Located on the eastern side of West Ave, the DST-E site comprises Defence Science & Technology Group elements, two Air Force units and other Defence elements.

Edinburgh Parks. Located 2km south of RAAF Edinburgh, the Edinburgh Parks site comprises various Defence garrison support elements.

Woomera Range Complex. Located approximately 500km north of Adelaide, the Woomera Range Complex comprises RAAF

Woomera, the Woomera Village and the Woomera Test Range. The Woomera Test Range is the world's largest land-based test range covering over 120,000 sq km.

The three sites of RAAF Edinburgh, DST-E and Edinburgh are located between Elizabeth and Salisbury in the northern suburbs of Adelaide. More than 6,500 staff, including notably RAAF, Army, Defence civilians and contractors, work across the four sites giving the precinct a very joint feel.

There are over 65 residential units located on Edinburgh Defence Precinct. These units are drawn from most of the Defence Groups and Services including in particular Air Force, Army, Security and Estate Group, Joint Capabilities Group, Capability Acquisition and Support Group, Defence People Group, Defence Science and Technology and Chief Information Officer Group.

HISTORY

The Edinburgh Defence Precinct is located on land that was opened up for farming in the mid 19th Century. A small village called Penfield, originally located to the south of the current RAAF Base and DSTG sites, served the farms. The Defence presence at Edinburgh dates back

to World War II when, in 1940, the area on which Edinburgh Defence Precinct is now situated was acquired by the Commonwealth Government to build a munitions factory. A munitions plant, the largest in the southern hemisphere, was established in 1942 producing a wide variety of ammunition including shells, rockets, mines and torpedoes.

At the end of World War II, most of the site was closed down, with the exception of the TNT manufacturing plant (south of today's RAAF Base) which continued production until the mid 1960s.

From 1946 to the mid 1960s, the Australian and British governments conducted joint weapons testing and maintained a long-range experimental firing range at Woomera. During testing, there were more than 2,000 British servicemen based at Edinburgh, Woomera and Maralinga. While the former Penfield weapons facility housed the administration infrastructure, stores, laboratories and most of the Australian based UK contractors, RAAF Edinburgh Field (as it was called in those days) was the logistics hub and accommodated a wide variety of Royal Air Force personnel. Meanwhile, RAAF Mallala, located about 60km north of Adelaide and built during World War II, supported the operations.



↑ RAAF Edinburgh site has a distinctly joint nature with the presence of more than 65 units across the various Defence Groups.

The significant support required to sustain the weapons testing was more than what RAAF Mallala and the small Edinburgh Airfield could provide prompting the development of a new RAAF base. Construction work began in 1953 and the new RAAF Base Edinburgh was formally opened by His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh on 22 March 1954. While the new base was named after him, the base was, at one stage, going to be called Mirrabooka, until it was realised the aboriginal translation was ‘stinking swamp’.

The base adopted a very multi-national feel, supporting a large number of British and Australian personnel as well as RAF and RAAF aircraft of diverse types involved in the weapons trials, including rockets and missiles at Woomera and atomic bomb testing at Maralinga.

In the mid 1960s, the British withdrew their weapons trials from South Australia and thus their presence from RAAF Edinburgh. Following their departure, Edinburgh was virtually vacant until the RAAF began relocating units to the base.

In May 1968, the first three P-3B Orion aircraft arrived at RAAF Edinburgh with No.11 Squadron completing its move to Edinburgh from RAAF Richmond in June 1968. The base underwent major development in the late 1970s following the decision for it to become the primary base for the RAAF’s maritime capability. This followed a decision in 1975 to establish a Maritime Patrol Wing (92 Wing) comprising the already located 11 Squadron and moving 10 Squadron with the new P-3C aircraft from Townsville to Edinburgh. New facilities were built from 1978 to 1981 – many of which have only been replaced by the AIR 7000 redevelopment in recent years.

Since the 1970s, the number of units and Defence organisations at Edinburgh Defence Precinct has steadily increased. From about 2010, Army elements began relocating to RAAF Edinburgh, beginning with the reformation of 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (7RAR). The increased Army presence continued with the transfer of 1 Armoured Regiment in 2017.



↑ Image from 1955 of Weapons Research Establishment buildings (in foreground) and the Edinburgh Airfield with the original hangar (now AWC hangar) and flightline in the background.

← A RAAF P-8A Poseidon aircraft departs RAAF Base Edinburgh, en route to Japan as part of Operation ARGOS.

PHOTO: SCT Nicci Freeman



PHOTO: PTE Johnny Huang

↑ RAAF Edinburgh-based Army elements conduct training on the RAAF base.

EDP TODAY

The Edinburgh Defence Precinct has become an increasingly operationally focused Defence and joint Defence establishment. Over the past 10 years, it has become a major intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) hub for the ADF with Air Warfare Centre, 92 Wing, and 1 Remote Sensing Unit residing on the base. Likewise, it has a very strong electronic warfare (EW) presence with Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit and 462 Squadron. The ISR and EW focus is reinforced by DST elements that provide vital research in these areas.

A large Army presence through operational units like 7RAR and 1 Armd Regt and the RAAF's No.24 Squadron significantly enhance the operational focus of RAAF Edinburgh.

Meanwhile, the logistics and garrison support infrastructure at RAAF Edinburgh is important to mounting and supporting operations and exercises in South Australia, particularly in the Cultana Exercise Area, located west of Port Augusta, and the Woomera Range Complex.

EDINBURGH REDEVELOPMENT

The facilities and infrastructure at Edinburgh have undergone a major transformation in recent years. It may be difficult to imagine as you drive through the base, but not so long ago the main thoroughfare was a narrow road bounded by drab 1950s-era buildings on one side and vacant fields on the other. Today, McNamara Drive is a boulevard flanked on both sides by modern structures. Its transformation reflects the many changes that have occurred across the base in

order to support Defence personnel and their families, and various new Air Force and Army units and major capabilities.

Major garrison support facilities including combined messing, accommodation areas, gym and indoor pool, community commercial area and training areas were constructed from 2009-2010, as were facilities for Army and joint units relocated to RAAF Edinburgh.

In recent years, construction of new facilities for the P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft were completed. However, major construction projects will continue well into the late 2020s to support planned Army and Air Force capabilities including new aircraft and land combat elements. The exciting large-scale transformation that has taken place at Edinburgh over the past 10 years is set to continue.

EDP OPERATIONAL UNITS



PHOTO: LAC Stewart Coull

↑ A 92WG P-8A Poseidon aircraft departs RAAF Edinburgh.

some elements are at Edinburgh, it is also the most geographically distributed directorate in the Air Warfare Centre, with personnel located at all the major RAAF bases and also within the Defence Complex in Canberra. Further, because of its functions, it has personnel deployed on exercises and operations, including the Middle East, on an almost continual basis.

83 NO.83 SQUADRON



Newly established in January 2021, 83

Squadron is the Air Force's centralised intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) processing, exploitation and dissemination intelligence weapon system. Through the exploitation of imagery and signals intelligence, it provides the ADF and allied forces timely, accurate, relevant and actionable intelligence. The unit was established from the Distributed Ground Station (Interim) Project initiative and will continue to grow over the coming years playing a key role in expanding RAAF Edinburgh ISR capabilities.

RAAF UNITS



AIR WARFARE CENTRE

Established in January 2016 around the Aerospace Operational Support group, as a key priority of Plan Jericho, the Air Warfare Centre (AWC) is the Air Force's newest Force Element Group. The AWC was

established to ready the warfighter for complex air warfare in a fifth-generation context. It is designed to drive innovation and integration across Air Command. The AWC comprises a Headquarters AWC, responsible for the coordination and implementation of common and integrated functions across the AWC, and specific capability focused directorates providing electronic warfare, intelligence, test and evaluation, Air Force Ranges management and advanced air warfare tactics and training (located at RAAF Williamtown).

ADVANCED TEST AND TRAINING ENVIRONMENTS

The Advanced Test and Training Environments is the primary provider of Air Force Air Weapon Ranges and Live, Virtual and Constructive (LVC) simulation to enable the testing of war materiel and the training of Air Force capabilities to deliver more effective warfighters. Its functions include range management, support to T&E, support of basic to advanced AW Training, and management of LVC capabilities and simulation. The Advanced Test and Training Environments conducts activities on the Woomera Test range.

AIR FORCE TEST RANGES SQUADRON

Air Force Test Ranges Squadron is responsible for the day-to-day conduct of test range activities. RAAF and Australian Public Service personnel make up the squadron with the majority based at RAAF Base Edinburgh. Operations and technical personnel are on permanent detachment at Woomera Range to provide on-site liaison and management of range activities. Edinburgh-based personnel deploy to other Air Force ranges as operational tasking requires.

DIRECTORATE OF AIR INTELLIGENCE

The Directorate of Air Intelligence is responsible for provision and training of Air Force's intelligence capability. While its headquarters and



NO.87 SQUADRON

87 Squadron (87SQN) was re-formed on 1 July 2006, and is the Air Force's Mission Intelligence squadron. 87SQN comprises approximately 150 personnel,

predominantly Air Intelligence Analysts and Officers, and is headquartered in RAAF Williamtown. 87SQN has eight Tactical Intelligence Flights (TIFs) at RAAF Bases Amberley, Edinburgh, Richmond, Tindal, and Williamtown, providing Mission Intelligence to multiple FEGs, Wings, and units. 87SQN personnel support multiple RAAF and ADF operations, exercises and activities across single service and joint domains. RAAF Base Edinburgh TIFs include 41TIF, 42TIF, and 92TIF.

DEFENCE SCHOOL OF INTELLIGENCE – AIR

Initially formed as the Air Intelligence Training Unit on 1 January 2017, the Defence School of Intelligence – Air (DSI-Air) mission is to develop and deliver all source air intelligence training to meet the needs of Air Force's evolving capability requirements. DSI-Air conducts Initial Employment Training and post-graduate training for Air Intelligence Officers and Air Intelligence Analysts.



PHOTO: FITLT Ricky Treloar

↑ MQ-28 Ghostbat aircraft undergoing flight testing at RAAF Woomera.

SPECTRUM WARFARE DIRECTORATE

The new Spectrum Warfare Directorate is home to the RAAF's Electronic Warfare support functions. It comprises three units, each with specialists that enhance and enable war-winning capabilities for the RAAF and the wider ADF. The directorate thus provides asymmetric advantages to our Defence Force over potential adversaries.



NO. 462 SQUADRON

Located within Spectrum Warfare Directorate, AWC, 462 Squadron is primarily based at DST Edinburgh with a flight in Canberra. 462SQN's mission is to counter

the cyber threat to Air Force, and does so through provision of cyber security and cyber protection effects.

462SQN's mission is enabled by a Tactical Intelligence Flight (875QN), Training Flight, Standards Flight, Operations Support Flight and Engineering Flight.

Since its reform in April 2005, 462SQN has evolved from its proud Bomber Command history to a leading ADF capability in cyberspace operations. It is the home of training for Air Force's cyber warfare workforce, generating personnel who contribute to operations and exercises across the world. To counter the growing cyber threat, 462SQN's strength in numbers will continue to increase over the coming years, with a plan for Cyberspace Protection Flights in Edinburgh, Canberra and Williamtown.

In 2024, 462SQN is set to transfer to Joint Capability Group as it assumes responsibility for leading the cyber and space domains.



JOINT ELECTRONIC WARFARE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT UNIT

Located at DST

Edinburgh, Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit (JEWOSU) is the ADF's electronic warfare centre of excellence, and its mission is to provide EW products to maintain the operational relevance of ADF fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters, ships and submarines.

JEWOSU also provides formal EW training to



↑ ARDU Flight Test Engineer, Flight Lieutenant Stephanie Hume with a PC-21 on the RAAF Base Edinburgh flight line.

PHOTO: CPL Brenton Kwaterski

the ADO and will be responsible for the analysis, production and maintenance of Ghosthawk, a fifth-generation Intelligence Mission Data database in support of EW operational support (reprogramming).

JOINT SURVIVABILITY, TACTICS VALIDATION UNIT

The Joint Survivability, Tactics Validation Unit is a new unit established in January 2021. It amalgamates the Maritime and Land Joint Electro Magnetic Spectrum Survivability capability and the Air CMD&V capability into a single unit with a mission to deliver validated electromagnetic spectrum survivability across the three environmental domains.

The unit is collocated with JEWOSU at the DST Edinburgh site.

TEST AND EVALUATION DIRECTORATE

Test and Evaluation Directorate (TED), within the RAAF AWC has responsibility for managing Aircraft Stores Compatibility, as well as Test and Evaluation for Air Force. These capabilities all contribute to the mission success, safe performance, safe operation and survivability of ADF aircraft and aircrew. TED is comprised of Aircraft Research and Development Unit, Air Warfare Engineering Squadron, and Directorate Headquarters.



AIRCRAFT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT

The Aircraft Research and Development Unit (ARDU) plans, conducts and analyses the results of flight tests of existing and new Air

Force capabilities. ARDU's headquarters is at RAAF Base Edinburgh with flights located at RAAF Bases Edinburgh, Amberley and Williamtown. ARDU is staffed by qualified test pilots, flight test engineers, flight test system specialists, and operational evaluation aircrew. The unit provides Flight Test and Evaluation for Air Command to support the in-being, objective and future joint force.



AIR WARFARE ENGINEERING SQUADRON

The Air Warfare Engineering Squadron (AWESQN) was formed in 2016 following the amalgamation of Aircraft Stores Compatibility Engineering Squadron

and Aircraft Systems Engineering Squadron. AWE SQN exists to provide specialist engineering services to the Air Warfare Centre,

→ A ICCS aviator with one of the unit's new Protected Mobile Vehicles.

Air Force, Army, Navy and wider elements of Defence to enhance joint air power capabilities, and has specific expertise in the following areas:

- provision of aircraft stores compatibility engineering advice and designs,
- design and operation of aircraft instrumentation and telemetry systems,
- electromagnetic interference/compatibility testing.



NO.1 COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON – EDINBURGH FLIGHT

With flights in Amberley, Williamtown and Edinburgh, No.1 Combat Communications

Squadron (ICCS) mission is to provide tailored communications and information systems effects in order to enable command, control, communications and computers, intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance (C4ISR) of expeditionary air operations. Cyber is being recognised as its own distinct battlespace and with the CAF's intent of a fifth-generation Air Force, ICCS is at the forefront of providing CIS solutions to the Air Force and ADF as a whole.



NO.1 REMOTE SENSOR UNIT

No.1 Remote Sensor Unit (1RSU) conducts surveillance of Australia's northern approaches by collecting, analysing and disseminating data into the ADF's Common Operating

picture. 1RSU operates the Jindalee Operational Radar Network, a network of three Over-the-Horizon Radar (OTHR) systems.

1RSU was formed in July 1992 and, in January 1993, commenced operations using the original Jindalee radar at Alice Springs for surveillance tasks. In 2003, a further two OTHRs were commissioned in Longreach Qld and Laverton WA. 1RSU is staffed by Air Force and Navy members as well as civilian contractors.

→ WGCCDR Richard Charles, Commanding Officer No.1 Space Surveillance Unit, stands in front of a Space Surveillance Telescope in Western Australia which is used by his unit.



PHOTO: LACW Kate Czerny

NO.1 SPACE SURVEILLANCE UNIT

No.1 Space Surveillance Unit (ISSU) was formed in January 2023 tasked with establishing a dedicated space surveillance unit able to absorb current space capabilities and build capacity to support the introduction of new sovereign and international partnered space capabilities in the future. It is the first dedicated Australian joint space unit that provides combat-relevant Space Domain Awareness and Missile Warning effects in support of Joint and Coalition forces. It operates a diverse range of Earth and space-based capabilities in order to perform consistent observation and analysis of on-orbit/terrestrial events followed by timely dissemination to a range of customers. These include Space Surveillance Telescope, C-Band Radar and the Joint Commercial Operations – Pacific Cell.



NO.2 EXPEDITIONARY HEALTH SQUADRON DETACHMENT RAAF EDINBURGH

The role of No.2 Expeditionary Health Squadron (2EHS) is to provide expeditionary and fixed-base health support to ADF operations. With a headquarters at RAAF Base Williamtown, detachments are located at RAAF Bases Darwin, Edinburgh, Pearce and Tindal. 2EHS Detachment Edinburgh comprises Medical Officers, Dental Assistant, Nursing Officers, Environmental Health Officers and Advanced Medical Assistants. The detachment is embedded in the Edinburgh Joint Health Command Garrison Health Centre. While the primary duty of 2EHS Det EDN is the provision of

Expeditionary Healthcare capability, 2EHS personnel regularly augment the Garrison Health Centre when not deployed. In this respect, 2EHS Det Edinburgh also supports exercises at Woomera Test Range, Murray Bridge Training Area and Cultana training area.



PHOTO: LACW Annika Smit



PHOTO: SGT Pete Gammie

↑ A 11SQN P-8A Poseidon aircraft takes off for an operational mission.



NO.92 WING
 Formed in 1977 at RAAF Base Edinburgh, No.92 Wing was the first Maritime Wing in the RAAF. Previous to this, maritime and reconnaissance commitments were met by two independent maritime squadrons. The co-location of two squadrons enabled considerable savings in labour and facilities by combining the units under the one umbrella of a Maritime Wing – No.92 Wing.

92 Wing now consists of Numbers 9, 10, 11 and 292 Squadrons. In addition to the traditional roles of anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare, the Wing is also responsible for long range intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, electronic warfare and search and survivor supply missions.

→ A 11SQN aviator fits a ATM-84 harpoon anti-ship missile to a P-8A Poseidon during Exercise Talisman Sabre 23 at RAAF Base Darwin.



NO.9 SQUADRON
 No.9 Squadron was originally formed in 1939, providing fleet support to numerous Australian, New Zealand and United Kingdom vessels in all theatres of World War II. Reformed in 1962,

9SQN operated Iroquois UH-1B helicopters for Search and Rescue and Army support, serving with distinction during the Vietnam War. Reformed again in 2023, 9SQN is preparing to operate the MQ-4C Triton with the intent to provide the integrated force with long-range, persistent and networked surveillance and reconnaissance.

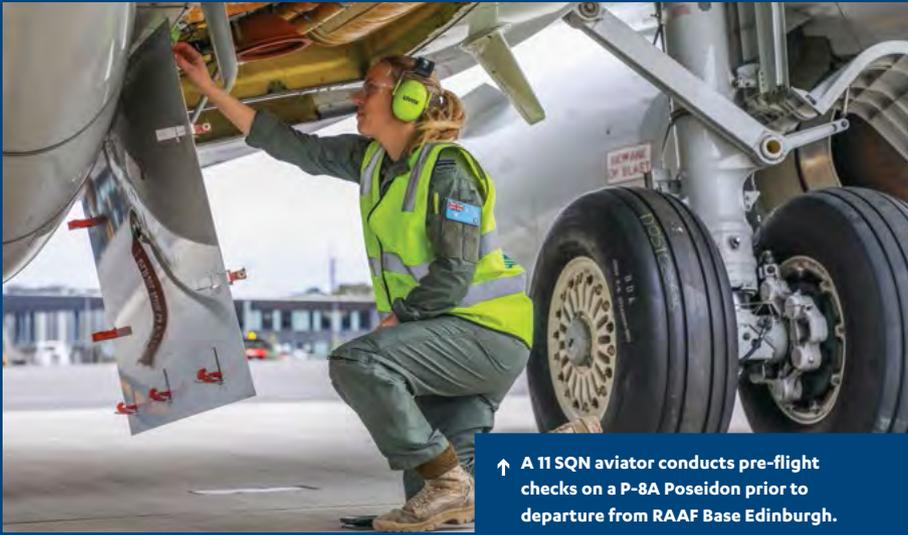


NO.10 SQUADRON
 Formed in 1939, No.10 Squadron now operates Air Force's Electronic Warfare (EW) capability, performing a multitude of tasks including Intelligence,

Surveillance and Reconnaissance. 10SQN aircrew, maintenance and support personnel regularly deploy to a wide variety of operations and exercises within Australia and overseas. Over the coming years, 10SQN will transition from the AP-3C(EW) Orion to the MC-55A Peregrine aircraft.



PHOTO: LAC Chris Tsakiris



↑ A 11 SQN aviator conducts pre-flight checks on a P-8A Poseidon prior to departure from RAAF Base Edinburgh.



NO.11 SQUADRON

No.11 Squadron is Australia's premier maritime strike, patrol, reconnaissance and response squadron. The 'Blackcats' of 11SQN have transitioned operations from the Lockheed Martin AP-3C Orion to the latest generation in maritime patrol aircraft, the

Boeing P-8A Poseidon. Roles conducted by No.11 Squadron include Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Warfare, Maritime Strike, Maritime ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance), Overland ISR, and Search and Rescue. No.11 Squadron is a highly operational unit that is continuously deployed across domestic, regional, and at times, global theatres to gather intelligence, conduct international engagement, and train to deliver integrated effects as a key element of the joint force.



NO.292 SQUADRON

Originally formed as Maritime Analysis Training Squadron in 1977, No.292 Squadron is an operational conversion unit. Part of 92 Wing, 292SQN is responsible for training aircrew, maintenance, operations, and aviation system support personnel to operate Air Force's P-8A Poseidon and MQ-4C Triton Maritime Patrol & Response capabilities. The world-leading facilities at 292SQN allow for initial and continuation training for members of 92WG with a reduced need for operational aircraft utilisation.



↑ A 292SQN aviator at a station on board a P-8A Poseidon aircraft.



NO.24 SQUADRON

No.24 (City of Adelaide) Squadron is one of 14 operational squadrons within 96 Wing, Combat Support Group (CSG). Its mission is to deliver permanent airbase capability at RAAF Base Edinburgh while supporting expeditionary operations.

24 Squadron is responsible for key functions including the Air Base Command Post, airbase security, Base Aviation Safety, Road and Air Movements, Mechanical Equipment Operations and Maintenance and operation of the Defence Fuel Installation – Aviation, as well as Chaplaincy and Physical and Recreational Training. 24SQN has a proud history having served with distinction in World War II in Papua New Guinea flying dive bombers and later in the Dutch East Indies flying heavy bombers.

→ A 24SQN Military Working Dog Handler with a Military Working Dog.



NO.453 SQUADRON EDINBURGH FLIGHT

No.453 Squadron was initially formed in May 1941 as a fighter squadron, later disbanding in January 1946. The unit was reformed on 1 December 2010 to provide

quality Air Base Air Traffic Services to RAAF Edinburgh, Williamtown, Richmond, East Sale, Pearce and HMAS Nowra.

The Edinburgh Flight is one of the smallest units on base, but provides the essential task of ensuring all aircraft in the area are provided with safe passage in the form of Air Traffic Control, as well ensuring Air Navigation Systems are maintained and serviced at the highest level.



INSTITUTE OF AVIATION MEDICINE

Part of Air Force Training Group, the RAAF Institute of Aviation Medicine enhances human aircrew performance and aviation safety through medical expertise. It ensures a safe, effective Defence Force through aviation medicine knowledge for aircrew, Aviation Medical Officer training and research.

The unit is staffed by a mix of uniformed and civilian personnel bringing with them diverse skills in Aviation Medicine, Human Factors and Aeronautical Life Support.



← An Australian Army M113A4 Armoured Personnel Carrier drops soldiers from the 7th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, into an attack during Exercise Predators Run 2022 at Mount Bundy Training Area.

ARMY UNITS

THE 9TH BRIGADE

HEADQUARTERED AT KESWICK BARRACKS

in South Australia, the 9th Brigade is an integrated combat brigade that comprises the following Regular and Reserve units.

- 9th Brigade Headquarters
- 1st Armoured Regiment
- 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment
- 10th/27th Battalion, Royal South Australia Regiment
- 9th Combat Service Support Battalion
- 144th Signal Squadron

The 9th Brigade was initially raised in 1912 following the introduction of the compulsory training scheme, and formed part of the Australian Imperial Force when the 3rd Australian Division was raised in 1916. The 9th Brigade fought on the Western Front in France and Belgium, most notably at Messines, Passchendaele, Villers-Bretonneux and Morlancourt.

The brigade was disbanded in 1921 and was re-raised as part of the Citizen Military Forces. Since that time, the 9th Brigade has generated part-time land forces to serve in the defence of Australia and its national interests.

Under the restructuring of the Combat Brigades initiative, the 9th Brigade has become a fully integrated Brigade in 2022, when Edinburgh based full-time units came under command. The command change of the 9th Brigade from the 2nd Division to Forces Command provided increased opportunities to integrate the Total Workforce System (TWS). The 9th Brigade draws upon all Service Categories (SERCATs) to generate Combat Teams, Battle Groups and a Joint Task Force domestic response operations. The 9th Brigade is the lead Brigade for domestic disaster relief and domestic security support within South Australia.

1ST ARMoured REGIMENT

1st Armoured Regiment defeats enemy forces and protects friendly troops through firepower,

manoeuvre and shock action, and provides the cornerstone of Army's Foundation Warfighting ability; physically and intellectually. The Regiment trains to achieve world's best practice in armoured warfare, across the spectrum of operations. It achieves this by being brilliant at the basics of mounted and dismounted combat, with a focus on providing world class Tank and Cavalry troops able to deploy at short notice to provide critical combat weight to the combined arms fight.

The Regiment aims for excellence in the execution of Battlegroup operations, through the ability to plan, command and control the combined arms team under conditions of sustained close combat, at the tempo required to defeat a modern, near peer or hybrid threat.

Members of the Regiment are to aspire to professional mastery, to provide Army's high-end warfighting ability. This is achieved through robust, realistic training, dedicated officer, NCO and soldier training programs to enhance professional development, and contributions to future warfare and future structure debates. The Regiment is positioned to defeat Australia's enemies and provide force protection to friendly troops, through provision of armoured combat weight and expertise to the combined arms team.

7TH BATTALION, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

The 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (7RAR) is a Mechanised Infantry Battalion structured around the Battalion Headquarters, three Rifle Companies, a Support Company of specialist platoons, and an Administration Company, responsible for logistical support to the Battalion.

7RAR has had a broad and prestigious history of service to Australia since being raised in 1965 as part of the Australian commitment to operations in South East Asia. It was during their initial

founding that the Battalion earned the moniker 'Pig Battalion'. The first Commanding Officer of the Battalion, Colonel Eric Smith, inspected the Battalion's area and found the soldier's conduct deplorable. He called a parade the following day to share his unfiltered thoughts. During the speech he was quoted 'You are nothing but a mob of pigs', to which a back ranker called out 'oink oink', solidifying their identity as the Pig Battalion.

The Battalion went on to serve two tours in Vietnam, in 1967 and again in 1971. During these tours 33 members of the Battalion were killed in action, with 220 being wounded on operations. The Battalion saw continuous action, conducting routine patrols and ambushes. They participated in several large scale battles, including the famous Battle of Suoi Chau Pha where A Company fought an encounter battle with a reinforced VC Company of the 3rd Battalion, 274th Regiment. The Pigs won their engagement, killing roughly 200 enemy combatants, however suffered five Australians killed with another dying of their wounds later.

The Battalion was linked with 5 RAR in 1973 following the withdrawal of Australian forces from Vietnam, and the reduction in the size of the Australian Army. This link was maintained until 2006, when 7 RAR was de-linked from 5 RAR and returned to the Australian Army Order of Battle. The Battalion provided support to operations in East Timor in 2007 and 2008, before deploying on Operation Slipper in Afghanistan in 2009 and 2010. It was during the 2009 rotation that the Battalion was involved in the Battle of Kakarak, where one member of the Battalion was killed in action.

7 RAR has subsequently been involved in multiple rotations through the Middle East, supporting operations in both Afghanistan and Iraq. These included support to Reconstruction Task Force – 1, Mentoring and Reconstruction Task Force – 1, Advisor Task Force – 1 and 2, and Task Group Taji – Rotation 3.

9 COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT BATTALION, 1ST COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT TEAM

1st Combat Service Support Team (1 CSST) is a sub-unit of 9 Combat Service Support Battalion (9CSSB), which has its Battalion Headquarters and an Army Reserve sub-unit located in Warradale. 1 CSST is unique in that it has been specifically equipped and staffed to directly support the manoeuvre units co-located at RAAF Edinburgh (1 ARMD REGT and 7 RAR), and comprises elements of each logistic discipline to

support the 9th Brigade Direct Command Units (DCU) in South Australia.

1 CSST was originally a sub unit of 1 CSSB, as part of the 1st Brigade, which moved to South Australia in 2015 for the specific role of providing combat service support to a mechanised or armoured battlegroup. In 2022, the South Australian units of the 1st Brigade were moved under command of the 9th Brigade, with 1CSST becoming part of 9CSSB. 1CSST still maintains its role to provide combat service support to a battlegroup which consists of a Workshop Platoon capable of medium grade repairs, a Transport Troop capable of supply distribution including bulk water and fuel, and heavy road freight, and a Warehouse Platoon that manages the supply chain for 9th Brigade units in the region.

Since being in South Australia, 1 CSST has been heavily involved in domestic operations providing support to OP Bushfire Assist, OP Flood Assist, and OP COVID assist.



THE 10TH BRIGADE

The 10th Fires Brigade is based out of RAAF Base Edinburgh and was developed as a program under the Army Objective

Force to realise elements of the 'Future Ready' requirements of the Army. Established on the 16 January 2023, the 10th Brigade consolidates Army's contribution to Joint Integrated Air and Missile Defence and Multi Domain Strike under a Fires Formation.

To achieve the desired endstate 16 Regiment, operating NASAM Short Ranged Air Defence, and 9 Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery, operating small UAS, will transition to 10 Brigade in 2024.

The Brigade will also raise 14 Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery, which will operate the M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System, HIMARS. This will be Australia's first rocket artillery system, and is capable of engaging targets at 300km. The system will be Army's contribution to Multi-Domain strike and Long Range Fires.

The growth of these elements will see the 10 Brigade presence at RAAF Base Edinburgh grow from the current Brigade Headquarters to include 2 Regiments, co-located at RAAF Base Edinburgh, and Army Reserve Batterys located in all Australian States.

The 10th Brigade was originally raised in New South Wales as an Infantry Brigade in 1912. In 1916, it became part of the Australian Imperial Force and fought in Gallipoli and the Western Front in World War I. Briefly disbanded in 1919, it was re-raised in 1921 as a part-time formation in Victoria but then disbanded in 1942 prior to conducting any overseas operations in World War II.



↑ A 1st Armoured Regiment M1 Abrams Tank being moved in the outback for an exercise.



↑ 1st Armoured Regiment M1 Abrams tank on exercise.



↑ Edinburgh-based Army elements on exercise in rural South Australia.

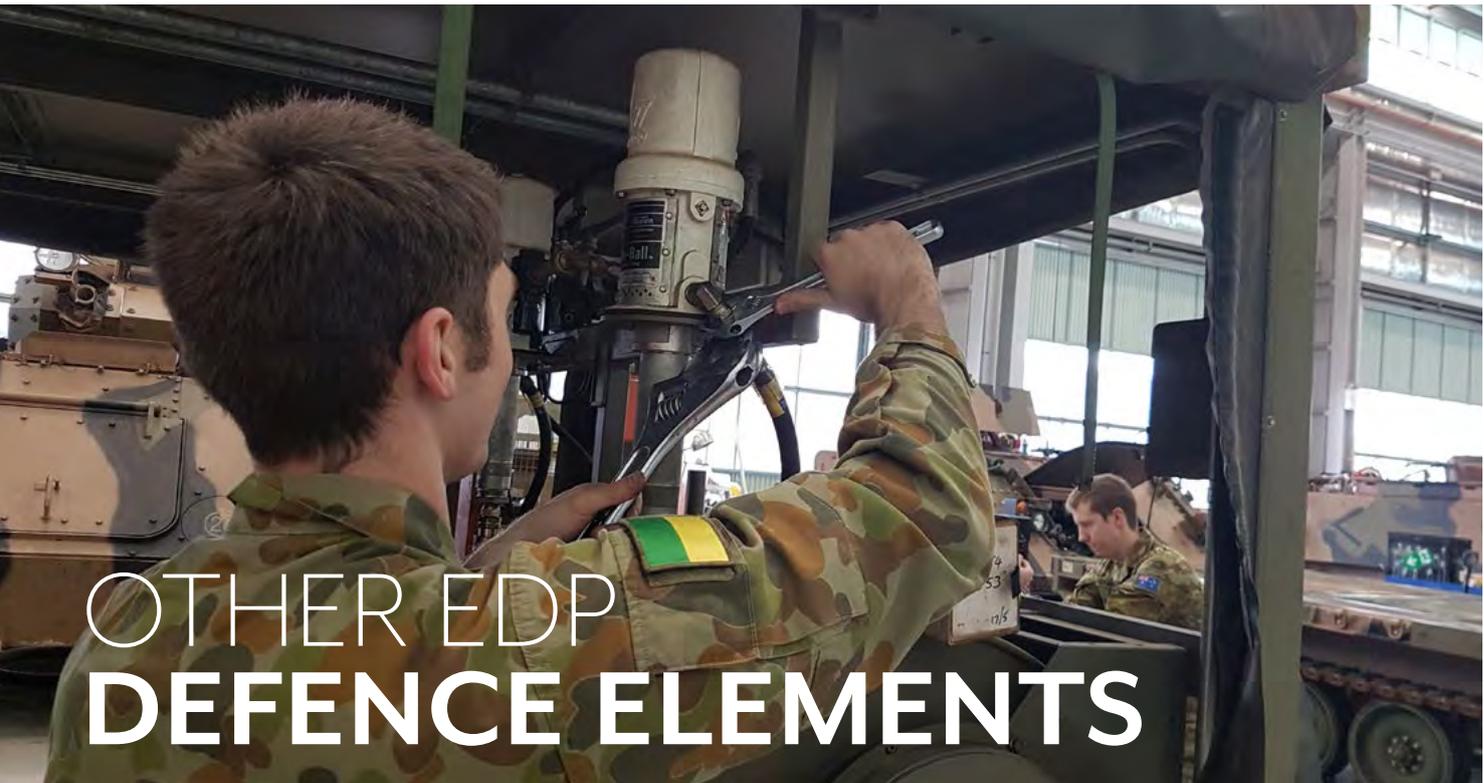


↑ United States Army 17th Field Artillery Brigade High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems during Exercise Talisman Sabre 2023.

10 Brigade, throughout its expansion, will support a wide range of response options on behalf of the Australian Government and enable a whole of government efforts to shape, deter

and respond to threats in our near region. The effectiveness of Brigade systems will be further enhanced through joint integration with other platforms located within the EDP.

PHOTO: CPL Jacob Joseph



ARMY EDUCATION CENTRE

Army Education Centre – Central West (AEC-CW) provides educational support to ADF members

in South Australia. AEC–CW provides the following services:

- Development of Instructors and Assessors
- Training modernisation support
- Educational support in:
 - Literacy, communication and numeracy
 - Cognitive skills
 - Continuous Learning
 - Digital literacy
 - Academic tutoring and proof-reading.
- Advice and support in:
 - completing Year 12 and pathways to higher education
 - applying and preparing for university and Tafe courses
 - understanding Defence Educational Support Schemes.

AEC–CW is located in Building 1000 (co-located with the Warrant Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer–Academy), Châu Pha Road, RAAF Base Edinburgh. Education Officers can be contacted via email: armyeducationcentre.cw@defence.gov.au or phone: 08 7389 2546.

ARMY SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Since 2013, the Army School of Electrical Mechanical Engineering (ASEME SA), has maintained a presence within the RAAF Edinburgh precinct, in the form of a regional On the Job Training (OJT) Cell. The cell manages and enables the up to 60 RAEME trainees as they complete the final phase of their apprenticeship and transitions them from the training force into the trained force. The cell also manages the training for Fitter Armourer, Vehicle Mechanic, Technician Electrical and Technician Electronic System trade groups.

ASEME SA OJT Cell also has arrangements to assist in the supply of training environments for the RAAF GSEFIT trainees, and is currently in discussions with the RAN to identify possibilities for future inter service opportunities.

The ASEME SA OJT Cell currently operates out of the HQ 1 BDE building, which has fostered a fantastic relationship between all Brigade units and ASEME; however, in the near future the OJT Cell will be relocating to be within the WONCO Academy, an exciting change that all involved are welcoming.

The OJT Cell has developed an extensive network of both civilian and military workplaces throughout the greater Adelaide region, which provide in depth technical experience and exposure from which the trainees can draw upon as they set out and begin their careers within the corps of RAEME.



ARMY PERSONNEL SUPPORT CENTRE

The Army Personnel Support Centre (APSC) has two support functions and capabilities at

Edinburgh Defence Precinct.

Army Personnel Administration Centre South Australia (APAC SA) provides uniform payroll and personnel administration support to dependant units within SA. Based at Building 941 at RAAF Edinburgh (near the Front Gate), APSU - SA provides subject matter advice to soldiers and Commanders on Conditions of Service entitlements. APSC - APSU SA supports Commanders as the conduit for Decision Briefs for DGPERS-A consideration as required, ensuring that the appropriate policy is matched with the request.

Army Personnel Support Unit – Trade, Transfer and Retention Detachment – South Australia (APSU TTD SA) provides governance assurance that all Army personnel are separation ready by providing effective support, coordination, administrative oversight, and command to assist our people and their families through the transition process.

Based at Edinburgh Parks 2, APSU TTDU SA acts as a direct point of contact to coordinate and assist Army personnel and their families through the transition process. Trade Transfer and Retention

Warrant Officers assist Army personnel by providing advice on Corps transfer, trade transfer, officer training (ADFA and RMC), Service transfer (RAN and RAAF) and the transfer from SERCAT 7 to another SERCAT.

Member Support Coordinators (MSCs) are located in support of Army units and also Administrative Commanding Officers to support members in Non Army Groups. MSCs are able to provide all commanders with the additional skills and resources required to ensure the appropriate level of support is provided to wounded, injured and ill members.

BATTLE SIMULATION SITE – ADELAIDE

Battle Simulation Site – Adelaide (BSS-ADL) is a Land Simulation component of Army Knowledge Centre, located at the Monash Centre in the heart of Edinburgh Defence Precinct. Its primary role is to simulate the full spectrum of operations not only for Army but for all Defence and Emergency Management elements in the SA region, including: trials and evaluation for Defence Science & Technology Group; out-of-hours training for Reserves; navigation for Cadets; and crisis planning for SAFECOM.

Together with the six other regional sites, BSS-ADL fields the nation's principal Defence capability for virtual and constructive simulation training. Utilising the latest military-off-the-shelf software (VBS, Steel Beasts Pro, and JCATS) units can realise arguably the highest return on training efficiency for their expenditure in time and finance without the usual WHS/admin/resource anchors. In the first hour, users grasp sufficient competency to control an entity or avatar in an operational training environment. In the 1st day, users integrate into their micro-teams, and in the first week, macro-teams are operating in Combined Arms and Joint manoeuvre. The AI and record functions enable command and staff to cinematise to: analyse courses-of-action and conduct rehearsal of concept drills, while the After Action Review tool allows instant replay from every point-of-view – including the opposing force's – to optimise lessons-to-be-learnt. While our "fitted-for not fitted-with" establishment doesn't permit turn-key solutions, our tailored train-the-trainer packages do facilitate user units to attain that outcome for themselves. We encourage no-notice, walk-in, opportunity training for self-help users; and extend DCAC swipe access to every CPL(E) and above, and also to our regular-user ORs. Our friendly staff look forward to showing you around the facility and to demonstrating this powerful system. Please drop-in or email your queries/bookings to group mailbox: BattleSimAdelaide@drn.mil.au.



PHOTO: CPL David Cotton

↑ Australian Army Soldiers participate in simulated scenario training at the Battle Simulation Site.

CORPORATE AND ENABLING SERVICES

The Associate Secretary Group integrates the work of different parts of the Defence Organisation to get more effective and efficient outcomes, particularly in the areas of service delivery.

Elements of the Group present at Edinburgh Defence Precinct include Security & Estate Group (SEG), Joint Capability Group, Defence People Group, and Australian Government Security Vetting Agency. The groups are working to integrate service delivery to customers and have established a ServiceConnect Hub at RAAF Edinburgh in which representatives from all the enabler groups are collocated with SEG and the customer service centre to provide a seamless experience through a one stop shop to customers.

SEG has base management staff located at DST-E, RAAF Edinburgh and RAAF Woomera to provide advice on and oversight of, base service delivery.

SEG develops and sustains the Defence Estate and is the consolidated security and service delivery organisation for Defence. SEG designs and delivers Defence infrastructure and manages a complex Defence Estate – maintaining environmental stewardship of more than 2.8 million hectares, the largest landholding in the Commonwealth with 70 major bases, 100-plus training ranges, more than 1,000 leased or

owned properties and 30,000 built assets.

SEG provides Defence protective security, manages the Defence Industry Security Program and delivers security clearances to Defence, government and industry through the Australian Government Security Vetting Agency (AGSVA). SEG delivers Base Services including access control, catering and hospitality, accommodation, building and grounds maintenance, firefighting, cleaning and laundry. SEG is also leading integrated and digital service delivery.

At RAAF Woomera, the SEG contractor also provides commercial operations such as the ELDO Hotel, and emergency services including ambulance and fire response.



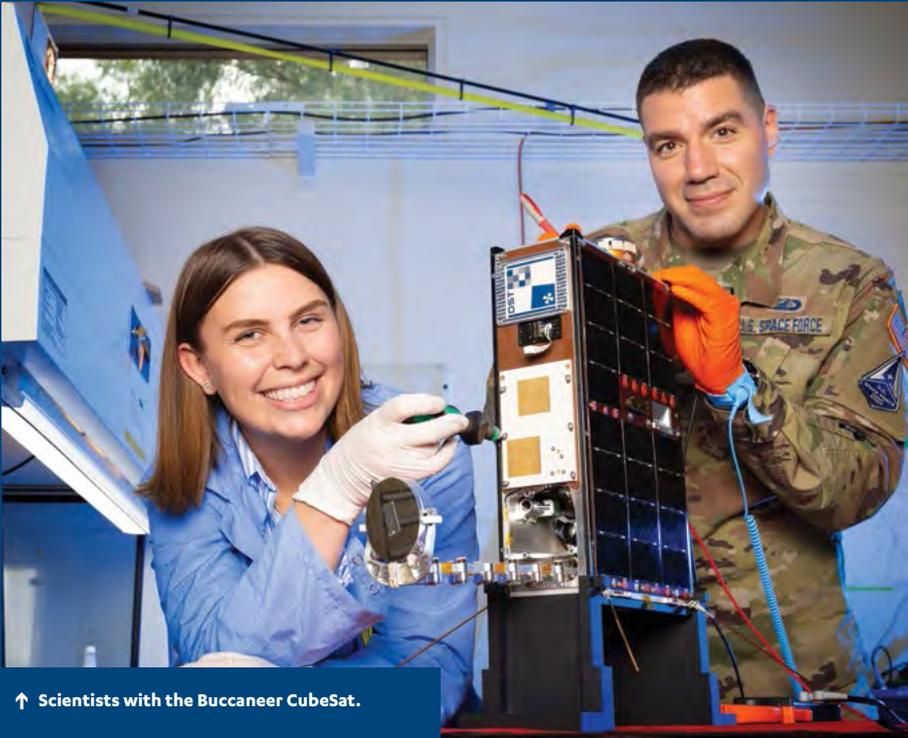
CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE

The Customer Service Centre assists Defence members, APS staff, families, contractors and

visitors to the Edinburgh Defence Precinct with a range of services. The CSC operates daily Monday to Friday from 0800 to 1600hrs.

How to get in touch:

- **Email:** yourcustomer.service@defence.gov.au (24/7)
- **Phone:** 08 7383 4473 Mon - Fri 0800-1600h
- Visit the CSC in Building 304, RAAF Base Edinburgh.



↑ Scientists with the Buccaneer CubeSat.



↑ Testing the high-frequency payload on the Buccaneer Main Mission cube-satellite at DSTG Edinburgh.



↑ Members of the DSTG MetaSteerers team with their Eureka Prize-winning antenna system.



↑ Ultra-high frequency antenna testing in support of the Buccaneer Main Mission.

DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP

The Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG) is the second largest publicly funded science agency in Australia. Its research outcomes have enhanced Defence capability and supported operations for more than 115 years.

It brings together scientific expertise and technological know-how from across Australia and around the world to address Defence and national security challenges.

DSTG is headed by the Chief Defence Scientist, Prof Tanya Monro AC.

DSTG's site at Edinburgh is the largest of eight sites around Australia. Other DSTG sites are located in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, HMAS Stirling in Rockingham near Perth, Scottsdale in north east Tasmania, and Innisfail in North Queensland.

Employing approximately 2,100 people, DSTG

provides scientific advice and technology solutions across all military domains, including:

- Maritime
- Land and Joint Warfare
- Air and Space
- Sensors and Effectors
- Intelligence and Surveillance
- Cyber, intelligence and national security
- Information Sciences
- Human and Decision Sciences
- Platforms
- Research Technology and Operations.

DSTG's accomplishments and contributions to Defence capability are many. Many will know DSTG as the birth place of the Black Box Flight Recorder, but its achievements go far beyond that.

DSTG developed the Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN) which provides 24-hour military surveillance of Australia's northern and western approaches. It was responsible for Nulka,

an active missile decoy that protects ships from missiles. Nulka was sold to the US and Canada in the 1990s and is considered one of Australia's most successful Defence exports, earning revenue in excess of \$1 billion.

DSTG developed the wing kit that converts Boeing's standard Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) into a long-range glide bomb. The kit extends the range of the smart bomb to more than three times the standard distance, providing delivery aircraft far greater protection against air defence systems, while maintaining accuracy to within three to seven metres.

DSTG supported Australia's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, helping to model the spread of the disease, applying its unique engineering expertise to design and produce medical face shields, and developing a device that can convert non-invasive ventilators to invasive ventilators to treat seriously ill patients.

For more about these and other Defence science innovations, visit dst.defence.gov.au.

Keep up to date with Defence science news on X (formerly twitter) (@DefenceScience), LinkedIn and Instagram.



↑ DSTG staff inspect the Windtalker drone sensor detection system at DSTG Edinburgh.

JOINT HEALTH UNIT (CENTRAL), EDINBURGH HEALTH CENTRE

The Edinburgh Health Centre (EDNHC), along with smaller clinics at Keswick and Woodside, provides health care to ADF members and ensures the health preparedness of all ADF personnel posted to the Adelaide area. Health Service delivery is provided by a mix of ADF, APS and contracted civilian staff. EDNHC is part of Joint Health Unit Central Australia, Joint Health Command. The Health Centre, on McNamara Drive adjacent to the parade ground, provides sick parade, GP appointments, dental, pharmacy, mental health and psychology services, occupational rehabilitation support and a 22 bed ward for ADF personnel.

- **EDNHC Opening Hours:** 7.30am – 4.00pm Mon-Fri
- **Sick parade:** 7.30am – 9.00am Mon-Fri (in Outpatients department); 10am-11am Sat-Sun & public holidays (via after-hours entrance near ambulance bay)
- **Inpatient Ward:** All hours
- **Dental:** 7.30am – 3.30pm Mon-Fri
- **Mental health:** 7.30am – 3.30pm Mon-Fri
- **Physiotherapy:** 7.30am – 3.30pm Mon-Fri
- **Pharmacy:** 7.30am – 4.00pm Mon-Fri
- **Occupational Rehabilitation:** 7.30am – 3.30pm Mon-Fri

General enquiries and appointments are made by calling 08 7383 2424 or via email to JHU-CA EDNHC Medical Admin (jhuca.edinburghhc@defence.gov.au).
In an emergency, please call 000.

MENTAL HEALTH

ADF

Contact your local on base Health Centre, Mental Health Professional or the Duty Officer/ Officer of the Day for immediate assistance and referrals. The ADF Health and Wellbeing Portal is an online health information resource tool for ADF members and their families defence.gov.au/health/healthportal

Your chain of command is a primary resource that can provide advice, referral and support.

Military Chaplains are connected to all ships/units/bases around Australia and on operations. They can provide all-hours support and appropriate referral. To access Defence Chaplaincy support, call 1300 333 362 and ask to speak to the Duty Chaplain from your area and service.

The ADF All-hours Support Line is a confidential telephone service for ADF members and their families available 24/7 on 1800 628 036 or, if calling from overseas, +61 2 9425 3878. If you are more than 45 minutes from base, or for out-of-hours assistance, you can call 1800 IMSICK (1800 467 425) to locate the nearest support.

Defence Family Helpline (1800 624 608) The Defence Family Helpline is available 24/7 for ADF Members and their families, and is staffed by qualified human services professionals including social workers and psychologists. Defence Members and Families website is defence.gov.au/adf-members-families.

The National Welfare Coordination Centre
As part of the Headquarters Joint Operations

Command, the National Welfare Coordination Centre provides a 24-hour support, referral and information service for families of Defence personnel deployed on operations and exercises. 1800 801 026 or + 61 2 6127 1812.

Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Office (SeMPRO) offers advice, guidance and support to current and former Defence personnel who have been affected by sexual misconduct, whether the incident is current or historical. This includes support to ADF cadets, officers and instructors of cadets, APS personnel, commanders, managers, supervisors, support people and families affected by sexual misconduct. 1800 736 776 (1800SeMPRO).

Open Arms – Veterans and Families Counselling is a national mental health service that provides 24-hour free and confidential counselling, group programs and suicide prevention training for current and ex-serving ADF members and their family. To get support or to find out more, call 1800 011 046 or visit OpenArms.gov.au

APS (AND RESERVISTS)

Defence Employee Assistance Program (EAP) (including the Reserve Assistance Program – RAP). The EAP provides short term confidential counselling and support for employees and immediate family members (if eligible). It is easily accessible, voluntary and can provide support on a range of personal and work related issues. The Defence EAP can be accessed by calling 1300 687 327.



PHOTO: CPL Bill Solomon

↑ Staff of the Edinburgh Joint Health Command Unit.

JOINT LOGISTICS UNIT (SOUTH)

Joint Logistics Unit (South) (JLU(S)) is a highly effective, fully integrated team of skilled logisticians delivering essential logistics services to our regional and national dependencies.

Together with Defence industry partners such as Linfox and Broadspectrum, JLU(S) provides a range of essential logistics functions including: warehousing; distribution; materiel maintenance; loan and repair pools; combat kitting and issues; retail clothing; weapons storage and repair; hazardous goods management; electronic instrument repair; regional procurement; and operations and plans support.

JLU(S) supports combat elements from all three Services that are either based or operating within SA including those exercising at training areas in Cultana, Murray Bridge, Port Wakefield and Woomera. JLU(S) is also the Primary Storage Unit and Primary Maintenance Unit for several critical joint platforms and capabilities.



PHOTO: CPL Brenton Kwiatkowski

↑ In 2023, SRSPo oversaw the first depot maintenance of a RAAF P-8A Poseidon aircraft at RAAF Edinburgh.

JOINT MILITARY POLICE STATION - ADELAIDE

The Joint Military Police Unit (JMPU) is a tri-service unit providing an intelligence-enabled, responsive, mission orientated and preventative policing capability to support Commanders of all levels. Military Police Functions include; delivering law enforcement, discipline, command and mission support effects.

In 2020, the Joint Military Police Force (JMPF) became operational. The JMPF encompasses the former single Service General Duties police elements and the ADF Investigative Service. The JMPF Mission is to provide an assured and professional Military Police Force, to conduct intelligence enabled policing operations and investigations (both domestically and overseas) in order to deter, detect and influence crime within Defence, enabling the prosecution of criminal and disciplinary matters to protect the ADF values, people, resources and reputation.

In South Australia, the JMPF will operate primarily from the Joint Military Police Station – Adelaide (JMPS ADE), located in Building 333 at the Main Entrance to RAAF Base Edinburgh. JMPS ADE will provide all Military Police functions including; law enforcement, discipline, and command and mission support effects, under the command of SQNLDR Joel Kuelen, OC JMPS ADE.

The Military Police welcome enquiries and reports via the general enquiries phone numbers below, as well as through attendance at their front counter, accessed via the glass doors adjacent to the Pass Office window at the front of Building 333.

Important numbers

General enquiries 08 7383 5221

Duty MP (24 hour) 0457 569 591

Duty Investigator (24 hour) 0438 577 452

SOUTH AUSTRALIA WING, WARRANT OFFICER AND NON COMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY

The South Australia Wing, Warrant Officer and Non Commissioned Officer Academy (WONCO-A) is an independent sub unit that manages four; eight week, Subject 1 Corporal Army course each year. With the motto Lead, Mentor, Train, South Australia Wing, WONCO-A aims to qualify Private (P) in the All Corps requirements of command, leadership, management, operations and training for the rank of Corporal.

SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE

Surveillance and Response SPO (SRSPo), previously Maritime Patrol SPO, forms part of Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group

(CASG) Air Domain. SRSPo provides Sustainment support to the P-8 Poseidon and future Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and is the acquisition agency for Project AIR7003. SRSPo also provides sustainment support for all Aeronautical Life Support Equipment to Army, Navy and Air Force across 18 different aircraft platforms. The underpinning workforce to achieve this intent is achieved through a combination of ADF, Public Servants and Contractors.

WIDE AREA AND SPACE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE

Wide Area and Space Surveillance Systems Program Office (WASS SPO) was formed in 2003 and is part of the Air and Space Surveillance and Control Branch with the Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group (CASG). Its primary role is to provide Wide Area and Space Surveillance through the Jindalee Operational Radar Network and various space surveillance capabilities to Defence. These capabilities enable Defence, in particular RAAF 1 Remote Sensor Unit, to conduct effective surveillance in support of the ADF's situational awareness. WASS SPO is based at the Defence Science and Technology Edinburgh site. Its 103-strong workforce is a combination of ADF, APS and contractor personnel.

OUR EDP COMMUNITY

AIRMEN'S CLUB

Located in the northern end of Building 805, adjacent to the EDN OR/Airmen's Mess dining room and in close proximity to AAFCANS and EDN Gym, the OR/Airmen's Club has entertainment options for military members and their families. All military members of CPL (or equivalent) and below posted to EDN are automatically entitled to official membership of the club. The facilities include an outdoor barbecue area, playground and a large indoor area with entertainment options for all the family. Entertainment features within the club such as arcade game machines, foosball table, table tennis tables, eight-ball tables, snooker table, and 3 AV areas for Free-to-Air / Foxtel viewing are available for use by all club patrons. The recreational facility has a snack and drink vending machine for 24/7 light refreshments. The bar is open Wednesday to Saturday evenings. The combination of barbecue area, children's playground and multiple entertainment options allows family members to enjoy the facility.

SERGEANTS' MESS

The Edinburgh Sergeants' Mess is housed in an excellent, well-equipped, modern facility on the northern side of the combined mess complex. All members of the Sergeants' Mess and their families are welcome to make use of the facility. The Mess community is very active and services are provided to members every day of the week. Financial membership of the Mess is \$110 per year or \$50 for retired members and this entitles you to:

- Weekly functions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- Social functions
- An espresso machine, Italian chocolate, chai and milk
- Biscuits available at all times
- A movie theatre with Atmos and a TV room
- Streaming services
- Wi-fi
- Newspapers and magazines
- Snooker, pool, table tennis, darts and other equipment in the games room
- Games machines and games
- A private family room with play equipment, games and a TV
- A large garden area with a bar, barbecues and a playground
- A 24/7 vending machine
- An annual Christmas raffle and weekly raffles and members' draws
- Farewell gifts

Please contact the Sergeants' Mess for all your requirements on: raaf.base.edinburgh.



PHOTO: CPL Brenton Kwaterski

↑ Former 92WG members view the new P-3 Orion A9-754 memorial display unveiled at the Sergeants Mess, RAAF Base Edinburgh, in 2022.

snc0.mess@defence.gov.au. Further SGT Mess information can be found at: <http://drnet.defence.gov.au/raaf/AirForce/EDNSGTM/Pages/Site-Map.aspx>

OFFICERS' MESS

RAAF Base Edinburgh is home to over 3,000 ADF personnel, and we take great pride in offering an exceptional mess facility to all officers' serving within the Edinburgh Defence Precinct. Our current membership offers the choice of being a financial or non-financial member. Facilities available to members include the Dining Room, Ante Room and Bar, Sportsman's Bar, TV Room, Billiards Room and Outdoor barbecues. The Officers' Mess has a great social calendar and you will have the opportunity to join events such as the Spring and Autumn Ball, wine tastings, pay-week raffles, monthly theme lunches, Dining-In Night's and Morno's every Tuesday, to name a few.

GYM

The RAAF Edinburgh Gymnasium (Building 800), located on Harpoon St (between the Rugby Field and AFL Oval), is staffed from 0700 – 1600 Mon – Thu and 0700 – 1330 Fri, and currently open from 0530 – 2200 daily (24hr access available for those who require it). The pool is open, managed and supervised by qualified lifeguards from 0600 to 2100 daily (closed for breaks 1030 - 1100 & 1800 - 1830). Within the gymnasium, Defence members and authorised users have access to some of the latest fitness equipment available.

Along with the gymnasium and pool, there are also basketball, squash and tennis courts, as well as soccer, football, rugby, league and touch fields for Defence members and their families. All areas can be booked online through the RAAF Edinburgh Physical Training Instructor Share Point site, alternatively if you don't have DPN access, by contacting RAAF Edinburgh PTIs. All users are required to complete the Gymnasium Induction Brief IAW the AFPTTMAN, which can be found at the SharePoint site. Air Force and Army Physical Training Instructors (PTIs) from 24SQN and 3HB provide safe, structured training for Defence members in order to help them achieve and maintain a level of fitness appropriate to their military and specialist duties.

ON BASE SPORTS

There are various sports available on RAAF Edinburgh both as organised sport and individual sport. There are also a number of sporting clubs.

Edinburgh ADF Martial Arts Club Facebook Group: search "Integrated Combat Club – Edinburgh".

Edinburgh Basketball Club If you are interested in playing, contact PTE Angelo MacCa.

Edinburgh Netball If you are interested in playing please contact SQNLDR Nick Kither.

Edinburgh Touch Football If you are interested in playing or learning more, please contact Gavin Schneider or SQNLDR Indra Garner. Throughout the year, the club runs a range of competitions including five-a-side, six-a-side,

state of origin, inter-unit and inter-service. Games generally run Monday to Thursday 1145–1230. These competitions are open for anyone wanting to play, learn and/or referee. If you have never played please feel free to come down and meet the team. The club is lucky enough to have a large number of coaches and experienced players who are willing to impart their knowledge. Edinburgh Touch club also helps select player to compete across the nation for the Defence Nationals Touch Football Competition as part of the Central Camels. Defence Nationals is held once a year and is open to Air Force, Navy and Army fulltime members and active reservists.

Edinburgh Volleyball The aim of the Club is to introduce and promote the sport of volleyball to the Edinburgh Defence Community. EDN volleyball provides training and competition to those that have an interest or have a passion for volleyball no matter the skill level. Membership is open to full time and reserve members as well as APS. Monday 1615 - 1800. If you are interested please contact CPL Dion Caskey.

Edinburgh Ski Club A friendly and social club that runs day trips and camping weekends to various locations. The club caters for all levels and abilities in skiing, wake boarding, wake skating, knee boarding, barefoot skiing, ski tubes. Camping weekends are also popular and offer a



PHOTO: SGT Nicci Freeman

↑ Base members participate in the R U OK Base Fun Run in 2023.

COMMERCIAL AREA

RETAIL PRECINCT

RAAF Edinburgh's modern purpose-built Retail Precinct clusters in one convenient location: open community spaces, essential services, gymnasium facilities, amenities, shopping, dining, and retail. On behalf of Defence and in parallel with the Army & Air Force Canteen Service's core purpose, AAFcans facilitates the provision of amenities and services for the retail precinct.

AAFcans' four food and beverage outlets and small fleet of mobile food vans service the base community. You can drop in for a meal, grab a quick snack on the go, catch up with friends, family or colleagues over a coffee, or entertain business visitors – all are welcome.

The Canteen, in the centre of the Retail Precinct, has a menu that is sure to please with freshly prepared meals, gourmet salads, hand-crafted wraps & sandwiches, healthy snacks, delicious cafe-style burgers, fresh pastries and more – all made fresh daily. Dine inside in air-conditioning, or outside on the deck and enjoy free wi-fi, Foxtel and more. You'll find their well-stocked retail and service offering comprehensive: newspapers, magazines, drinks, confectionery, healthy snacks,

dry cleaning, home products, health and beauty products, stationery and more. Contact the Main Canteen for all of your functions and catering requirements.

Hanger Bistro on Flightline, Café 733 / AWC HQ Building and the Sea Lion Café / 92WG Building offer fresh barista coffee and a great selection of snacks and meals cooked to order or ready to go.

AAFcans

- Canteen 0700-1700 weekdays 08 7374 3276; edinburgh.manager@aafcans.gov.au
 - Hanger Kiosk 0730-1230 weekdays
 - Café BDG 733N 0800-1300 weekdays
 - Sea Lion Café 0800-1300 weekdays
- Additional specialist services such as postal, banking and hairdresser services are provided within the Retail Hub.

Defence Bank and The Australian Military Bank offer members banking convenience. Helpful teams provide a full range of essential banking services, advice and resources. Defence Bank 0900-1600 weekdays. Ph: 8259 6100. Email: David.weeks@defencebank.com.au The Australian Military Bank Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 0900-1600, Wednesday

0930-1600. Ph: 8259 3100. Email: edinburgh@australianmilitarybank.com.au

The **Australia Post Office** is open 0815-1600 weekdays and provides a full range of postal products and professional services, including postal packaging and Post Office Boxes. Ph: 08 7374 2417; email: theaveryfamilytrust@bigpond.com.

Hairdresser/barber services are provided for with the on-base salon facility. Catering to ladies and gents, **Cuttin it Loose Salon** provides anything from a quick cut to a full range of salon services. Drop in over lunch or after work; appointments are encouraged for detailed salon treatments. Monday to Thursday 0900-1600 Fridays 0900-1400. Ph: 7374 2619, cuttinloose@mail.com.



great way to socialise with a group of people with a common interest. If you are interested, please contact SGT Darrell Greig.

Edinburgh Sailing Club The sailing club has recently been stood up. It will provide members and their families the opportunity to experience and learn how to sail while posted to Edinburgh. There is also an opportunity for experienced sailors to hire the sailing boats. The sailing club owns and operates three sailing dinghies.

EDINBURGH FORMATION WELFARE

RAAF Edinburgh Welfare is established to support the welfare of Defence members and other eligible personnel at EDP. It is a non-profit organisation operated by a committee of volunteers from the base, chaired by a Welfare Officer appointed by SADFO. It operates independently and is not linked, in any way, to official Defence business, nor does the Department of Defence fund any Edinburgh Formation Welfare activities. The purpose of Edinburgh Formation Welfare is to manage, control and administer welfare funds, and provide and maintain recreational equipment and facilities for staff and their families.

Edinburgh Formation Welfare sponsors sport and interest groups on the Base as well as operating the welfare store for the hire of accommodation cabins at Barmera, camping equipment, kayaks / paddleboards and trailer, yard maintenance equipment, trailers, entertainment equipment, amongst other items.

Further information on Edinburgh Welfare Services is available from their Internet website: ednwelfare.com.au.

BARMERA SHACKS

Edinburgh Formation Welfare manages two separate two-bedroom shacks at Barmera, approximately 200km northeast of Adelaide in the Riverland, one of the most popular aquatic playgrounds in SA. Situated in the heart of the Riverland, Barmera is a beautiful town located on the shores of Lake Bonney. Lake Bonney is fresh water, fed from the Murray River through the Chambers Creek wetlands. The lake is shallow with a sandy bottom and it is ideal for sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, kayaking, skiing, jet skiing, boating and fishing. The towns of Berri, Renmark, Loxton and Waikerie are all within a half-hour's drive of Barmera.

The shacks can each accommodate a family/group of six and include the following features:

- Two bedrooms (one with queen-size bed, the other with two bunks)
- Blankets, quilts and pillows are provided
- Lounge/dining with TV
- Reverse-cycle air conditioning



Photo: SGT Nicci Freeman

↑ Chaplain Allan Williams officiates at the RAAF Commemorative Service in Adelaide.

- Full kitchen facilities including all cutlery crockery and cooking utensils, microwave, oven, fridge etc
- Separate toilet/shower block (one bathroom for each shack)
- Gas barbecue
- Outdoor tables and chairs
- Two kayaks per shack are available (various sizes of life jackets are available at the shacks).

The shacks can be hired all year round for a modest cost. For information, bookings and enquiries please visit ednwelfare.com.au.

CHAPLAINS

We have chaplains with a variety of backgrounds available to support Defence members, their families and other personnel through all of life's ups and downs regardless of your spiritual beliefs. We provide a range of information and care for all those within the EDP and Woomera area.

Our mission is to provide holistic wellbeing engagement which sometimes includes confidential pastoral counselling, grief support, help with workplace difficulties and practical aid where possible. We also happily support spiritual growth and religious services like

weddings, baptisms and blessings when asked.

You are welcome to drop into the Air Force Chaplaincy Centre on base – building 426 – on the right side of Harpoon Rd, across from the Gym. The chaplains will happily answer any questions or try guide you in a positive direction. A Navy chaplain usually visits one day per week, and Army chaplains are embedded in 7RAR and 1ARMD, with a Regional Support Chaplain based at Edinburgh Parks.

For urgent access to chaplaincy services, the On-Call 24/7 Chaplain can be contacted on (Navy) 0419 800 542, (Army) 0438 761 403 and (Air Force) 0438 761 403.

ANNUAL EDINBURGH FORMATION WELFARE FAMILY DAY

The annual Edinburgh Family Day aims to provide an entertaining and fun event as a thank you to families. It is held late in the year and in 2023 involved over 2,000 member and their families from the Edinburgh Defence community.

The day is open to families of APS and uniformed members who work at RAAF Base Edinburgh and the Edinburgh Defence Precinct.



↑ The Governor of South Australia in her Honorary Air Commodore uniform engages Australian Air Force Cadets after an event at Torrens Parade Ground.

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS (AAFC)

The AAFC is a youth-development organisation set in a military and aviation environment, administered and actively supported by the RAAF. 6 Wing covers squadrons located within South Australia and Mildura.

Activities include aviation, aircraft recognition, fieldcraft, radio communications, firearms safety training and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) projects such as 3D printing and construction and operation of remote-controlled airborne drones. Cadets may choose to undertake leadership courses toward promotion, gaining skills in leadership and management, public speaking and organisational planning.

Cadets may have studies completed through the AAFC home training curriculum recognised for the South Australian Certificate of Education, and most activities can also be counted towards the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. 906 Aviation Training Squadron, based at RAAF Edinburgh, conducts Cadet Air Experience and Pilot Experience flights. Cadets as young as 15 can learn to fly solo in a DG1000 glider or Diamond DA40 NG powered aircraft.

606 Band Flight, based at Warradale Barracks, provides a ceremonial musical element to a range of cadet activities such as Anzac Day, military and civil ceremonies and public events. The band hosts a wide range of instruments and affords

cadets the ability to learn and/or practice and perform in a military environment.

6 Wing is always looking for qualified and motivated instructors to join the team, instructors with a passion for youth training, aviation and an appreciation of the military lifestyle.

To find your local squadron in SA, visit: aafc.org.au/wings/6-wing. To join as a cadet or as adult staff: aafc.org.au/how-to-join.

DEFENCE FAMILIES AUSTRALIA

Defence Families of Australia (DFA) is the official advocacy and advisory body appointed by the government to represent the views of Defence families. Its aim is to provide advice to the minister responsible for Defence personnel, the Chief of the Defence Force, relevant arms of the Australian Defence Organisation and stakeholders on matters affecting ADF members and their families. DFA provides a forum through which ADF members and their families can raise issues affecting them individually or collectively. To aid families in contacting the appropriate persons or bodies on an issue, to assist in locating correct information on the benefits and assistance available to them from Defence, to educate Defence members and their families on their rights, responsibilities and the Defence policies that affect them. And to advocate on behalf of individual ADF families or ADF families as a whole, in order to promote outcomes that are beneficial to both the family and the ADF.

The DFA executive team is based in Canberra

with several national delegates in key locations around Australia. Delegates allow DFA to reach Defence members and their families at a local level. The DFA representative for SA, Kerry Prier, maintains close connections to a wide group of stakeholders across the state and nationally, including Defence Member and Family Support, Defence Housing Australia, Toll Transitions, Defence Relocations and Housing Manager and Veterans SA. Kerry regularly briefs commanders, chaplains and unit welfare officers on the needs of the local Defence families and works closely with community centres and other Defence and ex-Defence related organisations where possible.

Each November, DFA invites Defence Service Chiefs and key stakeholders together for a week-long conference held in Canberra. At this time each delegate has the opportunity to bring forward issues from their region and discuss opportunities for appropriate change and improvement.

If you would like to discuss an issue, provide feedback or require advocacy please contact Kerry on 0439 315 973 or email sa@dfa.org.au. For more information, see dfa.org.au.



DEFENCE SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP

Defence Special Needs Support Group (DSNSG) is a not-for-profit benevolent

volunteer national organisation, established in 1993 to assist Defence and ex-serving families who have a dependant with special needs.

Local area coordinators assist members through collaboration, advocacy and promotion, peer support and networking to services, other support groups and activities. DSNSG members have access to regular local events organised by the Adelaide coordinator, along with a variety of programs offered by DSNSG. DSNSG's supporting partners include Defence, Toll Government and Defence, Australian Military Bank, Defence Health, Defence Bank, Navy Health, Defence Housing Authority and APS Benevolent Society. To find out what is happening in the local area, email adelaide@dsnsng.org.au or to become a member email memberships@dsnsng.org.au. For further information see dsnsng.org.au.



NORTH EAST DEFENCE COMMUNITY

The North East Defence Community (NEDC) is a community group

supporting members and families from all services based at RAAF Base Edinburgh. The NEDC provide the opportunity to create social networks within their community, and an environment for social



↑ NEDC Coordinator Lyndsay Zwiep welcoming families to a NEDC event at the Edinburgh Community Centre.

interaction, information sharing, skill building and support that is needed due to the unique challenges of the Defence lifestyle. The NEDC community has approximately 350 members and is always happy to welcome new members.

NEDC offers a variety of groups and events to cater for all demographics. This includes all ages (pregnancy through to school aged) playgroup three times a week, a Primary School Aged Kids' Club, as well as activities for the adults that meet regularly such as Wellbeing Group, Craft Club, Book Club and a PC Gaming Club. NEDC also runs school-holiday events, Better Halves Nights Out and other special activities. For further information email nedc.edinburgh@rocketmail.com, phone 0491 070 762 or find NEDC on Facebook by searching NEDCFamily.



AUSTRALIAN MILITARY WIVES CHOIR – ADELAIDE

The Australian Military Wives Choir Adelaide is a choir for women who

support Defence Force members. As a no-audition, no-experience-necessary choir, it welcomes new members at any time during the year. The choir welcomes any woman with a current significant connection to the ADF, including spouses and immediate family members, and current full-time, part-time and reservist serving members. The choir was founded in Canberra in 2012, and has grown to more than 180 members nationally, including about 30 members in Adelaide.

If you would like to join the choir, email the coordinator at adelaide@amwchoir.com for

rehearsal details. Rehearsals are held on the first, third and fifth Thursday of the month. Check out the Australian Military Wives Choir Facebook page and AMWChoir.com to learn more about the choir's music, and this supportive community of women brought together by song.



The Department of Veterans' Affairs is funding the Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation (AKKF) to offer clinically designed mental health literacy programs that integrate fun and recreation with mental health education. Delivered free to registered young people, our unique stepped-care model offers pre-early intervention mental health services and education designed to meet the needs of serving and ex-serving families in our Defence Kids program through camps, activity days and online connect sessions. Evidence shows these programs have a significant impact in improving the mental health literacy of the participating young people which will lead to better long-term mental health outcomes. Every opportunity our Kookaburra Kids have to participate in our programs involves a genuine connection with other young people and aims to empower them to thrive beyond the impacts of family mental illness.

In the past year, the SA programs have seen children attend activity days of One and All Sailing Adventure, NBL Day Game Experience, Build-a-Bear, a movie experience, played some games at The Beach House in Glenelg and attended the Royal Adelaide show. Our camp was to AFL Max in

which they enjoyed learning new skills, including rock climbing and trampolining.

Volunteers form an integral part of the Kookaburra Kids team; we can't run our programs without them. Our volunteer program provides an opportunity for people to participate in programs that are engaging, fun and contribute to the positive wellbeing of young people in their community. A key point of difference in the success of our program is in the flexibility we offer our volunteers in how they would like to volunteer.

Currently, AKKF has 1,097 Defence children across Australia attending our programs. For more information on our programs or volunteer opportunities, contact our Community Liaison Officer for South Australia, Shelley Enders at shelley.enders@kookaburrakids.org.au.

WOMEN'S INTEGRATED NETWORKING GROUP (WINGS)

The WINGS program was developed in 2011 to facilitate mentoring and networking among women at each RAAF base. WINGS offers topics on career development and growth in a friendly environment and provides opportunity to meet and network with other service women.

WINGS sessions at RAAF Edinburgh are held once a month for 60-90 minutes and are always over the lunch period to minimise impact on the workplace. Sessions are advertised by email to those on the WINGS Distribution list, and via ICs. To find out more or to be added to the WINGS email list, please contact SQNLDR Annela Deaton or email the WINGS general email address ednwingSCO-ord@drn.mil.au.



↑ Members of Australian Military Wives Choir (Adelaide) perform at an event in Adelaide.



PHOTO: CPL Brenton Kwatinski

← No.92 Wing exercise their Freedom of Entry in a march through Salisbury.

↓ RAAF Edinburgh based Army personnel at the Adelaide 500 showcasing local ADF capability to the Adelaide community.



PHOTO: LAC Sam Price

SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

THE EDINBURGH DEFENCE PRECINCT and its staff share important relationships with the local and broader communities and greatly contribute to the local community through various means. A key focus is on schools, veterans, charities, heritage, indigenous and the local community in general.

DEFENCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Defence Assistance Program (DAP) is a Defence-funded initiative where Defence partners with community organisation to provide opportunities for people with disability to engage in meaningful work. At Edinburgh, DAP services are provided through the Endeavour Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation that has been supporting

people with disability for more than 70 years. The Defence Assistance Program is a great opportunity to provide employment, training, skill development and career pathway options for people with disability.

DEFENCE BLOOD CHALLENGE

Every year Edinburgh Defence Precinct responds to the Australian Red Cross Blood Service call to give blood. Mobile blood bank vans are established at both RAAF Edinburgh and DST-E several times a year. Timings and locations are published in the EDP Information Circular in the lead up to the vans being on the sites.

CHARITIES

The EDP supports local charities and not-for-profit organisations in various ways, providing an important means for Defence staff to support the less fortunate people in the local community and those organisations supporting them. While a key focus is on veteran organisations such as the annual RSL Anzac Day and Legacy Week Appeals, other events are supported.

DEFENCE AID TO THE CIVIL COMMUNITY

Edinburgh Defence Precinct units and personnel provide important emergency support in response to requests for assistance from the South Australian Government. In recent years, personnel have been deployed in South Australia in support of bushfires assistance, flood relief and the COVID-19 pandemic.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Having the major Defence presence in South Australia, the Edinburgh Defence Precinct has an outstanding record for supporting community events and activities in various ways.

- **Commemoration.** While EDP ADF personnel participate as a priority for key national commemoration days such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, they also support various commemorations throughout the year. In recent years, Defence has supported the Centenary of Anzac (2014-2018), the Epic Flight Centenary (2019) and the Air Force Centenary (2021).
- **Major Events.** EDP staff support major events and activities in the Adelaide area. In recent years, Defence has supported events such as the Adelaide 500, State Parliament openings and Australia Day. Such support is important to the success of the event as well as promoting the ADF and supporting our local community.

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL / STARLIGHT FOUNDATION

RAAF and Army members visit the Women's and Children's Hospital through the Starlight Foundation and the Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation to help children in hospital.

STEM ENGAGEMENT

Defence recognises the value in supporting and promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) within the community, given its importance to Defence, and provides student STEM opportunities for young people to experience and be inspired by STEM in Defence.



PHOTO: PO Luke Scott

↑ RAAF aviators and Navy personnel donating blood for the 2023 Defence Blood Drive at the Port Adelaide Blood Donation Centre in Adelaide.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA AVIATION MUSEUM



Located at Port Adelaide, the South Australia Aviation Museum Inc (SAAM) is a not-for-profit volunteer organisation dedicated to the preservation of South Australian aviation. A key focus is on South Australia's military aviation story and the museum has a large collection of RAAF aircraft that have a connection with RAAF Edinburgh, including an F/A-18 Hornet (ARDU), F-111C (ARDU), Mirage (ARDU), AP-3C Orion (92WG) and PC-9 (ARDU). The museum is restoring a former RAAF Fairy Battle and Avro Anson aircraft.

SAAM provides a friendly atmosphere where those interested in aviation can donate their time and expertise in areas such as restoration, display, administration and research. Current and ex-serving RAAF members are particularly valuable to SAAM given their skills, knowledge and passion for military aviation and many volunteer their time at the museum.

The SAAM Foundation is an incorporated charitable trust through which financial donations to the museum may be directed and funds distributed. Donations to the SAAM Foundation are tax deductible.

SAAM is open from 10am to 4pm every day except Christmas Day. Adults \$15, concession \$10.50, family \$36 (two adults and three children), children (five-15 years) \$7.50, children (under five years) free.



↑ F/A-18A Hornet A21-32, an aircraft that served with ARDU at RAAF Edinburgh, is now part of the South Australian Aviation Museum standing alongside F-111C A8-132 that also served with ARDU.

PHOTO: LACW Annika Smit



PHOTO: LAC Stewart Gould

↑ RAAF Edinburgh aviators with the Governor of South Australia for the unveiling of the Sir Richard Williams Sculpture at Moonta, South Australia.

PROMOTING MILITARY AVIATION HERITAGE

SOUTH AUSTRALIA HAS A PROUD HISTORY of military aviation and was at the forefront of aviation development even before World War I, with South Australian aviation pioneers experimenting with simple machines.

During WWI, almost 350 South Australians served in the Royal Flying Corps or the Australian Flying Corps.

Between the wars, Moonta boy Sir Richard Williams demonstrated immense political prowess in fighting for the establishment and development of the RAAF between the wars to become the 'Father of the Air Force' and the most significant figure in its history.

In South Australia, three major airbases were established at Mt Gambier, Port Pirie and Mallala to train thousands of aircrew for the Empire Air Training Scheme. War graves at the three towns are testimony to the inherent dangers of pilot training with more than 85 perishing in training accidents in SA.

No.4 Initial Training School at Victor Harbor

conducted basic training for South Australians while various support units were established across Adelaide. A basic flight training school and No.34 Squadron was formed at and operated from Parafield. No.86 Squadron, a Kittyhawk squadron that served with distinction in New Guinea, was formed at Gawler. There were radar sites on the Fleurieu Peninsula and Wedge Island. More than 25,000 South Australians enlisted in the RAAF during World War II, serving across the globe in North Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Southeast Asia, the Pacific and Australia.

RAAF Edinburgh works closely with the South Australian community in promoting military aviation heritage. In recent years, the base has collaborated with the community on major projects such as the Epic Flight Centenary, the Air Force Centenary and the RAAF Edinburgh Airshow (2019). In particular, it works with organisations such as Air Force Association (SA), South Australian Aviation Museum and Heritage Trust of South Australia on preserving and promoting military aviation heritage.



PHOTO: CPL Brenton Kwaterski

OUR LAND, OUR SEA, OUR SKY

↑ The Governor of South Australia, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, embraces a traditional smoking/cleansing ceremony provided by Kurna Custodian Cliff Wilson at an Air Force commemorative service.



IN THE ADELAIDE AREA, RAAF Edinburgh, Defence Science and Technology East and Edinburgh Parks are located on traditional Kurna land. In the Woomera region,

a number of primary Indigenous groups are recognised as the traditional owners.

INDIGENOUS LIAISON OFFICER

FLGOFF Jason Enchong, a proud Torres Strait Islander and Maori descendant, is the ILO for the Edinburgh Defence Precinct.

“I have had the privilege of being involved in this cultural space for a number of years throughout my 16-year Defence career. My passion for culture, community, reconciliation and diversity led me to transfer from the Australian Army to the RAAF to conduct the ILO role, making culture and its contribution my full-time job, priority and focus. The RAAF, in my opinion, is leading the way in culture and diversity and I am honoured to be in a position to guide, strengthen, celebrate and positively influence our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the future generations of our ADF.”



↑ FLGOFF Jason Enchong speaking at a ceremony at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Ceremony at Torrens Parade Ground in 2023.

FLGOFF Enchong aims to enhance RAAF Edinburgh’s Indigenous cultural awareness, educate Commanders on cultural knowledge and assist with cultural decision-making surrounding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aviators. FLGOFF Enchong’s first initiative is to attend Unit Induction Training to introduce himself, promote diversity, respect and an inclusive workforce, create new relationships and further strengthen current relationships.

CULTURAL INITIATIVES

Our Place, Our Skies: Air Force’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy is the Air Force strategy that outlines initiatives to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contribution within Air Force, and develop understanding about connections to people and place, history and culture, spirit and belonging.

RAAF Edinburgh has implemented the Air Force Acknowledgement of Country. An Acknowledgment to Country provides an opportunity to pay respects to the traditional owners of the land, promotes a connection to the past and the strong relationship Indigenous people have had with the land, seas and skies for thousands of years. The Edinburgh Defence Precinct works with our local Indigenous communities to develop our relationships, enhance mutual and cultural understanding, support our serving indigenous members and assist our local indigenous communities.

RECONCILIATION & NAIDOC WEEK

For the past eight years, the EDP has worked with local Indigenous communities recognising Reconciliation Week and celebrating NAIDOC

Week. These events have brought all Defence members (Indigenous and non-Indigenous) and local Indigenous community together as one, to engage, share stories and provide a pathway to better understand each other's cultures.

After a long COVID hiatus, 2023 Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week activities saw RAAF Edinburgh open its doors to host events on base. This further strengthened relationships with local community and provided an opportunity for members on base to interact and ask questions of Aboriginal veterans. RAAF Edinburgh also participated in a number of off-base engagements, highlighting the strong relationship with the Kurna community.

SPORTS INITIATIVES

Representatives from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara and Yalata/Maralinga come together to compete in the Don McSweeney Aboriginal Land Cup at Adelaide Oval. In the lead-up to the game, RAAF Edinburgh hosts the teams for a leadership development day where they participate in team-based activities, engage ADF members, are introduced to ADF capabilities and culture and learn the military fundamentals of resilience, mateship, leadership and teamwork. RAAF Edinburgh has built a strong relationship with the Kurna Sports Association. In preparation for the yearly State Aboriginal and Netball Carnival, RAAF Edinburgh personnel participate in an exhibition game against the Kurna Football Team, showcasing the sporting talents from both Defence and the local Kurna Community.

INDIGENOUS YOUTH & SCHOOLS

The RAAF Edinburgh ILO has worked alongside DFR's Specialist Recruiting Team Indigenous and Defence Work Experience Program to build relationships with the local community, guiding and mentoring the younger and upcoming generation. In 2023, RAAF Edinburgh was able to host an Indigenous Youth Program for the first time since COVID-19. Working with Defence Work Experience, 15 young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders experienced "a day in the life of a serving member". The group participated in PT and visited 92WG, including the flight line, getting up close and personal with a P-8A Poseidon and the maintenance training facility. This was followed by a combat focused afternoon including a Military Working Dog display and an Armoured Fighting Vehicle demonstration and ride around base. It was a hands-on program providing visitors a firsthand look at what is required for service life, and what opportunities are available within the ADF.

REGIONAL COMPLIANCE OFFICERS

The Regional Compliance Officer (RCO) program is a CAF-endorsed Indigenous Specialist Reserve

initiative designed to enhance Defence's relationship with those indigenous groups whose traditional lands form part of the Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA) and to provide employment and skilling opportunities to aboriginal people while maintaining connection with Country. Thus far, participants have come from the Kokatha Mula Nation, Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara, Maralinga Tjarutja, Arabana and Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara. RCOs are employed in the Air Force as uniformed members. In 2020, the first RCO reservist successfully transferred to the Permanent Air Force demonstrating how the program can lead indigenous members into a career in the Air Force.

WOOMERA INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT

The WPA encompasses the traditional lands of the Arabana, Gawler Ranges, Kokatha, Maralinga Tjarutja, Antakirinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara and Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara people. Defence acknowledges connection with country, culture and language with respect to the traditional custodians of these lands. EDP units engage, develop and foster an enduring and positive relationship with the various groups in the spirit of coexistence. ADF staff meet regularly with representative groups in both formal and informal capacities. In 2019, the Maralinga Tjarutja (MT) People and Defence entered into a formal agreement, known as the 'Cooperation Agreement' providing a framework for cooperation, outlines mutual rights and responsibilities. It also articulates how Defence and Maralinga Tjarutja representatives will engage with each other on a regular basis to manage safety and security within the Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA) and work together to protect Aboriginal heritage and culture.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES

RAAF Base Edinburgh is currently in the planning phase to build a "Keeping Place". This Keeping Place will be used to provide a home for artefacts disturbed over the past 10 years of infrastructure work at RAAF EDN. The grassed area to the east of the messes will be landscaped to provide a permanent point of connection for Kurna with the Edinburgh Plains and will link the artefacts stored in the mess. This landscaping will include artwork and storytelling as well as ceremonial spaces incorporating a men's and women's space, yarning circle, education circle and a memorial piece recognising the services of current and former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

At RAAF Edinburgh, we have an Aboriginal burial site located near the 92WG facility. The remains of a Kurna person were found in 2012 by a project during construction of a new facility. Through much collaboration with Defence and Kurna, the project provided an appropriate landscaping and improvements to the burial site to ensure its ongoing protection and use by the Kurna. The site can be visited, but please do so appropriately and be culturally respectful without disturbing the site. There is no photography allowed of the site.



↑ The proposed Keeping Place under development at RAAF Edinburgh.



↑ Members of the 2023 Indigenous Youth Program at the 92WG Maintenance Training Facility.

PHOTO: CPL Brenton Kwaterski



INDUSTRY PARTNERS

↑ NGA staff work closely with RAAF personnel.

The operating squadrons at Edinburgh cannot carry out their functions without the support of industry partners. That support includes aircraft maintenance and essential services to operate the airfield infrastructure. Some of the partners you may encounter on base are outlined here.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Northrop Grumman Australia (NGA) is part of the US-based Northrop Grumman Corporation with 95,000 employees worldwide. This global reach enables it to access leading edge technology to deliver superior defence capability to the ADF. NGA is locally led and its national footprint of over 800 talented, locally engaged employees are present across 10 sites. Partnering with customers to solve the toughest problems in space, aeronautics, defence and cyberspace, the company is committed to safeguarding Australia's future in an increasingly contested global security environment.

As one of the top three aviation sustainment businesses in Australia, NGA has been a committed sustainment and modernisation partner to the ADF and the RAAF for more than two decades. Working alongside RAAF, it delivers long-term aviation maintenance support for KC-30A Multi-Role Tanker Transport, C-27J Spartan and Special Purpose

Aircraft fleets and provides sustainment services at its Electronic Sustainment Centre.

NGA is expanding its presence at Edinburgh in preparation for the arrival of the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft system, and will collaborate in the sustainment and maintenance of new capabilities that will call RAAF Edinburgh home.

In 2021, NGA successfully delivered the Triton Network Integration Test Environment (NITE) to the Commonwealth of Australia ahead of schedule, marking major milestone in the Triton program. Developed by Northrop Grumman and based at RAAF Base Edinburgh, NITE will support Chief Information Officer Group to configure and test the array of Triton network interfaces and systems prior to the delivery of the first aircraft to Australia in 2024. Another significant milestone was reached later that year in the production of Australia's first Triton, when the aircraft fuselage was mounted onto Triton's unique one-piece wing.

NGA is comprised of great people delivering

cutting-edge capability across multiple domains. From high performing legacy programs to complex future capability, it is committed to customers' ongoing mission success and national security. Find out more at northropgrumman.com/Australia.

ROLLS-ROYCE

Rolls-Royce is extremely proud to have powered the Australian Defence Forces for the past 100 years. The relationship began with the Rolls-Royce Eagle 8 engine fitted to the Fairey IIID in service with the Royal Australian Navy in 1920 and the RAAF in 1921.

The future Peregrine and Triton aircraft that will be supported from RAAF Edinburgh are powered by Rolls-Royce engines; the BR710 in the Peregrine and the Rolls-Royce AE 3007H in the Triton.

As a long-term partner of the Australian Defence Forces, Rolls-Royce is committed to strengthening Australia's military capability to support the security and stability of the Commonwealth of Australia.

BOEING

For more than 90 years, Boeing and its heritage companies have proudly partnered with the RAAF to support its mission to protect Australia and its allies. Boeing's Australian business commenced in 1927 – just six years after the establishment of the RAAF – and their histories have been intertwined ever since.

In South Australia, more than 200 employees support the ADF on existing programs and in emerging fields. At RAAF Base Edinburgh, Boeing Defence Australia delivers sustainment, engineering and logistics services for the RAAF's fleet of P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft.

In its Adelaide city office, it supports both the E-7A Wedgetail and Wakulda air battlespace management system, as well as new opportunities in space and electronic warfare.



PHOTO: Courtesy of Northrop Grumman

↑ MQ-4C Triton (image has been manipulated).

↓ RAAF Edinburgh aviators march along North Terrace, Adelaide in the 2023 Anzac Day March.



PHOTO: Luke Scott Photography

Supporting our current and ex-serving veterans.

THE VETERAN COMMUNITY is a key part of the broader Edinburgh Defence community. As the great majority of Edinburgh Defence staff are veterans themselves having served overseas and in Australia in the service of their nation, our staff and units appreciate the vital role of veterans' organisations in the community in supporting our serving and ex-serving veterans. The organisations are critical to supporting and advocating for our veterans and their families, ensuring the sacrifices of those who have served before us are appropriately remembered and providing a community for veterans to be part of after they leave the defence forces. The Edinburgh Defence Precinct works in partnership with those organisations by supporting, promoting and assisting them to deliver the support our serving and ex-serving veterans need and value.

Commemorations are a key support activity for EDP units where we work with community partners in commemorating those who have served in the defence of our nation and its national interests. In doing so, we acknowledge our role in recognising those sacrifices and

embracing the legacy that those who have served before us have passed onto us and the stewardship of today's ADF. While our members participate as a priority in key national commemoration events such as Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, they also support a variety of commemorations throughout the year. For example, RAAF elements are proud to partner with the Air Force Association (South Australia Division) in holding the annual Air Force Birthday, Bomber Command and Battle of Britain Commemoration Services at the Air Force Memorial, Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide.

EDP Defence members work closely with veteran's organisations at all levels.

Federal organisations. We work closely with DVA and Open Arms (formerly VVCS) to better connect those organisations with serving members and assist them in better understanding members' needs.

State organisations. We work with Veterans SA on state veterans issues and commemoration activities and have representatives on the State Veteran's Advisory Council contributing to improved initiatives and support for our veteran communities.

Ex-Service Organisations. We work closely with many veteran organisations, but particularly the RSL SA, Legacy SA, AFA (SA Division) and the RAR Association.

Defence members. Our Defence members are encouraged to be, and gain much benefit from being, a member of a veterans' organisation and contributing to its work. Defence members can bring great skills, experience, knowledge and particularly understanding to these organisations.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) is an Australian Government agency providing support for veterans and their families. The department's services and supports include:

- pensions and compensation
- funding for health care
- rehabilitation
- counselling
- support with returning to civilian life
- commemorative and community grants
- home-care assistance
- social health programs
- subsidised loans for housing and other housing-related benefits
- commemorative activities and historical information.



PHOTO: SGT Nicci Freeman

↑ **RAAF Edinburgh aviators and members of the Air Force Cadets support a commemorative service at the Air Force Memorial, Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide.**

DVA has been supporting the veteran community in Australia since the end of World War I, more than 100 years ago. Today, the government invests more than \$11.5 billion each year to support veterans and families.

The department's services and supports are continually evolving to ensure that DVA looks after veterans, not just during their service, but through their transition into civilian life, and beyond. If you have served this country, we are here to help you.

Veterans' recognition. Veterans and reservists can apply for the Veterans' Recognition Program as part of the Australian Defence Veterans' Covenant to recognise and acknowledge the unique nature of military service, and the contribution of veterans and their families. Applicants can receive the Veteran Card, Lapel Pin and Oath as recognition of their service. The Veteran Card is a redesign of the existing DVA Health Cards. While the Veteran Card's primary purpose continues to be providing health and treatment services to veterans, it now also provides card holders with access to thousands of offers from businesses across Australia as part of a new benefits program. Eligible current and former serving members of the ADF, including reservists, can register for the Veterans' Recognition Program through their MyService account.

Mental health support. DVA has a strong focus on mental health treatment. Under a program called Non-Liability Health Care (or

NLHC), DVA funds treatment for all mental health conditions, whether related to service or not, for those with at least one day of continuous full-time service in the Australian Defence Force (ADF), as well as eligible reservists. For further information visit dva.gov.au/health-and-treatment/injury-or-health-treatments.

In addition, mental health support including free and confidential counselling is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through Open Arms on 1800 011 046. Other useful information can also be found at openarms.gov.au.

Finding employment after the ADF. The Prime Minister's National Veterans' Employment Program provides resources to help transitioning ADF personnel navigate the civilian employment environment. Resources include the Veterans' Employment Toolkit, which been developed to help veterans prepare for the next step in their career. It contains information on translating your military skills into language civilian employers understand and advice on adjusting to the civilian workplace. It also includes useful tips to help with planning your transition and searching for job opportunities, as well as practical advice for writing a resume and preparing for an interview. Find the toolkit at veteranemployment.gov.au/veterans/plan-your-transition.

While the Program does not advertise job vacancies, as of September 2022, there are more than 950 organisations from across Australia that have signed the Veterans' Employment Commitment declaring themselves to be

'veteran-friendly employers'. All organisations are listed on the website and can be searched for by 'state' and 'industry'. To find job opportunities visit the government's Workforce Australia website (workforceaustralia.gov.au). There is an optional 'Defence Force experience desirable' setting in the 'Advanced Search' function, to help veterans connect with employers.

Veteran Health Check. Transitioning can be a busy and challenging time for veterans and their families. There are many competing priorities to sort out – from planning a move, finding a new home, new schools and a new job. Your health can often be forgotten.

DVA understands these challenges and is committed to providing veterans with easier access to health care, particularly in times of crisis. All ADF members who transition on or after 1 July 2019, and served at least one day of continuous full-time service, can access a comprehensive fully funded health assessment from their GP each year for the first five years following transition.

The Veteran Health Check is specifically designed for veterans and can be accessed through your community or family GP. It can assist you and your GP to identify and support the onset of physical and mental health conditions that are common in the years following transition and organise for early and targeted referrals. Your GP may also make referrals for additional tests, treatment or assessment by other health professionals, and can refer you to relevant DVA services or programs. You will need your DVA Health Card to access the annual Veteran Health Check. Make sure to check that your GP accepts DVA Health Cards when making an appointment.

If you transitioned from the ADF prior to 1 July 2019, you can still access a one-off comprehensive Veteran Health Check (also known as the One-off ADF post-discharge health assessment) from your GP at any time after you transitioned.

For more information on the Veteran Health Check visit. For more information on the Veteran Health Check visit dva.gov.au/veteranshealthcheck.

Connect with DVA online. DVA's online portal, MyService enables you to manage your business with DVA quickly and easily online. Through MyService you can keep your details up to date, submit claims and view a digital version of your Veteran Card. For more information or to register for MyService visit dva.gov.au/myservice.

On base support. DVA Veteran Support Officers (VSOs) visit more than 56 ADF bases nationally and offer members information and advice about the support and entitlements they might be able to receive through DVA. The support ranges from information on MyService through to instructions on how to submit a claim

while you are still enlisted. VSOs are DVA staff – they are not Defence employees.

Contact us. The Edinburgh Veteran Support Office is located with Base Services at building 304. To find out more or to make an appointment, you can contact the Edinburgh Veteran Support Office by email at: vso@dva.gov.au or phone 1800 555 254 and ask for a South Australian Veteran Support Officer. For general enquiries, DVA can be contacted (8am-5pm, Monday to Friday) on 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372).



OPEN ARMS

Open Arms is Australia's leading national provider of mental health and wellbeing support to former and current

Australia Defence Force personnel and their families. Its workforce has an understanding of the unique nature of military service and the issues that face the military community – many are veterans themselves.

To better serve the Edinburgh Defence Precinct community, Open Arms has an established office at the Elizabeth City Centre. A second office is

located in Eastwood, just south of the Adelaide CBD and adjacent to the Jamie Larcombe Centre, Veterans Mental Health Precinct. In addition, services are also provided out of the Veterans' and Families' Hub, Daw Park. A regional northern circuit sees a counsellor visiting Port Augusta, Port Pirie and Whyalla on a monthly basis. Open Arms has increased its mental health support offerings with the introduction of lived experience peers who work with veterans, family supports, community agencies and mental-health clinicians to provide a more holistic client-centred experience. They have also expanded their telehealth capability with the new HealthDirect platform for online video and voice counselling by in-centre clinicians. HealthDirect was chosen because it is user-friendly and has Australian Government security accreditation.

With an increased focus on the lifetime wellbeing of veterans, Open Arms continues to expand its services with eMental Health products and applications. This means you can access information on fitness, nutrition, sleep, social connections and much more all through Open Arms self-help menu at openarms.gov.au.

There are also resources on resilience, safety and PTSD available via mobile apps: High Res, PTSD

Coach and On Track with The Right Mix. If you, or a family member, need support or want to find out more about Open Arms, call 1800 011 046 or visit openarms.gov.au.

VETERANS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Veterans SA is the South Australian Government agency that leads advocacy across state government for matters affecting current and former serving ADF members and their families. It regularly consults with current and former serving members and their families, Defence networks and ex-service organisations to ascertain the needs of the community, while facilitating connection between traditional and non-traditional veteran providers to meet these unique needs.

The agency is committed to empowering current and former serving members and their spouses and children to build a confident and forward-thinking community. It strives to improve the broader community's understanding of the unique nature of service and the valuable skills and experience that those who have served in the ADF, and their families, can offer workplaces and communities in South Australia.



Help me help the families of those who served.

Since 1928 the Legacy Club has served the families of those who served, by helping them live fulfilling lives.

Just how we do that is best summarised in our story in this edition. Interested?

If so, I invite you to give me a call to chat about how you might be able to help. How can we put your skills, generosity, and time availabilities to the best use to help the families of those who served.

I'm Rob Eley and my phone number is 0459 150 699. Let's chat.

adelaidelegacy.org.au



Rob Eley, CSC | Club President



Serving the families of those who served.

The agency has developed a detailed strategic plan to clearly identify its priority areas to improve the lives of veteran and Defence families living in South Australia. Focus areas include family support, career pathways for former-serving members and partners, in-school support for Defence and veteran children and regional support.

Veterans SA also supports the Veterans' Advisory Council, which is appointed by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs to provide independent advice on matters of concern to the veteran community in South Australia. The council meets regularly and represents a diverse range of experiences within the veteran community, including senior representatives from the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force.

Veterans SA also plays a key role in sharing information about services, programs and opportunities that are available in South Australia to those who have served in the ADF and their families.

For further information about the agency and upcoming consultation activities visit veteranssa.sa.gov.au and subscribe to the monthly e-newsletter for updates. Alternatively, follow Veterans SA on Facebook ([facebook.com/veteranssouthaustralia/](https://www.facebook.com/veteranssouthaustralia/)), LinkedIn ([linkedin.com/showcase/veteranssa/](https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/veteranssa/)) and Instagram ([instagram.com/veterans_sa/](https://www.instagram.com/veterans_sa/)).

For general inquiries email veteranssa@sa.gov.au or phone (08) 8463 7140.



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

WHO WE ARE. The Air Force Association (AFA) is the peak veterans support organisation for RAAF and ex-RAAF members and their families in Australia. As the peak body, AFA is recognised by government and other veterans' organisations as the representative organisation for ex-RAAF members, with a primary goal of providing assistance to fellow members.

As one of the oldest veteran support organisations, the AFA has been influential in advocating for ex-RAAF members' needs resulting from service in World War I, World War II, post-war Southeast Asia, peacekeeping operations and, in more recent years, the high operational tempo of today's modern Air Force.

In South Australia, the AFA SA Division is committed to supporting the welfare of current and ex-serving RAAF members and their families and ensuring their legacy of their service for generations to come.

With its headquarters based at Torrens Parade Ground, the AFA SA is uniquely positioned to interact with other veterans' organisations, advocate to the South Australian Government and coordinate Air

Force ceremonies at the Air Force Memorial at Torrens Parade Ground. The three suburban based branches comprise Mitcham, Salisbury/Elizabeth, and Ubon.

OUR MISSION. The AFA SA exists to support the welfare of the Air Force family through advocacy, assistance, camaraderie, and commemoration.

Advocacy. At the Federal and State Government levels, we provide an authoritative and influential voice in representing ex-Air Force members' needs on veterans' issues. We work with our National Board, state and federal veteran's authorities and other veterans' support organisations in ensuring the needs and interests of those who have served in the Air Force and their families are met. We also assist Air Force veterans in interpreting veteran policy and entitlements supporting them in their development of compensation claims and appeals.

Commemoration and heritage. Recognising the importance of commemorating the deeds of those who have served before and fostering the legacy they have left for generations to come, we partner with RAAF Edinburgh and other stakeholders in conducting Air Force-specific ceremonies, the preservation of Air Force heritage and educating South Australians on the Air Force story and South Australia's contribution to that story.

Assistance. We appreciate ex-serving members and their families of various ages will



↑ Air Force Association (SA) members at the RAAF Edinburgh SGT's Mess on the unveiling of a historic Vimy Flag presented to the mess to inspire future aviators.

PHOTO: SGT Nicci Freeman

require assistance and support at times and can be there for them when needed.

Camaraderie. We hold various events, functions and activities across Adelaide providing avenues for our broader Air Force family to remain connected. While these activities are popular with our aged members, we also place much importance on bringing our younger veterans together with our older members to share stories, support each other, provide mentorship and foster values.

OUR PRIORITIES. We are committed to Air Force veterans and their families through the following priorities:

- To provide advocacy in partnership with the broader veterans support community
- To provide better representation and support for the Air Force family
- To gain recognition as a respected, effective and leading ESO
- That South Australia has a better understanding of the Air Force story and the state's contribution to that story.

More information. facebook.com/raafasa; afasa.org.au. Air Force Association SA office: Ph 08 8227 0980; email: enquiry@afasa.org.au.



PHOTO: SGT Nicci Freeman

↑ RAAF Edinburgh aviators share some stories with WWII veteran Lyall Ellers on his 100th birthday.



Welcome to South Australia!

With South Australia as your home base, you can enjoy all the amazing opportunities our state has to offer.

Short commutes that benefit work-life balance, world-class study and education institutions and countless opportunities for career development in dynamic and innovative industries. The opportunities for Defence families are endless.

Surrounded by a supportive and family-friendly community, here you can create a way of life that suits you and your family.

South Australia has a lot to offer, let us show you around!

veteranssa.sa.gov.au/home-base-sa

HomeBaseSA

Veterans SA

Home Base SA is an initiative of Veterans SA and is a valuable information resource and tool to assist Australian Defence Force members and their families who have been posted to or are considering transitioning to South Australia.



↑ RAAF Edinburgh aviators supporting Legacy Week at Keswick Barracks.

LEGACY SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND BROKEN HILL

“The Legacy Promise of 1923 is just as relevant today.” Rob Eley CSC, President of the Legacy Club of South Australia and Broken Hill is quick to point out that the promise made by a soldier to his dying mate on a battlefield more than 100 years ago – “to look after the missus and the kids” – is just as relevant today.

Since WWI and WWII, the ADF has had distinguished service in Vietnam, Timor, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan not to mention a number of peace keeping missions.

“The Legacy Club is here to ensure the partners and children of veterans who gave their lives or health in service are looked after,” says Rob.

Legacy serves the families of those who served with a whole range of practical and bespoke programs and services tailored to each family’s needs.

Rob makes the point that their Legatee or volunteer network is the backbone of Legacy. They have direct contact with the families who need support. “They are the eyes and ears of what’s happening in our community” he says.

While the families they serve receive great benefit from this interaction, so too do the Legatees. Many Legatees have served in the ADF and they find their volunteer work in South Australia and Broken Hill for Legacy both uplifting and positive. It’s a win-win.

“We are always on the lookout for people who have some time to volunteer to help our families” says Rob.

He says Legacy has something for people of all skills and backgrounds. Further they can, in most cases, work out what fits in with their availabilities and time.

“You don’t have to sign up for five days a week, unless you want to,” Rob says.

“If you are still actively serving in the ADF, about to leave or already have done so and you would like to see how you can serve the families of those who served, I invite you to call me.”

Please call Rob on 0459 150 699 for a confidential chat.

Find out more at adelaidelegacy.org.au.



RSL SA

The Returned & Services League (RSL) was formed in 1915 by veterans returning from service in the Great War. At a time when organised repatriation facilities and medical services were not readily available, there was a need to care for families of those who did not return and to support those who did return through mateship, shared experience and compassion.

As we continue to honour those that served and current serving ADF personnel, we value the key role we play in military commemorations

and support programs around our great state.

The ethos of benevolence and service to those still serving and our veterans remains as the motivating influence of the RSL today. Our core mission has never changed, as we continue to evolve to meet the needs of each generation of servicemen and women, and their families.

RSLSA continues to offer the following veteran services.

Advocacy Services (for veterans and their families)

- Assistance with DVA compensation claims (including income support)
- Assistance with appeals processes
- Wellbeing assistance.

Find out more at rslsa.org.au/advocacy.

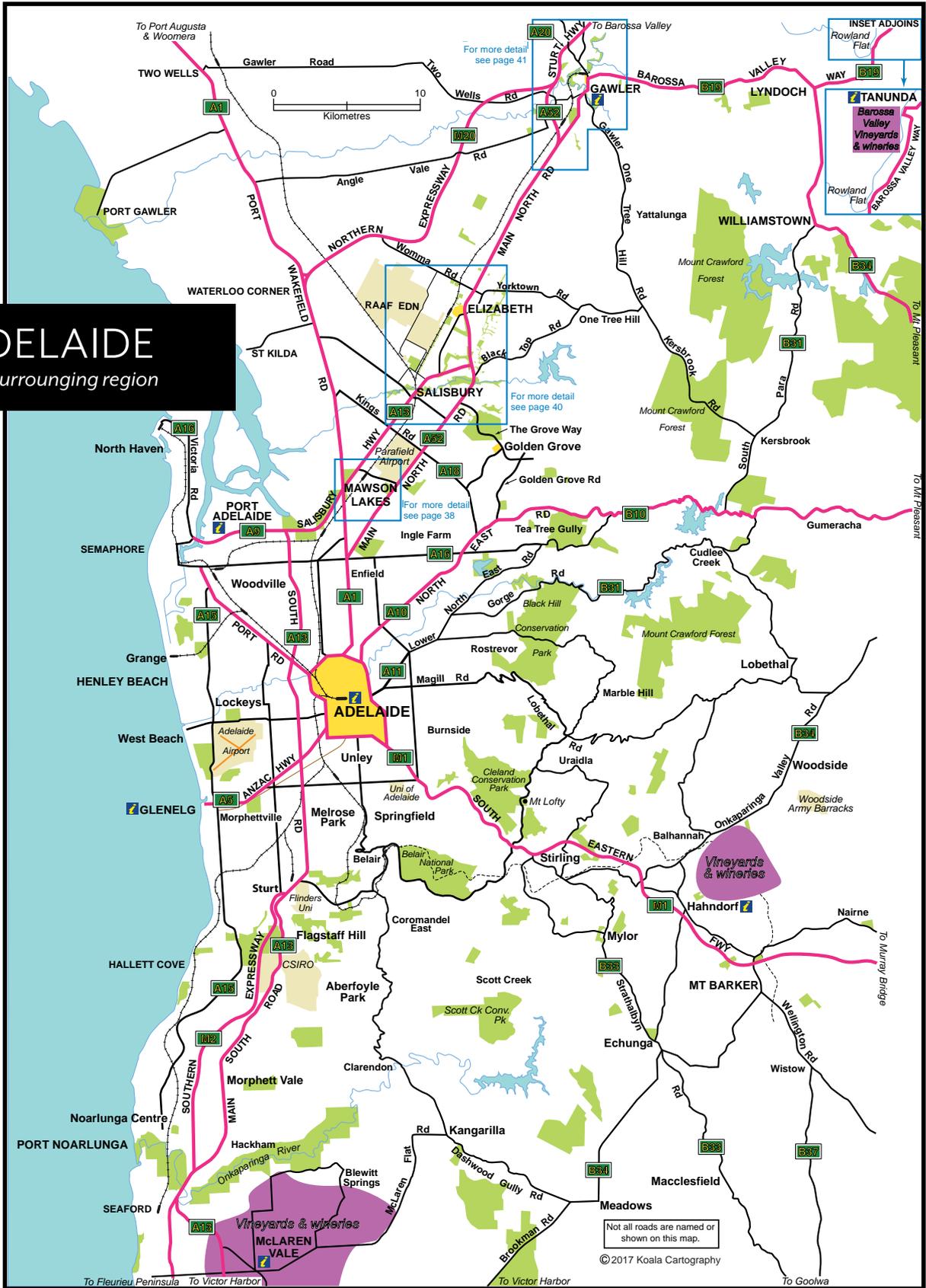
Employment Services (for veterans and their families)

- Individual plans to transition into the workforce
- Assistance interpreting selection criteria, writing
- CVs and cover letters
- Interview coaching
- Position application guidance/employer connections
- Skill updates/short-course assistance

Find out more at rslsa.org.au/rsl-veterans-employment-program.

To join a local subbranch near you, find your nearest at RSL subbranch at rslsa.org.au/subbranch-details. For any enquiries, Ph 08 8100 7300; rslsa.org.au.

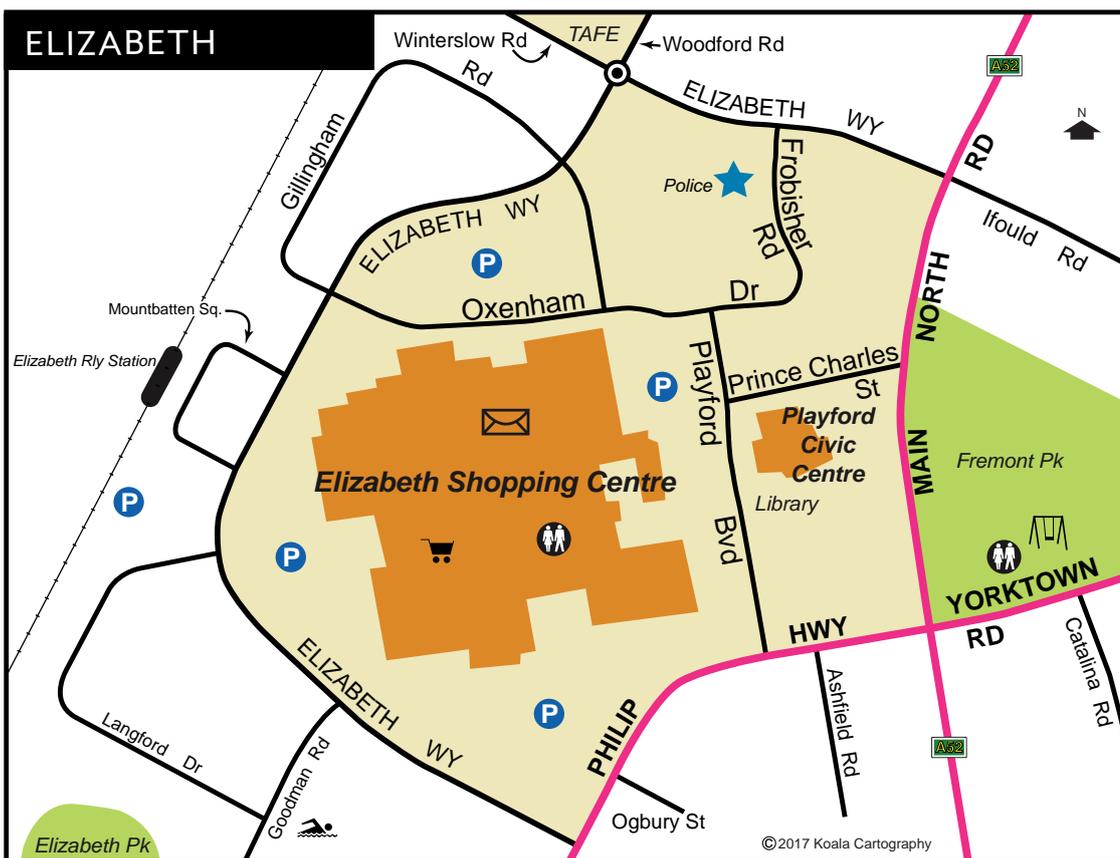
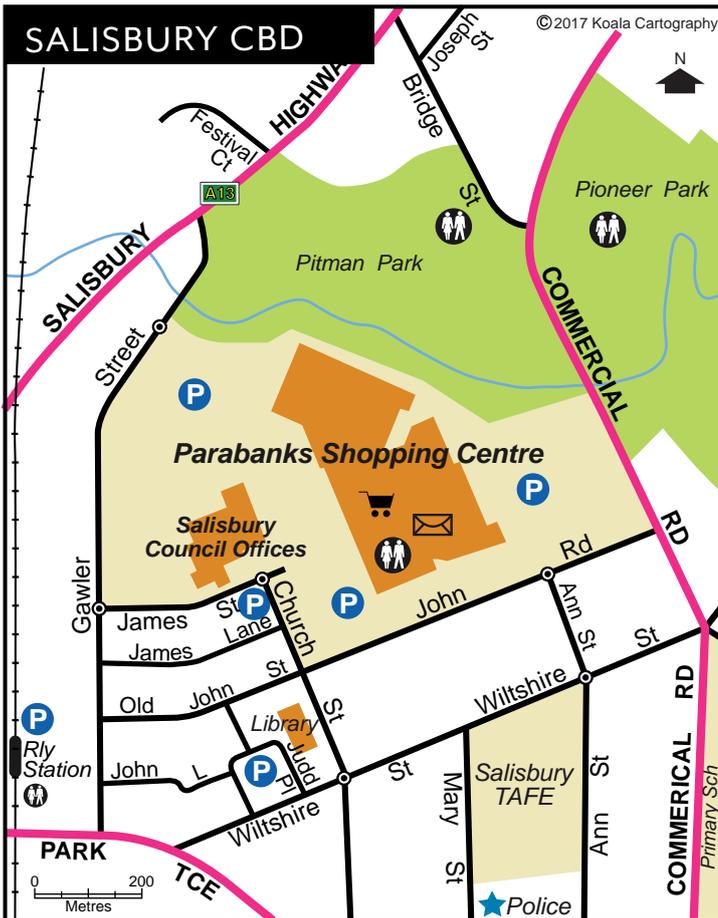
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MAWSON LAKES



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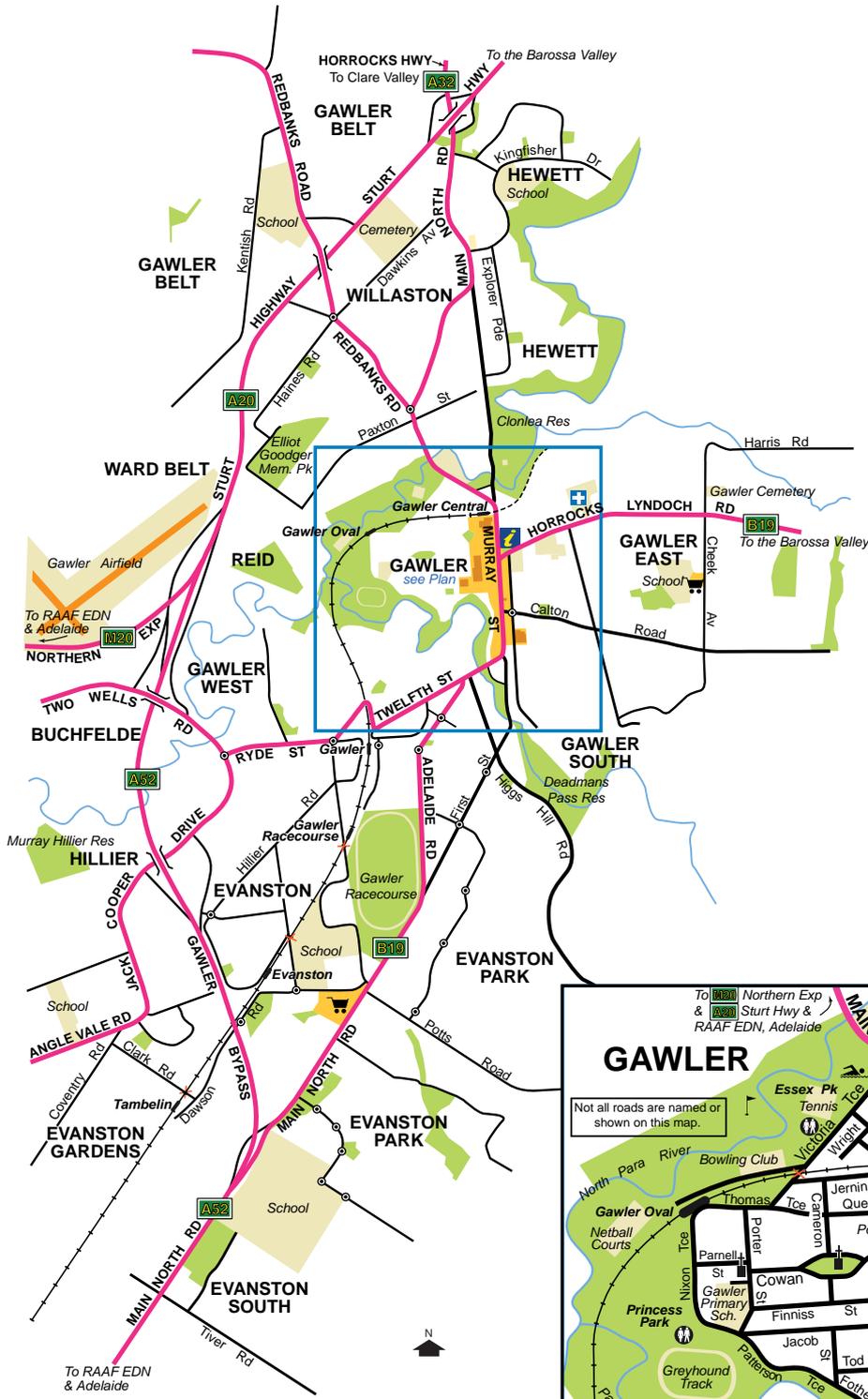
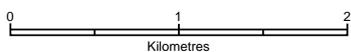


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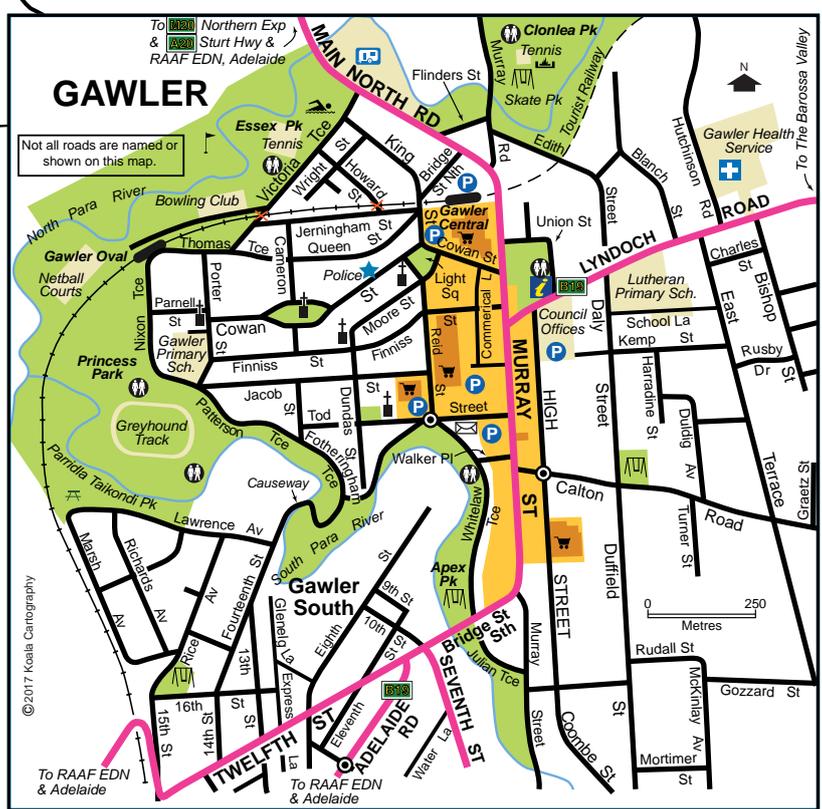
GAWLER

and surrounding suburbs



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↑ ADF families enjoyed Welcome to Adelaide at the zoo.

DEFENCE SUPPORT

Defence offers a range of programs and services to help Australian Defence Force members and their families make the most of the opportunities and challenges of military life.

DEFENCE FAMILIES MAKE a significant contribution to the wellbeing of our Australian Defence Force (ADF) members and the success of their missions. In support of our ADF families, Defence Member and Family Support (DMFS) has a wide range of information and support for families to help them navigate military life.

DMFS delivers national programs and services to ADF families across Australia. There's support available at every stage, from the support for new recruits and their families adjusting to Defence life to partners and children managing the challenges of military life, to the time when a member transitions from permanent service.

Support available from DMFS includes assistance for partners' employment, help with finding childcare, deployment support, assistance for dependants with special needs, social worker support, relocation, support for community

groups, help for families during crisis and emergency, and education support for children. DMFS also holds a number of information sessions and social events throughout the year for military families in the region.

For more information about the services and programs, visit the website www.defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/family-programs-services, contact the 24/7 Defence Member and Family Helpline on 1800 624 608 or email the Helpline for advice at memberandfamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au.

YOUR LOCAL DMFS TEAM

The local DMFS team is made up of military and civilian staff, undertaking a variety of roles including military support, social work, family liaison and education support.

The team provides a range of services to families across the region, including:

- support in times of crisis

- deployment and absence support
- mobility and relocation support
- professional counselling for personal, relationship and family problems
- information sessions, social or support groups
- local education advice and assistance
- special needs recognition and review
- partner employment assistance
- finding childcare.

Make sure you don't miss out on the virtual and face-to-face events DMFS hosts to build and maintain connection with other Defence families in the area. Go to DMFS's Eventbrite page where you can register for free tickets to events. You can also see what local events are on by visiting the events calendar on the website www.defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/local-services-events. Follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and keep up-to-date with the latest DMFS news and events.

WHO CAN YOU MEET AT THE LOCAL OFFICE?

- **Defence social workers** are qualified professionals who are knowledgeable about the ADF and the military lifestyle.
- **Family liaison officers** have extensive knowledge of the region and can help families connect with local community groups and support services. They are also proactive in organising a range of information sessions and social events.
- **Education liaison officers** provide information and support to families around children's education and schools in the area.

DMFS PROGRAMS & SERVICES

24-HOUR SUPPORT

If you need support, help, or advice at any time, contact the Defence Member and Family Helpline on 1800 624 608. The Helpline operates 24-hours a day, seven days a week and is staffed by qualified human services professionals, including social workers and psychologists.

PARTNER EMPLOYMENT

The Partner Employment Assistance Program provides funding for initiatives to assist ADF partners with employment when they are relocated on posting, or if their ADF member is medically transitioning, and for some re-registration costs. Partners have the flexibility of opting to receive services from Defence's professional employment services provider or a provider of their choice.

FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Families who have recognised family members with special needs can get information and practical assistance to reduce the impact of relocation.

SUPPORT DURING DEPLOYMENT AND TIME APART

DMFS provides a range of services, practical assistance and products to help inform and prepare ADF members and families for every stage of deployment. Support includes advice and referral to local support services, access to resilience programs, assistance in emergencies and crisis, and connection to community groups. Families can also opt in to receive regular deployment support calls by registering with the Defence Member and Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

DMFS has dedicated education liaison officers to provide advice to families and funds Defence School Mentors to support Defence children through changing schools and parental absence.

ACCESS TO CHILDCARE

DMFS maintains a network of childcare centres around Australia, with priority placement for ADF families. Families who are facing difficulties accessing childcare, such as when they move to a new area or change their work or care arrangements, can also access an individual case management service to help them find registered childcare services in their local community.

EMERGENCY AND CRISIS SUPPORT

DMFS provides a range of practical and emotional support programs for families facing emergency or crisis, including assistance in time of illness, injury, domestic crisis or bereavement. Members and their families can access 24-hour support, social work and assessment, or referral from the all-hours Defence Member and Family Helpline.

TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE

Joint Transition Authority delivers support to members and their families transitioning to Reserves Service or separating from the ADF. There is a range of support programs to assist ADF members and their families when they transition to civilian life, enabled by a transition coach. The coach helps to build a personalised package of support based on the circumstances and post-transition goals of the member and their family. The coach remains with the member and their family for up to two years post-transition. For more information, please email transition.sa@defence.gov.au.

SUPPORT FOR RESERVISTS

The families of Reserve members can access a broad range of support services when the Reservist is on continuous full-time service or away on deployment or exercise.

PARENTS

DMFS offers information and support services for the parents of ADF members to help them understand and manage the challenging aspects of having a son or daughter in the services.

CONNECTION WITH COMMUNITY

Defence families are strongest when they are connected with their local communities. DMFS provides a number of support and information services to help families connect with and contribute to their community.

CONTACT DMFS

The Defence Member and Family Helpline is your first point of call for support, information and connection with your local community. It is staffed by qualified human services professionals, including social workers and psychologists, who can assist you 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Phone 1800 624 608

Email memberandfamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au

Website defence.gov.au/members-families



MAILING LIST

Scan the QR code to join DMFS SA mailing list and keep up-to-date with all our information and events.

↓ DMFS staff at the 2023 South Australia Welcome Expo at Adelaide Zoo.



DMFS SOUTH AUSTRALIA WELCOME EXPO 2024

The Defence Member and Family Support South Australia Welcome Expo will be held on Friday 9 February 2024 at Adelaide Zoo. ADF members and their families in South Australia are invited to join DMFS SA for an evening of family fun at the Adelaide Zoo. A range of community groups and organisations will be in attendance to provide information about assistance, support and activities available in the area. For more information email dmfs.southaustralia@defence.gov.au or sign up to the DMFS Eventbrite page and receive an email alert as soon as a DMFS SA event is advertised, see www.eventbrite.com.au/o/defence-member-and-family-support-adelaide-17817283003



LOCAL SERVICES

To help you and your family settle into the Edinburgh region, here's a quick guide to local services and amenities.

THE EDINBURGH DEFENCE PRECINCT, including RAAF Edinburgh, Defence Science Technology Group – Edinburgh and Edinburgh Parks, is located in Adelaide's outer northern suburbs, about 25km north of the Adelaide city centre and 4km from Elizabeth City Centre.

RAAF Edinburgh sits in the City of Salisbury and borders the City of Playford, and many EDP personnel live in those two local council areas. Other nearby councils include:
 Gawler 08 8522 9211
gawler.sa.gov.au
 City of Tea Tree Gully 08 8397 7444
teatreegully.sa.gov.au
 Adelaide Hills Council 08 8408 0400
ahc.sa.gov.au

THE CITY OF SALISBURY
 The City of Salisbury extends from St Vincent Gulf to the Mt Lofty Ranges foothills. It includes more than 30 suburbs and covers 160sq.km. Salisbury City Centre has shops, most major banks, restaurants, cafes and a cinema complex. Salisbury Community Hub, 34 Church Street, Salisbury. Phone 08 8406 8222.
salisbury.sa.gov.au

THE CITY OF PLAYFORD
 The most northern local government area of metropolitan Adelaide, the City of Playford covers 346sq.km and includes 35 suburbs. Its commercial hub is the Elizabeth City Centre, where you'll find a large shopping centre and most banks and services. Playford Civic Centre, 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth. Phone 08 8256 0333. playford.sa.gov.au

PUBLIC TRANSPORT
 Trains run between Gawler Railway Station and Adelaide Railway Station via Smithfield, Elizabeth, Salisbury and Mawson. A number of buses also service the area. All Adelaide Metro buses, trains and trams accept the reloadable Metrocard. To find timetables, maps, information and public transport apps, visit adelaidemetro.com.au

SHOPPING

- **Elizabeth City Centre**, 50 Elizabeth Way, Elizabeth. Big W, Coles, Harris Scarfe, Target, Woolworths, specialty stores, food hall and cinemas. elizabethcitycentre.com.au
- **Hollywood Plaza**, corner Spains Road and Winzor Street, Salisbury Downs. Target, Coles, Woolworths, services and specialty shops. hollywoodplazashopping.com.au
- **Ingle Farm Shopping Centre**, corner Walkleys and Montague Roads, Ingle Farm. Kmart, Aldi,

Coles, services, specialty shops and a food court. inglefarmshopping.com.au

- **Munno Parra Shopping City**, 600 Main North Road, Smithfield. Aldi, Kmart, Coles, Foodland and a range of retailers and services. munno.com.au
- **Parabanks Shopping Centre**, 68 John Street, Salisbury. Big W, Woolworths, Coles and a range of specialty shops. parabanks.com.au
- **Westfield Teatree Plaza**, 976 North East Road, Modbury. Myer, Big W, Kmart, Target, Harris Scarfe, Aldi, Coles, Woolworths, food hall and cinemas. Open daily except public holidays. westfield.com.au/teatreeplaza

HOSPITALS
 The Northern Adelaide Local Health Network includes two large public hospitals:

- **Lyell McEwin Hospital**, Haydown Road, Elizabeth Vale, phone 08 8182 9000.
- **Modbury Hospital**, Smart Road, Modbury, phone 08 8161 2000.

For more information, see sahealth.sa.gov.au

HIGHER EDUCATION

- **The University of South Australia Mawson Lakes Campus** is a specialist science and technology institution that capitalises on its proximity to Technology Park. unisa.edu.au



telephone. You should contact your local service providers, or you may like to take advantage of the free Fast Connect service, which will arrange for the disconnection and reconnection of utilities on your behalf. Contact them on 1300 661 464 or see fastconnect.net.au or access the service via Online Services on the Defence Housing Australia website at dha.gov.au.

FLOOD, FIRE & EMERGENCY

In the event of a life-threatening emergency call 000 to connect to Police, Fire and Ambulance. For assistance or information for:

- **Floods, storms or extreme weather** call the South Australian State Emergency Service on 132 500 or see ses.sa.gov.au.
- **Bushfires** call the Bushfire Information Hotline on 1800 362 361 or see cfs.sa.gov.au.

For more information see sa.gov.au/topics/emergencies-and-safety



LIBRARIES

THE CITY OF SALISBURY has five library branches providing free lending and online resource to members. For opening hours and information see salisbury.sa.gov.au/community/libraries

- **Burton Community Hub**, Waterloo Corner Road, Burton .
- **Ingle Farm Library**, Beovich Road, Ingle Farm.
- **Salisbury Community Hub Library**, 34 Church Street, Salisbury.
- **Mawson Lakes Library**, 2-8 Main Street, Mawson Lakes.
- **Para Hills Library**, Wilkinson Road, Para Hills.

THE CITY OF PLAYFORD Library Service has two branches, as well as a mobile library, home library service and an online library. For opening hours and information see playford.sa.gov.au/library

- **Playford Civic Centre**, 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth.
- **Stretton Centre**, 307 Peachey Road, Munno Para.



- **TAFESA** has a number of campuses in Northern Adelaide, including Salisbury, Elizabeth, Gilles Plains and Regency Park, offering a range of courses and training programs. tafesa.edu.au

UTILITIES

You will need to arrange your own utilities such as electricity, gas, pay TV, internet services or

PARKS

Salisbury has nearly 200 parks in with 140 play spaces. Park features include fenced play areas, barbecues, picnic areas, fitness equipment, dog parks, BMX tracks, skate parks, sports facilities, and tennis and basketball courts. salisbury.sa.gov.au/activities/community-facilities-and-parks/parks-and-facilities

Playford has more than 1,000 hectares of open space consisting of playground parks, sports reserves and trails. playford.sa.gov.au/explore

RECREATION FACILITIES

- **Ingle Farm Recreation Centre**, 3/58 Beovich, Ingle Farm. A multi-court, regional recreation centre with a range of activities and services. inglefarmrc.com.au
- **Gardens Recreation Centre**, corner Kings and Martins Road, Parafield Gardens, features air-conditioned stadiums with three full-size indoor sports courts and a large multi-purpose activity area. gardensrc.com.au
- **Playford Aquadome**, 1 Crockerton Road, Elizabeth. A complex with a 50m pool, a 25m pool and a leisure pool with beach entry and water features, a 110m waterslide, spa, steam room, gym, creche and cafe. playfordaquadome.com.au
- **Mayfair Ride Safe Park**, Mayfair Drive, Andrews Farm, is designed to enable children to learn to ride their bikes and scooters and become familiar with road rules in a safe environment. playford.sa.gov.au
- **St Kilda Boat Club and Marina**, Fookes Terrace, St Kilda. The marina is equipped with a boat ramp, boat channel, hard stands, marina berths, secure car park, clubrooms and slipping facilities. skbc.com.au

MORE INFORMATION

To find particular services, from childcare to health services to sports teams, visit sacommunity.org and search by council area service.

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HOUSING

MOVING HOUSE CAN be both an exciting and daunting prospect – some big decisions need to be made, the most important one being where you are going to live. Children’s education, distance to work for both the member and spouse/ partner, health care, lifestyle preferences and the amenity of available housing are all factors to be considered.

SERVICE RESIDENCES

Unless you own a suitable home in your new posting locality, your first port of call is Defence Housing Australia (DHA). DHA provides housing and related services for Australian Defence Force members and their families through its portfolio of service residences (SR). DHA’s portfolio comprises modern houses, townhouses and apartments in selected locations. The majority are off-base, integrated throughout the local community and in reasonably close proximity to Defence bases and establishments, amenities and services. DHA maintains the currency of its portfolio by upgrading existing properties, sourcing new properties through a variety of construction activities, acquiring properties

through traditional real estate markets and directly sourcing and leasing properties from private owners. You are eligible for a SR if you fit into any of these groups:

- You have a spouse, recognised interdependent partner or children who live with you (Accompanied Resident Family)
- You have Recognised Other Persons who normally live with you
- You are a member with unaccompanied resident family and your dependants need housing (Unaccompanied Resident Family).

More detailed information on entitlements can be found in the Pay and Conditions Manual, Chapter 7, [pay-conditions.defence.gov.au/pacman/chapter-7](https://defence.gov.au/pacman/chapter-7), and/or on DHA’s website dha.gov.au.

SINGLES

DHA also holds some apartments suitable for single members – called Members Choice accommodation. The process for accessing Members Choice or private rental under Rent Allowance (RA) is the same as for families accessing SR, outlined below.

HOW DO I FIND A SERVICE RESIDENCE?

As soon as you know you require a Service Residence, call DHA on 139 342 to obtain a username and password to access Online Services, a unique online tool that will allow you to select your new home. Online Services will show you:

- Homes within your entitlement
- Interior and exterior photos of the homes
- Property details for each home
- A floor plan
- A map showing the location of the home and nearby facilities.

Once you have researched your options, you can reserve a home on Online Services.

Note that, whether you are an Accompanied Resident Family or a single, if you own a home in your current posting location which is suitable for you to live in, you will not be eligible for a SR or RA.

PRIVATE RENTAL

If DHA cannot provide you with a suitable SR, you may be eligible for RA. While DHA will manage your RA application, it is up to you to

find a suitable rental property. Rental properties in the region can be sourced from local real estate agencies or on any of the following commercial websites:

- realestate.com.au/rent
- domain.com.au/rent
- rent.com.au
- realestateview.com.au/rental-properties
- rentfind.com.au/rentals.

BUYING A HOUSE

You may feel it's time to enter the housing market or wish to sell your home in your losing locality and purchase in the gaining locality. Assistance for home purchase may be available through:

- The Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme pays a monthly subsidy on a member's home loan interest. The scheme is administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, for details see dhoas.gov.au.
- The Home Purchase or Sale Expenses Allowance reimburses reasonable buying and selling costs. For details see the Pay and Conditions Manual, pay-conditions.defence.gov.au/pacman/chapter-7/part-3.
Note that a decision to purchase your own

home in your new locality does not need to be made before you proceed on posting, you can decide at any time during your posting. However, if you are in RA accommodation, you will need to consider the penalties in your lease for early termination.

MORE INFORMATION OR ASSISTANCE

For information on all accommodation options, application forms and to access Online Services, visit DHA's website, dha.gov.au.

At times, finding the right housing solution can be a challenging process. The Directorate of Relocations and Housing is responsible for the provision and delivery of quality housing and related services to ADF members under national contracts and in accordance with Defence Policy.

If you require additional support please email DRH.DRHM@defence.gov.au with your enquiry and your local Defence Relocation Manager will be in touch.



POSTING CONNECT

PostingConnect provides an online environment from where you can manage your posting. The platform provides direct access to posting services, including Toll and DHA, and is accessible from any device. PostingConnect allows members and their families to navigate the many aspects of a posting within one application. Visit the PostingConnect website, defence.gov.au/postingconnect, for more information.

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HEALTH MATTERS

There are a number of services to help manage your family's health in a new posting.

ADF MEMBER HEALTH

Defence provides essential healthcare to all ADF members, on and off base, including medical and dental, mental health, ambulance transport and hospitalisation. ADF members do not need a Medicare card.

EDINBURGH HEALTH CENTRE

Medical reception/appointments 08 7383 2424
Edinburgh Ward (24hrs) 08 7383 2263
Dental appointments 08 7374 2860
Pharmacy 08 7383 2961
Physiotherapy 08 7374 3509

WOOMERA CLINIC

Medical Appointments 08 8673 7100

24-HOUR HEALTH SUPPORT

ADF members needing urgent medical treatment when away from base should call 1800 IM SICK (1800 467 425). The IM SICK line is a toll-free, all-hours service for ADF personnel to discuss health concerns over the phone and receive immediate advice on where they need to go to receive appropriate treatment. The service is provided by BUPA under the ADF Health Services Contract.

RECOGNISED DEPENDENTS

Members need to make arrangements for the health care of their families, but note that financial assistance is available (see right: DEFENCE FAMILY HEALTH CARE).

FINDING A GP

To find a GP in your locality, a good place to start is the 'find a health service' tool on the Australian Government's Health Direct website, healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services, which allows you to filter out GPs who don't bulk bill. GPs who don't bulk bill will charge you for the visit. You can claim the 'schedule fee' from Medicare, but it will probably be less than the GP's account, leaving a residual cost. Many doctors now offer a service called HICAPS that allows you to claim your Medicare rebate when you pay at the doctor's surgery. Joining a social group to connect with others in your area is also good way to glean advice on local GPs and medical centres.

DEFENCE FAMILY HEALTH CARE

The National ADF Family Health Program will reimburse dependants of ADF members for out-of-pocket expenses for all GP visits. Specialist services will also be reimbursed, up to a total allocation of \$800 per dependent which can be shared between dependents. For more information visit adffamilyhealth.com or phone 02 6266 3547.

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

Medicare makes adequate provision to cover all Australian citizens for their essential health needs. However, Medicare doesn't cover many 'extras' such as ambulance services, most dental services, spectacles, contact lenses, hearing aids and cosmetic surgery. You may choose to take out private health insurance to provide your

family with a wider range of options and more comprehensive cover. Health insurance policies can be either hospital or general treatment (extras) or a combination of both. Your decision to purchase private insurance is a personal one and will be based on a number of factors:

- The advantages of having more choices, for instance the ability to choose your surgeon/obstetrician/specialist and the hospital you prefer from the private health insurer's agreed providers
- The probability of obtaining treatment faster than you might do on a public hospital waiting list
- Your desire to be covered for the extras
- The cost of private health cover for different options that are offered by the numerous providers in the health-insurance market.

With respect to the cost, you will also need to consider the tax implications of the Medicare Levy surcharge, which (as distinct from the Medicare Levy) is an additional tax imposed on those with a taxable income above a certain threshold who do not have a prescribed level of private health insurance.

The cost of your private health insurance policy will also be influenced by your age when you commence your policy. Once you turn 31, a Lifetime Health Cover (LHC) loading of two percent is added to your hospital cover premium for every year you're without hospital cover, e.g. if you delay until age 40, your LHC would be 20 percent. Note that permanent ADF members are considered to have had private hospital cover while serving.

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SOME USEFUL WEBSITES

Health insurance

- acc.gov.au/consumers/health-home-travel/private-health-insurance
- PrivateHealth.gov.au
- choice.com.au/money/insurance/health

Medicare Levy

- Go to the Australian Tax Office website, ato.gov.au, and search 'Medicare Levy'.
- For more, go to help.airtax.com.au and search 'Medicare and Medicare Levy exemption for ADF members'.

CARING FOR FAMILIES

The Women's and Children's Hospital Network is South Australia's primary deliverer of specialist women's and children's health.

IT IS IMPORTANT for Defence members to have a trusted and valued hospital that can provide for their families while they are posted to Adelaide.

The Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH) is South Australia's leading provider of specialist care for children and the state's largest maternity and obstetric service. It is part of the broader Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN) which provides statewide services from more than 150 sites.

The WCH provides acute and outpatient care in areas such as paediatric medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, neonatology, mental health, aboriginal health, disability, rehabilitation and allied health. The hospital has a purpose-built unit for the Aboriginal Family Birthing Program, which complements its existing maternity services while providing a culturally appropriate space for Aboriginal families.

The WCHN is committed to ensuring people understand what is happening to them when they visit, and to the principles of person- and family-centred care which involves:

- Ensuring consumers are equipped to give informed consent to receiving health services.
- Promoting shared decision-making in healthcare or birthing experience.
- Providing access to accurate information in a format that is comfortable and meaningful.
- Helping with orientation to the ward, unit or service being accessed.
- Treating people with dignity and respect.

The Women's and Children's Hospital is currently located in North Adelaide's picturesque parklands, but planning is underway for a new Women's and Children's Hospital, to be built in the South Australian Biomedical precinct close to the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

While those plans are brought to fruition, the WCH is continually updating its services, with recently refurbished areas including a new child and adolescent mental health ward, neonatal nurseries, upgraded paediatric emergency

department, operating theatres and adolescent ward. Further work is underway to upgrade the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, where the most unwell children are cared for.

The WCH also has a Virtual Urgent Care Service which offers access to timely medical care, potentially reducing the need to visit the emergency department. The service is staffed by highly skilled paediatric emergency nurses and doctors who will assess your child and provide advice or referral to an appropriate service for ongoing care. You can access it by visiting wch.sa.gov.au/virtualurgentcare.

There is also a new virtual care service being trialled for women experiencing early pregnancy loss or gynaecological issues. Search "Virtual Women's Assessment Service, WCH" on your web browser to access the service.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Women's and Children's Hospital, including hospital maps and parking information, see wch.sa.gov.au or call 08 8161 7000.

CAMHS wchn.sa.gov.au/CAMHS

CaFHS cafhs.sa.gov.au or call 1300 733 606

Cedar Health Service whs.sa.gov.au

Families can access services at WCHN community sites including free Health and Development checks for children aged 0-5 years through the Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS). The network also supports children and families in the community through its Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), Cedar Health Service for those impacted by domestic and family violence and Metropolitan Youth Health services.

The WCH has an active consumer engagement program where carers, patients and other consumers are integral to the WCHN's patient-focused care services, see wchn.sa.gov.au/get-involved/engaging-with-us/consumer-involvement-opportunities.

Keep up to date with the Women's and Children's Health Network on social media @WCHNetwork on Facebook and Instagram.



EARLY LEARNING

Choosing the right childcare or early learning service will depend on your family's needs and where you and your child will feel most comfortable.

AS WELL AS PROVIDING CARE, childcare and early learning services provide an opportunity for your child to develop social, emotional and learning skills. A range of care and play-based learning options is available for babies and children up to six years of age. Some childcare providers also offer before- and after-school care to school-aged children. Childcare may be offered by private providers, community groups, government agencies, individuals, babysitters or nannies. When deciding what type of care is best for your child, you may want to ask yourself:

- How many hours of care do I need? The whole day, just mornings or afternoons, a few hours a week, or just occasionally.
- Do I want my child cared for in a home environment or in a centre?
- What kind of qualifications and experience do the staff members have?
- Does the service offer a preschool program?
- What learning and play opportunities do I want my child to have?
- What kind of routine will my child have?
- Do I want the service to provide lunch?
- Can I have a look at a sample meal plan?
- What is the carer-to-child ratio?
- Can I claim the Child Care Subsidy if I choose a certain childcare and learning service?

LONG DAY CARE

Generally available all day or on a part-time basis until children start school, long day care is offered by government, private, community or non-profit organisations. In most cases, it is provided at an early childhood centre, which may be called a childcare centre, early learning centre, kindergarten or preschool. Long day care may also be provided by a carer in your home – through a nanny or babysitting services or through the Family Day Care scheme in the carer's home. [childcarefinder.gov.au](https://www.childcarefinder.gov.au)

FAMILY DAY CARE

Family day care offers families affordable, personalised care by a qualified educator in a safe and nurturing home environment. It is small group care for a maximum of four children under school age and three children of school age.

The Department for Education has managed family day care for more than 40 years and is the longest-serving provider of family day care services in South Australia, with educators based across metropolitan and regional areas. Qualified educators are supported and monitored by a department qualified coordinator. Family day care offers care during work hours, before/after school, during school holidays, overnight and weekends.

Family day care benefits

- Smaller groups of children means strong, trusting relationships with one main educator
- Siblings can be cared for together in the same home
- Children will be in a home environment that will help them develop relationships that go from a young age through to primary school years
- Children with additional needs are welcomed into small, home-based care environments
- Children will be in an environment that supports play-based learning.
- Access to a formal childcare option that can operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- A choice of educators so parents can decide who best suits them and their child
- May be eligible for the Australian Government's Child Care Subsidy to assist with fees
- Educators can drop off and pick up your child to and from school or preschool.

Family day care educators:

- have a minimum qualification of Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care



- have regular police clearance checks for themselves and other occupants in their homes
- have current first aid and CPR
- run a service that complies with the National Quality Framework government standards and state requirements
- are supported by highly trained department Family day care coordinators who work at a local level and interact with children, educators and parents.

For more information phone 08 8343 6533, email educationfdcbusiness@sa.gov.au, or see [education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/child-care-services](https://www.education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/child-care-services).

PRESCHOOL

In SA preschools are also known as kindergartens and some private preschools are known as early learning centres. In preschool, children learn through play-based programs designed and delivered by qualified teachers.

Preschools may be run by government, private or community providers for children who will be starting school within the next year (four to five year olds).

If your child turns four before May 1, they can start preschool on the first day of Term 1 in that year. If your child turns four on or after May 1, they can start preschool on the first day of Term 1 the following year. Children usually attend up to four sessions per week for up to four terms. Preschools may be a stand-alone centre, part of a



school or located with another childcare service. See sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/early-childhood-education-and-care/preschool-and-kindergarten.

OCCASIONAL CARE

Occasional Care offers professional care for children on a casual basis. In SA, it is generally offered through government preschools and in some childcare centres, preschools, family day care homes, nanny and babysitting services or through the In-home Care Program. This service is suitable for families who do not need childcare on a regular basis but would like someone to look after their children occasionally, for example when they have a medical or other appointment. With this type of care, you only pay for the hours you use. See education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/child-care-services.

WAITING LISTS

Some childcare services use waiting lists to manage high demand and places are allocated to families with the greatest need for childcare. Where demand for childcare is high, all approved services with the exception of Occasional Care must adhere to Priority of Access Guidelines (available at dss.gov.au) to ensure there is a fair childcare system.

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

The Australian Government provides families with financial assistance to help cover the costs of approved childcare, under the Child Care Subsidy. The Child Care Subsidy is income tested and is usually paid directly to approved Child Care Services to reduce the fees that eligible families pay. You can apply for the Child Care Subsidy online or in person through Centrelink. To apply online, visit the Services Australia website, servicesaustralia.gov.au.

RESPIRE CARE

The SA Department of Education operates a Respite Care Program, a specialised disability care service for children and young people. The program is a provider for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, which provides funding for respite care for children and young people with a disability. For more information call 08 8416 7414 or see sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/disability-and-special-needs/respire-care.

MORE INFORMATION

To find childcare services:
startingblocks.gov.au/find-child-care
For more advice:
education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families.



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SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S SCHOOL SYSTEM

There is a lot to learn about how primary schools and high schools function – especially as different states have different arrangements. Here's some information on education in South Australia.

IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA you can choose to send your child to a government (public school), independent or Catholic school or preschool. It is compulsory for children to be enrolled in a school by their sixth birthday and the start date for school for all children is the first day of Term 1. All young people under the age of 17 years are required to attend full-time schooling, training or work for at least 25 hours a week.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Government or public primary schools are all co-educational. Most children attend four terms of preschool and four terms of reception.

South Australian primary schools traditionally cover the period from reception to Year 6, with Year 7 as the first year of high school.

Children usually attend a school near their home and those living within in the area or zone around the school have priority in enrolment. However, parents can send their children to another school if it has vacancies.

A number of public primary schools are on the same site as a high school and are generally known as R-12 schools (reception to Year 12). Some schools offer services from birth through to Year 12

In SA, public primary schools have one intake date. If your child turns five before May 1, they can start primary school the first day of Term 1 of that year. If your child turns five on or after May 1, they can start primary school the first day of Term 1 of the following year. Children must start at school by their sixth birthday.

FINDING A SCHOOL

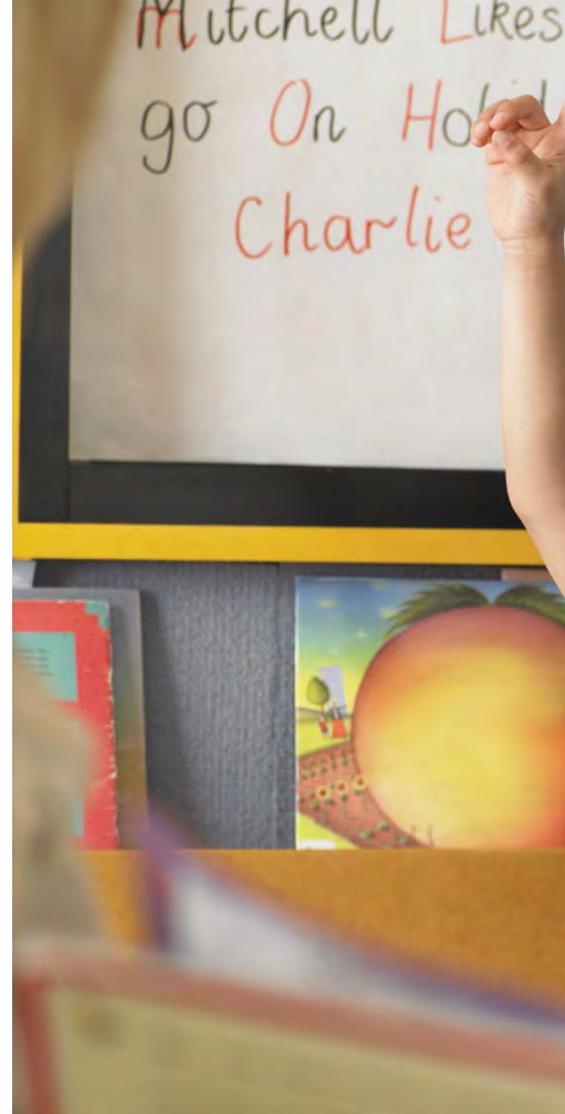
Starting school is a major milestone for children and their families, so the decision you make about their education is important. The school finder tool on the SA Department for Education website (education.sa.gov.au) will help you find public primary schools in your area as well and provides zoning and other information.

To help you choose the best school for your child, look at the school websites for information about performance, mission, staffing, funding and resources. Request copies of annual reports, behaviour management policies and school rules. You can also get information and compare schools at the My School website (myschool.edu.au). Once you have a shortlist, make an appointment to meet the principal and staff and see the school facilities.

HIGH SCHOOL

From 2022, Year 6 became the last year of primary school in SA public schools and Year 7 the first year of high school, bringing South Australia in line with other states and territories, as well as other education systems in the state.

The transition to high school process is a registration of interest managed by the education department on behalf of schools. This process will allocate students to a high school, but is not an enrolment to the school. Final enrolment is subject to the consideration and acceptance by the high school. The central process is completed around the end of Term 2, and then high schools will enrol students. If parents miss the transition



process, they can contact a secondary school directly regarding enrolment.

Your child will be considered for placement at each school you have applied for, in order of choice. However, popular metropolitan high schools may offer placement for only a small number of non-local students.

If parents do not want their child to go to their allocated school, they can approach other schools directly. If there are available spaces, the school may accept a request for enrolment.

Parents can transfer their child to a South Australia public high school at any time during the year, if the new school is able to accommodate the request. Transfer enquires should be made directly with the school.

TRANSFERRING TO A NEW SCHOOL

Speak to your child's current school about transferring to a new school. The principal can help you through the process. They will make sure the new school receives reports and other information to help them make the best arrangements for your child.

If you are moving from another state, the new school can request consent from you to obtain your child's information from the previous school



vocational education programs, and cultural and sporting opportunities

- consider behaviour management, discipline and uniform policies.

STARTING SCHOOL

Before starting school, children are usually invited to visit their new school so they can become familiar with it. If your child is transferring to a new school, the principal will have processes to help them adjust, such as buddy systems.

Even for students who are looking forward to it, a change in school may cause distress. Signs of stress include irritability, reluctance to talk, sleep disturbance, stomach aches, headaches and not wanting to go to school. The school can provide support and advice if your child is having difficulty settling in.

SENIOR YEARS

The Australian Curriculum is taught in government schools for reception to Year 10 subjects. The curriculum covers English, maths, science, humanities and social sciences, the arts, technologies, health and physical education and languages. Years 10 to 12 students study towards the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). SACE provides pathways to work and further education with some subjects counting towards higher qualifications offered through vocational education and university, see sace.sa.edu.au. Students can choose to incorporate SACE studies with:

- vocational education and training (VET)
- a flexible learning option (FLO).

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

VET pathways allow students in Years 10-12 to develop skills and understanding for the workforce and get training in industry-specific skills. VET students can gain credit towards a nationally recognised qualification such as a certificate or diploma while undertaking their SACE and it may improve admission scores

using the interstate student data transfer note. This system enables the new schools to support the educational placements of new students.

When changing schools:

- consider the timing of the move and if the move can coincide with the change of term
- involve your children in discussions and decisions about moving – this may help allay any fears or concerns they have
- discuss the forthcoming move with your

current school and collect documentation outlining student achievement levels and education history – this will help with appropriate placement at the new school

- prepare a list of your children's particular needs, for example their preferred subjects, sporting and other interests, transport needs, and favourite extracurricular activities
- consider subject choices, special education provisions, transport to and from school,

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for those planning further study after school. Five SACE credits are awarded for successful completion of 35 hours of VET. Up to 150 of the 200 credits required for SACE can be earned through VET. The remaining 50 credits must come from undertaking PLP (10 credits), English (20), Maths (10) and Research Project (10), as they are a compulsory requirement of completing SACE. Students should find out about different industries before choosing a VET course, see skills.sa.gov.au for more information.



FLEXIBLE LEARNING

FLO is a student enrolment strategy aimed to improve the engagement and retention of young people in secondary schools who are identified at significant risk of disengaging from a mainstream school-based learning program.

A FLO enrolment involves:

- undertaking of appropriate learning programs

(SACE, Australian Curriculum, VET)

- having a school-managed Flexible Learning and Transition Portfolio in place
- the provision of individual case management.

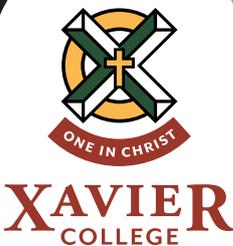
MORE INFORMATION:

- education.sa.gov.au
- sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning

SA SCHOOL DATES FOR 2024

Dates apply to South Australian public schools. Dates for Catholic and independent schools may vary.

Term 1	Monday 29 January	Friday 12 April
School Holidays	Saturday 13 April	Sunday 28 April
Term 2	Monday 29 April	Friday 5 July
School Holidays	Saturday 6 July	Sunday 21 July
Term 3	Monday 22 July	Friday 27 September
School Holidays	Saturday 28 September	Sunday 13 October
Term 4	Monday 14 October	Friday 13 December
School Holidays	Saturday 14 December	Monday 27 January 2025



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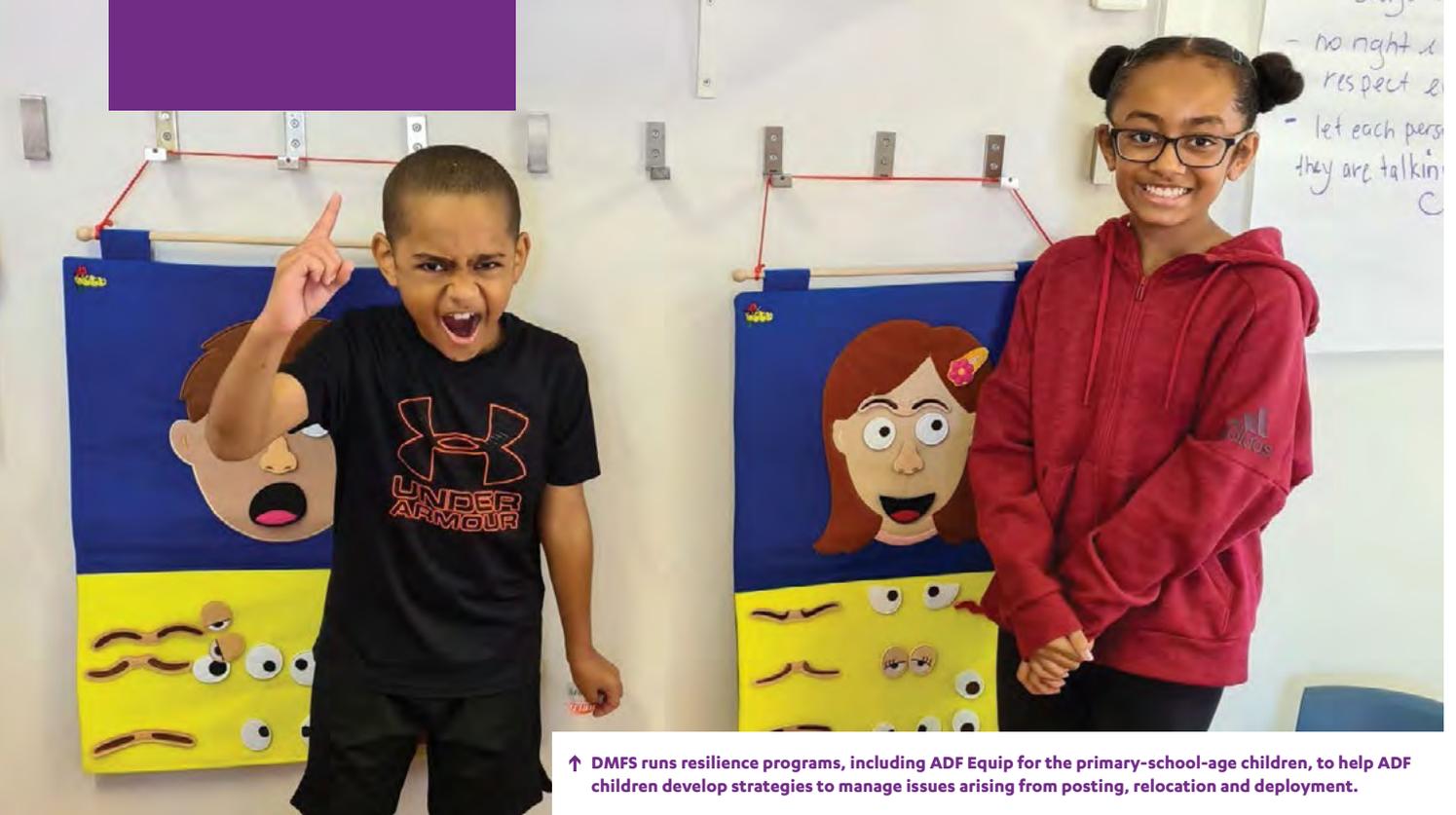
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↑ DMFS runs resilience programs, including ADF Equip for the primary-school-age children, to help ADF children develop strategies to manage issues arising from posting, relocation and deployment.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

If you're keen to minimise any disruption to your child's education as a result of your family's relocation, talk to Defence Member and Family Support.

DEFENCE MEMBER AND FAMILY SUPPORT

(DMFS) provides information, resources and programs to help with the transition between schools and education systems when ADF members and their families move, and provides support for the unique needs of Defence children.

ADF EQUIP

The ADF Equip Program is designed to help children manage the challenges associated with Defence life. The program supports children to learn appropriate strategies to help them manage the challenge of parental absence and relocation related to service. It includes facilitated sessions tailored to age group and is open to children aged between five and 18 years.

EDUCATION LIAISON OFFICERS

Education liaison officers are experienced staff who help Defence families as they move around the country, providing information, advice, referral

and specialised assistance. They are located in each state and territory and have extensive knowledge about the local schools and education systems as well as the challenges faced by Defence children. The assistance provided includes:

- Informing families about local schools and education systems
- Linking families with special education providers, resources or support agencies according to their children's individual needs (including special needs students)
- Working with schools to ensure a supportive education environment and to raise awareness of issues facing Defence children
- Informing families about Defence support services available, such as financial assistance under the Education Assistance Scheme.

DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTORS

DMFS's school mentor program provides support

to the children of ADF members, particularly when moving in and out of a school on posting or when a parent is absent from home. Under the program, mentors in primary and secondary schools support Defence students transitioning from school to school and during times of parental absence. Mentors help schools, families and children to develop strategies to successfully integrate into the school and community. Their role also includes:

- Coordinating appropriate welcome and farewell activities
- Smoothing the transition between different schools and different education systems (including minimising the impact of relocation on learning outcomes)
- Monitoring the social, emotional and academic wellbeing of Defence students
- Helping students develop self-confidence, self-reliance and resilience
- Referring students to services or school community programs that meet their needs.

In 2023, the following South Australian schools had a Defence School Monitor:

- Catherine McAuley School Campus
- Gawler & District College B-12
- Gleeson College
- Golden Grove High School
- Golden Grove Primary School
- Greenwith Primary School
- Hewett Primary School
- Largs Bay School
- Mawson Lakes School
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To find out which schools in your area have a mentor in 2024, see, see www.defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/family-programs-services/support-for-children/defence-school-mentor-program

CHILDCARE

DMFS maintains a network of childcare centres around Australia and has a range of programs to support the availability of childcare services to Defence families, who might face difficulties accessing childcare. That includes access to an individual case management service to help them find registered childcare services in their local community.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Defence families can access a range of financial support to help minimise the disruption to caused by posting and relocations. The support available includes:

- Tutoring assistance
- Boarding school allowance
- Tertiary accommodation
- Students with special needs
- Reimbursement of a lost scholarship
- Reunion travel.

The aim is to provide students with educational stability or short-term assistance to help overcome any immediate difficulties with education or emotional wellbeing as a result of relocation.

CONTACT DMFS

For more information about these services, contact the 24/7 Defence Member and Family Helpline on 1800 624 608, visit defence.gov.au/members-families or email memberandfamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au.



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ADELAIDE CITY

WHETHER YOU'RE INTO FOOD AND DRINK, the arts, sport or heritage, central Adelaide has plenty to offer. Surrounded by parklands, the compact city is laid out in a neat grid, which makes it easy to navigate.

GETTING AROUND

From the Adelaide Railway Station, it's easy to walk to most of the city's attractions and there is a free city loop bus, City Connector, and free tram travel within the CBD (adelaidemetro.com.au). Learn about the city's history on a self-guided heritage tour with the Adelaide City Explorer (adelaidecityexplorer.com.au).

NORTH TERRACE

Stroll along tree-lined North Terrace to see many of the city's heritage buildings and cultural venues, including the Art Gallery of South Australia (artgallery.sa.gov.au), State Library (slsa.sa.gov.au), South Australian Museum (samuseum.sa.gov.au), Migration Museum (82 Kintore Avenue, migration.history.sa.gov.au), Centre of Democracy (centreofdemocracy.sa.gov.au) and Tandanya (tandanya.com.au, 253 Grenfell Street), Australia's oldest Aboriginal-owned and managed multi-arts centre, which is just a short walk from North Terrace.

TIME OUT

With world-class wine regions, city culture, beaches and rolling hills, there's plenty to explore around Edinburgh.

↑ [Riverbank Precinct.](#)



PHOTO: South Australian Tourism Commission



PHOTO: Michael Waterhouse

BOTANIC GARDENS

In the heart of the city, the beautifully maintained gardens cover 50ha and include the largest single-span glasshouse in the Southern Hemisphere and the historic Palm House, imported from Germany in 1875. A range of masterclasses, concerts and seasonal events run throughout the year. North Terrace, Adelaide. Open daily. environment.sa.gov.au/botanicgardens

ADELAIDE ZOO

Home to more than 2,500 animals and 250 species of exotic and native mammals, birds, reptiles and fish, the zoo covers eight hectares, bordered by the Botanic Park and River Torrens. Kids enjoy riding the iconic Popeye along the river to or from the zoo (thepopeye.com.au). The zoo offers a range of up-close animal experiences including meeting the primates, zoo keeper for a day and an interactive experience with its star attractions, giant pandas Wang Wang and Fu Ni. Frome Road, Adelaide. Open 9.30am-5pm daily. adelaidezoo.com.au

RUNDLE MALL

In the heart of Adelaide, the Rundle Mall Precinct is the place for fashion, food and lifestyle shopping. Just to the south of North Terrace, it runs from King William Street to Pulteney Street around an open-air mall. Continue east along Rundle Street for boutique fashion, restaurants, cafes and pubs. rundlemall.com; rundlestreet.com.au

ADELAIDE CENTRAL MARKET

Established in 1869, the Adelaide Central Market is one of the largest covered markets in the Southern Hemisphere. More than 80 traders sell a huge range of local fresh food including fruit and vegetables, meat and poultry, seafood, cheese, bakery and small goods. The market also has some popular cafes and eateries. 44-60 Gouger Street Adelaide. Open Tue-Sat. adelaidecentralmarket.com.au

ADELAIDE RIVERBANK

Covering 380ha around the River Torrens, the Adelaide Riverbank hosts world-class arts, cultural and sporting events and has a variety of walking, running and cycling trails. On the city side of the river, you'll find the Botanic Gardens and Botanic Park, the zoo, University of Adelaide, Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide Festival Centre (adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au), SkyCity hotel and casino, Adelaide Convention Centre and Adelaide Railway Station. To the north sits the North Adelaide Golf Course (northadelaidegolf.com.au), Adelaide Oval (adelaideoval.com.au), which

hosts sporting events and concerts, and offers experiences from the RoofClimb to fine dining at the Oval Hotel, and the Memorial Drive Tennis Centre, home to the Adelaide International tennis tournament every summer (adelaideinternational.com.au).

EATING OUT

Adelaide is known for its award-winning restaurants and chefs. Some of the best places to grab a bite can be found on Gouger Street, Rundle Street and King William Road. Leigh Street, Peel Street and Ebenezer Place are small bar hotspots, with some of the coolest places tucked away in basements, behind secret doors and down unmarked alleyways. adelaidedining.com.au



PHOTO: Melissa Tonkin



↑ **Lucky Dumpling Market,**
Elder Park, Adelaide.

PHOTO: South Australian Tourism Commission



↑ **Illuminate Adelaide, Illuminate Pavilion,**
Rundle Road.

PHOTO: Tyr Liang & Explorer Studio, Artist: Ouchhh Studio, Wisdom of AI Light

MORE INFORMATION:

Adelaide Visitor Information Centre, 25 Pirie Street, Adelaide.
cityofadelaide.com.au/about-adelaide/visitor-information

BEACHES

STRETCHED ALONG ST VINCENT GULF,

Adelaide has a wealth of beaches within easy reach (most are less than 30 minutes from the city centre).

The further up the gulf you go, the more protected the beaches, making them ideal for children. The metropolitan beaches are popular for windsurfing, kite surfing and paddle boarding. South of the city, the water is more open and there are some surf beaches.

Catch the tram from the centre of Adelaide to historic **Glenelg**, just 12km away, to enjoy the shops and cafes along Jetty Road and Holdfast Shores Marina or take the kids to The Beachhouse amusement centre.

Henley Beach has cafes and restaurants

around a recently refurbished grassed square and a wide sandy beach.

Historic **Semaphore** has a long beach bordered by sand dunes and boulevards dotted with well-preserved art deco buildings.

The jetties at **Brighton**, Glenelg, Henley Beach and Semaphore are popular spots to fish for tommy ruff, salmon trout, mulloway, bream and squid.

The **Outer Harbour Breakwater** is a good spot for snapper, tommy ruff, bream and garfish, and **St Kilda**, at the northern end of the Port River, is a good fishing spot for bream, yellowfin whiting, mullet, salmon trout and blue swimmer crabs. The SA Fishing app has information on fishing in South Australia, pir.sa.gov.au/fishing/recfishingapp

Port Noarlunga, **Christies Beach** and the **Fleurieu Peninsula** beaches, south of Adelaide, are popular for surfing and body boarding.

PHOTO: South Australian Tourism Commission



↑ **Rapid Bay, Fleurieu Peninsula.**

NATURE & WILDLIFE

ADELAIDE DOLPHIN SANCTUARY

Home to more than 30 bottlenose dolphins, with another 300 dolphins visiting regularly, the sanctuary stretches from the Port River to Port Gawler and features a 10,000-year-old mangrove forest. Other wildlife includes stingrays, long-nosed fur seals and endangered Australian sea lions. environment.sa.gov.au/parks

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL BIRD SANCTUARY

Stretching along more than 60km of coastline north of Adelaide, the sanctuary is a crucial habitat on a migratory route used by more than five million birds a year. The sanctuary includes several boardwalks. environment.sa.gov.au/parks

CLELAND WILDLIFE PARK

Home to 130 species of Australian wildlife, the park is part of the Cleland Conservation Park. Most of the animals wander freely and visitors can feed them, get some great photos and even touch them. 365 Mount Lofty Summit Road, Crafrers. clelandwildlifepark.sa.gov.au

MONARTO SAFARI PARK

About an hour southeast of Adelaide, the 1,500ha open-range zoo has more than 50 species of exotic and native animals. Explore on walking trails or the Zu-loop bus. 63 Monarto Road, Monarto. Open 9.30m-5pm daily. monartosafari.com.au

ST KILDA MANGROVE TRAIL

A 400m elevated boardwalk takes you through tidal salt marshes, mangroves and sea grass channels to a lookout across the Barker Inlet. Nearby St Kilda Adventure Playground has a flying fox, slides and a pirate ship. Cockle Street, St Kilda. Open 9am-4pm daily. discoversalisbury.com.au

HEYSEN TRAIL

The 1,200km HeySEN Trail runs from Cape Jervis, about 100km southwest of Adelaide, north through the Adelaide Hills and Barossa Valley to Parachilna Gorge in the Flinders Ranges. Sections can be done as day walks, but many are closed during the bushfire season (November to April). heysentrail.asn.au

RAIL TRAILS

There are a number of shared-use paths on disused railway corridors, including The Barossa Trail (43km) between Tanunda and Angaston, The Riesling and Rattler Trail (54km) in the Clare Valley, the Coast to Vines Rail Trail (37km) between Marino Rocks and Willunga, the Outer Harbour Rail Trail (23km) in Port Adelaide, and the Penfield Rail Trail (7km) from Salisbury to Edinburgh North. railtrails.org.au

THE MURRAY RIVER

A bit over an hour's drive east from Edinburgh, the Murray is SA's largest waterway and offers

plenty of water activities. Take a cruise or hire a houseboat to explore at leisure. Paddle through backwaters, creeks and lagoons on one of the many dedicated kayak and canoe trails or, if walking or cycling is more your style, try a section of the 450km Murray Coorong Trail. themurrayriver.com

LOCAL TRAILS

Little Para River Trail (16.5km), runs from the escarpments to the east of Northern Adelaide to Barker Inlet in the west. Remnants of natural landscapes along the river include eucalyptus



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woodland and golden wattle. A mix of sealed and unsealed trails link to the Dry Creek Trails.

Dry Creek Trails (14km), a network of walking and cycling trails follows Dry Creek and its reserves from Wynn Vale and Valley View through Mawson Lakes to the Little Para River Trail.

Cobbler Creek, off the Groveway, Salisbury East, has a number of trails including Mia Tappa Circuit (2.4km), Babblers Loop (3.6km), Porosa Hike (3km), Valley Circuit (4.2km) and Mike Green Trail (3.3km).

Tapa Martinthi Yala shared-use path (16.7km) runs alongside the Northern Connector motorway. In the south, the path connects to the Port River Bikeway (7.6km). In the north, it connects to the Stuart O'Grady Bikeway (22.6km).

Wynn Vale to Valley View Walking Path (6.3km), a wide, shared-use path meanders along the Dry Creek corridor.

Smith Creek Trail (3km), a family-friendly path that winds from Smithfield Plains, near the train station, to Stebonheath Park at Andrews Farm.

Gawler Rivers Path (8km) follows the North and South Para Rivers, skirting the town centre.

See walkingsa.org.au for maps and more trails.

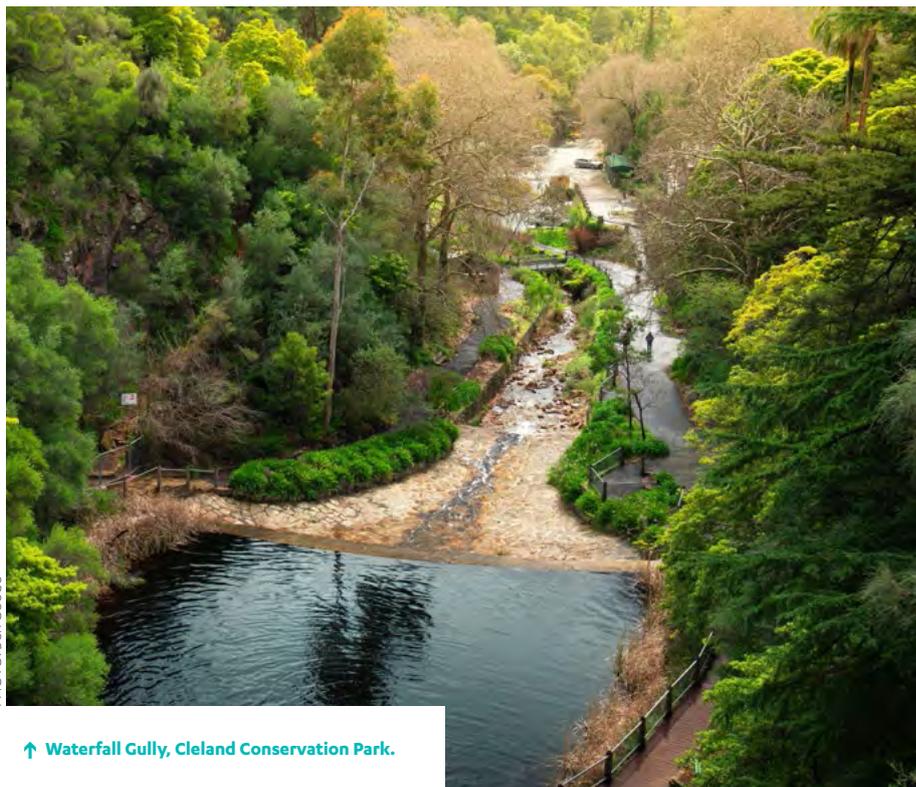


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↑ [Waterfall Gully, Cleland Conservation Park.](#)

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Clare Valley Wine, Food & Tourism Centre, 8 Spring Gully Road, Clare. clarevalley.com.au

ADELAIDE HILLS

One of Australia's best cool-climate wine regions, the hills district has about 50 cellar doors, along with restaurants, markets, cheese, honey, craft beers, cider and boutique spirits. Add in winding roads, historic towns and orchards, and the hills make a great day trip or weekend break. Adelaide Hills Visitor Information Centre, 68 Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf. adelaidehillsvic.com.au; adelaidehillswine.com.au

MCLAREN VALE

Less than an hour's drive south of Adelaide, McLaren Vale has more than 80 cellar doors where you can try great shiraz, grenache, cabernet sauvignon, chardonnay and other varieties, along with olives, cheeses, craft beer and more. It is flanked by hills and beaches and has plenty of cafes, restaurants and markets. McLaren Vale & Fleurieu Coast Visitor Information Centre, 796 Main Road, McLaren Vale. mclarenvaleandfleurieucoast.com.au

LANGHORNE CREEK

One of the country's oldest wine regions, Langhorne Creek sits between the Adelaide Hills and the Coorong and is home to a handful of excellent cellar doors offering fine wine and restaurants. langhornecreek.com

WINE REGIONS

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BAROSSA VALLEY

With more than 150 wineries and 80 cellar doors, the Barossa is home to the biggest names in Australian wine, including Penfolds (Grange) and Henschke (Hill of Grace), along with well-known

labels such as Wolf Blass and Jacob's Creek. Lyndoch, Tanunda, Nuriootpa and Angaston offer accommodation and restaurants, and many of the cellar doors have restaurants or serve food platters. Barossa Visitor Information Centre, 66-68 Murray Street, Tanunda. barossa.com

CLARE VALLEY

Famous for its Riesling, Clare Valley also produces fine shiraz and cabernets, along with other varieties. It has some of SA's oldest wineries; Sevenhill Cellars was established in 1851. The valley stretches along a 40km corridor between Auburn and Clare and is home to more than 40 cellar doors, plus great pubs and cafes.

THE SHEDLEY THEATRE

The Shedley brings some of Australia's most talented performers to Adelaide's northern suburbs. It also available for community hire. 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth. theshedley.com.au

NORTHERN SOUND SYSTEM

Playford's youth development facility uses music to engage with young people. 73 Elizabeth Way, Elizabeth. northernsoundsystem.com.au

TREE TEA PLAYERS THEATRE

A community theatre group staging regular productions, including end-of-year pantomimes. Corner Yatala Vale and Hancock Roads, Surrey Downs. teatreplayers.com

ADELAIDE FESTIVAL

Held every March, the festival presents a mix of internationally acclaimed theatre productions, musicians, dance pieces, writers and visual arts displays. The 2024 festival will run from 1-17 March,

including Adelaide Writers Week, 2-7 March. adelaidefestival.com.au

ADELAIDE FRINGE

The month-long Adelaide Fringe is the biggest arts festival in the Southern Hemisphere, bringing together more than 6,000 independent artists in more than 300 venues across South Australia. The 2024 Fringe will run from 16 February to 17 March. adelaidefringe.com.au

WOMADELAIDE

WOMADEelaide – World Of Music Arts & Dance is an open-air festival in the heart of Adelaide's Botanic Park, featuring four days of the best in live music, arts, dance and food from around the world. In 2024, WOMADEelaide will run from 8-11 March. womadelelaide.com.au

ADELAIDE PLANETARIUM

Learn about the constellations, stars and planets from the comfort of an armchair. The



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↑ The Pyramid at Fool's Paradise, Victoria Square.

planetarium features a unique domed ceiling illuminated by a Zeiss Jena ZPK1 star projector with an artificial night sky. University of South Australia, Mawson Lakes Campus unisa.edu.au

ADELAIDE TRAMWAY MUSEUM

This is the place to learn the history of Adelaide's trams. You can even hop on a historic tram to ride 2km from the museum and the St Kilda Adventure Playground. St Kilda Road, St Kilda. Open Sunday noon-5pm. trammuseumadelaide.com

↓ Woomera provides a unique environment for the testing of war materiel.



WELCOME TO WOOMERA

The remote Woomera Range Complex is the largest and most isolated EDP site, presenting a unique experience for Defence staff who live and work here.

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WGCDR GARY RAINS

Senior Australian Defence Force Officer,
RAAF Woomera

WELCOME TO WOOMERA. As the largest land-based weapon testing facility in the Western world, with a specialised operations environment in support of directed whole-of-Defence activities for the testing of war materiel, the Woomera Range Complex supports a wide variety of trials covering many Defence-related technologies, including ground-based weapons systems, explosive ordnance and hazardous materials, and specialised force preparation activities.

Woomera's remote location provides a unique working and living environment with the village's population growing and shrinking depending on the scale of activities being undertaken and thus offers Defence employees distinct opportunities not available at other Defence bases. As an open base, Woomera Village attracts a large number of tourists annually. The complex is undergoing a significant upgrade to its facilities and infrastructure which will impact capacity, availability and resident amenities. Please be patient throughout the associated works as the end result will benefit Woomera residents and range users. Enjoy your stay.

WOOMERA, THE FOURTH and the largest and most isolated of the Edinburgh Defence Precinct sites, is located approximately 450km north of Adelaide. Since its establishment on 1 April 1947, the Woomera Range has been known as the Woomera Rocket Range, Woomera Instrumented Range, the Woomera Test Facility and the Woomera Test Range. In July 2013, the entire facility was renamed Woomera Range Complex comprising Woomera Test Range (WTR) and RAAF Base Woomera, which includes the Woomera Village.

Operated by Air Force Test Ranges Squadron, the WTR is a highly specialised Defence 'test' range capability. Due to its specialist role, the WTR operates under separate Defence Force Regulations, including special Federal legislation specifically guiding the use of Woomera for 'the testing of war materiel'.

RAAF Base Woomera (WMA) was established 15 January 2015 and directly supports the operation of the WTR.



Woomera Village, largely supported by Security and Estate Group, Department of Defence, manages the garrison support facilities for the Woomera Range Complex.

HISTORY OF THE WOOMERA RANGE COMPLEX

In April 1947, the Anglo-Australian Project was formally established heralding the immediate commencement of work to construct what was to become the world's largest, and one of its most secretive, military test sites during the Cold War period from the mid-1940s to the mid-1980s. Missile testing commenced in 1949.

During the height of the Cold War in the 1950s and 1960s, more than 6,000 people lived and worked at the Woomera Rocket Range. During that period, the range was one of the busiest rocket launching facilities in the Western world, and second only to Cape Canaveral in the USA for the number of annual rocket launches.

Weapons designed by the Joint Project and tested at Woomera include the Sea Wolf, Rapier, Sea Dart and Bloodhound surface-to-air missiles, the Black Knight research rocket, the Blue Steel nuclear stand-off missile, the Malkara anti-tank missile, the Ikara anti-submarine missile, and the GAF Jindivik target aircraft. Australia's first satellite, WRESAT, was launched from Woomera in 1967. The Joint Project ran until 1980.

The Woomera Rocket Range was renamed Woomera Instrumented Range on 1 March 1991 when the RAAF Aircraft and Research Development Unit became responsible for the management

of what was, at the time, the only real remaining operational element of the 'old' range. From 2006 to 2008, the operational elements of the range were briefly known as the Woomera Test Facility. The entire complex was renamed on 1 July 2008 to Woomera Test Range, and on 1 July 2013, again changed to the Woomera Range Complex.

AIR FORCE TEST RANGES SQUADRON

Air Force Test Ranges Squadron (AFTRSQN) provides engineering, logistics, personnel capability, air movements, command and safety functions that supports flying operations at RAAF Base Woomera and is responsible for the management and day-to-day conduct of range activities across both Woomera, Delamere (Northern Territory) and other Air Weapons Ranges across Australia. Approximately 110 RAAF uniformed and civilian personnel make up AFTRSQN with personnel located at RAAF Edinburgh, Woomera, Delamere and Amberley (Queensland). A mixed operations and technical services flight is on permanent detachment at the WTR complex to provide necessary support services, on-site liaison and management of range activities. Edinburgh-based personnel regularly deploy to Woomera to supplement the permanent detachment as operational tasking requires.

HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION

Unlike other Defence bases, the housing at Woomera is not managed by Defence

Housing Authority (DHA), rather all housing is managed by the Security and Estate Group (SEG). Although not to DHA standard, all Defence houses have been refurbished in recent years to comfortable standard brick-veneer residences comprising:

- Three or four bedrooms
- Living/lounge with separate dining room
- Separate laundry
- External entertainment area
- Single carport
- Garden shed
- New floor coverings
- Central reverse-cycle air conditioning/heating
- Solar hot water (with winter booster)
- Window furnishings

All Defence personnel posted to Woomera will be accommodated in Defence homes. SEG manages the allocation of homes for Defence personnel, taking into account family circumstances. The homes are of a smaller style and members can apply for storage of excess furniture and effects through their DHA Relocation Manager.

There is no Living-In-Accommodation or mess facility at RAAF Base Woomera, however the Eldo Hotel provides hotel-style accommodation. The Eldo Hotel is a commercial enterprise managed through Ventia and provides accommodation consisting of one- to three-bedroom units to both Defence and civilian personnel, including tourists and contractors.

Rent, electricity and water

As Woomera is a Defence establishment, there are no external service providers for electricity or water, and gas is not available. The tariffs for utility services to Defence homes are competitive and managed through Ventia. Defence personnel posted to Woomera are supported by remote-locality and remote-leave travel allowances.

Telephone land lines, internet and mobile phones

Defence homes in Woomera have a telephone connection or can be installed on request. ADSL 2+ is available direct through Telstra or through their resellers. Optus services are not available by land line. It is recommended that you liaise with your service provider to confirm their mobile coverage offered in Woomera, however Telstra 4G network is available and provides the best coverage in and around Woomera.

Foxtel

Foxtel can be provided over ADSL 2+ through Telstra and may potentially be available via satellite. It is recommended you communicate directly with your preferred cable provider



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↑ RAAF Jindivik remote piloted aircraft at Woomera in 1956.



↑ Looking north across Woomera township.

to determine availability. Foxtel dishes and connections are installed on the majority of Defence homes.

THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOMERA

RAAF Base Woomera is a remote location and the village (domestic area) has a permanent population of approximately 150 people, consisting of Defence (RAAF and APS), their families and civilian contractors. It is well serviced to support a comfortable life style.

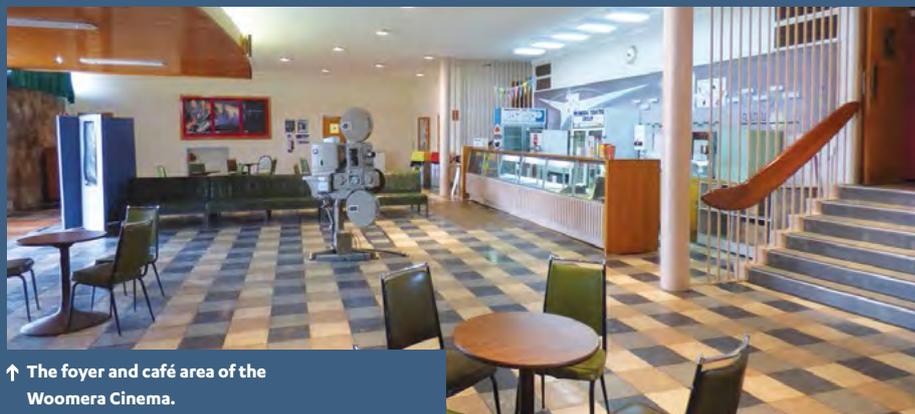
Commercial venues

Ventia manages a range of facilities/services which operate within the village on a daily basis, including:

- **The Eldo Hotel** provides continental breakfasts and counter-meal-style dinners
- **The Heritage Centre** provides café-style breakfasts and lunches, a museum and bowling alley
- **The Village Store** provides basic grocery lines and alcohol
- **Swimming pool**, 25m
- **Australia Post** offers general post office services, stationery items and mail delivery.

Roxby Downs (76km north) and Port Augusta (175km south) are the nearest regional centres which offer a range of shopping outlets and services. Distance from WMA to the Adelaide CBD is 495km.

Pimba (6km south) is a small township known as 'Spuds Roadhouse' which is the nearest fuel



↑ The foyer and café area of the Woomera Cinema.

outlet and also offers roadhouse-style food and conveniences.

Community Offerings

RAAF Base Woomera presents a strong community spirit with all the social venues and services, including the Sports Club, RSL, cinema, Country Fire Services and local radio station being run by volunteers. Individuals who volunteer their services to support these services can elect how much they become involved in community services and events. A chaplain from RAAF Base Edinburgh visits Woomera on a regular basis and a Skype service is available to communicate with a chaplain where immediate support is sought. During 2019, the Woomera Chapel was reopened. Services are held at the chapel by visiting chaplains from Roxby Downs.

Health

The Woomera Medical Services are delivered through a Joint Health Command-funded contract, with the service available to Defence and the general public. The service times vary with supplementation by external medical personnel during large tests and trials. Annual periodic health medical and dental appointments can be arranged at the RAAF Base Edinburgh Health Centre.

Emergency services

The Woomera Emergency Services is a contracted service managed through SEG and provides structural firefighting and ambulance service. Due to the remote location and limited medical and emergency support, it is recommended member's families have the appropriate ambulance cover to alleviate costly ambulance fees.

Sporting facilities

Woomera boasts two football ovals, a fitness centre, outdoor basketball and netball courts, squash courts and an outdoor swimming centre. The 6km of sealed roads which circumnavigate the village present an ideal running track amid the local wildlife, including kangaroos, emus, rabbits and wedgetail eagles.

Woomera Area School

Located in the Woomera Village, Woomera Area School is a South Australian Department for Education school catering for students from Foundation to Year 12, and has an integrated pre-school for Kindergarten students. The school aims to inspire students to be creative, curious, resilient lifelong learners.

The school values of respect, honesty and trust set the foundations for all students to appreciate diversity and support them to be active, informed citizens. The school focuses on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and maths) and students from all year levels have the opportunity to work with 3D printers, a laser cutter and in the kitchen garden. Senior students have access to a variety of VET options to provide them with opportunities to start their career paths while still at school.

The small Woomera community provides the



↑ Woomera swimming pool.

opportunity to consolidate learning in an engaging and supportive learning environment. The resources at the school are modern and extensive, catering to all areas of the curriculum and needs of the students. These include a large gymnasium, large classrooms with Interactive white boards, science laboratory, home-economics facility and a community library. Surrounded by desert and some of the richest mineral deposits in the world, we are able to use these attributes in our learning.

Living in Woomera is a unique opportunity for families to experience life in the outback while still having access to quality education. The connection between the school and our students' families is strong and continues to develop providing opportunities for parents to be involved in school activities.

For more information please look at the website woomera.sa.edu.au or contact the principal, Mrs Ann O'Sullivan, on 08 86 737 287 or Ann.OSullivan777@schools.sa.edu.au.

Roxby Downs has a population of 2,500 and has a large public school and Catholic private school.

Transport

There is no public transport in or around Woomera and it is not serviced by taxis, trains or buses, however it is easy to commute around the village by walking, jogging or bike riding. Some commercial airlines operate out of Olympic Dam (86km north) which is the nearest air service with regular commutes to and from Adelaide. A number of commercial hire vehicle operators are located in Roxby Downs and will deliver and collect vehicles to Woomera.

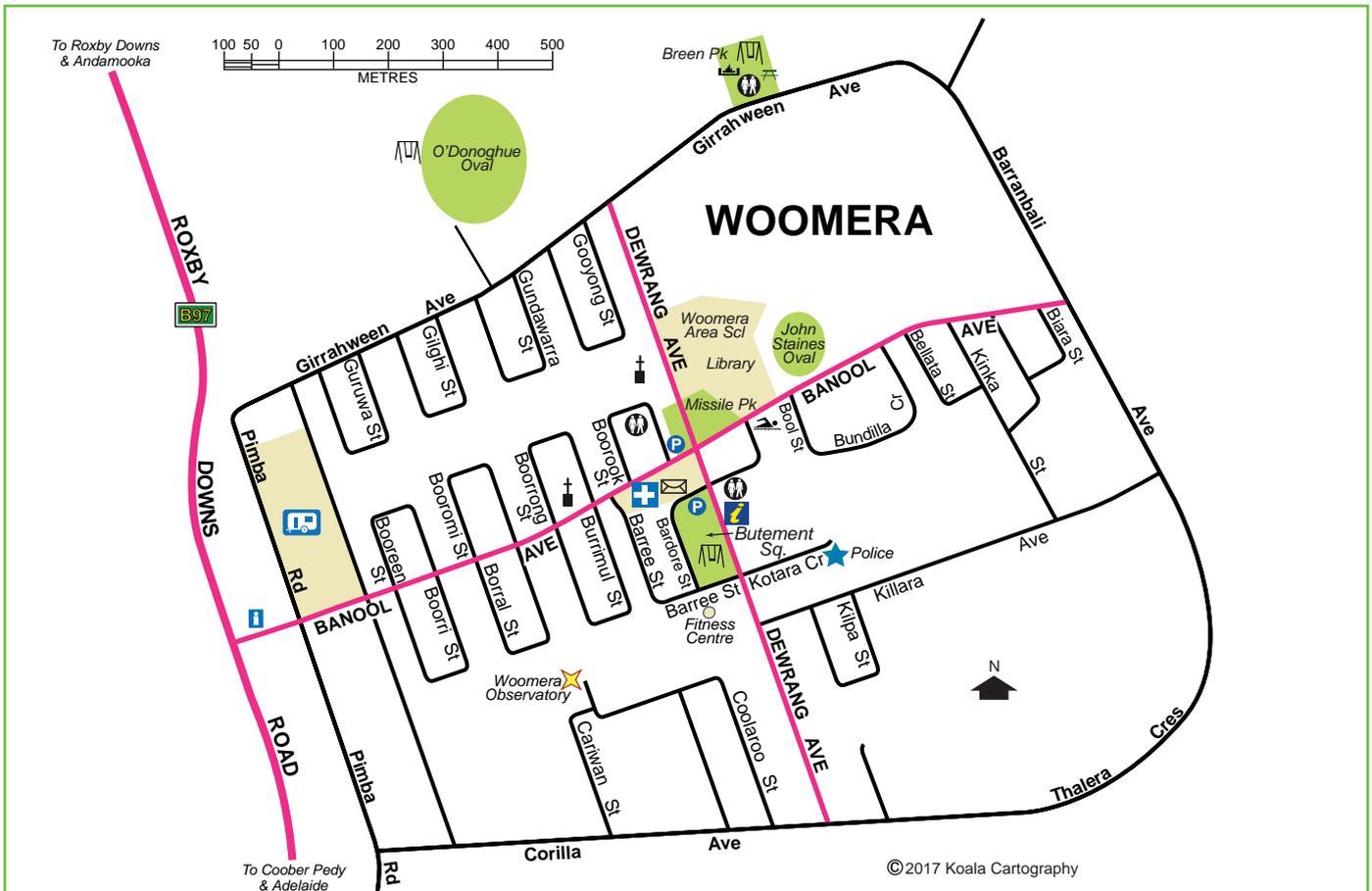




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OUR PRIORITIES

- To provide advocacy in partnership with the broader veterans support community
- To provide better representation and support for the Air Force family
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