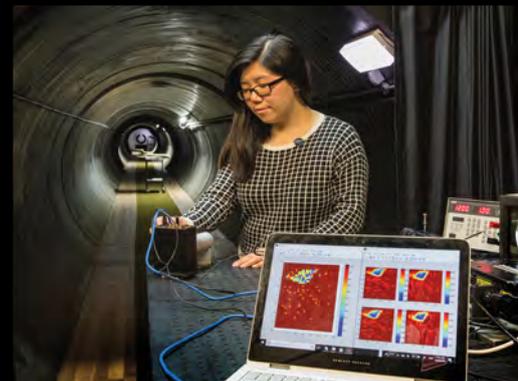


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# MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR



**RAAFA(NSW) PUBLICATIONS PTY LTD**, a company wholly owned by the Air Force Association (AFA), publishes this handbook with the primary aim of welcoming and assisting ADF families to relocate

on posting and connecting them with the local on and off base communities. It recognises the inherent jointness of the Edinburgh Defence Precinct with its large RAAF, Army and Defence civilian workforce.

Relocations are never easy and AFA members appreciate the disruption caused by this essential facet of Service life. We have therefore filled this handbook with information about Defence units that make up the Precinct, as well as provided a multi-faceted guide to Adelaide and its neighbouring regions. You are indeed fortunate to be posted to a location that is close to the beautiful city of Adelaide, its beaches, the beauty of our Outback and to the iconic wine-growing areas of Australia.

This third annual edition of the *Welcome to the Edinburgh Defence Precinct* handbook reflects the changes that have occurred in the Edinburgh Defence Precinct and in the neighbouring localities over the past year. We also are pleased to report a change of our own: RAAFA Publications has taken over the Air Force Association's *Wings* magazine, publishing it in the same high-quality as our Welcome handbooks. You will find copies around the base, as well as online on our website [raafpublications.org.au](http://raafpublications.org.au).

While you browse and hopefully enjoy the handbook and *Wings*, you may care to note that neither publication would be possible without the financial support of our sponsor and advertisers. I would particularly like to mention Rolls Royce and Defence Bank, who support us in both publications. We are also grateful to our host of local commercial companies who advertise with us. I encourage you to consider their support whenever you are in the market for their goods and services.

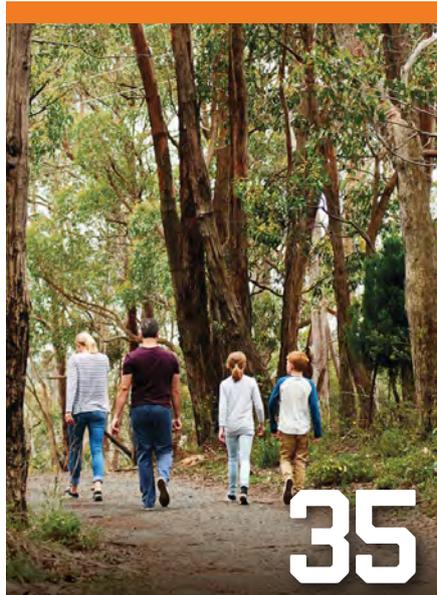
Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the assistance provided to us by senior people at Edinburgh, and in particular, Group Captain Greg Weller, who works tirelessly to coordinate the editorial content from the Precinct. It's fair to say that, without Greg's drive, the EDP magazine would not happen. Greg and I and indeed all of the RAAFA Publications production team wish you an enjoyable tour in Edinburgh in the knowledge that you will love living in the region.

## NEIL SMITH AM, MBE

Air Vice Marshal (retired)

Managing Director RAAFANSW Publications Pty Ltd

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**ON THE COVER** Air Force PC-9/A aircraft alongside a P-8A Poseidon during a flypast over Adelaide. INSET: RAAF Regional Compliance Officer Corporal Joey Hull from the Air Force Ranges Squadron on the Woomera Test Range; Australian Army M1A1 Abrams tanks of B Squadron, 1st Armoured Regiment during Exercise Predators Run 2018; Defence Science and Technology (DST) researcher Joyce Mau setting up a camera in the testing tunnel at DST's Edinburgh facility.

# WELCOME TO EDINBURGH



**AIR COMMODORE PHIL GORDON**

Commander, Air Warfare Centre  
Senior Australian Defence Force Officer  
Edinburgh Defence Precinct



**WELCOME TO THE** Edinburgh Defence Precinct (EDP), a large and diverse formation comprising the adjacent sites of RAAF Base Edinburgh, Defence Science and Technology, and Edinburgh Parks with RAAF Base Woomera and the Woomera Prohibited Area located five hours drive to the north west.

Over 6,000 staff work across our four sites including about 3,700 ADF members (approximately 2,000 RAAF, 1100 Army and 600 reservists), 2,000 Australian Public Servants and nearly 600 contractors.

The precinct has undergone significant redevelopment over the past eight years with new facilities and infrastructure to support our growing Army population and the introduction of the P-8A Poseidon aircraft. The base development will continue over the next several years as other new aircraft and capabilities are introduced including the Triton, Reaper and Peregrine aircraft and the planned relocation of the Army's 16 Air Land Regiment from Woodside operating the NASAMS ground-based air defence system.

There are over 50 units resident across the precinct representing all parts of the Defence enterprise. RAAF Edinburgh is a major intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance hub and is home to the Air Warfare Centre. Army's 1st Brigade units give the base a distinctly joint feel. Defence Science and

Technology undertake cutting-edge research and operational support in a range of disciplines, including electronic warfare and cyber. EDP is a high-technology operational precinct ably supported by a range of joint, service and contractor support organisations. Irrespective of where you are posted, you will be contributing to the operational focus and capability generated and sustained across our precinct.

We have established strong relationships in our local community with base personnel contributing to a range of ceremonial events, community activities, charities and veterans support organisations. Our personnel and their families are fully integrated and active members of the community. Since arriving, I have found South Australians to be very welcoming to Defence personnel and their families, after all SA prides itself on being the Defence state.

Your work in the EDP is important but I encourage you to also make the most of your time in South Australia and embrace your local community. There is a range of support services available to help you get settled if you need them. I hope that this third edition of the *Welcome to the Edinburgh Defence Precinct* handbook will assist you in settling in to your new home and community and discovering the vast opportunities available to you, both off and on base.

I wish you all the best for your time here.



**STEVEN MARSHALL**

Premier of South Australia

**IT'S AN HONOUR** to welcome all Defence personnel and their families to South Australia, the Defence state.

The Defence sector is critical to the economic growth and prosperity of our state, which is why I have taken responsibility for the portfolios for defence and space industries, as well as veterans' affairs.

We have been presented with incredible opportunities in this sector, to drive growth across the defence industry on a national and international scale in the near future.

The Edinburgh Defence Precinct feeds a crucial pillar of our economy, creating long-term career opportunities, attracting investment and driving innovation.

The precinct is home to the RAAF Base Edinburgh, one of two Defence super bases in Australia and the nation's centre for military

intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and electronic warfare.

This growth in the sector creates a demand for skills and drives growth in the numbers of South Australians choosing to undertake apprenticeships and traineeships.

Through our Skilling South Australia initiative, we will ensure we prepare young people in our state to meet the needs of our existing and emerging industries.

As part of our commitment to provide ongoing support to veterans, a Veterans Employment Program has been launched to maximise job opportunities within the defence sector, and take advantage of these once-in-a-lifetime opportunities.

Our commitment to the defence and veterans' community is unwavering and we hope you enjoy your time in South Australia.



**NICK CHAMPION**  
Federal Member  
for Spence

**I AM PROUD** to have 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 8284 2422. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in the community.



**JON GEE**  
State Member  
for Taylor

**I AM PLEASED** to welcome you to my home of more than 50 years. I hope you will enjoy all the North has on offer including welcoming people, quality sporting, retail and leisure opportunities and schools where your children are the number-one priority. Defence and manufacturing have been a huge part of the North for so many years and I am proud to have RAAF Edinburgh in my electorate. Thank you for your service and welcome home.



**NINNA MARNI JEFFREY**  
(Hello, my name is Jeffrey),  
**KAWAI, WARPULALNDI, KUMANGKA**

(Coming together to work together in partnership)  
The Kurna Nation vision is to bring meaningful reconciliation of the past, present and future. The Kurna people have held a deep relationship with the Kurna lands for some 40,000 years. Cultural security and economic independence are the way forward for our community. The valuable partnership work with Defence and its contractors supports this Kurna vision.

**JEFFREY NEWCHURCH, KAURNA ELDER**  
Chairperson, Kurna Nation Cultural  
Heritage Association



**GLENN DOCHERTY**  
Mayor, City of Playford

**WELCOME TO ONE** of South Australia's fastest-growing communities, the City of Playford.

Spanning over 346 square kilometres our diverse city is the economic centre of Adelaide's North and also takes in townships, rural areas and the state's major horticultural region.

Playford is currently experiencing unprecedented growth and private investment – particularly at our multi-million dollar CBD precinct in Elizabeth. Located just five minutes from the RAAF Base Edinburgh, the CBD will include a new 4.5-star hotel, cafes, restaurants, shops, a library and a function centre. Your extended families and senior ranking officers can visit in comfort and style.

We are also developing a health and sports precinct and are committed to our community's wellbeing with a variety of programs, services and even volunteering opportunities.

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



**GILLIAN ALDRIDGE**  
OAM  
Mayor, City of Salisbury

**I AM SO PLEASED** to welcome you to the City of Salisbury – we have so much to offer you and your families. We have affordable housing options in coastal, urban and rural living settings, offering everyone a fabulous lifestyle.

Our residents enjoy access to picturesque parks, playgrounds and walking trails, amazing schools and universities, community centres, shopping centres and banking hubs.

Salisbury is a progressive city, currently home to nine of the top 40 defence companies in the world, (including the top 7), and we look forward to growing our long association with this vitally important sector of our community.

We create places where people can gather and enjoy being a diverse and inclusive community, we are investing in the renewal of our city centre as a beautiful location where people can enjoy arts, culture, festivals and state of the art educational services.

Please come and have a chat with me and visit our wonderful city, you won't be disappointed.



# WATCH US GROW

WITH FOUR SITES AND MORE THAN 6,500 PERSONNEL, EDINBURGH DEFENCE PRECINCT IS SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S LARGEST DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT, AND IS UNDERGOING A LARGE-SCALE TRANSFORMATION.

**THE EDINBURGH DEFENCE PRECINCT**, approximately 25km 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 – 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 almost 120,000 sq km.

The three sites of RAAF Edinburgh, DST-E and Edinburgh Parks are located between Elizabeth and Salisbury in the northern suburbs of Adelaide.

More than 6,500 personnel, including notably RAAF, Army, Defence civilians and contractors, work across the four sites giving the precinct a very joint feel.

There are approximately 50 residential units located on Edinburgh Defence Precinct. These units are drawn from most of the 14 Defence Groups and Services including Air Force, Army, Estates and Infrastructure Group, Capability and Support Group, Defence People Group, Vice Chief Defence Force Group, Chief Defence Force Group, Chief Finance Officer Group, Defence Security and Vetting Services, Defence Science and Technology Group and Chief Information Officer Group.



↑ **Penfield Munitions Facility during the 1940's. The large building at the bottom of the image is now part of the Edinburgh Parks Site. The site of RAAF Edinburgh is located on the mid-left-hand side of the image.**

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 meaning 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 began withdrawing their weapons trials operations 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 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 called 92 Wing comprising both the already located 11 Squadron and moving 10 Squadron with the new AP-3C aircraft from Townsville to Edinburgh. New facilities were built from 1978 to 1981 – many of which are only now being replaced by AIR 7000 re-development.

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. →

## 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 compulsorily 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 explosives for ammunition such as 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, provided temporary support to the operations.

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,



↓ **M1A1 Abrams Battle Tanks from the 1st Armoured Regiment on parade at RAAF Edinburgh.**



## 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 Sensor Unit residing on the base. Likewise, it has a very strong electronic warfare presence (EW) with Joint Electronic and 462 Squadron located at EDP. 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 presence of the RAAF's No.3 Security Force Squadron significantly enhance the operational focus of RAAF Edinburgh.

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 an attractive boulevard flanked on both sides by appealing 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. However, the redevelopment of Edinburgh is far from finished. Current works are widespread and are emphasised by construction of new

↑ AP-3C Orion overflying the new 92WG facilities and flightline undergoing major upgrade.

infrastructure and facilities to support the recently-acquired P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft. These works will be complete in mid-2020, but major construction projects will continue well into the next decade to support Army armoured fighting vehicles and planned Air Force capabilities including the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft, MC-55A aircraft and MQ-9 unmanned aircraft. The overall works will deliver a multitude of new aircraft hangars, workshops, vehicle shelters and hardstands, operations centres, training centres including simulators, headquarters and working accommodation, along with extensive redevelopment of the airfield runways, taxiways and aprons. And in conjunction with all of these works, a large base-wide project will commence in early 2021 to refresh power, water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure.

The exciting large-scale transformation that has taken place at Edinburgh over the past 10 years has a long way to go.

# EDP OPERATIONAL UNITS

## RAAF UNITS



### AIR WARFARE CENTRE

Established in Jan 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 HQ AWC responsible for the coordination and implementation of common and integrated functions across the AWC and specific capability

focused Directorates providing information warfare, test and evaluation, Air Force Ranges management and advanced air warfare tactics and training (located at RAAF Williamtown).

### AIR FORCE RANGES DIRECTORATE

The Air Force ranges Directorate 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 AF 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 Air Force Test Range Squadron conducts activities on the Woomera Test Range.

### WOOMERA TEST RANGE SQUADRON

WTR Squadron is responsible for the day to day conduct of test range activities tasked by IMS-T. Approximately 55 RAAF uniformed and civilian personnel make up the WTR Squadron. The bulk of WTR SQN personnel are based at RAAF Base Edinburgh. A mixed operations/technical services flight of 7-9 personnel are on permanent detachment at the Range to provide on-site liaison and management of range activities. Edinburgh based WTR personnel deploy to Woomera regularly to supplement the permanent detachment as operational tasking requires.

### INFORMATION WARFARE DIRECTORATE

The Information Warfare Directorate is home to the Royal Australian Air Force's Intelligence, Cyber and Electronic Warfare support functions. It consists of five units, each with specialists that enhance and enable war-winning capabilities for the RAAF and the wider Australian Defence Force. The Information Warfare Directorate thus provides asymmetric advantages to our Defence Force over potential adversaries. It is by far the largest Directorate within the Air Warfare Centre, comprising over six hundred personnel out of approximately 900. It is also the most geographically distributed Directorate within the Air Warfare Centre, with its personnel located at all the major RAAF bases and also within the Defence Complex in Canberra. Due to its functions, it has personnel deployed on Exercises and Operations, including the Middle East, on an almost continual basis.



### NO.87 SQUADRON

87 Squadron (87SQN) was re-formed on July 1, 2006, and is the Air Force's Mission Intelligence squadron. 87SQN has seven Tactical Intelligence Flights (TIFs) at RAAF Bases Amberley, Edinburgh, Richmond, Tindal, and Williamtown, providing Mission Intelligence to multiple FEGs, Wings, and units. RAAF Base Edinburgh TIFs include 41TIF, 42TIF, and 92TIF. 87 Squadron comprises approximately 130 personnel, predominantly Air Intelligence Analysts and Officers, and is headquartered in RAAF Williamtown. 87SQN personnel support multiple RAAF and ADF operations and exercises, across single service and joint domains.



PHOTO: CPL David Cotton

↑ A Communications Technician from the Air Force Test Ranges Squadron, tests high speed video camera equipment outside the Range Control Centre at Woomera Test Range.



## NO. 462 SQUADRON

Located within Information Warfare Directorate, Air Warfare Centre, 462 Squadron is primarily based at RAAF Base Edinburgh with a detachment in Canberra. 462

Squadron is the RAAF's leading capability in Information Assurance and Defensive Cyber Operations. The Squadron is supported by an Intelligence Flight, Training and Standards Flight, Operations Support Flight, and Engineering Maintenance Section. Since its reform in April 2005, 462 Squadron has evolved from its proud Bomber Command History to a leading capability in Information Operations. 462 Squadron attends to the requests of multiple customers seeking expert advice, accreditation of Air Force's standalone mission systems and networks and an incident response capability. 462 Squadron supports Exercises and Operations across the world, receiving widespread recognition for its effectiveness and cutting-edge approach as Air Force's emerging cyber capability.



## AIR INTELLIGENCE TRAINING UNIT

Formed on 1 January 2017, the Air Intelligence

Training Unit's (AITU) mission is to develop and deliver all source air intelligence training to meet the needs of Air Force's evolving capability requirements. AITU conducts Initial Employment Training (IET) and post-graduate training for Air Intelligence Officers and Air Intelligence Analysts. The unit comprises 25 staff and delivers 20 IET and post-graduate courses each year with a throughput of 350 students. 2020 will see the addition of a new AITU training facility, which is required in order to meet an increased throughput of 670 students in 2021

## DISTRIBUTED GROUND STATION (INTERIM)

The Distributed Ground Station (Interim) (DGS(I)) is Air Force's Processing, Exploitation, and Dissemination (PED) unit. The unit is responsible for providing tactical in-flight PED of raw intelligence collected by Air Force's airborne sensors. The DGS(I) comprises approximately 50 personnel, largely Air

Intelligence Analysts and Officers. The DGS(I) will continue to grow over the coming years and will play a key role in the Edinburgh ISR precinct.



## JOINT ELECTRONIC WARFARE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT UNIT

The Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit (JEWOSU) is an Air Warfare Centre unit with a tri-service mission to enhance ADF combat power through integrated electronic warfare operational support. JEWOSU achieves this by providing:

- Adversary electronic order of battle data and electronic warfare analysis support to ADF units
- Non-communications electronic support and electronic warfare self-protection (EWSP) operational support to RAN, ARA and RAAF units
- Electronic warfare training to ADF units, with a focus on EWSP;
- Technical advice on electronic warfare systems to CASG & the capability development process for future acquisitions
- Electronic warfare simulators, including technical support and test equipment.

## TEST AND EVALUATION DIRECTORATE

The Test and Evaluation Directorate (TED) within the RAAF Air Warfare Centre (AWC) has responsibility for managing Air Force's Air Systems Development and Test, Aeronautical Information and Aviation Medicine capabilities. These capabilities all contribute to the mission success, safe performance, safe operation and survivability of Australian Defence Force aircraft and aircrew. To achieve this, the Test and Evaluation Directorate delivers focussed effort on the following functions:

- Specialised flight test and evaluation services for all Air Force aircraft types
- Aircraft stores compatibility engineering services, primarily focussed on certifying new or improved air weapons
- Aerospace systems engineering services, design, fabrication and operation of specialised flight test instrumentation systems,
- Aviation medicine clinical, training and human systems integration services
- Provision of worldwide aeronautical information and services.

→ ARDU member collaborating with DSTG member.



## AIRCRAFT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT

The Aircraft Research and Development Unit (ARDU) plans, conducts and analyses the results of ground and flight tests of existing and new Air Force aircraft. 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 complete and integrated aviation Test and Evaluation for Air Command whilst generating flight test professionals for future Air Force capability.



## AIR WARFARE ENGINEERING SQUADRON

The Air Warfare Engineering Squadron (AWESQN) was formed in early 2016 by combining Aerospace Systems Engineering Squadron (ASE SQN) and Aircraft Stores Compatibility Squadron (ASCENG SQN).

The various Aircraft Stores Compatibility Engineering (ASCENG) and System Design and Development (SDD) activities of both previous squadrons continue to be covered by AWE SQN. The Squadron's purpose is to provide and coordinate specialist engineering services to enhance joint air power.



PHOTO: CPL Bill Solomou

PHOTO: CPL Craig Barrett



↑ **11 Squadron P-8A Poseidon aircraft overflying HMAS Hobart.**



## INSTITUTE OF AVIATION MEDICINE

The RAAF Institute of Aviation Medicine enhances human aircrew performance and aviation safety through medical expertise. The institute ensures a safe, effective defence force through

aviation medicine knowledge for aircrew, Aviation Medical Officer (AVMO) training and research. The unit is staffed by a mixture of uniformed and civilian personnel bringing with them diverse skills in Aviation Medicine, Human Factors and Aeronautical Life Support.

## NO.42 WING

No.42 Wing is responsible to conduct and sustain Electronic Warfare (EW) and Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) operations to identify and respond to threats against Australia's national interests by providing battlespace awareness, understanding and control. On 02 May 2019 the AP-3C (EW) capability transitioned from No.92 Wing to No.42 Wing, which resulted in No.42 Wing taking ownership of Australia's Airborne C3ISREW capabilities. Although the Headquarters of No.42 Wing is located at Williamstown, a small detachment is located at RAAF Base Edinburgh. No.42 Wing is responsible for No.2 Squadron that operates the E-7A (AEW&C) capability from Williamstown and No.10 Squadron that operates the AP-3C (EW) capability.



## NO.10 SQUADRON

No.10 Squadron currently operates the AP-3C Orion, which is an Electronic Warfare (EW) capability, performing a multitude of tasks including Peacetime Intelligence Collection as well as Surveillance

and Reconnaissance roles. 10SQN aircrew, maintenance and support personnel regularly deploy to a wide variety of operations and exercises within Australia and overseas. 10SQN will continue to operate from RAAF Edinburgh until the planned withdrawal date of the AP-3C (EW) capability at the end of 2022.



## 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 two Units under the one umbrella of a Maritime Wing – No.92 Wing. 292SQN was formed in 1980 to as a training and support squadron to conduct all Wing training and to provide the software and operational support. No.92 Wing's roles include

anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare for which the aircraft are equipped with torpedoes and Harpoon anti shipping missiles. The Wing is also responsible for long range intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and maritime attack, and search and survivor supply missions. With the announcement in mid-2018 by the Australian Government for the procurement of the Triton Remotely Piloted Aircraft to operate from RAAF Base Edinburgh, 92WG will continue to develop and expand to accommodate its new fifth-generation capability.



## NO.11 SQUADRON

No.11 Squadron is Australia's premier maritime strike, patrol, reconnaissance and response squadron. Previously flying the venerable Lockheed Martin AP-3C Orion,

No.11 Squadron has transitioned to flying operations conducted with the latest generation in maritime patrol aircraft, the Boeing P-8A Poseidon. Roles conducted by No. 11 Squadron include Maritime ISR (Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance), Overland ISR, Maritime Strike, Anti-Submarine Warfare, Anti-Surface Warfare, and Search and Rescue. No.11 Squadron is set to expand to 12 fully operational crews and twelve aircraft in 2020 on its pathway to Final Operational Capability (FOC). The squadron will consist of approximately 340 personnel once fully staffed.



## NO.292 SQUADRON

Originally formed as Maritime Analysis Training Squadron in 1977, 292 Squadron is an operational conversion unit. Part of 92 Wing, 292 SQN is responsible for training aircrew,

maintenance, operations, and aviation system support personnel to operate Air Force's P-8A Poseidon Maritime Patrol & Response capability. 292 Squadron is also Air Force's centre for AEA Initial Employment Training (IET) providing graduates to P-8A and E-7A type conversion.

The facilities at 292 Squadron allow for initial and continuation training for members of 92 WG with a reduced need for operational aircraft utilisation. 292 SQN provides first class training delivering people capability for the P-8A Weapon System.

A total of 39 different training courses are delivered by 292 Squadron that principally support 11 Squadron and 92 WG capability as well as 2 Squadron. Aircrew training is conducted in the Operational Flight Trainer for Pilots and the Weapons Tactics Trainer for MPRO and AEA aircrew. These simulators can be linked together to provide students with a highly detailed training environment equivalent to real world exposure.

Maintenance training includes Virtual Maintenance Trainers, an Ordnance Load

Trainer and multiple Hardware devices. These devices give ATech, AvTech & ArmTech training in maintenance, fault finding procedures, weapons prep and loading as well as individual part removal and installation.

Further training courses are held in various support roles such as Tactical Operations Centre (TOC) training for Operations Officers and CISCON/CETECH TOC Technicians. This recent addition to 292 SQN capability provides training to personnel in the areas of C4I systems, aircraft mission media generation, mission support and mission replay and analysis.



## NO.20 SQUADRON (WOOMERA)

No.20 Squadron was established at RAAF base Woomera on 1 April 2015. Its role is to deliver operational airbase support to Woomera test range by operating the military airfield at Woomera.

20 Squadron is a small Unit, currently 11 personnel, but that number is routinely augmented to as many as 160 personnel in order to support large scale exercises. The RAAF Base is home to 130 civilians and their families as well as the Members of 20 Squadron. It is a small and very remote community and, a very close community.



## NO.24 SQUADRON

No.24 (City of Adelaide) Squadron is one of 12 operational squadrons within 96 Wing, Combat Support Group (CSG). Its mission is to deliver permanent airbase capability at RAAF Base

Edinburgh whilst supporting expeditionary operations.

It achieves this mission utilising the skills and experience of not only Permanent Air Force members, but Australian Public Servants and Air Force Reservists. 24 Squadron is responsible for key functions including the Air Base Command Post, 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. No.24 SQN 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.



## NO.3 SECURITY FORCES SQUADRON (3SECFOR SQN)

3SECFOR SQN was formed on 04 July 2013, and provides command and control of all

Ground Defence, Security, Police and Airbase Protection personnel at Edinburgh and Pearce, with detachments established as required in Woomera, Curtin and Learmonth.

The Squadron is responsible for providing physical force protection and weapon training of Base personnel at these locations. This includes the employment of Military Working Dogs, security governance and policing to achieve a secure operating environment.

3SECFOR SQN also contributes to very short notice expeditionary effects independently and as part of a Contingency Response Squadron to support national and international operations, with personnel continually deploying to various locations around the world.



PHOTO: CPL Craig Barrett

← Training in the 292 Squadron Integrated Training Centre.



PHOTO: CPL Brenton Kwaterski

← A 3 SECFOR SQN Airfield Defence guard takes guard.



## NO.453 SQUADRON EDINBURGH FLIGHT

453 SQN 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 (ABATS) 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.



## 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 including deployable health facilities, supporting aeromedical, surgical, hazard assessment, forensics support, and aviation medicine and operational health support.

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.



## NO.1 REMOTE SENSOR UNIT (IRSU)

IRSU conducts surveillance of Australia's northern approaches by collecting, analysing and disseminating

data into the ADF's Common Operating picture. IRSU operates the JORN Over-the-Horizon Radar (OTHR) remotely as well as the Air Force's only tactical space-based surveillance systems.

IRSU was formed in July 1992 and in January 1993 commenced operations using the Jindalee radar at Alice Springs for surveillance tasks. In 2003, a further two OTHRs were commissioned in Longreach QLD and Laverton WA, completing what is known as the Jindalee Operational Radar Network (JORN). IRSU is staffed by Air Force and Navy members as well as civilian contractors, operating 24 hours a day.



## NO.1 COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON (ICCS) – EDINBURGH FLIGHT

With flights in Amberley, Williamtown and

Edinburgh, No.1 Combat Communications Squadron mission is to provide tailored communications and information systems (CIS) 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, 1CCS is at the forefront of providing CIS solutions to the Air Force and ADF as a whole.

# THE 1ST BRIGADE



**THE 1ST BRIGADE** has had a long and

proud history of service to the nation. Throughout the years, the 1st Brigade has called many places home. Primarily based out of Holsworthy Barracks in Sydney in the post-Vietnam era, the brigade relocated to its current home at Robertson Barracks in Darwin in the mid 1990s. The Brigade comprises the following units:

- A Brigade Headquarters
- 8th/12th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery
- 1st Armoured Regiment
- 5th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment
- 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment
- 1st Combat Engineer Regiment
- 1st Combat Signals Regiment
- 1st Combat Service Support Battalion

Since 1999, the 1st Brigade has deployed more than 3,000 of its men and women in peacekeeping roles in East Timor and the Solomon Islands as well as support to humanitarian and disaster relief operations in the region. Finally and most recently, the brigade has seen extensive active service in conflict zones such as Afghanistan and Iraq. Presently, soldiers from the brigade continue to serve with distinction around the globe.

While the Australian Army remains committed to retaining its presence in the Northern Territory for some time to come, the 1st Brigade has grown its presence in South Australia. Following direction from the Government in 2011, the 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (7RAR) and a contingent of combat support, maintenance and health personnel relocated to their new home in purpose-built facilities within the Edinburgh Defence Precinct.

In 2017 and 2018, the 1st Armoured Regiment relocated from Darwin to Adelaide. This means that medium capabilities based on tanks, armoured personnel carriers and reconnaissance vehicles will be located in Adelaide with easy access to the expanded all-year training area at Cultana. It also means that there are even more opportunities for the RAAF and Army to develop their interoperability at Edinburgh.

Today, almost 1,200 soldiers of the 1st Brigade, from 7RAR, 1 Armoured Regiment and the 1st Combat Service Support Team along with their families call Adelaide home. Meanwhile, the 1st Brigade will continue to be centred in Darwin, with the Headquarters and other units.

To support the relocation and growth of 1st Brigade units in Adelaide, Army's infrastructure has also grown. This includes the construction of new a headquarters building, enhancements to armouries and support nodes. Edinburgh is also at the forefront of future enhancements to Army's new Armoured Fighting Vehicle fleet.

## 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 ASLAV 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



↑ Soldiers from 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment on patrol in an exercise.

PHOTO: CPL Tristan Kennedy

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, THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN REGIMENT

7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (7RAR) is an infantry battalion of the 1st Combat Brigade (1 BDE). Garrisoned in Horseshoe Lines at Edinburgh Defence Precinct (EDP), it is the largest of all the Regular units of the ADF based in South Australia. 7RAR was raised on 1st September 1967 for operations in SE Asia, amalgamating to form 5/7 RAR in 1973, and de-linking in 2006 to be 7 RAR once again. Since then, 7 RAR has deployed on multiple operations to the Middle East, and again to SE Asia. In 2020 the battalion will be at the tip of the spear as it assumes the role of Ready Battle Group (RBG) capable of deploying at short notice to conflict or disaster anywhere in the region as part of the Amphibious Task Group (ATG) or via other means. In support of this capability, the unit's welfare team comprising: Unit Welfare Officer (UWO), Chaplain, and Salvation Army; facilitate the provision of a comprehensive range of facilities and services to the families at home. For information of 7 RAR family events, please join our ForceNet community at '7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment Families' or our Facebook group '7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment'. The first of many family events is scheduled for Thursday, 30 January 2020 at Horseshoe Lines.



↑ A soldier standing guard during a tactical resupply for 1 Armoured Regiment.

PHOTO: CPL Tristan Kennedy

# DISCOVER PLAYFORD

Adjacent to the Edinburgh Defence Precinct, the City of Playford is one of Australia's fastest growing communities.

The region is home to a broad cross-section of contemporary urban housing, while semi-rural living provides room to move. With a young and growing population, an evolving arts scene and a proud sporting culture, the city is transforming into the commercial and cultural heart of northern Adelaide.

As a defence-friendly city, we recognise the role defence has in our history, our community and our future.

Discover more at [playford.sa.gov.au](http://playford.sa.gov.au)



- Gateway to the Barossa wine region, River Murray and SA outback
- More than 120 parks and reserves, from skate parks to nature play
- Home to northern Adelaide's leading acute care hospital, the Lyell McEwin
- Broad range of education opportunities with over 35 primary and secondary schools
- Shopping, arts, food and theatre in the heart of the city



# OTHER EDP DEFENCE ELEMENTS

## 1 COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT TEAM

1 Combat Service Support Team (1 CSST) is a sub-unit of 1 Combat Service Support Battalion (1 CSSB). The sub-unit is unique in that it is geographically dislocated from the rest of the Battalion, and comprises elements of each logistic discipline to support the 1 Brigade (1 Bde) Direct Command Units (DCU) in SA. 1 CSST 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 1 Bde DCU in the region.

## 1 JOINT LOGISTICS UNIT (SOUTH)

1 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, Broadspectrum and Serco, 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; explosive ordnance services; 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, Woomera and Port Wakefield. JLU(S) is also the Primary

Support Unit and Primary Maintenance Unit for several critical joint platforms and capabilities.

## ARMY SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (ASEME)

Since 2013, ASEME 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 of 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 Cell currently operates out of the HQ 1 BDE building, which has fostered an excellent relationship with all Brigade units, however in the near future the OJT Cell will be relocating to be within the WONCO Academy, an exciting change.

Over the past four years 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.



## AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS AIR SHOW TEAM

The Air Force Headquarters Air Show Team is a small team that plans, manages and oversees the conduct of RAAF air shows. The team, led by a Reservist Air Commodore, Head of Air Shows – Air Force (HAS-AF), comprises Reservists with specific



event, contract, safety and flying display management skill-sets who ensure a low risk approach to successfully running air shows in regard to reputation, finance and safety.

The AST has its stores cache and permanent offices at RAAF Base Edinburgh. During 2019, the team ran the very successful 2019 RAAF Edinburgh Airshow.



## ARMY EDUCATION CENTRE

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

SA. 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](mailto:armyeducationcentre.cw@defence.gov.au) or phone: 08 738 92546.

## ARMY PERSONNEL SUPPORT CENTRE

The Army Personnel Support Centre (APSC) has two support functions and capabilities at Edinburgh Defence Precinct.



## The 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), APSC - APAC SA provides subject matter advice to soldiers and Commanders on Conditions of Service entitlements. APSC - APAC 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.

## The Army Personnel Coordination

**Detachment South Australia (APCD SA)** provides governance assurance that all Army personnel are separation ready by providing effective support, co-ordination, administrative oversight, and command to assist our people and their families through the transition process.

Based at Edinburgh Parks 2 (EP2), APCD - SA acts as a direct point of contact to coordinate and assist Army personnel and their families through the transition process. (this is an APAC-SA function)

Trade Transfer and Retention Warrant Officers (TTRWOs) 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. Contact details for the TTRWOs can be found on the HQ APSC website or on the APCD-SA Website: <http://drnet.defence.gov.au/army/APSC/SA/Pages/APCD-SA.aspx>

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.

## 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 EDP include Estate & Infrastructure Group (E&IG), Chief Information Officer Group (CIOG), Defence People Group (DPC), and Defence Security and Vetting Service (DS&VS). The groups are working to integrate service delivery to customers and have established a ServiceConnect Hub at RAAF EDN in which representatives from all the enablers are collocated with the E&IG customer service

centre to provide a seamless experience through a one stop shop to customers. Back of house management is generally provided from Edinburgh Parks, DST-E offices or nationally.

E&IG has base management staff located at DST-E, RAAF EDN and RAAF WOOMERA to provide advice on, and oversight of, base service delivery. They plan and coordinate precinct and site wide security, WHS and emergency management. They also act as the first point of contact for enquiries related to E&IG's full service offer including planning new facilities and provision of new or enhanced service levels. Base services are provided through contracting partners and include services such as hospitality and catering (messes), land management, cleaning, access control, mail, waste management, airfield rescue and firefighting, POL, retail stores, building and infrastructure maintenance, and new works. In addition large construction

projects continue to be delivered by E&IG to support the introduction of new capabilities or replace facilities at the end of useful life.

At RAAF WOOMERA the E&IG 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 EDP with a range of services. The CSC operates daily Mon to Fri from 0800 – 1600hrs.

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



↑ Army personnel undergoing simulation training.

## HENRY MACLAURIN BATTLE SIMULATION SITE

The Henry MacLaurin Battle Simulation Site (BSS-A) is part of Land Simulation within the Army Knowledge Centre (AKC), a direct command Forces Command unit headquartered in Puckapunyal. Together with our sister BSS around the country we provide virtual and constructive simulation support to force generation and force preparation activities undertaken by resident Army units both Regular and Reserve. Being based within EDP we also support sister service and joint activities and DSTG trials and experimentation.

Training support is computer based and provides an immersive 3D real time world where participants interact with hundreds of AI or user controlled entities representing a wide range of fully functional military and civilian assets.

BSS-A comprises a small fulltime staff of two uniformed and one APS member together with six Army and one Air Force Reserve members. We are happy to arrange demonstrations of our simulation capability for unit staff in order to highlight the benefits to be obtained from incorporating simulation into a unit's training continuum.

We are located immediately behind the Monash Centre on Hamel Street and can be contacted on 0427 297 866 or [battlesimadelaide@drn.mil.au](mailto:battlesimadelaide@drn.mil.au).



↑ Joint Health Unit (Edinburgh) staff in front of the Joint Health Unit facility at RAAF 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 Street opposite the 1 BDE parade ground, provides sick parade, dental, pharmacy mental health and psychology services, occupational rehabilitation support and a 22 bed ward for ADF personnel. With augmentation from 2EHS, EDNHC enables a health response for local military flying and an airfield emergency health response.

- EDNHC opening hours:** 7.30am - 4.30pm
- EDNHC opening hours:** 7.30am - 4pm Mon-Fri
- Outpatients sick parade:** 7.30am - 9.30am Mon-Fri, 10am-noon Sat-Sun
- Inpatient Ward:** All hours
- Dental:** 7.30am - 3.30pm Mon-Fri
- Mental health:** 7.30am - 4pm Mon-Fri
- Physiotherapy:** 7.30am - 3.30pm Mon-Fri
- Pharmacy:** 7.30am - 4pm Mon-Fri
- Rehabilitation:** 7.30am - 3.30pm Mon-Fri

General enquiries and appointments are made by calling 08 7383 2424. In an emergency, please call 000.

## JOINT MILITARY POLICE STATION - ADELAIDE

The Joint Military Police Unit (JMPU) is a newly formed 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.

On 1 January 2020, the Joint Military Police Force (JMPF) became operational. The Headquarters is located in Canberra, ACT and is commanded by LTCOL Ruth Weir, CO JMPF. 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 Shane Howells, 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 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 courses 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 (SRSP), previously Maritime Patrol SPO, forms part of Capability Acquisition and Sustainment Group (CASG) Air Domain. SRSP provides Sustainment support to the P-3 Orion, P-8 Poseidon and future Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, and is the acquisition agency for Project AIR7003. SRSP 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.



↑ Joint Military Police Station – Adelaide at the front gate to RAAF Edinburgh.

## 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 within 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.



↑ Jindalee Operational Radar Network, Longreach, Qld.



## DST EDINBURGH

Defence science and research activities have been present at Edinburgh since just after World War II. With the establishment of the Anglo-Australian joint project at the Woomera rocket base in 1946, the following year the former Salisbury munitions area came under the control of the secret Long Range Weapons Establishment and officially marked the beginning of Defence Science & Technology activity on the site. In 1948 the site became known as – Defence Research Laboratories.



Through the years the site added the High Speed Aerodynamics Laboratory, the Propulsion Research Laboratory, and the Electronics Research Laboratory, and in 1953 changed its name to Defence Standards Laboratories. In 1955 all the laboratories amalgamated to form the 'Weapons Research Establishment' and the Edinburgh RAAF Base was established as the support base for the WRE at Woomera.

The WRE joint operation was slowly wound down by the late 1960's and the agreement officially finished in the mid 1980's. Of the 1405 buildings originally constructed on the site in the 1940s, many still remain to this day scattered throughout the present DST Edinburgh, RAAF Edinburgh and other nearby sites.

Defence Science and Technology at Edinburgh is the largest of all DST sites, with facilities also at Fishermans Bend in Melbourne

(celebrating its 80th anniversary this year), Brisbane, Sydney, HMAS Stirling in Rockingham near Perth, Scottsdale in North East Tasmania, and Innisfail North Queensland. DST's national headquarters is situated at Fairbairn Park, Canberra Airport.

Led by Chief Defence Scientist, Professor Tanya Monroe FAA FTSE FOSA FAIP GAICD, DST employs approximately 2,500 people (1,300 of whom are located at Edinburgh alone) and is made up of three Corporate Divisions – Science Strategy and Program, Science Partnerships and Engagement, and Research Services, along with seven Research Divisions: Maritime, Land, Aerospace, Joint and Operations Analysis, national Security and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Cyber and Electronic Warfare, and Weapons and Combat Systems.

It remains Australia's second largest government funded organisation (behind the CSIRO) and continues to provide scientific and technical support to current defence operations, as well as investigating future technologies for defence and national security, advise on the smart use of defence equipment, develop new defence capabilities, improve performance and safety of existing systems, and reduce the cost of owning defence assets.

The Defence Science & Technology Advisory Board consists of representatives from Defence, industry, the scientific community, and academia and operates on an annual budget of approximately \$440 million.

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# AIR FORCE 2021

## 100 Years of Service to Australia.

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The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) is preparing for its 100th anniversary in 2021.

The RAAF is the second oldest independent Air Force in the world.

The Centenary provides an opportunity for Air Force to reflect on its important and enduring contribution to Australia's national security and acknowledge the ongoing support of the Australian people.

Air Force's enduring commitment is reflected in the Centenary theme: **Then. Now. Always.**

In South Australia, and across the nation, we will collaborate with the community to celebrate our Centenary together.

In particular, we will involve veterans, heritage centres, local and state governments, industry and education providers in bringing an Air Force Centenary theme to events.

Planning is well underway – for more information, email [RAAF.2021@defence.gov.au](mailto:RAAF.2021@defence.gov.au) to join our mailing list or visit our website [www.airforce.gov.au/100](http://www.airforce.gov.au/100)

It will be an exciting year and Air Force looks forward to commemorating its Centenary with the Australian people.

**#ThenNowAlways #AusAirForce #AusAirForce100**

**IMAGES FROM TOP:** Sir Richard Williams, KBE, CB, DSO – A WW1 veteran of the Australian Flying Corps and the RAAF's first Chief of Air Staff came from Moonta, South Australia; Mount Gambier had a major RAAF Base during World War 2; RAAF Edinburgh's 11 SQN aircraft lineage including an A24 Catalina, A89 Lockheed Neptune, AP-3C Orion, and P-8A Poseidon, which were together in the air for the arrival of the first P-8A Poseidon in 2016; Hypersonic rocket test launch at Woomera



# EDP COMMUNITY



## CHAPLAINS

We have a range of Chaplains – male and female, young and mature – available to support defence members, their families and all other personnel during crisis within the EDP and Woomera area. Our mission is to provide holistic wellbeing engagement which sometimes includes confidential pastoral counselling, grief support, engagement with workplace difficulties and practical help where possible. We also happily support spiritual growth and religious services like weddings, baptisms and blessings when asked. Two of our Air Force Chaplains have Workplace Welfare Dogs, which they take around the base and are with them when they are in the office. The Chaplains conduct a small inspirational and informal service every Wednesday at the Edinburgh Base Chapel from 11.45am till 12.15pm. You are also welcome to drop in to our Chaplaincy Centre on base - which has Chaplains from each service - if you have any questions or are needing a positive boost. The On-Call 24/7 Chaplain can be contacted on (Navy) 0419 800 542, (Army) 0438 761 403 and (Air Force) 0438 761 403.

## 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 the Gym, this facility has entertainment options for military members and their families. It includes an outdoor barbecue area, playground and a large indoor area with entertainment options for all the family, including air hockey tables, arcade game machines, foosball table, table tennis tables, eight-ball tables, snooker table, and 3 AV areas for Free-to-Air /Foxtel viewing. The recreational facility has a snack and drink vending machine for 24/7 light refreshments and a bar that opens 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

On the northern side of the combined mess complex, the Edinburgh Sergeants Mess provides services to members on most days of the week and a Dining Out Night once a year for members and partners. Some of the services your \$90 mess fess will entitle you to include:

- Monday Muffins
- Tuesday Scones
- Wednesday Morno's including a selection

of pastries, wraps, fruit, slices and cakes.

- Alternating pay day BBQ's and SGTs Mess CMC curry lunches. Coinciding with the pay lunch are fortnightly raffles and a members draw.
- Off payday Vietnamese Rolls
- 24/7 access to the coffee machine, and when available biscuits.

The Mess has close ties to the South Australian RSL, Legacy and other ADF supportive agencies. The Mess hosts representatives of these agencies at the Wednesday morno's, providing members with easy access to these organisations.

Further information can be found through:

<http://drnet.defence.gov.au/raaf/AirForce/EDNSGTM/Pages/Site-Map.aspx>, Face Book group; Edinburgh Sergeants Mess.

## OFFICERS MESS

RAAF Base Edinburgh is home to more than 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 in on 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 McNamara Drive adjacent to the commercial area, is open from 5.30 am to 10.00 pm and the pool from 6.00 am to 9.00 pm daily. 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 can be booked by contacting RAAF Edinburgh PTIs. Air Force and Army Physical Training Instructors (PTIs) from 24SQN and 1CHB provide safe, structured, high quality periodised training for Defence members in order to help them achieve and maintain a level of fitness appropriate to their military and specialist duties.

## SPORTING CLUBS

There are a number of sporting clubs available on base for Defence members.

**Edinburgh Ski Club** is 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 great way to socialise with a group of people with a common interest. EDP POC SGT Darrell Greig

**Edinburgh Sailing Club** has recently been stood up. It provides members and their families the opportunity to experience and learn how to sail whilst posted to EDN. There is also an opportunity for experienced sailors to hire the sailing boats. The sailing club owns and operates three sailing dinghies. POC FLTLT Kieran Blair and FLTLT Sacha Casken

**Edinburgh Volleyball Club** aims to introduce and promote 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. No joining fee applies. POC FLTLT Simon Gale

**Edinburgh Archery Club** is new to RAAF Edinburgh and provides Defence staff the opportunity to engage in archery on base in a dedicated area. The club is trialing regular club shoots, to cater for club members wishing to get together and shoot socially, and for beginners who do not have solo access to the range. Come-and-Try Sessions for sections/team-building activities can be arranged on request. Meanwhile, members who are sufficiently experienced in archery may be given solo access to the Edinburgh Archery Range, to open/close the range by themselves and shoot in their own time, outside of published range events. More information can be found at <http://drnet.defence.gov.au/raaf/AirForce/AFAA/Pages/Edinburgh-Archery-Club.aspx>



↑ Edinburgh Archery Club members.

# EDINBURGH DEFENCE PRECINCT

## EDINBURGH FORMATION WELFARE

RAAF Edinburgh has a formation Welfare service providing various services for Defence members based at the Edinburgh Defence Precinct. The organisation operates independently and is not linked to official Defence business, nor does the Department of Defence fund any Edinburgh Formation Welfare activities. The purpose of Edinburgh Formation Welfare is to provide and maintain recreational and Base services for staff and their families.

Edinburgh Formation Welfare sponsors many sport and interest groups on the base as well as operating the camping store, boat and trailer hire, holiday accommodation and some canteen services.

The role of Edinburgh Formation Welfare is critical in maintaining high morale, a sense of identity, promoting camaraderie and assisting those families new to the area to settle in. See [ednwelfare.com.au](http://ednwelfare.com.au).

## BARMERA SHACKS

Edinburgh Formation Welfare manages two two-bedroom shacks at Barmera, about 200km northeast of Adelaide in the Riverland, one of the most popular aquatic playgrounds in SA. Barmera is a beautiful town on the shores of Lake Bonney, which is renowned for its sunsets. The fresh water lake, fed from the Murray River through the Chambers Creek wetlands, 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 located within a half-hour drive of Barmera.

The shacks can each accommodate six and include the following:

- Two bedrooms (one with queen size bed, the other with two bunks).
- Blankets, quilts and pillows are provided.
- Full kitchen including all cutlery, crockery and cooking utensils, microwave, oven, etc.

- Lounge/dining with TV.
- Reverse-cycle air conditioning.
- Separate toilet/shower block (one per shack).
- Gas barbecue.
- Outdoor tables and chairs.
- Two Kayaks per shack are available and 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](http://ednwelfare.com.au).

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREAT

The Children's Christmas Treat held at RAAF Base Edinburgh has become a tradition over the past 15 or so years. It has evolved from a relatively small gathering of families enjoying pony rides and small amusements to an event now involving close to 1,000 children and their parents and/or carers. These children belong to staff who work for the Australian Defence Organisation, uniformed, APS and Defence contractors within SA. The Treat aims to give something back to

## 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, AAFCONS facilitates the provision of amenities and services for the retail precinct. AAFCONS' four food and beverage outlets and small fleet of Mobile Food Vans service the Base community.

**The Main Canteen** is located right in the centre of the Retail Precinct and offers customers free Wi-Fi & Foxtel services. The Hanger Bistro is located on the Flightline. Café 733 is in the AWC HQ Building and the newly added **Sea Lion Café** is located inside the new 92WG Building. Additional specialist services such as Postal, Banking and Hairdresser Services are provided within the Retail Hub by AAFCONS Licensee Businesses.

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 menu 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. You'll find their well-stocked retail & service offering comprehensive; newspapers, magazines, drinks, confectionery, healthy snacks, dry cleaning, home products, health & beauty products, stationery and much more! Contact the Main Canteen for all of your Functions Catering requirements.

The provision of both major banking service providers, **Defence Bank** and **The Australian Military Bank**, offers members true banking convenience. Helpful teams provide a full range of essential banking services, advice and resources.

**The Australia Post Office** is open 0815 – 1615 weekdays and provides a full range of postal products and professional postal services, including postal packaging and Post Office Boxes services.

Hairdresser/Barber services are provided for with our on-base salon facility. Catering to ladies and gents, **Cuttin it Loose Salon** is open Monday – Thursday 900-1600 and Friday 900-1400 offering a simple quick cut and a full range of salon services. The convenience of being able to drop in over lunch or after work is always welcomed; appointments are

encouraged for detailed salon treatments.

### AAFCONS

- **Canteen** 0700-1700 weekdays, ph 7383 2529, [edinburgh@aafcons.gov.au](http://edinburgh@aafcons.gov.au)
- **Hanger Kiosk** 0730-1430 weekdays, ph 7383 2249
- **Café 733** 0800-1300 weekdays, ph 7383 2360
- **Sea Lion Café** 0800-1300 weekdays, ph 7383 7490

**Defence Bank** 0900-1600 weekdays, ph 8259 6100, [nicole.connor@defencebank.com.au](mailto:nicole.connor@defencebank.com.au)

**The Australian Military Bank** 0900-1600, ph 8259 3100, [edinburgh@australianmilitarybank.com.au](mailto:edinburgh@australianmilitarybank.com.au)

**Cuttin it Loose Salon** Monday to Thursday 0900-1830, Fridays 0900-1400, ph 7383 2220, [cuttinitloose@mail.com](mailto:cuttinitloose@mail.com)

**Edinburgh Post Office** 815-1615 weekdays, ph 7383 2102, [theaveryfamilytrust@bigpond.com](mailto:theaveryfamilytrust@bigpond.com).



the families to compensate for the rigours and absences caused by Defence life. Additional children come from charity organisations; in the past including Camp Quality, Epilepsy SA, Can-Do for Kids and Deaf Can Do. More recently, the families have been coordinated through the Salvation Army network. There is also a collection of food and gifts undertaken at the Treat that are re-distributed through the Salvation Army to those in need.

## 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 Australian Defence Force (ADF) members and their families.

DFA provides a forum through which ADF members and their families can raise issues affecting them individually or collectively. It can help families contact the appropriate people or bodies on an issue, assist in locating correct information on the benefits and assistance available to them from Defence, and educate Defence members and their families on their rights, responsibilities and the Defence policies that affect them. DFA can also 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. These Delegates allow DFA to reach Defence members and their families at a local level. The DFA representative for SA, Keely Marrs, maintains close connections to a wide group of stakeholders across the state and nationally. These include Defence Consultative Group South Australia, Defence Community



↑ DFA representative for SA Keely Marrs.



↑ Children enjoying the Annual Christmas Treat.

Organisation (DCO), Defence Housing Australia (DHA), Toll Transitions and the Defence Relocations and Housing Manager (DRHM). She 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 August DFA invites Defence Service Chiefs and key stakeholders together for a week-long conference in Canberra. Each Delegate has the opportunity to bring forward current issues from their respective region and discuss opportunities for appropriate change and improvement.

For more information please visit [dfa.org.au](http://dfa.org.au).

If you would like to discuss an issue, provide feedback or require advocacy contact Keely on 0428 555 147 or email [sa@dfa.org.au](mailto:sa@dfa.org.au). The local DFA SA Facebook page is [Facebook.com/DFASouthAustralia](https://www.facebook.com/DFASouthAustralia). You can also follow the national DFA on [facebook.com/DefenceFamiliesofAustralia](https://www.facebook.com/DefenceFamiliesofAustralia); [instagram.com/defence\\_families\\_of\\_australia](https://www.instagram.com/defence_families_of_australia); [twitter.com/defencefamilies](https://twitter.com/defencefamilies). To contact the national office please call 1800 100 509.



## DEFENCE SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP

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

organisation which has been supporting current Defence and ex serving members and their special needs families for over 20 years. Volunteers assist local members in Adelaide, Woodside and Australia wide, through advocacy, information pathways and local activities.

Local DSNSG members have access to subsidised educational workshops held throughout the year, regular local events organised by the Adelaide Coordinator as well as being supported by the various Programs offered within DSNSG. DSNSG appreciates the support of our sponsorship partners Aspen Medical, APS Group Benefits, DCO, Defence Health, DHA, Navy Health and Toll Transitions.

To find out what is happening in your local area, email [adelaide@dsmsg.org.au](mailto:adelaide@dsmsg.org.au). For further information about DSNSG go to [dsmsg.org.au](http://dsmsg.org.au) or call the DSNSG National Helpline 1800 037 674.



## 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 provides Defence Members and their families the opportunity to create social networks within their community, and provides an environment for social interaction, information sharing 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 Bump to Baby group for pregnant and new parents once a week and playgroup twice a week, out of the Community Centre on Base. Additionally, NEDC has a Book Club, and a PC Gaming Club. NEDC also run school holiday events, Better Halves



↑ North East Defence Community open day.

Nights Out and other special activities such as pot lucks, movies nights, craft events, personal development workshops, trivia night and more. For information please email [nedc.edinburgh@rocketmail.com](mailto:nedc.edinburgh@rocketmail.com), phone 0491070762 or find NEDC on Facebook by searching NEDCFamily.

## DEFENCE HEALTH

Not-for-profit health insurer Defence Health is committed to providing genuine and meaningful support to the local Defence community. In SA, Charmaine Lock performs the role of Defence Community Relationship Officer. As a devoted Defence spouse, Charmaine understands the lifestyle, commitment and sacrifice made by serving personnel.

Defence Health likes to connect with Defence families and provide support for suitable community events. It has supported the annual Christmas Treat, local community centres, other Defence organisations, and our much-loved Defence School Mentors.

If you see Charmaine out and about at a community event, say 'hi' and ask her all those burning questions you might have about health insurance. Find out more about Defence Health's support for the community at [defencehealth.com.au/dcro-sa/](http://defencehealth.com.au/dcro-sa/)

## WOMEN'S INTEGRATED NETWORKING GROUP (WINGS)

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

WINGS sessions at RAAF Edinburgh are held once per month for 60-90 min 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 Anneka Deaton or email [ednwingsco-ord@drn.mil.au](mailto:ednwingsco-ord@drn.mil.au).



## AUSTRALIAN MILITARY WIVES CHOIR

The Australian Military Wives Choir, Adelaide is a choir for women who support Defence Force members.

As a no audition, no experience necessary choir, they welcome new members at any time during the year. Despite the word wives in their name, they welcome any woman who has close links to serving ADF members such as girlfriends, partners, wives, mothers and sisters. They also welcome female ADF members. The choir started in Canberra in 2012. Today there are more than 100 members nationally with the Adelaide choir starting in 2015. If you would like to join the choir, email the coordinator at [amwc.adelaide@gmail.com](mailto:amwc.adelaide@gmail.com) for rehearsal details. Rehearsals are held on the first, third and fifth Thursday of the month. Check out [amwchoir.com](http://amwchoir.com) to learn more about the choir's music and this supportive community of women who all love singing.



↑ Australian Military Wives Choir, Adelaide, supporting a local RAAF Ceremony in Adelaide.

## AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS

The AAFC is a youth development organisation set in a military and aviation environment, administered and actively supported by the Royal Australian Air Force. No.6 Wing covers squadrons located within SA and Mildura. Activities include aviation, aircraft recognition, fieldcraft, radio communications, firearms safety training and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) projects such as construction and operation of remote-controlled airborne drones.

Cadets may be selected 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 (SACE), and most activities can also be counted towards the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

No.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.

No.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 consists of a large range of instruments and provides cadets the ability to practice instruments and perform music in a military environment. No.6 Wing is always looking for qualified and motivated instructors to join the team – with a passion for youth training, aviation and an appreciation of the military lifestyle.

To find your local SA squadron or to join as a Cadet or as adult staff, visit [aafc.org.au](http://aafc.org.au). For more information, contact [paco.6wg@airforcecadets.gov.au](mailto:paco.6wg@airforcecadets.gov.au).



↑ Two local Cadets with an AAFC Glider at RAAF Edinburgh.

# 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.



↑ RAAF staff participating in one of the monthly EDP Gate Collections.



## EDP GATE COLLECTIONS

The EDP conducts Gate Collections through the year in support of local community support charities and not for profit organisations. They are normally conducted at the end of the day on a Thursday and provide an important mechanism for EDP staff to give back to the less fortunate people in the local community.

## DEFENCE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Defence Administrative Assistance Program (DAAP) is a Defence-funded initiative where Defence partners with local community organisations to provide opportunities for people with disability to engage in meaningful work. At Edinburgh, DAAP services are being provided through Barkuma, a local not-for-profit organisation that assists people with a disability to live and work in the community. A number of units are employing the Barkuma staff to do various office tasks that unit personnel are unable to find the time to complete.

## 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.

## DEFENCE LONG RIDE

EDP staff participate in the annual Defence Long Ride to raise awareness and funds in support of Prostate Cancer.

## BASE RUNS

RAAF Edinburgh routinely conducts base airfield runs to raise awareness and funds for local charities. They are a popular activity for Defence staff to get out of the office in support of their local community.

## DEFENCE AID TO THE CIVIL COMMUNITY

In recent years, Edinburgh Defence Precinct personnel have provided important emergency support to local flood and bush fire relief operations in response to requests for assistance from the South Australian Government.

↓ RAAF members at the Women's and Children's Hospital Starlight Room.



↑ RAAF members engaging school children at the 2019 Adelaide 500 RAAF display.

## SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

**Commemoration Services.** While EDP ADF personnel participate as a priority for key national commemoration days such as ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day, they also support a variety of commemorations throughout the year.

**Major Events.** EDP staff support major events such as the Adelaide 500 race held in Adelaide in early March, 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.

**Charity Events.** EDP staff greatly support charity events conducted throughout the community. Recent examples include:

- The Baker-Gordon Charity Shield Cricket Match where a RAAF Edinburgh plays 7RAR to raise funds for local charities
- The annual RSL and Legacy Appeals.

## 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.

↓ FLTLT Steve Warrior with a local indigenous dance group that works with RAAF Edinburgh in enhancing cultural awareness.



## EDP & INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES



### IN THE ADELAIDE AREA, RAAF

Edinburgh, Defence Science and Technology – East and Edinburgh Parks are located on land where the Kurna are the traditional owners. In the Woomera region, a number of primary indigenous groups are recognised as traditional owners of land. The Edinburgh Defence Precinct proactively 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.

### EDP INDIGENOUS LIAISON OFFICER

In 2019, RAAF Edinburgh appointed its first uniformed RAAF Indigenous Liaison Officer (ILO). FLTLT Steve Warrior, a proud Kurna, Narungga and Kokatha man who grew up on the York Peninsula, will be the RAAF ILO from 2019-2021. The role of the ILO is to develop a collective approach to Indigenous activities and initiatives at RAAF Edinburgh, enhance RAAF Edinburgh's indigenous cultural awareness and connect RAAF Edinburgh with the broader local indigenous community. It is critical in linking the base with the Kurna

people, promoting mutual awareness and providing leadership and guidance to RAAF Edinburgh executives and members. The incumbent attends significant community events involving the local Indigenous people as a uniformed representative of Air Force.

### SPORTS INITIATIVES

Every year the communities of 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 also hosts an annual visit by the Kurna Sports Association which participates in the annual South Australian Aboriginal Football and Netball Carnival. In preparation for the carnival, RAAF Edinburgh hosts an exhibition game between the Kurna Football Team and a RAAF Edinburgh Team.

### INDIGENOUS YOUTH PROGRAM

The Indigenous Youth Program is a three-day Defence residential program designed to expose students to military aviation careers as well as life on an operational air base. The students participate in a wide range of activities, including a demonstration of ground defence training, maintenance hangars and other specialised work areas. RAAF Edinburgh hosts the program with 10 participants from across South Australia once a year. Over three days, after early morning starts, long days and visits to units on the third day, 10 shy kids were transferred into eager, loud kids who did not want the course to finish. RAAF Edinburgh hosts at least one program every year.

### RECONCILIATION AND NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES

For the past four years, the Edinburgh Defence Precinct has worked with the local indigenous communities in celebrating NAIDOC Week and recognising Reconciliation Week, as opportunities to bring Defence indigenous and non-indigenous personnel together with local indigenous community members to engage, share stories and better understand each other's cultures.

A key initiative in recent years is four AP-3C Orion aircraft propeller blades painted by local Indigenous artists as a symbol of the growing relationship between Edinburgh Defence Precinct and the Kurna. During the 2019 Reconciliation Week, the second propeller blade artwork was unveiled at the SGT's Mess.



↑ Local indigenous artist Samantha Gollan with the new indigenous propeller blade artwork presented to the RAAF Edinburgh SGT's Mess.

**WOOMERA INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT**

The Woomera Prohibited Area (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. This includes attendance at functions such as the NAIDOC Gala Dinner and NAIDOC Youth Ball in Coober Pedy. ADF staff also conduct drop in visits to the Youth Centre to interact on a more personal level and organise community events in the Woomera area.

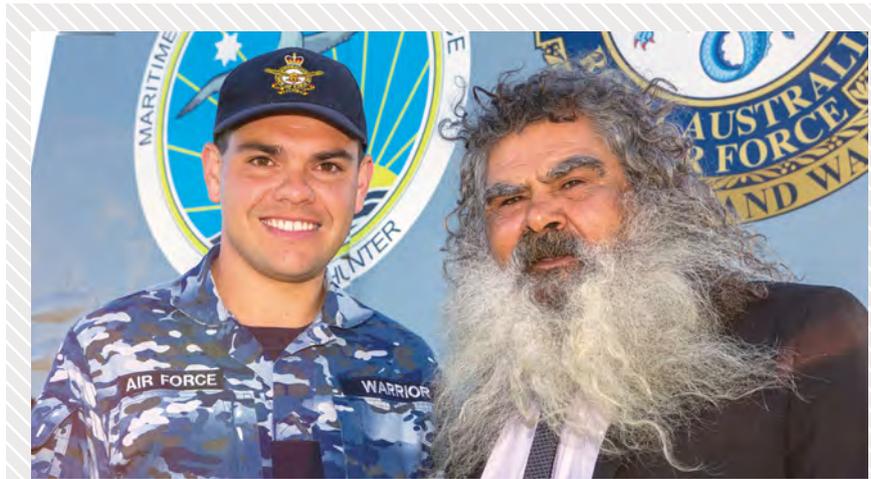
In 2019, the Maralinga Tjarutja people and Defence entered into a formal agreement, known as the 'Cooperation Agreement' which provides a framework for cooperation, and outlines mutual rights and responsibilities. It also articulates how Defence and Maralinga Tjarutja representatives will engage with each other on a regular basis to manage safety and security within the WPA and work together to protect Aboriginal heritage and culture.

**REGIONAL COMPLIANCE OFFICERS**

The Regional Compliance Officer (RCO) program is a CAF-endorsed Indigenous Specialist Reserve initiative designed to enhance Defence's relationship with the indigenous groups whose traditional lands form part of the WPA and provide employment and skilling opportunities to aboriginal people while maintaining connection with Country.

Participants have come from the Kokatha Mula Nation, Antakarinja Matu-Yankunytjatjara, Maralinga Tjarutja, Arabana and Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara.

RCOs are employed in the Air Force as uniformed members.



*"I am proud to be the first uniformed RAAF Edinburgh Indigenous Liaison Officer. I will work closely with the base executives and in particular, the Senior ADF Officer EDP to immerse Indigenous culture and implement strategies to build cultural awareness and promote Air Force capability. Likewise, I will work closely with our local indigenous communities developing initiatives of mutual benefit that will enhance our relationships."*

**RAAF Edinburgh Indigenous Liaison Officer FLTLT Steve Warrior**



↑ Indigenous Youth Program participants after a tour of an 11 SQN P-8A Poseidon aircraft.



→ Right: Jack Buckskin from the Kurna football team, presents a Kurna shield to the Edinburgh Defence Precinct football team prior to the Australian Rules Football exhibition match held at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

Far right: Local Oak Valley artist Cindy Watson next to her artwork on the bonnet of an Air Force Test Ranges Squadron compliance patrol vehicle.



PHOTO: CPL Brenton Kwaterski

# THE VETERAN COMMUNITY

THERE IS WIDE RANGE OF SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO VETERANS OF ALL AGES.



**THE VETERAN COMMUNITY** is a critical 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 veterans' organisation have 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. In doing so, we acknowledge our role in recognising those sacrifices and embracing the legacy those who have served before have passed on to today's ADF. While 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 RAAF Association (SA Division) in holding the annual Air Force Birthday, Bomber Command, Victory in the Pacific 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 such as:

- **Federal organisations.** We work closely with the Department of Veterans' Affairs and Open Arms (formerly VVCS) to better connect them with serving members and assisting 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, RAAFA (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



↑ Royal Australian Air Force personnel from RAAF Base Edinburgh march along North Terrace during the Adelaide City Anzac Day parade.

support for veterans and their families. Its services include:

- pensions and compensation
- health care
- rehabilitation
- counselling
- support for servicemen and women returning to civilian life
- commemorative and community grants
- homecare assistance
- subsidised loans for housing and other housing-related benefits
- commemorative activities and historical information.

DVA continues to transform, changing the way it operates, putting the needs and wellbeing of veterans at the heart of everything they do. The program of work underway is building a better client experience, making it faster and easier for veterans and their families to get the treatment and support they need, when they need it.

**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 your digital Veteran Card. For more information or to register see [MyService visit \[dva.gov.au/myservice\]\(https://my.dva.gov.au/myservice\)](https://my.dva.gov.au/myservice).

**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 ADF, as well as eligible Reservists. For further information visit [dva.gov.au/nlhc](https://my.dva.gov.au/nlhc). In addition, mental-health support including free and confidential counselling 24/7 is offered through Open Arms on 1800 011 046. Other useful information can also be found on the website [AT-Ease.dva.gov.au](https://my.dva.gov.au/at-ease).

**Finding employment after the ADF.** To help ADF personnel transitioning back into civilian life, there is an information page for veterans on the government's jobactive website to help in identifying their skills, translating them to the civilian workforce. There is also an optional 'Defence Force experience desirable' flag for vacancies listed on the jobactive website, helping veterans connect with employers, see [jobactive.gov.au](https://my.jobactive.gov.au). The Prime Minister's Veterans' Employment Program was also established in 2016 to raise awareness of the enormous value and unique experience of veterans, see [veteranemployment.gov.au](https://my.veteranemployment.gov.au)

**On base support.** The Veteran Support Office, previously known as On Base Advisory Service, provides a DVA presence on more than 40 ADF bases nationally and offers members information and advice about the support and entitlements they might be able to receive through DVA. The levels of support range from information on DVA self-service through to a case-managed approach for ADF members who have high needs or complex matters. The Veteran Support Offices are manned by Veteran Support Officers (VSOs) who are DVA staff.

**Contact us.** The Edinburgh Veteran Support Office is located at the Health Centre. To find out more or to make an appointment, you can contact the Edinburgh Veteran Support Office by email [smboba@dva.gov.au](mailto:smboba@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 555 254.

### VETERANS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The SA Government veterans' affairs agency, Veterans SA, works with government departments and agencies, ex-service

organisations and the wider veteran community as a focal point to coordinate services for veterans across the state.

Since October 2014, the agency has focused its efforts towards the next 50 years while retaining an appropriate emphasis on commemorations and ensuring our older veterans are appropriately acknowledged and cared for. This realignment is recognition of the increased operational tempo of the ADF since 1999 in global theatres including Timor Leste, Solomon Islands, Iraq, Afghanistan and the broader Middle East, including peacekeeping operations. It is also recognition of the increased military presence at RAAF Base Edinburgh, including significant elements of Army's 1st Brigade.

Veterans SA is also responsible for encouraging cooperation across all ex-service organisations in SA. It provides a link for the veteran community to communicate directly to the highest levels of state government. Premier Steven Marshall has taken personal responsibility for the veterans' affairs portfolio. The Veterans' Advisory Council (VAC) advises the premier on matters concerning the veteran community. It is chaired by Brigadier Laurie Lewis AM (retired) and comprises 16 members of the veteran community. Veterans SA, the VAC and the state government are working on ways to improve transition and employment for serving and ex-serving personnel in SA.

Veterans SA is an agency of the Department of Premier and Cabinet and is located in the State Administration Centre in Victoria Square, Adelaide. →



↑ WWII Veteran Doug Leak during the Victory in the Pacific anniversary ceremony.



Legacy is a unique national Australian voluntary organisation, a charity dedicated to enhancing the lives of the families of ADF veterans who have served in war, peacekeeping and humanitarian missions and who have died or become incapacitated on service or subsequently. That is, those who have given their life or their health as a result of serving their country.

Legacy protects the basic needs of individuals and families, assists families to cope with bereavement and helps people thrive, despite adversity and loss, providing care and support to the families of incapacitated and deceased veterans (widows, widowers, children and disabled dependents). It also advocates for entitlements, rights and benefits of individuals and families.

Legacy provides a range of social activities, services and support, such as education expenses and dental care for children and youth, holiday respite, home maintenance, assistance with utility bills, advice and assistance with claiming pensions, financial counselling, legal advice, advocacy and much more. Youth support can make a real difference in the chances a young person has of a



↑ WWII Veteran Ray Merrill DFC, centre, with Wing Comander Martin Ball (AWC HQ), left, and Commanding Officer No.462 Squadron Wing Comander David Clyde, after the Victory in the Pacific anniversary ceremony.

successful career and in life in general, chances often diminished by the loss of a parent.

Currently, there are over 5,100 beneficiaries across SA and Broken Hill alone, with the majority being widows of World War II veterans. There are still three widows of World War I veterans, and over 375 from the Vietnam War. Our oldest widow is 107 years of age (there are 105 widows over 100) and our youngest widow is just 35. There are 77 children receiving Legacy assistance, aged four to 24 years.

For the past 90 years, Legacy has been providing support and services to thousands of widows, widowers and families of ex-ADF men and women who have given their life or their health in service of our country. Legacy's commitment continues to assist the families of today's ADF personnel. Behind each member of the ADF who risks everything, there is a family doing the same, so if you or your family need assistance, please contact Legacy on 08 8231 9812.





## We support the veteran community in South Australia



**We envisage a strong, vibrant, well-supported and represented veteran community, inclusive of all generations that is understood and acknowledged by all South Australians.**

Veterans SA is a state government agency serving the South Australian veteran community and South Australian Government, providing education and advocacy on all matters relating to veterans. The Agency supports serving and ex-serving military personnel (and those who support them) by providing a central contact point for information about the state government's services to veterans across South Australia.

Follow us on social media or visit our website for reliable advice to veterans and their families.

[Employment](#)   [Transition](#)   [Finance](#)   [Services](#)   [Health & Wellbeing](#)

[veteranssa.sa.gov.au](http://veteranssa.sa.gov.au)




## We will support your transition back into the community



**The Partnerships Hub is a welcoming space that facilitates a number of support programs for the defence and veteran community.**

The Partnerships Hub was developed in response to requests from the veteran community for a veteran hub to be part of the model of care for the Jamie Larcombe Centre (JLC). Although it is located adjacent to the centre, The Partnerships Hub is open to all current and ex-service personnel and their families.

Through The Partnerships Hub, the defence and veteran community is able to access a number of professional services including financial planners, legal advisors, business coaches and health advisors. Visitors can be confident that the professionals that work from The Partnerships Hub are experienced in working with defence personnel and veterans.

**The Partnerships Hub is located adjacent the JLC on Eucalyptus Rd, Glenside SA 5065.**

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[veteranssa.sa.gov.au](http://veteranssa.sa.gov.au)




## SUPPORTING VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

At Open Arms your wellbeing is our business. We offer:

- counselling for individuals, couples and families
- group programs
- transition workshops
- peer support networks
- suicide prevention training
- information, education, self-help resources, and more...

**For support or to find out more, call or visit:**

**OPEN**  
Veterans & Families  
Counselling  
**ARMS**

**1800 011 046**  
**OpenArms.gov.au**



## RAAF ASSOCIATION SA

**WHO WE ARE?** The Airforce Association is the peak veterans support organisation for RAAF and ex-RAAF members and their families in Australia. As the peak body, the Association is recognised by

government and other veteran's 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 Association 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 RAAFA SA Division comprises four branches. With a headquarters branch at Torrens Parade Ground, RAAFA 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. The three suburban-based branches include Mitcham, Salisbury/Elizabeth and Ubon.

**OUR MISSION.** The RAAF Association South Australia exists to support the welfare of the Air Force family through advocacy, assistance, camaraderie, and commemoration.

**1. Advocacy.** At the federal and state government levels, we provide an 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.

### 2. 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



↑ Catafalque party members and Australian Defence Force personnel salute to the Last Post during the RAAF 97th Anniversary ceremony at the Air Force Memorial, Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide.

PHOTO: CPL David Cotton

South Australia's contribution to that story.

**3. Assistance.** We appreciate ex-serving members and their families of various ages will require assistance and support at times and we can be there for them when needed.

**4. 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, and provide mentorship and foster values.

### OUR 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 ex-service organisation
- To ensure South Australia has a better understanding of the Air Force story and the state's contribution to that story.



## OPEN ARMS

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

Defence Force personnel and their families. Its counsellors have a deep understanding of the military and the issues that face the military community – many are veterans themselves.

To better serve the EDP community, counsellors regularly visit regional centres in Whyalla, Port Augusta and Port Pirie and it has recently opened an office in Elizabeth. Open Arms has also increased its counselling capacity with the introduction of lived-experience peers who work with veterans, family supports, community agencies and mental-health clinicians to provide a more holistic and therapeutic experience.

With an increased focus on the lifetime wellbeing of veterans, Open Arms has expanded its services to include eMental





TO JOIN  
A LOCAL BRANCH,  
PLEASE CONTACT:

**RAAFA SA**

**Secretary:** 0419 858 774

**RAAFA SA Office:**  
raafaad@internode.on.net

**RAAFA SA Website:**  
www.raafasa.org.au

**Headquarters:** 08 8227 0980

**Elizabeth/Salisbury:** 08 8258 6061

**Mitcham:** 08 8271 6213

**Ubon:** 0419 858 774

# RAAF ASSOCIATION

• SOUTH AUSTRALIA •

*Committed to our Air Force veterans and their families*



## OUR MISSION

We are here to support the welfare of the Air Force family through Advocacy, Assistance, Camaraderie and Commemoration  
We recognize the Air Force family comprises those who have served or are serving in the Air Force and their respective family members

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Health products and applications. This means you can now access information on fitness, nutrition, sleep, social connections and much more all through Open Arms self-help menu at [openarms.gov.au](http://openarms.gov.au). There are also resources on resilience, safety and PTSD available via mobile apps: High Res, Op Life, PTSD Coach and 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](http://Openarms.gov.au)



## RSL SA

Veterans formed the RSL in 1915 to care for the interests of other veterans. We have over 100 years of experience serving the needs of

ADF members and their families. At RSL SA our mission is to care for the health and wellbeing of the current Service and Ex-Service community and their families in South Australia, Northern Territory and Broken Hill.

RSL SA has Advocacy Training and Development Program trained advocates to assist with transitioning, submitting DVA claims, case

reviews and directions to lifestyle and wellbeing programs. We strongly recommend attending a transition seminar and making an appointment with an advocate well ahead of your discharge. Let us help you to get all your ducks in a row and all your stuff in the one sock with medical documentation, claim forms, Reserve service, employment pathways, recommendations to seek advice on financial matters and health insurance. It's a modern world and much of the work can be done electronically, ask us how to get registered with DVA.

Leaving the ADF brings new challenges. As a RSL member you may not be part of the same Defence team so let the RSL be part of your new team. RSL SA works with other agencies like RSL Care SA, Andrew Russell Veteran Living, Department of Veterans' Affairs, Veterans SA, The Partnerships Hub, Storyright, Legacy, Soldier On and Open Arms to ensure the best outcomes are achieved for you and your family. If your conditions are accepted by DVA before you discharge, you will have less to handle during transition.

RSL has veteran centres, associated services and advocates in Adelaide, Gawler, Largs Bay, Payneham, Plympton Park, McLaren Vale and



↑ Current and ex serving personnel gathered at the Air Force Memorial, Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide to celebrate the RAAF's 96th Anniversary.

XMRC Edinburgh. Email [reception@rslsa.org.au](mailto:reception@rslsa.org.au) for more information. RSL Sub-Branches are across country and metro regions, give them a visit and introduce yourself. Bring your mates and get on-board.

# RSL SOUTH AUSTRALIA

## SUPPORTING DEFENCE PERSONNEL, VETERANS AND FAMILIES:

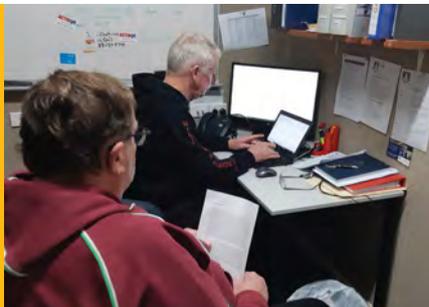
- ADVOCACY AND ASSISTANCE WITH DVA CLAIMS
- ADVICE ON TRANSITION, LIFESTYLE AND WELLBEING PROGRAMS
- COMMEMORATION

Over 100 sub-branches in South Australia and Northern Territory



**RSL**  
South Australia

*Advocacy*  
*Services*  
*Mateship*  
*Commemoration*  
*Sustainability*



RSL SA, Torrens Training Depot, Victoria Drive, Adelaide.

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# SETTLING IN

To help you establish your family in the Edinburgh region, we've put together 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.

## LOCAL COUNCILS

RAAF Edinburgh sits in the City of Salisbury and borders the City of Playford, so it is likely many personnel with a posting here will live in one of these two local council areas. Other nearby local council areas include Gawler ([gawler.sa.gov.au](http://gawler.sa.gov.au)), Tea Tree Gully ([teatreegully.sa.gov.au](http://teatreegully.sa.gov.au)) and Adelaide Hills ([ahc.sa.gov.au](http://ahc.sa.gov.au)).

## THE CITY OF SALISBURY

Council Municipal Offices, 12 James Street, Salisbury. Phone 08 8406 8222. [salisbury.sa.gov.au](http://salisbury.sa.gov.au)

The City of Salisbury extends from St Vincent Gulf to the Mt Lofty Ranges foothills. It includes more than 30 suburbs and covers some 160 square kilometres.

Salisbury City Centre has shops, most major banks, restaurants, cafes and a cinema complex. Major community events include an Australia Day Family Picnic, Christmas Parade and Salisbury Secret Garden – the Northern Hub of the Adelaide Fringe. Council produces a comprehensive annual directory of services and facilities in the area. See [salisbury.sa.gov.au/Live/Community/Community\\_Information\\_Directory](http://salisbury.sa.gov.au/Live/Community/Community_Information_Directory)

## THE CITY OF PLAYFORD

Playford Civic Centre, 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth. Phone 08 8256 0333. [playford.sa.gov.au](http://playford.sa.gov.au)

The most northern local government area of metropolitan Adelaide, the City of Playford covers 346 square kilometres 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. Major community events include Australia Day and Carols in the Park.

## 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. Adelaide Metro's official public transport app, metroMATE gives real-time public transport information. To find the app, timetables, maps and transport information, visit [adelaidemetro.com.au](http://adelaidemetro.com.au)

## LIBRARIES

**THE CITY OF SALISBURY** has five library branches providing free lending and online resource to members. As well as a huge range of adult and children's fiction and non-fiction books, the libraries have audio books, magazines, Playaways (pre-loaded digital audio books), Blu-Ray discs, CDs, DVDs, games (held at Mawson Lakes Library), toys (held at Para Hills Library), and sports equipment (held at Salisbury West and Mawson Lakes libraries).

**Ingle Farm Library** Beovich Road, Ingle Farm. Open Mon-Wed & Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Thurs 9.30am-8pm, Sat 9.30am-3.30pm, Sun: 1.30pm-4.30pm. Closed on public holidays.

**Len Beadell Library** 55 John Street, Salisbury. Open Mon-Wed & Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Thurs 9.30am-8pm, Sat 9.30am-3.30pm, Sun 1.30pm-4.30pm. Closed on public holidays.

**Mawson Lakes Library** 2-8 Main Street, Mawson Lakes. Open Mon, Wed & Fri 9.30am-5pm, Tues & Thurs 9.30am-7pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 2-5pm. Closed public holidays.

**Para Hills Library** Wilkinson Road, Para Hills. Open Mon-Wed & Fri 9.30am-5pm, Thurs 9.30am-7pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Closed on public holidays.



**Salisbury West Library** Hollywood Boulevard, Salisbury Downs. Open Mon-Wed & Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Thurs 9.30am-8pm, Sat 9.30am-12.30pm. Closed on public holidays.

[salisbury.sa.gov.au/Learn/Libraries](https://salisbury.sa.gov.au/Learn/Libraries)

**THE CITY OF PLAYFORD** Library Service consists of two branches in Elizabeth and Munno Para, as well as the Mobile Library Service and the Home Library Service.

**Playford Civic Centre** 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth. Open Mon-Wed & Fri 9am-5pm, Thurs 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-2pm.

**Stetton Centre** 307 Peachey Road, Munno Para. Open Mon-Wed & Fri 9am-5pm, Thurs 10am-7pm, Sat 10am-2pm, Sun 1-4pm.

[playford.sa.gov.au/library](https://playford.sa.gov.au/library)

## 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/Play/Community\\_Facilities\\_and\\_Parks](https://salisbury.sa.gov.au/Play/Community_Facilities_and_Parks)

**Playford** has more than 1,000 hectares of open space consisting of playground parks, sports reserves and trails. Its most notable parks include:

- Fremont Park, near the Elizabeth City Centre, which features a large lake with a fountain and waterfalls, a rotunda and two colourful playgrounds.
- Stebonheath Park, Davoren Road, Andrews Farm, has 3.6 hectares of wetland, board walks, bridges and play equipment.
- Para Wirra Recreation Park is a beautiful bushland threaded with walking trails, wildlife including emus and western grey kangaroos and a sports oval. Dogs are permitted on leads. [playford.sa.gov.au](https://playford.sa.gov.au)

## DOG-FRIENDLY PARKS

As part of its drive to reduce the incidence of dog attacks in the area, **Salisbury Council** maintains and enforces a by-law requiring all dogs to be leashed in public places (including roads and footpaths) except for parks and open spaces marked with signs permitting unleashed exercise from 6.30pm to 8am daily. Council also provides nine fenced, dog-friendly parks where owners can exercise their dogs unleashed at any time. These parks can be found at the following locations:

- Baltimore Reserve, Oleander Drive, Parafield.
- Canterbury Drive Reserve, Canterbury Drive, Salisbury Heights
- Dry Creek Linear Park (Technology Park), Park Way, Mawson Lakes
- Golding Oval, Corner of Redhill Road and Kalina Avenue, Para Vista
- Happy Home Reserve, between Waterloo Corner Road and Salisbury Highway, Salisbury North

- Jenkins Reserve, Saints Road, Salisbury Park
- Kingswood Crescent Reserve Dog Park, Bolivar Road, Paralowie
- Paddocks, Maxwell Rd, Para Hills
- Unity Park, South Terrace, Pooraka.

**Playford** has three fenced dog parks, all with water facilities, bins and seating:

- Jo Gapper Activity Park, Blackburn Road, Hillbank
- Stebonheath Dog Park, Davoren Road, Andrews Farm.
- Pooch Park, Jabez Way, Blakeview.

## RECREATION FACILITIES

**Parafield 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](https://gardensrc.com.au)

**Ingle Farm Recreation Centre**, corner Beovich Road and Roopena Street, Ingle Farm. A multi-court, regional recreation centre with a broad range of activities and services. [inglefarmrc.com.au](https://inglefarmrc.com.au)

**Salisbury Recreation Precinct**, Waterloo Corner Road, Salisbury North. Features include floodlit tennis courts, 25m and 50m swimming pools (open during the warmer months only), reserve walks and a clubroom.

[salisburyrecprecinct.com.au](https://salisburyrecprecinct.com.au)

**Aquadome**, 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, crèche and cafe.

[playfordaquadome.com.au](https://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](https://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](https://skbc.com.au)

## THEATRE & MUSIC

**The Shedley Theatre**, Playford Civic Centre, is home to the Out of the Square Matinee Series, school holiday productions and annual performances from local amateur theatre groups and schools.

[theshedley.com.au](https://theshedley.com.au)

**Tea Tree Players Theatre**, Tilley Recreation Park, corner Yatala Vale Road and Hancock Road, Surrey Downs. [teatreeplayers.com](https://teatreeplayers.com)

**Northern Sound System**, 73 Elizabeth Way, Elizabeth. The City of Playford's youth development facility uses music to engage with young people.

[northernsoundssystem.com.au](https://northernsoundssystem.com.au)



## WALKING & CYCLING TRAILS

**Little Para River Trail** (16.5km), runs from the hilly escarpments in the east of Northern Adelaide to Barker Inlet in the west. Remnants of natural landscapes along the Little Para River's edge include eucalyptus woodland and native golden wattle. The trail is a mix of sealed and unsealed trails and links with the Dry Creek Trail.

**Dry Creek Trails** (14km), a network of walking and cycling trails following Dry Creek and its reserves from Wynn Vale and Valley View through Mawson Lakes to the Little Para River Trail near Barker Inlet, through Salisbury and neighbouring council areas.

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

**Stuart O'Grady Bikeway** (22.6km) is a shared-use trail that runs parallel to the Northern Expressway.

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

**Smith Creek Trail** (3km), a family-friendly path that winds its way 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](http://walkingsa.org.au) for maps and more trails.

## SHOPPING

**Elizabeth City Centre**, 50 Elizabeth Way, Elizabeth. Big W, Coles, Harris Scarfe, Target, Woolworths, specialty stores, food hall and cinemas. Open daily except public holidays. [elizabethcitycentre.com.au](http://elizabethcitycentre.com.au)

**Hollywood Plaza**, corner Spains Road and Winzor Street, Salisbury Downs. Target, Coles, Woolworths and approximately 65 specialty shops. Open daily except public holidays. [hollywoodplazashopping.com.au](http://hollywoodplazashopping.com.au)

**Ingle Farm Shopping Centre**, corner Walkleys & Montague Roads, Ingle Farm. Kmart, Coles, 100 specialty shops and a food court. Open daily except public holidays. [inglefarmshopping.com.au](http://inglefarmshopping.com.au)

**Munno Parra Shopping City**, 600 Main North Road, Smithfield. Coles, Kmart, Foodland and a range of retailers and specialty stores. Open daily except public holidays. [munno.com.au](http://munno.com.au)

**Parabanks Shopping Centre**, 68 John Street, Salisbury. Big W, Harris Scarf, Woolworths, Coles and a range of specialty shops. Open daily except public holidays. [parabanks.com.au](http://parabanks.com.au)

**Westfield Teatree Plaza**, 976 North East Road, Modbury. Myer, Harris Scarfe, Big W, Kmart, Target, Coles, Woolworths, Aldi, food hall and cinemas. Open daily except public holidays. [westfield.com.au/teatreeplaza](http://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](http://sahealth.sa.gov.au).

## CHILDCARE

There is a variety of childcare options in the Northern Adelaide area. Turn to our Education section for information. Some useful contacts are:

**Family Day Care Australia** on 1800 658 699

**Child Care Access Hotline** on 1800 670 305

## SCHOOLS

The Edinburgh posting has a wide range of schooling options including public, private, selective and independent school. It is important that



you decide on your housing arrangements prior to finalising your schooling choices. Defence does not regard a choice of school as grounds to limit your search for a property. For information on schooling in South Australia turn to the Education section in this guide or visit the SA Department of Education website at [education.sa.gov.au](http://education.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](http://unisa.edu.au)

TAFESA has a number of campuses in Northern Adelaide, including Salisbury, Elizabeth, Teatree Gully, Gilles Plains and Regency Park, offering a range of courses and training programs.

## UTILITIES

You will need to arrange your own utilities such as electricity, gas, pay TV, internet services or 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](http://fastconnect.net.au) or access the service via Online Services on the Defence Housing Australia website at [dha.gov.au](http://dha.gov.au). See also housing on page 41.

## 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 or storms call 132 500 or see [ses.sa.gov.au](http://ses.sa.gov.au).
- bushfires call the Bushfire Information Hotline 1300 362 361 or see [cfs.sa.gov.au](http://cfs.sa.gov.au).
- extreme weather contact SA State Emergency Service 132 500.
- For more see [sa.gov.au/topics/emergencies-and-safety](http://sa.gov.au/topics/emergencies-and-safety).

## MORE INFORMATION

To find particular services, from childcare to health services to sports teams, visit [sacommunity.org](http://sacommunity.org) and search by council area.service.

# SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Defence offers a broad range of programs and services to help Australian Defence Force members and their families in Adelaide to make the most of the challenges and opportunities provided by the military way of life.



**DEFENCE FAMILIES MAKE** a significant contribution to the wellbeing of our ADF members and the success of their missions.

In support of our ADF families, Defence Community Organisation (DCO) has a wide range of information and support for families to help them manage the challenges and opportunities of a mobile military lifestyle.

DCO delivers national programs and services with more than 200 military and civilian staff at offices on or near all major military bases across Australia. There's support available at every stage, from the training of young recruits away from parents for the first time, to partners and children managing the challenges of military life, to the time when a member transitions from permanent service.

Support available from DCO 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, education support for children, and assistance for members transferring to the Reserves or leaving the military. DCO also holds a number of information sessions and social events throughout the year for military families in the region.

For more information about these support services and programs, visit the website [defence.gov.au](https://defence.gov.au), contact the Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608 or email the Helpline for advice, [DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au](mailto:DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au).

## GET TO KNOW YOUR LOCAL DCO TEAM

The local DCO team is made up of both military and civilian staff, undertaking a variety of roles including Military Support, Defence Social Work and Family Liaison. The team provides a range of services and support 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.

↑ Lachie enjoying the giraffe enclosure during the Defence Community Organisation's 'Welcome to South Australia' event held at the Adelaide Zoo.

## DCO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

### 24-HOUR SUPPORT

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

### PARTNER EMPLOYMENT

Funding is available for initiatives that contribute to the immediate employability of partners when they relocate due to their ADF partner's military service.

### DEPENDANTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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

### CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

DCO has dedicated Education Liaison Officers to provide advice to families, and school-based mentors, to support Defence children through changing schools and times of parental absence.

### ACCESS TO CHILDCARE

Families who are facing difficulties accessing childcare, like when they move to a new area or change their work or care arrangements, can access an individual case-management service to help them find registered childcare services in their local community.

### EMERGENCY AND CRISIS SUPPORT

DCO 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 Family Helpline.



↑ Past and present Royal Australian Air Force members and families associated with No. 92 Wing, wait in line to view a static display of a No. 11 Squadron P-8A Poseidon aircraft during the No. 92 Wing Family Open Day at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

PHOTO: CPL Brenton Kwaterski

## WHO CAN YOU MEET AT THE LOCAL OFFICE?

- **Military Support Officers** are uniformed officers who provide advice and assistance in military matters and provide local ADF commanders with member-welfare support.
- **Defence Social Workers** are qualified professional 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. Family Liaison Officers are also proactive in arranging 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.

You can call the Defence Family Helpline for support, information and connection with your community, including your local DCO team. The Helpline is available 24/7 and is staffed by qualified human-services professionals including social workers and psychologists.

To make sure you don't miss out on the range of events DCO hosts, like dinners out or their regular coffee catch-ups, you can follow us on social media. Keep up-to-date with the latest DCO news and events on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Posts have links to DCO's Eventbrite page where you can get your free tickets to events. You can also see what local events are on by visiting the events calendar on the website [defence.gov.au/dco](https://defence.gov.au/dco).



↑ Defence personnel and their families enjoy the atmosphere during the Defence Community Organisation's 'Welcome to South Australia' event held at the Adelaide Zoo.

PHOTO: CPL Brenton Kwaterski

## TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE

DCO provides a range of practical guidance and administrative support to help those planning to transfer to the Reserves or leave the Australian Defence Force make a seamless transition to civilian life. It's an important process that families are encouraged to be part of.

## 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

DCO 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.

## CONTACT US

The Defence Family Helpline is your first point of call for support, information and connection with your local community. You can call the Helpline on 1800 624 608, 24 hours a day, seven days a week or email them at [DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au](mailto:DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au)

### Your local DCO office:

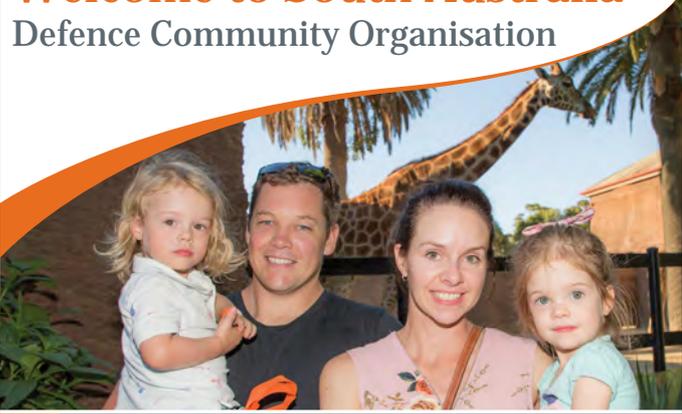
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## Welcome to South Australia

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## SUPPORT DURING DEPLOYMENT AND TIME APART

An integral feature of Defence life is time apart from families due to deployments, training or other Service requirements. DCO provides a range of services, practical assistance and products to help families prepare emotionally and practically when their ADF member is deployed on operations or absent from home for Service reasons. DCO services help to inform and prepare ADF members and families for every stage of deployment—before, during and after returning home. Local office staff host programs like KidSMART and FamilySMART, and can provide practical advice and connection to community groups, which can help to make these experiences positive and strengthening ones for your family.

Families can access advice and support including:

- regular deployment support calls (to opt in to receive these calls, contact the Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608)
- 24-hour advice and referral to local support services
- resilience programs
- assistance in emergencies and crisis.



**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 that need to be considered.

### RENTAL ACCOMMODATION

Defence Housing Australia (DHA) provides housing and related services for Australian Defence Force (ADF) members and their families.

The organisation's portfolio comprises modern freestanding houses, townhouses and apartments in selected locations. The majority are off-base, integrated throughout the local community, in reasonably close proximity to Defence bases and establishments, as well as a range of amenities and services.

DHA maintains the currency of its portfolio by upgrading existing properties (on and off-base), 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.

### SERVICE RESIDENCES

The main form of housing offered by DHA to Defence Members and their families is Service Residences (SR). These properties are located in proximity to Defence bases and offices throughout Australia and are generally provided to members with dependants.

You can check your eligibility for a SR at [dha.gov.au/housing](https://dha.gov.au/housing). If you own a home in your current posting location and it is suitable for you to live in, you will not be eligible for SR.

### HOW DO I FIND A SERVICE RESIDENCE?

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

### MOVING IN

When you get to your new posting a DHA property manager will meet you at your new residence. The Property Manager will:

- Provide you with a DHA Welcome Pack

- Ask you to sign a DHA Residence Agreement
- Discuss your rights and responsibilities as a tenant
- Take you through the inspection condition report, explaining the amenities and features of the home
- Provide you with two sets of keys to your home and a set of any remote-control units.

### UTILITY CONNECTION

You are responsible for the opening and payment of any electricity, gas, telephone or internet accounts. DHA will provide a telephone line, however you will have to source handsets at your own expense.

A quick, hassle-free way to have your telephone, electricity, internet, and gas services connected and disconnected is through Utility Connect. Utility Connect can also offer connection or disconnection of pay television once approved by your local regional office. This is a free service for Defence members and provides you with a choice of service providers. You can start a Utility Connect application in Online Services after reserving a property.



## PRIVATE RENTAL

If DHA cannot provide you with a suitable SR, you may be eligible for Rent Allowance, see [dha.gov.au/housing/rent-allowance](http://dha.gov.au/housing/rent-allowance). 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](http://realestate.com.au/rent)
- [domain.com.au/rent](http://domain.com.au/rent)
- [rent.com.au](http://rent.com.au)
- [realestateview.com.au/rental-properties](http://realestateview.com.au/rental-properties)
- [rentfind.com.au/rentals](http://rentfind.com.au/rentals)

## BUYING A HOUSE

You may feel that it's time to enter the housing market, or you may wish to sell your home in your losing locality and purchase in the gaining locality.

The Defence Home Ownership Assistance Scheme (DHOAS) 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](http://dhoas.gov.au).

Members selling and/or buying a home may be eligible for the Home Purchase or

Sale Expenses Allowance (HPSEA) which reimburses reasonable buying and selling costs. Details may be found in the Pay and Conditions Manual – [defence.gov.au/PayAndConditions/ADF/Chapter-7/Part-3/Div-2.asp](http://defence.gov.au/PayAndConditions/ADF/Chapter-7/Part-3/Div-2.asp).

## MORE INFORMATION

For information on other accommodation options, application forms and to access to access Online Services, see [dha.gov.au](http://dha.gov.au).



## ABOUT DHA

Established in 1988, DHA is a Government Business Enterprise that delivers its products and services in a commercial environment with a Services Agreement as the contractual vehicle in place between Defence and DHA. It provides quality, economic housing that fits community needs, while achieving financial results that meet or exceed the expectations of its shareholders (the Departments of Defence and Finance), as well as those of its private investors.

### Defence Housing Australia

- manages approximately 18,000 properties in all states and territories of Australia
- allocates DHA-managed properties to about 16,000 ADF members
- administers Rent Allowance (RA) to about 14,000 ADF members
- allocates on-base accommodation for about 11,000 ADF members (31,000 rooms/40,000 beds).

# ANY MORE LIKE FAMILY AND WE'D HELP YOU UNPACK.

If you've recently arrived in Edinburgh, here's some welcome news. At Defence Health, we're all about rolling up our sleeves to help wherever life takes you. That's why we offer tailored health cover with higher benefits exclusively for ADF families. Our ADF Total Package gives you our best value protection with comprehensive hospital cover as well as flexible extras on a range of included treatments. So you can claim more of your favourite extras treatment under an overall limit. Join the family. Call **1800 335 425** or visit [defencehealth.com.au](http://defencehealth.com.au)





↑ Defence Health Community Relationship Officer Shelley Enders meeting local Defence families at the DCO Family Day at the South Australian Aviation Museum.

## HEALTH INSURANCE YOU CAN DEPEND ON



### FOR MORE THAN 65 YEARS,

Defence Health has been providing great value health insurance, specially tailored for Defence families.

Defence Health has always been not-for-profit and all for members. As a Members Own Health Fund, Defence Health delivers better service, has more satisfied members and gives more back in benefits.

Because management expenses are kept low, around \$0.94 of every \$1.00 of premium revenue is returned to members in benefits.

But what many serving men and women don't realise is that their extended family is eligible to join Defence Health too.

That means mum and dad, brothers, sisters, and of course partner and children, can take advantage

of the great value cover at Defence Health.

Private hospital cover gives people access to timely medical treatment, by a doctor of their choice. Instead of months on the public hospital elective surgery waiting list, private patients get the treatment they need almost immediately.

And extras cover helps fund the important general treatment – such as dental, physio and optical services – that Medicare does not cover.

Defence Health has dental and optical networks that deliver better value for members. At a network dentist, Defence Health members will save at least 15% off the usual dental fee charged by the network dentist. Optical network providers give Defence Health members the choice of no-gap glasses from a wide range of fashionable frames.

The Defence Health ADF Total Package

Gold is firmly focused on valuable benefits and affordable cover for ADF families. Children can receive one no-gap mouthguard, custom-fitted by a dentist, every year until they turn 21. And unlike other funds, there's no lifetime limit on the benefits paid for orthodontic treatment.

The premiums are very competitive too – with the added bonus of national pricing for ADF families. Plus there's a 10% discount for 12 months for discharging personnel.

Defence Health has a range of hospital cover for extended family – from Basic Plus through to Gold. And people under 30 can take advantage of a youth discount on the Everyday Hospital Bronze Plus cover – up to 10% off if they join before the age of 26.

If you're looking for a health insurer you can trust, it makes sense to check out Defence Health.



# 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 is South Australia's leading provider of specialist care for children and the state's largest maternity and obstetric service. Its services include paediatric medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, neonatology, mental health, aboriginal health, disability, rehabilitation and allied health. In 2019, it launched the state's first-ever 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 Women's and Children's Health Network (WCHN) is committed to ensuring people understand what is happening to them when

they visit, and is committed 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.

A \$50 million upgrade of the hospital is currently underway, including redevelopment of the child and adolescent mental health ward, the neonatal nursery, paediatric emergency department, and refurbishment of the operating theatres.

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 alongside the new Royal Adelaide Hospital.

WCHN is highly regarded for its research work and teaching program, working with all three South Australian universities to train hundreds of health professionals each year.

The Women's and Children's Hospital is part of the WCHN, which includes 159 community health service sites, and state-wide services such as the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), the Child and Family Health Service (CaFHS), Women's Health and Safety, and Youth Health services.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Women's and Children's Hospital**, including hospital maps and parking information, see [wch.sa.gov.au](http://wch.sa.gov.au) or call 08 8161 7044.

**CAMHS** [wch.sa.gov.au/CAMHSConnect](http://wch.sa.gov.au/CAMHSConnect)

**CaFHS** [cyh.com.au](http://cyh.com.au) or call 1300 733 606

**Women's Health Service** [whs.sa.gov.au](http://whs.sa.gov.au)

# Childcare

Choosing the right childcare and early learning service can be a difficult decision and will depend on your family's needs and the environment in which 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 old. 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? Just afternoons? Just a few hours a week? Or just occasionally, like when I have an appointment and need someone to look after my children?
- 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](http://childcarefinder.gov.au)

## FAMILY DAY CARE

Family day care (FDC) is a childcare service offering 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. →



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FDC 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 our 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.

The 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 FDC coordinators who work at a local level and interact with children, educators and parents.

For more information email [educationfdbcbusiness@sa.gov.au](mailto:educationfdbcbusiness@sa.gov.au) or phone 08 8343 6533 or 1300 551 890. To find family day care see [education.sa.gov.au](http://education.sa.gov.au) and search 'family day care'.

## 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 one in that year. If your child turns four on or after May 1, they can start preschool on the first day of term one 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](http://sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/early-childhood-education-and-care).

## OCCASIONAL CARE

Occasional Care offers professional care for children on a casual basis. In South Australia, occasional care 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 [occasional-child-care.com.au](http://occasional-child-care.com.au).

## 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](http://dss.gov.au)) to ensure there is a fair childcare system.

## CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

The Australian Government provides families with two types of 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 Department of Human Services website, [humanservices.gov.au](http://humanservices.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 8343 6533 or see [sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/disability-and-special-needs/respite-care](http://sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/disability-and-special-needs/respite-care).



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information and to find services in your local area visit the MyChild website, [childcarefinder.gov.au](http://childcarefinder.gov.au), or the South Australian Department for Education website, [education.sa.gov.au/parenting-and-child-care](http://education.sa.gov.au/parenting-and-child-care).

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# Schooling

There's a lot to learn about how primary schools and high schools function — especially as different states have different arrangements in place. Read on to find out about 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. Public primary school usually covers the period from reception to Year 7. Private schools tend to include Year 7 as the first year of high school and Catholic schools are switching over to the same system.

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 located 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 to year 12.

In South Australia, 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](http://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](http://myschool.edu.au)). Once you have a shortlist, make an appointment to meet the principal and staff and see the school facilities.

## STARTING SCHOOL

Before starting school, children are usually invited to visit their new school so they can become familiar with it. Some schools set up buddy systems with older children.

## ADJUSTING TO A NEW SCHOOL

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, head aches and not wanting to go to school. The teacher or principal can provide support and advice if your child is having difficulty settling in.





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**Major General Stuart Lyle Smith, AO, DSC (Rtd)**  
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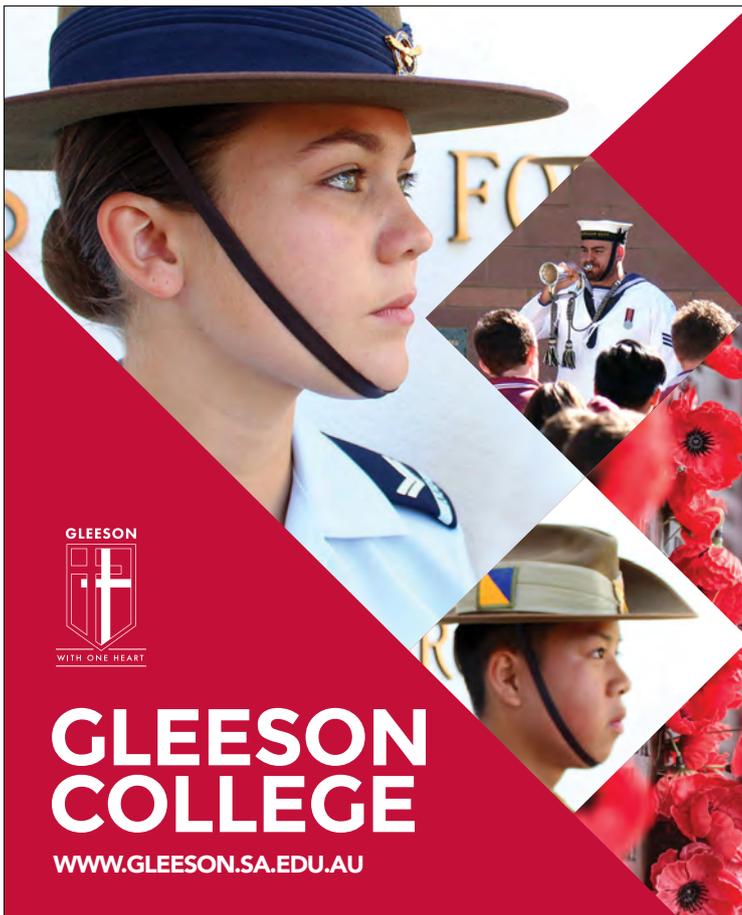
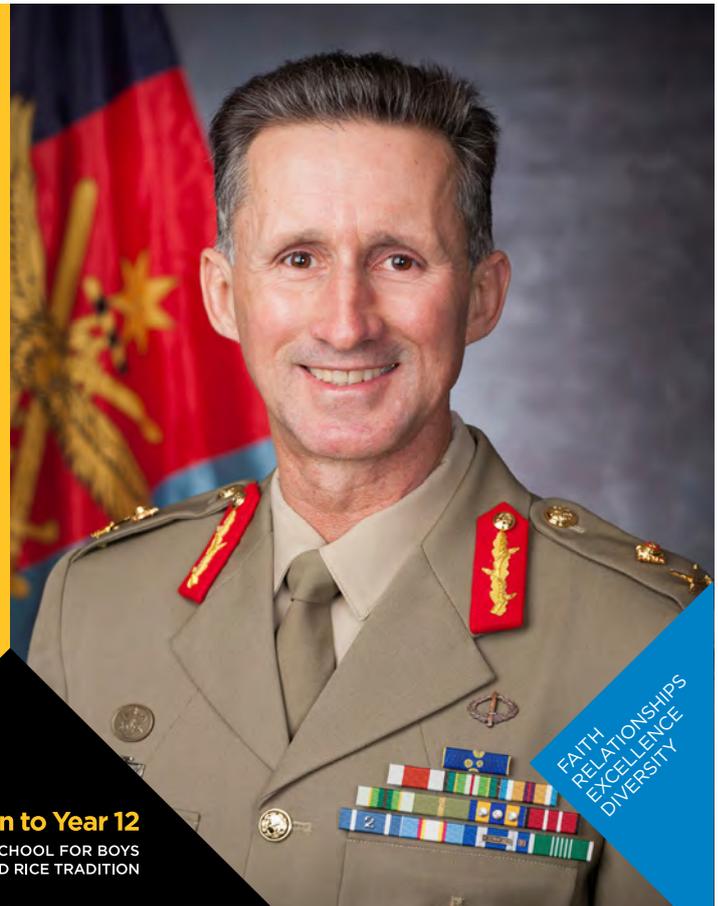
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## HIGH SCHOOL

In South Australia the last year of primary school is year 7. Parents who want their child to attend a specific South Australian public high school will need to register their interest during year 7. The Year 7 to 8 transition process generally runs between April to May of the year prior to your child starting high school. When the process opens each year, all public primary school students will have the forms and information distributed to them by their school.

Parents whose children are attending non-public schools can download forms from this page or collect a transition pack from their nearest public high school.

The year 7 to 8 transition 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. After this time, high schools will enrol students as per their regular enrolment process.

If parents miss the Year 7 to 8 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 secondary 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.

## 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](http://sace.sa.edu.au)

Students can choose to incorporate SACE studies with:

- a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship
- an Industry Pathway Program
- a flexible learning option (FLO).

## FLEXIBLE LEARNING OPTION

Flo is a student enrolment strategy aimed to assist schools and the wider community in supporting successful engagement and retention of young people in secondary schools



identified at significant risk of disengaging from a mainstream school-based learning program. The program is available in all areas of the state. It involves undertaking appropriate learning programs (SACE, Australian Curriculum, VET), a school-managed Flexible Learning and Transition Portfolio (FLTP) and the provision of individual case management.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

[sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning](http://sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning)

## SCHOOL DATES FOR 2020

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

PERIOD	START	FINISH
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Tuesday 28 January</b>	<b>Thursday 9 April</b>
School holidays	Friday 10 April	Sunday 26 April
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 27 April</b>	<b>Friday 3 July</b>
School holidays	Saturday 4 July	Sunday 19 July
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Monday 20 July</b>	<b>Friday 25 September</b>
School holidays	Saturday 26 September	Sunday 11 October
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 12 October</b>	<b>Friday 11 December</b>
School holidays	Saturday 12 December	Sunday 31 January 2021



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# Defence Support

To minimise any disruption to your child's education as a result of relocation, talk to Defence Community Organisation.



## DEFENCE COMMUNITY ORGANISATION (DCO)

provides information, resources and programs to help with the transition

between schools and education systems when ADF members and their families move. It provides support for the unique needs of Defence children.

## REGIONAL 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 to families includes:

- informing families about local schools and education systems
- helping families, students and teachers to manage the transition to a new school
- 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.

To contact your nearest Education Liaison Officer, call the Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

## DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTORS

DCO's Defence 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, Defence school 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 community. Their role includes:

- assisting children and families to integrate into the new school and local community
- coordinating appropriate welcome and farewell activities
- smoothing the transition from school to school and between 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.

## EDUCATION ASSISTANCE

Defence families can access a range of financial support to help minimise the disruption to schooling caused by posting and relocations. These include:

- 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 US

For more information about these services, contact the Defence Family Helpline on 1800 624 608, 24 hours a day, seven days a week or email them at [DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au](mailto:DefenceFamilyHelpline@defence.gov.au).



# BLACKFRIARS

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# Empowering girls and young women



**GIRL GUIDES SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

is building on a 100-year tradition of helping to develop a brighter and better world. Guiding is about friendship, fun and adventure. Girl Guides SA has values that Defence families will be familiar with, and runs programs and activities that Defence kids will benefit from.

The organisation provides girls with opportunities to grow, learn and have fun in relevant and meaningful ways. It provides a foundation for girls and young women to harness their individual potential to make a difference. It fosters personal character based on values of respect and collaboration to engender leadership qualities.

Many Girl Guides have made lifelong friends and connections. Girl Guides provides the

opportunity to move around the country and join a unit, in a familiar environment no matter where you are. It is in every state and territory and there are more than 72 units across South Australia. There are more than 10 million Girl Guides worldwide.

The media, community and government are all concerned with the issues of girls and young women. Issues such as bullying, self-esteem, social media impact and body image can all be aided through an involvement with Girl Guides.

Girl Guides develop valuable life skills and experiences to enhance their personal lives, work future and community. The Girl-Led Programs ensure girls and young women develop into the best they can be, supported by their peers and its volunteer leaders.

The girls and leaders go on camps, participate



in fun activities indoors and outdoors and importantly, learn leadership skills.

Joining Girl Guides provides your family with the opportunity to be part of an instant social network that you can connect with throughout Australia.

For information visit [girlguidessa.org.au](http://girlguidessa.org.au) or phone 08 8418 0900.

# GIRL GUIDES

Looking for a place where girls are empowered to take the lead, jump into awesome activities and explore what matters to them?

When you sign your daughter up for Girl Guides you are giving her the opportunity to discover herself. She'll explore, create, learn and so much more.

To find out more about Girl Guides call

**08 8418 0900**

[www.girlguidessa.org.au](http://www.girlguidessa.org.au)



**GIRL GUIDES**  
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# Fun, challenges and adventure



**IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA**, the Scouts are an active, successful community network providing opportunities for families. Over the past decade,

Scouts SA has seen an increase in membership as parents seek out the fun, action, adventure and values they themselves experienced as children. Scouting has more than 25 million members worldwide, and more than 7,000 in SA.

Scouting is about helping young people be the best they can be, developing all facets of life so they can grow to become constructive citizens. Fun, challenge, adventure and lifelong friendships await girls, boys, men and women who join Scouts. Learning life skills, growing in self confidence and gaining valuable leadership and team skills are all part of the program.

Scouts SA provides fun youth development activities, building resilient and confident boys and girls aged five to 25. Members can progress through the five Scouting sections – Joey Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturer Scouts and Rovers,

or can start in any section depending on age.

Scouts SA has 120 locations around the state and for those in isolated and remote regions, the Lone Scouts Group meets via the internet and corresponds in many different ways.

Scouting can be a constant for youngsters, home and abroad, with many ADF families connecting with Lone Scouts via the internet while in remote postings or overseas.

The Scouting program and activities are delivered by nationally accredited trained leaders in safe, but still adventurous, environments.

Scouts SA also has its own Gilding club where children as young as five can have a go at flying a motorised twin-seat glider from the airfield at Blanchetown, and many a flying career has begun in Scouting.

As well as the benefits for youth, Scouting offers individuals the opportunity to become pillars and leaders of the community, and Scouts SA welcomes adult volunteer Scout Leaders. It offers free training in leadership (nationally

recognised training) as well as training in adventurous activities such as scuba diving and rock climbing.

Scouts has opportunities for the whole family to be involved. Everyone is welcome, and the diversity of members is valued.

For information visit [sa.scouts.com.au](http://sa.scouts.com.au) or phone 1800 726 887.



## Be Prepared.. to join Scouts

Scouts SA have fun, exciting and diverse programs for Youth aged 5-26 and for Adults of all ages.  
Be part of this great community, build resilience, learn life skills and make friends.

[sa.scouts.com.au](http://sa.scouts.com.au) 1800 SCOUTS

# THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH

FROM WORLD-CLASS WINE REGIONS TO THE CULTURE OF ADELAIDE, FRINGED BY BEAUTIFUL BEACHES AND THE MOUNT LOFTY RANGES, THERE'S PLENTY TO EXPLORE AROUND EDINBURGH.



PHOTO: South Australian Tourism Commission

## 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 compact city's attractions and there is also a free city loop bus (City Connector), free city tram between South Terrace and the Entertainment Centre ([adelaidemetro.com.au](http://adelaidemetro.com.au)) and free bike hire through the Adelaide Free Bike hire scheme ([bikesa.asn.au/adelaidefreebikes](http://bikesa.asn.au/adelaidefreebikes)). Learn about the city's history on a self-guided heritage tour with the Adelaide City Explorer. [adelaidecityexplorer.com.au](http://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](http://artgallery.sa.gov.au)), State Library ([slsa.sa.gov.au](http://slsa.sa.gov.au)), South Australian Museum, Migration Museum ([migration.history.sa.gov.au](http://migration.history.sa.gov.au)), Centre of Democracy ([centreofdemocracy.sa.gov.au](http://centreofdemocracy.sa.gov.au)) and Tandanya (253 Grenfell Street, [tandanya.com.au](http://tandanya.com.au)), Australia's oldest Aboriginal-owned and managed multi-arts centre, which is just a short walk from North Terrace.



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## BOTANIC GARDENS

In the heart of the city, the beautifully maintained gardens cover 50 hectares 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](http://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](http://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](http://adelaidezoo.com.au)*

## RUNDLE MALL

In the heart of Adelaide, the Rundle Mall Precinct is the place for fashion, food and lifestyle shopping, with more than 1,000 retailers. 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](http://rundlemall.com); [rundlestreet.com.au](http://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](http://adelaidecentralmarket.com.au)*

## ADELAIDE RIVERBANK

Encompassing 380 hectares around the River Torrens, the Adelaide Riverbank is home to many of Adelaide's most significant buildings and spaces including the Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide Casino, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide Oval, Government House, the University of Adelaide and the Botanic Park and the zoo. Public spaces around the Festival Centre and



PHOTO: Frankie The Creative

railway station are currently being upgraded. [theadelaidriverbank.com.au](http://theadelaidriverbank.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. Along 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. [adelaide dining.com.au](http://adelaide dining.com.au)



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### MORE INFORMATION:

Adelaide Visitor Information Centre , 9 James Place, just off Rundle Mall, [Adelaide.explore.cityofadelaide.com.au](http://Adelaide.explore.cityofadelaide.com.au)

# BEACHES

## STRETCHED ALONG ST VINCENT GULF,

Adelaide has a wealth of beaches within easy reach (most are less than 30 minutes from the CBD). The further up the gulf you go, the more protected the beaches, making them ideal for children. The city beaches are also 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 12 kilometres away to enjoy the shops and cafes along Jetty Road and Holdfast Shores Marina or take the kids to The Beachhouse.

**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, mullet, 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](http://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.



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# 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](http://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. [naturalresources.sa.gov.au](http://naturalresources.sa.gov.au)

## 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, Crafers. Open 9.30am-5pm daily (except Christmas Day). [clelandwildlifepark.sa.gov.au](http://clelandwildlifepark.sa.gov.au)*

## MONARTO ZOO

About an hour southeast of Adelaide, this 1,500ha open-range zoo offers a safari experience with more than 50 species of exotic and native mammals, birds and reptiles. Explore on walking trails or a free hop-on hop-off shuttle. *3401 Old Princes Highway, Monarto. Open 9.30am-5pm daily (last entry 3pm). [monartosafari.com.au](http://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 (except Christmas Day). [discoversalisbury.com.au](http://discoversalisbury.com.au)*

## HEYSEN TRAIL

The 1,200km Heyesen Trail extends from Cape Jervis, about 100km southwest of Adelaide,

north through the Adelaide Hills and Barossa Valley to Parachilna Gorge in the Flinders Ranges. Shorter sections can be done as day walks. [heysentrail.asn.au](http://heysentrail.asn.au)

## RAIL TRAILS

There are a number of shared-use paths on disused railway corridors, including The Barossa Trail (10km) between Tanunda and Angaston, The Riesling and Rattler Trail (54km), Clare Valley, and the Coast to Vines Rail Trail (37km) between Marino Rocks and Willunga. [railtrails.org.au](http://railtrails.org.au)

- See the Settling in section for local trails.



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## WINE

### WITH MORE THAN 200 CELLAR DOORS

within easy reach, it's not surprising Adelaide claims the title wine capital of Australia. The Barossa Valley is just 40km from Edinburgh and other renowned regions are within easy reach.

### NATIONAL WINE CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA

With a cellar that can store up to 38,000 bottles of wine, a restaurant, wine tastings with 120 different wines to sample and the state-of-the-art, self-guided Wine Discovery Journey, this is the place to learn about Australian wine.

Corner Botanic and Hackney Roads, Adelaide.  
Open 9am-5pm daily; 11am-5pm public holidays.  
wineaustralia.com.au

### 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. The towns of Lyndoch, Tanunda, Nuriootpa and Angaston offer accommodation and restaurants and many of the wineries have restaurants or serve food platters at their cellar doors. Visitors

can sample wines from nearby Eden Valley at Taste Eden Valley in Angaston.  
Barossa Visitor Information Centre,  
66-68 Murray Street, Tanunda. [barossa.com](http://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. Clare Valley has more than 40 cellar doors and stretches along a 40km corridor between the towns of Auburn and Clare. The Riesling Trail cycle path follows the valley.

Clare Valley Wine, Food & Tourism Centre,  
8 Spring Gully Road, Clare. [clarevalley.com.au](http://clarevalley.com.au)

### ADELAIDE HILLS

One of Australia's best cool-climate wine regions, the hills region has about 50 cellar doors, along with restaurants, produce markets, cheese, honey, craft beers, cider and boutique spirits. Add in winding roads through rolling hills, historic towns and orchards and the hills make a great day trip or weekend break.

Adelaide Hills Visitor Information Centre,  
68 Main Street, Hahndorf. [adelaidehills.org.au](http://adelaidehills.org.au)

### MCLAREN VALE

Less than an hour's drive south of Adelaide, McLaren Vale has more than 70 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 stunning beaches and is also home to cafes, restaurants and farmer's markets.

McLaren Vale & Fleurieu Visitor Information Centre, Main Road, McLaren Vale.  
[mclarenvale.info](http://mclarenvale.info)



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ADELAIDE  
and Surrounding Region



# Mawson Lakes



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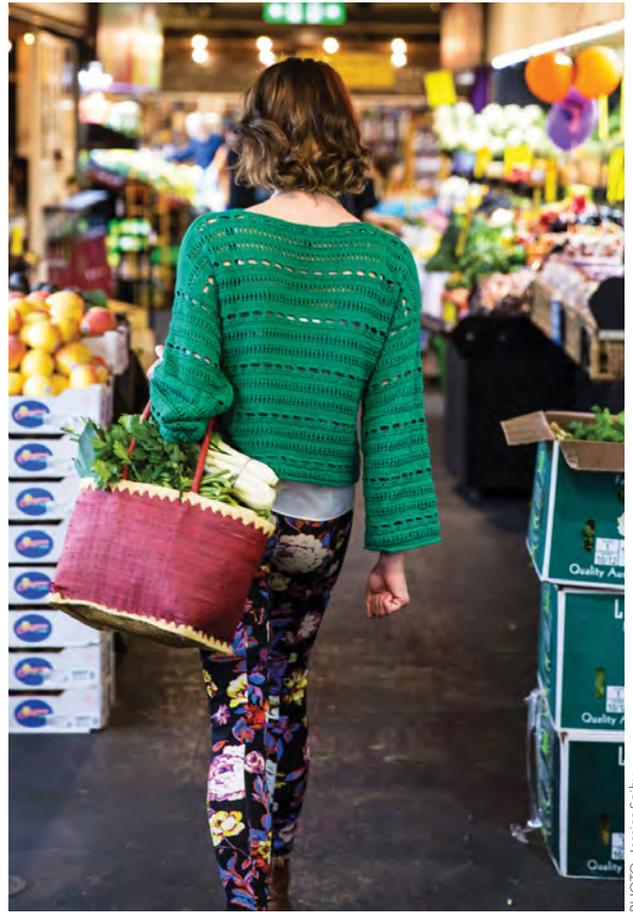
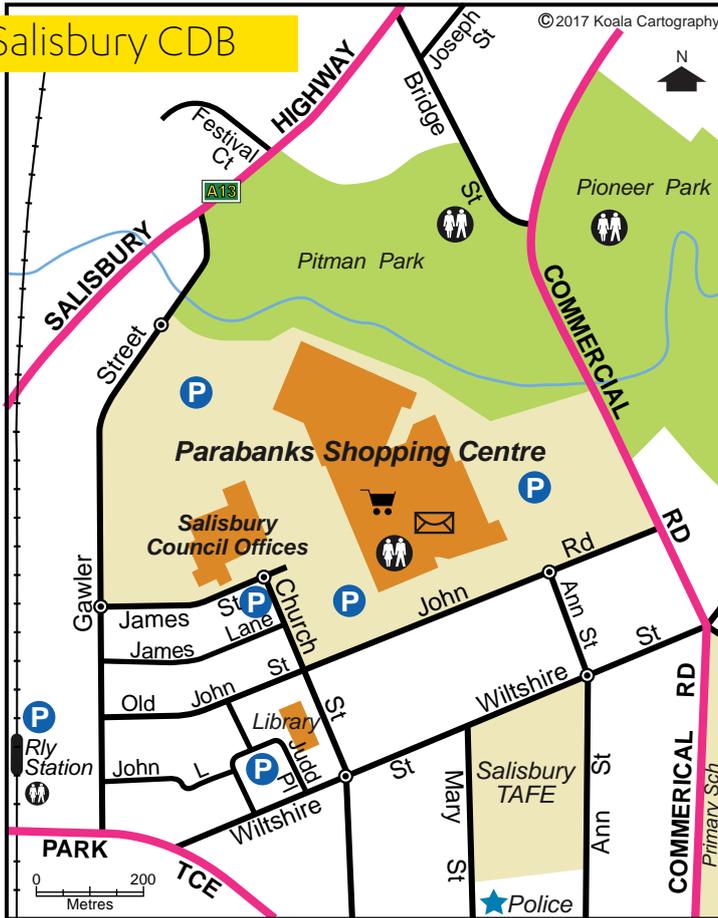
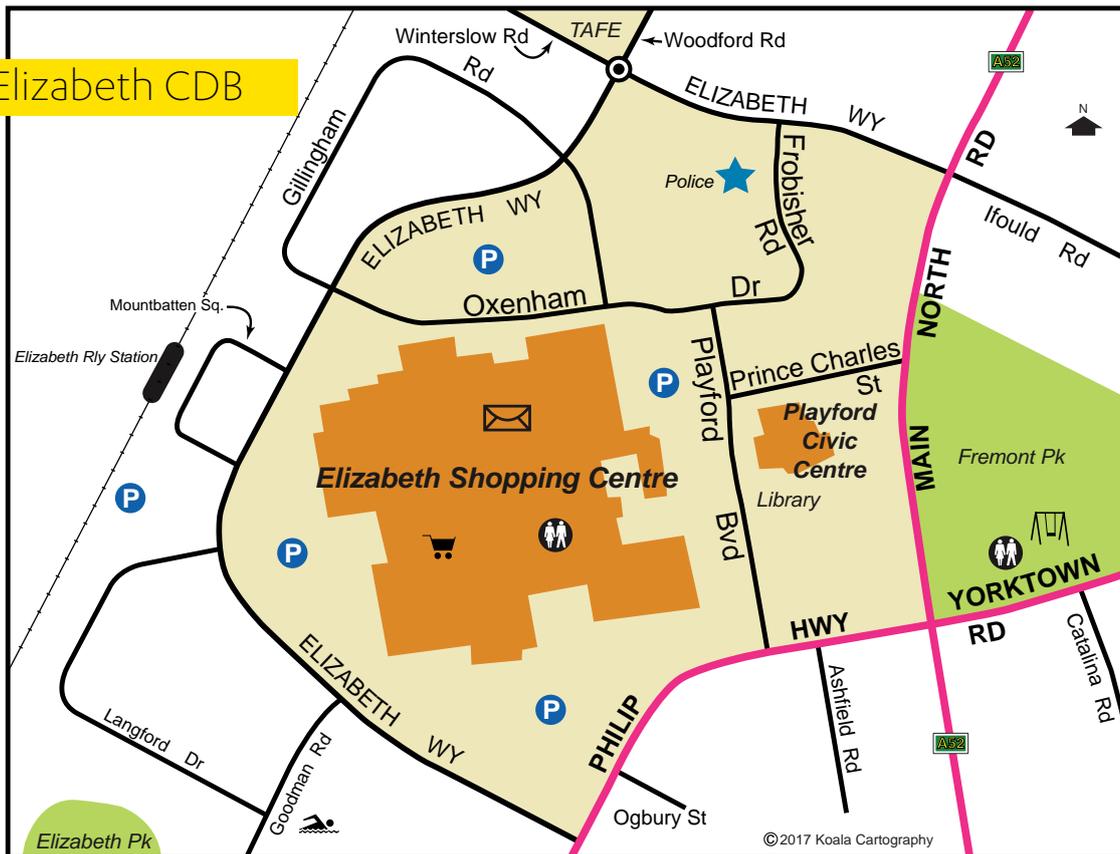


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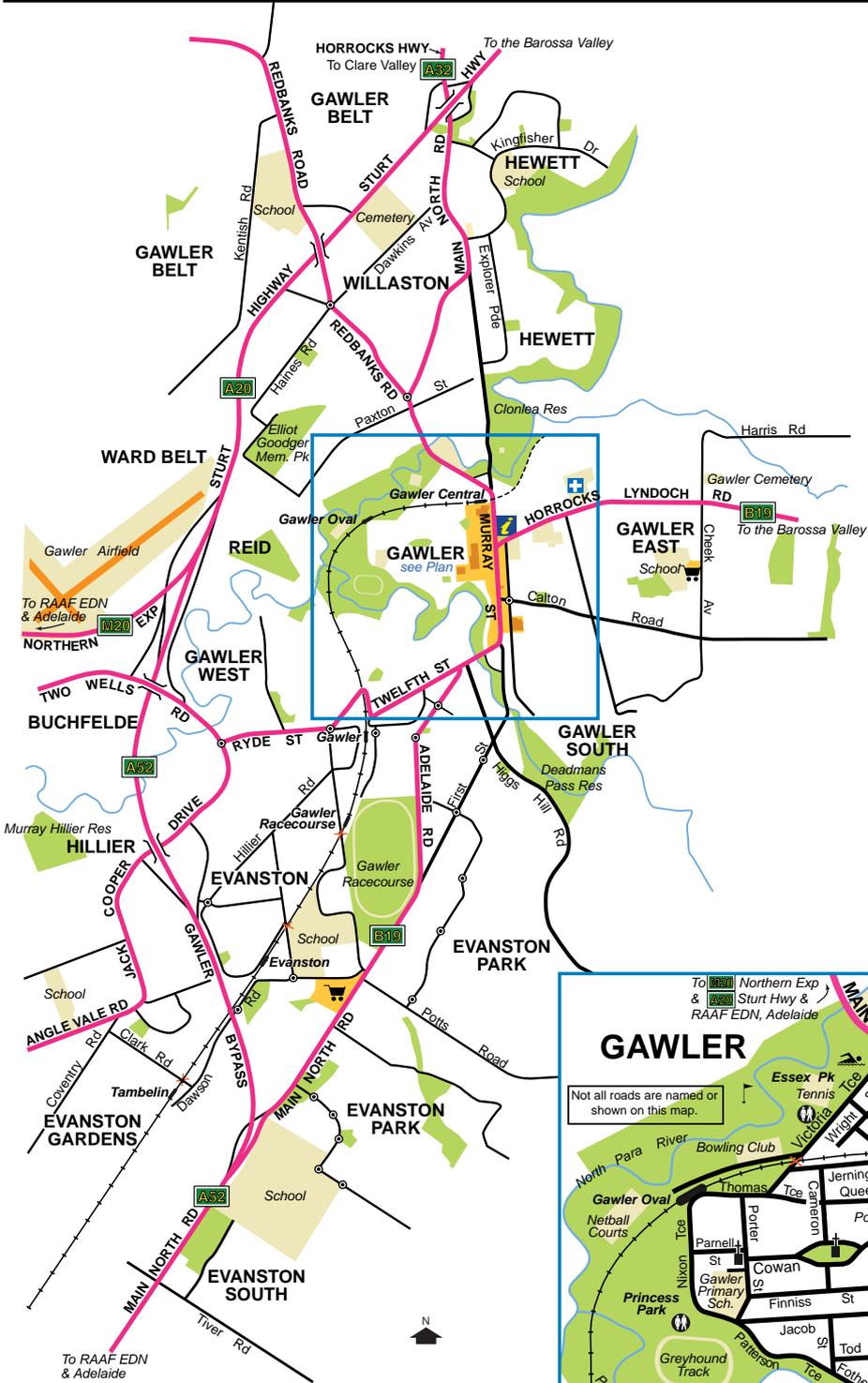


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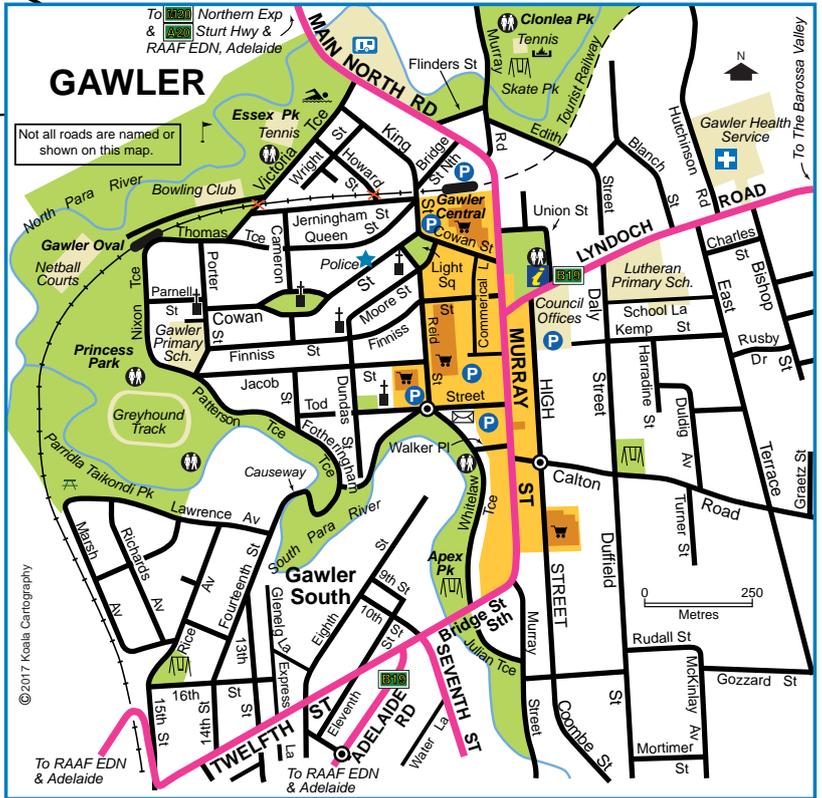
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# WELCOME TO WOOMERA



↑ RAAF F-35A aircraft of No.3 Squadron conducting validation and verification missions over Woomera.

THE REMOTE WOOMERA RANGE COMPLEX IS THE LARGEST & MOST ISOLATED EDP SITE, PRESENTING A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE FOR DEFENCE STAFF WHO LIVE AND WORK HERE.



**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 (WRC) comprising Woomera Test Range (WTR) and RAAF Base Woomera which includes the Woomera Village.

Operated by Air Force Test Ranges Squadron (AFTRSQN), the Woomera Test Range (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'. Under Project Air3024, the WTR will be transformed into the 'next-generation' Woomera Test Range, expected to be finalised by mid 2021.

RAAF Base Woomera (WMA) was established 15 January 2015. Managed by 20SQN through Combat Support Group, the role of RAAF Base Woomera is to provide direct support to the operation of the Woomera Test Range.

Woomera Village, largely supported by Estate and Infrastructure 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 60s, more than 6,000 people lived and worked at the Woomera Rocket Range. During this 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 (ARDU) 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 (WTF). The entire complex was renamed on 1 July 2008 to Woomera Test Range (WTR), and on 1 July 2013, again changed to the Woomera Range Complex (WRC).



↑ 16 Air Defence Regiment personnel test fire a live Boilde missile from an RBS-70 at Lake Hart, Woomera Test Range.

Significant early firsts at Woomera include:

- The centre line of the airfield was surveyed by Len Beadell in April 1947
- The name 'Woomera' was suggested by Group Captain A.G.Pither in mid in 1947
- The RAAF's No.2 Airfield Construction Squadron began construction in late April 1947
- The first aircraft (two RAAF DC-3s) to use the airfield, landed at Woomera on 4 July 1947



↑ Squadron Leader Catriona Dowling.

## NO.20 SQUADRON

No.20 Squadron (20SQN) is now in its fifth year at RAAF Base Woomera. As part of Combat Support Group (CSG), the squadron delivers airbase operational support for Defence activities at the Woomera Test Range. 20SQN's

organisational structure replicates that of its sister squadron, 24SQN at RAAF Base Edinburgh with a smaller staff construct that is limited to a single depth across all positions, 20SQN has a higher dependence on augmentation to support large scale activities at Woomera.

The Commanding Officer, 20SQN, Squadron Leader (SQNLDR) Catriona Dowling, is supported



↑ Compliance Monitoring Team personnel from Air Force Test Range Squadron on the Range.

by a team who provide the engineering, logistics, air movements, command and safety functions that effectively support flying operations at RAAF Base Woomera.

RAAF Base Woomera is part of the Edinburgh Defence Precinct. As the Senior Defence member at RAAF Base Woomera, SQNLDR Leader Dowling supports the Senior Australian Defence Force Officer (SADFO) with delegated SADFO responsibilities.

## AIR FORCE TEST RANGES SQUADRON

Air Force Test Ranges Squadron (AFTRSQN)

is responsible for the day-to-day conduct of activities conducted on the Woomera Test Range. Approximately 92 RAAF uniformed and civilian personnel make up AFTRSQN. The bulk of AFTRSQN personnel are based at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

AFTRSQN has 14 permanent staff in location at Woomera, providing technical, operations liaison and compliance monitoring tasks.

Edinburgh based AFTRSQN personnel deploy to Woomera regularly to supplement the permanent detachment as operational tasking requires.

## HOUSING & ACCOMMODATION

Unlike other Defence Bases, the housing at Woomera is not managed by Defence Housing Authority (DHA), rather all housing is managed by the Estate and Infrastructure Group (E&IG) within scope of the Broadspectrum contracts. Although not to DHA standard all the houses have been refurbished in recent years to a comfortable standard brick veneer residence 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, including Members with Dependents (MWD) and Members without Dependents (MWOD) will be accommodated in the Defence homes. 20SQN 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 (LIA) or mess facility at RAAF Base Woomera, however the Eldo Hotel provides hotel style accommodation. The Eldo Hotel is a commercial enterprise managed through Broadspectrum 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. Gas is not available. The tariffs for utility services to Defence homes are very competitive and are managed through the Broadspectrum Housing Office. 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 one 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



↑ **FLGOFF Brian Duane and wife Michelle volunteered their time to get the Woomera Cinema back up and running. Movies run fortnightly.**

you liaise with your service provider to confirm their mobile coverage offered in Woomera, however Telstra 4G network is available and it 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 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 130 people, consisting of Defence (RAAF and APS) and civilian contractors. It is well serviced to support a comfortable life style.

### Commercial Venues

Broadspectrum 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 and a Bowling Alley
- Swimming Pool – 25 metre pool.

Roxby Downs (76km north) and Port Augusta (175km south) are the nearest regional centres which offer a range of shopping outlets and services.

Pimba (6km south) is a small township known as Spuds Roadhouse which is the nearest fuel 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, Golf Club and Thrift Store, Darts Club, Country Fire Services and local Radio Station being run by volunteers. Individuals who volunteer their time to support these services can elect how much they become involved in community services and events. There is an Australia Post that provides general post office services, stationery items and mail delivery.

While there are no church services in Woomera, a Chaplain from RAAF Base Edinburgh visits 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.

### Health

The Woomera Medical Services are delivered through a Joint Health Command funded contract with the service available to both Defence and the general public. This service consists of a nurse five days per week and a GP twice a week.

### Emergency Services

The Woomera Emergency Services (WES) is a contracted service managed through E&IG and provides structural firefighting and ambulance service. Due to the remote location and limited medical and emergency support, it is recommended that 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, a golf club, squash courts, outdoor swimming centre and the 6kms of sealed roads which

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circumnavigate the Village present an ideal running track amidst the local wildlife, including kangaroos, emus, rabbits and wedgetail eagles.

## Woomera Area School

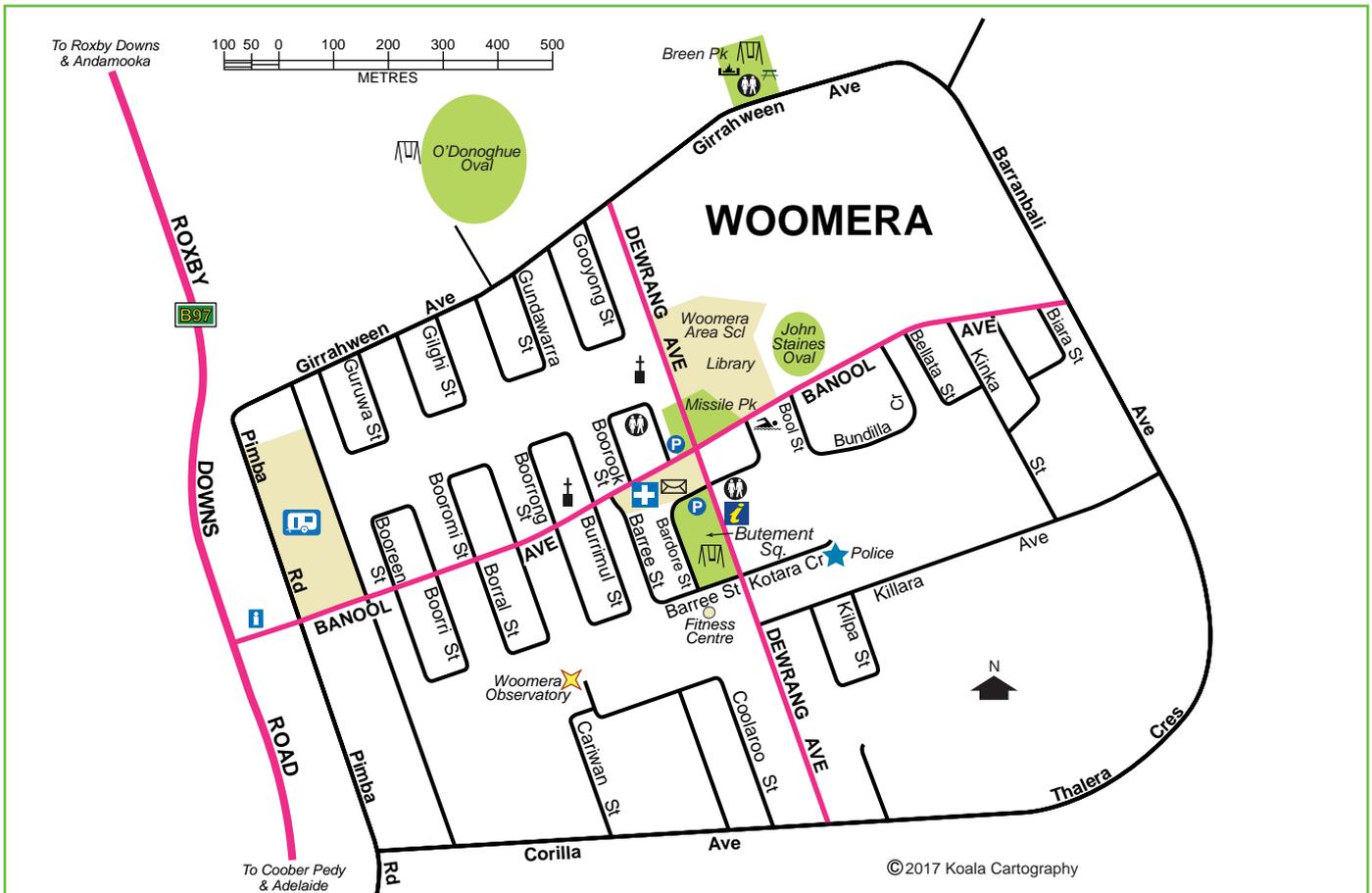
The school which is run by the South Australian Education Department is located within the Village and currently has 16 students from year 1 to 12. All queries can be directed to the school Principal Mr Tony Holden on 0438 600 054 or email [tony.holden561@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:tony.holden561@schools.sa.edu.au). The school offers a Woomera Community Library with a wide range of books, movies, online magazines, e-books and online software training. Roxby Downs (76km north) has a population 2500 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 via walking, jogging or bike riding. Alliance Airlines which operates out of Olympic Dam (76km north) is the nearest air service with daily commutes to and from Adelaide. A number of commercial hire vehicle operators are located in Roxby Downs and they will deliver and collect vehicles to Woomera.



↑ The RAAF Base Woomera Chapel was officially reopened during the 2019 Air Force Chaplains National Conference.



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**CONTACT** 08 8254 0600, admin@stcolumba.sa.edu.au, stcolumba.sa.edu.au



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**CONTACT** 08 8266 0622, stpauls.sa.edu.au



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**CONTACT** (08) 8522 0666; trinity.sa.edu.au



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**CONTACT** 1800 011 046.



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**CONTACT** 08 8226 8541, [veteranssa@sa.gov.au](mailto:veteranssa@sa.gov.au)  
Level 4, 151 Pirie Street, Adelaide.



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The Partnerships Hub, located at Glenside, provides access to services offered by the state government, ex-service organisations and unit associations. It provides a focal point for serving and ex-serving members, and their families and carers, seeking advice relating to state-based support agencies and programs.

**CONTACT** 0418 264 886, [JLCPartnershipHub@sa.gov.au](mailto:JLCPartnershipHub@sa.gov.au)  
Glenside Campus, Eucalyptus Lane, Glenside.



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VETERANS & DEFENCE

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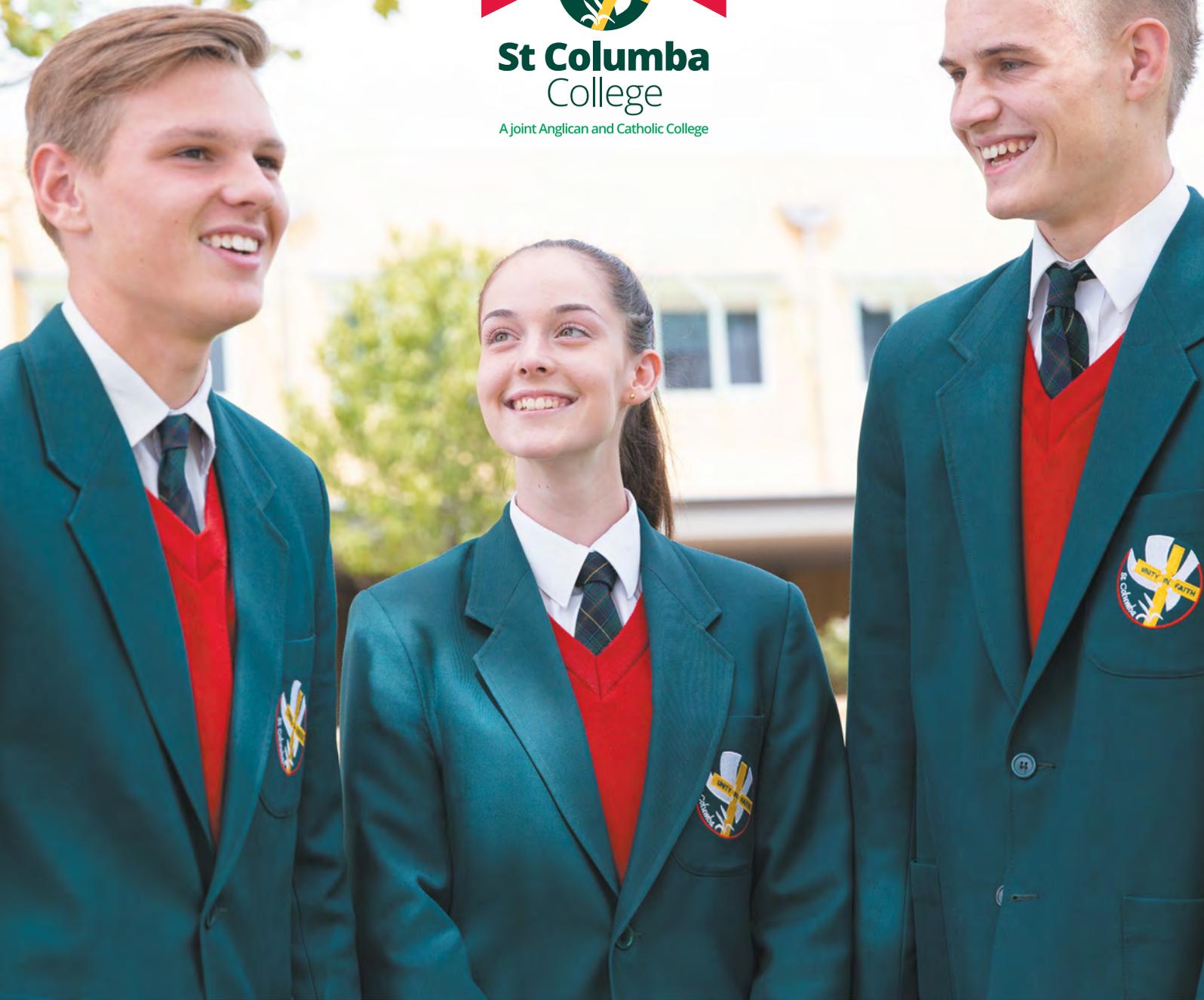
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