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WING COMMANDER CRAIG KEANE CSC

Senior Australian Defence Force Officer
Edinburgh Defence Precinct

MAY I OFFER A WARM WELCOME to the Edinburgh Defence Precinct (EDP). Whether this is your first posting or another step in your Defence journey, this guide is here to help you and your family settle in, connect with support networks, and make the most of life in South Australia.

Approaching my third year as Commanding Officer 24 City of Adelaide Squadron, and by virtue of that position the Senior Australian

WELCOME TO EDINBURGH

Defence Force Officer for the EDP, I look forward to the continued privilege of serving those connected to this world class site. Life as a Defence family posted to EDP offers a high quality of life, access to top-tier defence and community support, and the perks of life in affordable, family-friendly South Australia. While service life brings its challenges, the balance of natural beauty, low cost of living, and strong Defence networks make it a rewarding experience for many.

Situated approximately 25km north of Adelaide, the EDP serves as a crucial hub for Australia's defence operations, encompassing:

- **RAAF Base Edinburgh:** A true 'super base' home to over 40 resident units, operating some of the Australian Defence Forces (ADF) most critical capabilities. Covering Air, Land, Space and Cyber domains with strong support to Maritime the contribution to the National Defence Strategy is second to none.
- **Defence Science and Technology Group (DSTG):** Is Australia's premier research and development organisation supporting national defence and security. As a core element of the Department of Defence, DSTG provides scientific and technological innovation, strategic insight, and operational solutions to enhance

the capability and effectiveness of the ADF.

- **Edinburgh Parks:** Comprises various Defence garrison support elements.

The full range of new projects is extensive but highlights include:

- The arrival of 10SQN's MC-55A Peregrine electronic warfare aircraft, enhancing Australia's situational awareness and electronic warfare capabilities.
- The establishment of 10th Fires Brigade is central to enhancing long-range, multi-domain strike capability and air defence capabilities.
- The Mid-Term Refresh Project initiated to upgrade ageing engineering services and infrastructure across the EDP, ensuring compliance and capacity for future operations. The project includes improvements to power, water, sewer, and stormwater systems.
- Deep Maintenance and Modification Facility: A facility designed to accommodate long-term maintenance and modification requirements for aircraft such as the P-8A Poseidon and E-7A Wedgetail.

I look forward to meeting some of you and encourage you to be ready for the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead. I trust you will have an awesome experience, look after yourself, your families, and your workmates.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

EDINBURGH DEFENCE PRECINCT acknowledges that we are on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains and pays respect to Elders past and present.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today. And we also extend that respect to other Aboriginal Language Groups and First Nations Peoples.

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

Edinburgh Defence Precinct recognises the importance of fostering cultural understanding and engagement initiatives that are vital to reconciliation.

Learn more about our commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagements on page 28.

← First Nations community member Jack Buckskin performs a cleansing ceremony prior the opening of the MC-55A Main Squadron Facility at RAAF Base Edinburgh



PHOTO: SGT Murray Staff



JEFFREY NEWCHURCH

Chairperson, Kurna Nation Cultural
Heritage Association

MARNI NAA PUDNI KAURNA YARTA-ANA.
(We welcome you to Kurna land).

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



MATT BURNELL MP

Federal Member for Spence

AS THE LOCAL FEDERAL MEMBER and a former serving member, it is an honour to welcome you to RAAF Base Edinburgh.

Our community and I, are immensely proud of the 16,000 defence personnel, veterans and their families who reside locally.

As the local member, I have advocated for and delivered a \$5.445 million Veteran's and Families Hub to help support local veteran and Defence personnel, along with their families.

I am committed to stand by you and fight in your interest. If you ever require any assistance, I can be contacted on 8258 6300 or via email Matt.Burnell.MP@aph.gov.au.

I look forward to seeing you on base, or out and about in the community.

WELCOME TO the City of Playford. You are now part of one of South Australia's fastest-growing communities, with 10 people forecast to move to our city everyday for the next 20 years.

Our city is the heart of northern Adelaide – a diverse hub that blends urban living with smaller townships, rural landscapes, and a thriving defence industry. Just five minutes from RAAF Base Edinburgh, our busy urban centre of Elizabeth delivers the retail, dining and entertainment options expected of a vibrant, growing city. Beyond our urban heart, Playford offers the relaxed charm of suburban life, with easy access to parks, nature, and vibrant community spaces.

I encourage you to head out and explore the many outdoor spaces and recreational options we have to offer – from scenic parks to top-notch sports fields, playgrounds, and reserves. Whether

A VERY WARM WELCOME to you and your family as you settle into the City of Salisbury.

We're proud of our strong connection to the defence community and deeply value the service you provide. Here in Salisbury, you'll find a welcoming and inclusive city with plenty to offer, whether it's quality schools, beautiful parks and trails, sporting clubs or vibrant cultural events.

Our libraries and community hubs are great places to connect with others, and you'll find no shortage of activities for all ages, from weekend markets and family festivals to outdoor adventures.

Salisbury is home to a growing number of global defence companies, and we're excited about the opportunities this brings to our local economy and community.

I hope you enjoy everything our city has to offer and quickly feel at home.

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

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

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



GLENN DOCHERTY

Mayor, City of Playford

you're into team sports, family picnics, or simply enjoying the outdoors, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

We're thrilled to have you here and thank you for your service to our country and our community.



GILLIAN ALDRIDGE OAM

Mayor, City of Salisbury

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me on 0411 703 706 or galdridge@salisbury.sa.gov.au if I can be of assistance.



NICK CHAMPION MP

State Member for Taylor

ON THE COVER

MAIN IMAGE: MC-55A Peregrine. PHOTO: SR_Planespotter on X/Twitter.

INSET: from left, a soldier from 1st Armoured Regiment with the 'Warfighter' uncrewed ground vehicle at Fort Irwin, California (photo: CPL Nakia Chapman); DSTG engineers prepare a flight model spacecraft for thermal vacuum testing; Army NASAMS High-Mobility Launcher fires a Sidewinder missile during a live-fire certification activity at Woomera Test Range (photo: CPL Jacob Joseph).



A MAJOR JOINT DEFENCE PRECINCT

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

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

The precinct comprises four sites:

RAAF Edinburgh. Located on the western side of West Avenue, RAAF Edinburgh comprises the RAAF Base, the precinct's operational elements including Air Force and Army units, logistics and maintenance supports units, garrison support elements (messes,

accommodation, gym, pool) and a commercial area comprising cafes, banks, post office, community centre and barber.

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

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

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

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

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

There are over 65 residential units located on Edinburgh Defence Precinct. These units are drawn from most of the Defence Groups

and Services including in particular Air Force, Army, Security and Estate Group, Joint Capabilities Group, Capability Acquisition and Support Group, Defence People Group, Defence Science and Technology and Chief Information Officer Group.

HISTORY

The Edinburgh Defence Precinct is located on land that was opened up for farming in the mid 19th Century. A small village called Penfield, originally located to the south of the current RAAF Base and DSTG sites, served the farms. The Defence presence at Edinburgh dates back to World War II when, in 1940, the area on which Edinburgh Defence Precinct is now situated was acquired by the Commonwealth Government to build a munitions factory. A munitions plant, the largest in the southern hemisphere, was established in 1942 producing a wide variety of ammunition including shells, rockets, mines and torpedoes.

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

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

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

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



↑ Combined US Air Force and RAAF forces with an RC-135 Rivet Joint aircraft at EDP for Talisman Sabre/Talon Shield exercises.

↓ Elephant walk before take-off.



PHOTO: WO2 John Prince

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

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

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



↑ Historic image of EDN from the 1950s.



EDP TODAY

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

↑ Development of new facilities at RAAF Edinburgh to support 16 Regiment is well underway.

← In January 2024, the 10th Fires Brigade Headquarters was officially raised, following two years of development by a capability implementation team.

A large Army presence through units like 16 Regiment and 1 Armcd Regt and the RAAF's No.24 Squadron significantly enhance the operational focus of RAAF Edinburgh.

From 2026, 16 Regiment is relocating from Woodside to RAAF Edinburgh into new facilities to be alongside 14 Regiment and their headquarters, 10 Brigade.

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

EDINBURGH REDEVELOPMENT

The facilities and infrastructure at Edinburgh have undergone a major transformation in recent years. It may be difficult to imagine as you drive through the base, but not so long ago the main thoroughfare was a narrow road bounded by drab 1950s-era buildings on one side and

vacant fields on the other. Today, McNamara Drive is a boulevard flanked on both sides by modern structures. Its transformation reflects the many changes that have occurred across the base to support Defence personnel and their families, and various new Air Force and Army units and major capabilities. Major garrison support facilities including combined messing, accommodation areas, gym and indoor pool, community commercial area and training areas were constructed from 2009-2010, as were facilities for Army and joint units relocated to RAAF Edinburgh.

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

EDP OPERATIONAL UNITS



PHOTO: CPL Brett Sherriff

← A RAAF P-8A Poseidon aircraft from No.11 Squadron on final approach during Exercise Talisman Sabre 25.

83 NO.83 SQUADRON

Number 83 Squadron is the Air Force's centralised Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Processing, Exploitation and Dissemination (PED) unit, directly supporting decision-making across the battlespace. By fusing airborne sensor data with imagery, signals and open-source intelligence, the squadron delivers timely, accurate, and mission-relevant intelligence to Australian and allied warfighters. 83SQN plays a critical role in enabling operational ISR effects, enhancing situational awareness, and informing tactical and strategic actions. As regional security demands evolve, the squadron is expanding its capabilities at RAAF Base Edinburgh to meet growing requirements and ensure persistent, high-tempo support to air, joint and combined operations.



87 NO.87 SQUADRON

87 Squadron (87SQN) was re-formed on 1 July 2006, and is the Air Force's mission intelligence squadron. 87SQN comprises approximately 150 personnel, predominantly air intelligence analysts and officers, and is headquartered in RAAF Williamtown. 87SQN has eight Tactical Intelligence Flights (TIFs) at RAAF Bases Amberley, Edinburgh, Richmond, Tindal, and Williamtown, providing mission intelligence to multiple FEGs, wings and units. 87SQN personnel support multiple RAAF and ADF operations, exercises and activities across single service and joint domains. RAAF Base Edinburgh TIFs include 41TIF, 42TIF, and 92TIF.



RAAF UNITS



AIR WARFARE CENTRE

Established in January 2016 around the Aerospace Operational Support group, as a key priority of Plan Jericho, the Air Warfare Centre (AWC) is the Air Force's newest Force Element Group. The AWC was established to ready the warfighter for complex air warfare in a fifth-generation context. It is designed to drive innovation and integration across Air Command. The AWC comprises a Headquarters AWC, responsible for the coordination and implementation of common and integrated functions across the AWC, and specific capability focused directorates providing electronic warfare, intelligence, test and evaluation, Air Force Ranges management and advanced air warfare tactics and training (located at RAAF Williamtown).

ADVANCED TEST AND TRAINING ENVIRONMENTS

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

of LVC capabilities and simulation. It conducts activities on the Woomera Test range.

AIR FORCE TEST RANGES SQUADRON

Air Force Test Ranges Squadron is responsible for the day-to-day conduct of Air Force range activities. An integrated workforce of RAAF and Australian Public Service personnel make up the squadron, with the HQ element based at RAAF Base Edinburgh. Operations and technical personnel are on permanent detachment at the Delamere, Woomera, Salt Ash and Evans Head Ranges to provide on-site liaison and management of range activities. Edinburgh-based personnel also routinely deploy to the respective ranges. In particular, Woomera, to support operational tasking requirements.

DIRECTORATE OF AIR INTELLIGENCE

The Directorate of Air Intelligence is responsible for provision and training of Air Force's intelligence capability. While its headquarters and some elements are at Edinburgh, it is also the most geographically distributed directorate in the AWC, with personnel at all the major RAAF bases and also within the Defence Complex in Canberra. Further, because of its functions, it has personnel deployed on exercises and operations, including the Middle East, on an almost continual basis.

DEFENCE SCHOOL OF INTELLIGENCE – AIR

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

SPECTRUM WARFARE DIRECTORATE

Spectrum Warfare Directorate (SWD) is comprised of a Headquarters located at DST Edinburgh, and two units: Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit also at DST Edinburgh; and 80SQN at the USAF's Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, US.

SWD delivers critical electromagnetic spectrum survivability and operational mission data enabling effects to various ADF platforms across the integrated force; enabling war-fighter tactical situation awareness, ensuring freedom of action and assuring mission effectiveness, through enhancing lethality, survivability and resilience.

In addition to delivery of operational support to ADF platforms, the HQ and units maintain direct and productive relationships with allies, in order to reliably contribute technical information and specialist advice, as well as survivability and operational mission data contributions.



JOINT ELECTRONIC WARFARE OPERATIONAL SUPPORT UNIT

Located at DST Edinburgh, Joint Electronic Warfare Operational Support Unit (JEWOSU) is the ADF's electronic warfare (EW)

centre of excellence. It delivers operational



mission data and system reprogramming support to ADF fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters, ships and submarines, as well as optimisation of the survivability systems for ADF aviation assets. It also provides formal EW training and specialist advice to the ADO.



TEST AND EVALUATION DIRECTORATE

Test and Evaluation Directorate (TED), within the RAAF AWC has responsibility for managing aircraft stores compatibility, as well as test

and evaluation for Air Force. These capabilities contribute to the mission success, safe performance, safe operation and survivability of ADF aircraft and aircrew. TED is comprised of the Aircraft Research and Development Unit, Air Warfare Engineering Squadron and Directorate Headquarters.



AIRCRAFT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT UNIT

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

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



AIR WARFARE ENGINEERING SQUADRON

The Air Warfare Engineering Squadron was formed in 2016 following the amalgamation of Aircraft Stores Compatibility Engineering Squadron and Aircraft Systems Engineering Squadron.

It provides specialist engineering services to the AWC, Air Force, Army, Navy and wider elements of Defence to enhance joint air power capabilities, and has specific expertise in:

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



NO.1 COMBAT COMMUNICATIONS SQUADRON

No.1 Combat Communications Squadrons' (1CCS) mission is to provide assured Network Operations capability to enable the conduct of expeditionary

air operations in support of the joint force. To achieve its mission, 1CCS must understand those we are supporting, understand their mission, and ensure it provides the relevant CIS services to achieve mission success. Our responsibility is to deliver resilient and cyberworthy CIS, ensuring safety and risk is managed to protect all personnel. 1CCS operates in an environment that demands excellence and we must set a solid foundation for continuous improvement and innovation to: meet our mission; develop, train and retain our people; and set the conditions for success in the future. 1CCS is geographically dispersed with its HQ located in Amberley (AP2) and three flights located at RAAF Bases Edinburgh, Amberley, and Williamtown.



NO.1 REMOTE SENSOR UNIT

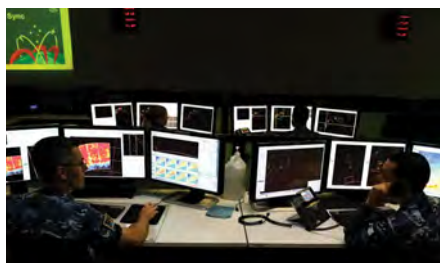
Now in its 11th year as No.1 Remote Sensor Unit, 1RSU conducts surveillance of Australia's northern approaches by collecting, analysing and disseminating data into

the ADF's Common Operating picture. Sitting within 41WG, SRG, 1RSU operates the Jindalee Operational Radar Network, a network of three Over-the-Horizon Radar systems stationed in Alice Springs, NT, Longreach, Qld and Laverton, WA. Previously known as No.1 Radar Surveillance Unit, 1RSU was formed in July 1992 just north of Alice Springs and, in January 1993, commenced operations using the original Jindalee radar for surveillance tasks. 1RSU soon thereafter relocated to RAAF Edinburgh, having recently

← A 75SQN F-35A during a JEWOSU electronic warfare trial.

celebrated its 25th year in location. 1RSU still maintains close ties with communities in Alice Spring, returning to Alice Springs to celebrate the 30th anniversary of 1RSU being granted Freedom of the City in 2025. Working out of the Battlespace Surveillance Centre, 1RSU works closely with the SACTU and 87SQN detachments and is staffed by Air Force and Navy members as well as civilian contractors.

PHOTO: CPL Brenton Kwaterski



↑ Personnel working on the operations floor inside No. 1 Remote Sensor Unit at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

SURVEILLANCE & CONTROL TRAINING UNIT EDINBURGH DETACHMENT

Surveillance & Control Training Unit Edinburgh Detachment (SACTU) conducts initial employment training and post initial employment training for Air Battle Managers and Air Surveillance Operators. It also provides specialist training for maintenance personnel and other air and missile defence professionals

in the ADF. Although the main body is located at RAAF Base Williamtown, SACTU has a detachment in Edinburgh. SACTU Detachment Edinburgh is responsible for the development, delivery and modernisation of all No.1 Remote Sensor Unit training to ensure capability requirements are met for the successful operation of the Jindalee Operational Radar Network.



NO.2 EXPEDITIONARY HEALTH SQUADRON DETACHMENT RAAF EDINBURGH

The role of No.2 Expeditionary Health

Squadron (2EHS) is to provide expeditionary and fixed-base health support to ADF operations. With a headquarters at RAAF Base Williamtown, detachments are located at RAAF Bases Darwin, Edinburgh, Pearce and Tindal. 2EHS Detachment Edinburgh comprises medical officers, dental assistant, nursing officers, environmental health officers and advanced medical assistants. The detachment is embedded in the Edinburgh Joint Health Command Garrison Health Centre. While the primary duty of 2EHS Det EDN is the provision of expeditionary healthcare capability, 2EHS personnel regularly augment the Garrison Health Centre when not deployed. In this respect, 2EHS Det Edinburgh also supports exercises at Woomera Test Range, Murray Bridge Training Area and Cultana Training Area.

NO.464 SQUADRON DETACHMENT EDINBURGH

No.464 Squadron was re-established in January 2021 under the Information Warfare Directorate of the Air Warfare Centre, providing public affairs and imagery support.

On 1 July 2023, No.464 Squadron's command and control transferred to the Chief of Staff Branch under Air Force Headquarters. Headquartered at HMAS Harman in Canberra, the squadron has evolved with military public affairs flights that encompass high-readiness deployable military camera teams at RAAF Bases Richmond, Williamtown, Amberley, Darwin, Edinburgh and Canberra. It also coordinates and trains the highly skilled Specialist Reserve Public Affairs Officer workforce across the country.

The squadron provides public affairs and imagery support to high profile public events, Air Force and wider Defence exercises and operations, including significant support to HQJOC activities as directed by CAF and CDF. The squadron was originally formed in September 1942, flying Ventura bombers from bases in England. It later re-equipped with Mosquito fighter bombers, which were flown in precision attacks on German targets at low level. This included attacking the Amiens Prison in France – also known as Operation Jericho – and other similar raids which led the squadron to be nicknamed The Gestapo Hunters.

Imagery support requests for RAAF Bases Edinburgh can be made by emailing 464sqn.militarypublicaffairs@defence.gov.au.

MENTAL HEALTH

ADF

Contact your local on base health centre, mental health professional or the duty officer/officer of the day for immediate assistance and referrals. The ADF Health and Wellbeing Portal is an online health information resource tool for ADF members and their families defence.gov.au/health/healthportal. Your chain of command is a primary resource that can provide advice, referral and support.

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

The ADF All-hours Support Line is a confidential telephone service for ADF members and their families available 24/7 on 1800 628 036 or, if calling from overseas, +61 2 9425 3878.

If you are more than 45 minutes from base, or for out-of-hours assistance, you can call 1800 IMSICK (1800 467 425) to locate the nearest support.

Defence Family Helpline (1800 624 608)

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

The National Welfare Coordination Centre

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

Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response

Office (SeMPRO) offers advice, guidance and support to current and former Defence personnel who have been affected by sexual misconduct, whether the incident is current

or historical. This includes support to ADF cadets, officers and instructors of cadets, APS personnel, commanders, managers, supervisors, support people and families affected by sexual misconduct. 1800 736 776 (1800SeMPRO).

Open Arms – Veterans and Families

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

APS (AND RESERVISTS)

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



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↑ A No.9 Squadron MQ-4C Triton aircraft undergoes its first RAAF operated flight at RAAF Base Tindal.



HEADQUARTERS SURVEILLANCE & RESPONSE GROUP

Surveillance & Response Group (SRC) delivers multi-domain Airborne Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance,

Integrated Air and Missile Defence and Air Navigation Support as one collegiate team, comprising over 2,400 personnel. The Group HQ is located between RAAF Base Williamtown and RAAF Base Edinburgh. SRC delivers a broad range of capabilities, including many HQ functions previously undertaken by 92 Wing.



NO.92 WING

Formed in 1977 at RAAF Base Edinburgh, 92 Wing was the first maritime wing in the RAAF. Previous to this, maritime and reconnaissance commitments were met by two independent

maritime squadrons. The co-location of two squadrons enabled considerable savings in labour and facilities by combining the units under the one umbrella of a maritime wing – No.92 Wing. 92 Wing now consists of Numbers 9, 10, 11 and 292 Squadrons. In addition to the traditional roles of anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare, the wing is also responsible for long-range intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance, electronic warfare and search and survivor supply missions.



NO.9 SQUADRON

No.9 Squadron is a flying squadron once again!

9SQN originally formed in 1939 operating Seagull Mk V and Walrus amphibious aircraft providing fleet support to Australian, New

Zealand and United Kingdom vessels in all theatres of World War II before disbanding in 1944.

9SQN reformed in 1962 operating UH-1B Iroquois helicopters providing search and rescue and tactical air transport. It saw active service in Vietnam before disbanding again in 1989. 9SQN reformed again in 2023 to operate the MQ-4C Triton that will provide the integrated force with long-range, persistent and networked intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance and targeting.

9SQN's distinguished service includes 12 battle honours during WWII, and one from the Vietnam War. Its crest features the black-browed albatross – a species capable of long endurance overwater flight representing the MQ-4C Triton capability, and its motto is *Videmus nec Videmur* (To See and Not Be Seen).

In 2025, 9SQN commenced MQ-4C flying operations from the Forward Operating Base Mission Control Station in RAAF Tindal, an important marker of a great deal of underpinning work by 9SQN, contractor maintenance Northrop Grumman Australia (NGA), key SRC and CASG stakeholders to integrate the MQ-4C into Australia's strategic communications and logistics systems. The keys to achieving, and now normalising, flight operations, have been teamwork across these organisations and perseverance through its challenges. Enormous appreciation in particular to the 9SQN (NGA)



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↑ Members from Northrop Grumman conduct pre-flight checks on A No. 9 Squadron MQ-4C Triton aircraft before its first RAAF operated flight at RAAF Base Tindal.



← An aviator from No.11 Squadron cleaning the P-8A Poseidon EO turret during Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025.

maintenance team for the hard work and long hours that have made it happen. 9SQN continues to progress the Triton system configuration to enable control and mission operations from Main Operating Base in RAAF Edinburgh.



NO.10 SQUADRON

Formed in 1939, No.10 Squadron now operates Air Force's electronic warfare (EW) capability, performing a multitude of tasks including Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance. 10SQN aircrew,

supporting expeditionary operations.



NO.24 SQUADRON

No.24 (City of Adelaide) Squadron is one of nine operational squadrons within 95Wing, Combat Support Group (CSG). Its mission is to deliver permanent airbase capability at RAAF Base Edinburgh while

supporting expeditionary operations.

24SQN is responsible for key functions including the Air Base Operations Centre, airbase security, base aviation safety, road and air movements, mechanical equipment operations and maintenance and operation of the Defence Fuel Installation – Aviation, as well as chaplaincy and physical and recreational training. While it is no longer a flying squadron, 24SQN enables the air operations for the four flying squadrons stationed at Edinburgh.

24SQN has a proud history serving with distinction in World War II in Papua New Guinea

maintenance and support personnel regularly deploy to a wide variety of operations and exercises within Australia and overseas. Over the coming years, 10SQN will transition from the AP-3C(EW) Orion (retired in late 2023) to the MC-55A Peregrine aircraft.



NO.11 SQUADRON

No.11 Squadron is Australia's premier maritime strike, patrol, reconnaissance and response squadron. The 'Blackcats' of 11SQN have transitioned operations

from the Lockheed Martin AP-3C Orion to the latest generation in maritime patrol aircraft, the Boeing P-8A Poseidon.

Roles conducted by 11SQN include anti-submarine warfare, anti-surface warfare, maritime strike, maritime intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR), overland Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, and search and rescue.

No.11 Squadron is a highly operational unit that is continuously deployed across domestic, regional and, at times, global theatres to gather intelligence, conduct international engagement and train to deliver integrated effects as a key element of the joint force.

flying dive bombers and later in the Dutch East Indies flying heavy bombers.



NO.453 SQUADRON EDINBURGH FLIGHT

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

1 December 2010 to provide quality air base air traffic services to RAAF Edinburgh, Williamtown, Richmond, East Sale, Pearce and HMAS Albatross.

The Edinburgh flight is one of the smallest units on base, but fulfils the essential task of ensuring all aircraft in the area are provided with safe passage in the form of air traffic control, as well as ensuring air navigation systems are maintained and serviced at the highest level. It also supports RAAF base communications through its highly



NO.292 SQUADRON

Originally formed as Maritime Analysis Training Squadron in 1977, 292SQN is an operational conversion unit. Part of 92 Wing, it is responsible for training the following musters on specialised P-8A Poseidon

Aircrew and Technical aircraft courses:

Pilots – P-8A co-pilot conversion, responsible for safely operating the P-8A and assisting the captain. Maritime Patrol and Response Officers (MPRO) – P-8A co-tactical coordinator conversion, responsible for communication and assisting the tactical coordinator.

Airborne Electronic Analyst – P-8A acoustic warfare operator and electronic warfare operator conversion, responsible for employing and optimising the aircraft sensors.

Technicians – Aircraft/avionics and armament technical courses – P-8A type courses, and specialist armament courses.

292SQN also provides specialised training, including P-8A engine operators course, junior technical leadership courses and aviation technical supervisor courses. 292SQN currently provides pilot and MPRO training for the RNZAF P-8A personnel, until they're able to bring their training facilities into service.

The world leading aircrew and technical simulation facilities allow for initial and conversion training for members of 92WG, Boeing Defence Australia, and RNZAF personnel with a reduced need for operational aircraft use.

trained technical workforce and provides flying display support and airspace management of the RAAF Edinburgh airspace volumes through close consultation with civil industry.



INSTITUTE OF AVIATION MEDICINE

Part of Air Force Training Group, the RAAF Institute of Aviation Medicine is the ADF centre of excellence in aerospace medicine. The institute

enhances aircrew performance and safety in ADF aerospace operations by providing contemporary, relevant and timely aeromedical advice, training, risk-based decision support and confirmation of fitness for aviation-related duties. The unit is staffed by uniformed and civilian personnel with diverse skills in aviation, aviation medicine, human factors and aeronautical life support.



PHOTO: SGT Nicci Freeman

← **Chief of Army, Lieutenant General Simon Stuart AO, DSC (left) with Commander 10th Brigade, Brigadier Nick Wilson CSC, in front of a HIMARS at Edinburgh Defence Precinct.**

ARMY UNITS



10TH BRIGADE

In January 2024, the 10th Brigade Headquarters was officially raised, following two years of development by a capability implementation team. The

brigade headquarters has four direct command units, including the first long-range fires sub-unit, and will generate short-range ground-based air defence, long-range multi-domain strike and specialist targeting effects in support of the integrated force.

Originally raised in 1916 for World War 1, 10th Brigade forged a proud legacy on the Western Front. Comprising the 37th, 38th, 39th and 40th Battalions, the 10th took part in many campaigns throughout the war. Since that time, the 10th's namesake has been demobilised and re-raised on several occasions in a part-time militia capacity.

10th Brigade currently commands the 9th and 16th Regiments, 54 Battery (the first sub-unit of the soon-to-be 14th Regiment) and the theatre civil-military cooperation capability. The new formation exists across the entire country and comprises every service category.

14TH REGIMENT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY

As 14th Regiment grows, 54th Siege Battery is the first to introduce the High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) capability into service. As a new regiment, it will see the HIMARS capability grow to 42 platforms over the coming years.

The government's acceleration of longer-range strike capabilities is a key priority of the National Defence Strategy, in line with national and strategic interests, and to keep Australians safe.

HIMARS is a world-leading capability, delivering increased lethality and accurate firepower at

unprecedented ranges, increasing Army's current reach from tens of kilometres to hundreds of kilometres. HIMARS will include long-range missiles for land and maritime strike employing the Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System, with a range beyond 70km, and the Precision Strike Missile, with a range of beyond 500km.

16TH REGIMENT, ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY

Members of 16 Regiment in South Australia are playing a vital role in Army's contribution to the ADF's air and missile defence capability. Introduction of the national advanced surface-to-air missile system (NASAMS) has significantly changed how the regiment operates and its role, not just within Army, but as part of the ADF's integrated force and alongside Australia's coalition partners.

The regiment's primary task is introduction into service of the NASAMS capability through multiple avenues, including training on the equipment, confirming support mechanisms to operate the equipment and participating in large exercises and activities to prove and demonstrate the NASAMS capability.

16th Regiment was traditionally located in Woodside, but from 2026 moves to a new purpose-built facility at RAAF Base Edinburgh.

THE 9TH BRIGADE

Headquartered at Keswick Barracks in South Australia, the 9th Brigade comprises the following Regular and Reserve units.

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

The 9th Brigade was initially raised in 1912

following the introduction of the compulsory training scheme, and formed part of the Australian Imperial Force when the 3rd Australian Division was raised in 1916. The 9th Brigade fought on the Western Front in France and Belgium, most notably at Messines, Passchendaele, Villers-Bretonneux and Morlancourt. The brigade was disbanded in 1921 and was re-raised as part of the Citizen Military Forces. Since that time, the 9th Brigade has generated part-time land forces to serve in the defence of Australia and its national interests.

The 9th Brigade draws upon all service categories to generate combat teams, battle groups and a joint task force domestic response. The 9th Brigade is the lead brigade for domestic disaster relief and domestic security support within South Australia.

1ST ARMoured REGIMENT

1st Armoured Regiment is an experimentation unit to help Army meet the outcomes of the National Defence Strategy. 1st Armoured Regiment works closely with Defence Science and Technology, the Advanced Strategic Capabilities Accelerator, academia and the wider defence industry to exploit technological advantages and develop future operating concepts.

The regiment is at the forefront of fielding, evaluating and assisting with the integration of emerging technologies, which provide operational advantages in war. The regiment's location in Adelaide ensures proximity to similarly focused organisations and facilities, allowing a more integrated approach in the adoption of new and emerging technology. As the Army's experimentation unit, the regiment will also work with other Army organisations focused on robotics and autonomous systems.

Additionally, the regiment is in direct command of The 3rd/9th Light Horse (South Australian Mounted Rifles), a Reserve light cavalry regiment of the Australian Army that holds the oldest surviving military title in South Australia.

10TH/27TH BATTALION

The 10th/27th Battalion, Royal South Australia Regiment (10/27 RSAR) is a Reserve Infantry Battalion of the Australian Army. The Battalion is structured around a Battalion Headquarters and two Rifle Companies, with integral combat engineer support provided by 3 Field Squadron.

Battalion Headquarters is located at Keswick Barracks in Adelaide, South Australia.

The Battalion's sub-units are:

- A Company based at Warradale Barracks, with an active depot at Mount Gambier, providing an infantry capability drawn from

both metropolitan Adelaide and regional South Australia.

- B Company located at Edinburgh Defence Precinct, forming the Battalion's northern metropolitan infantry element.
- Support Company based at Warradale providing additional capability and battlefield effects.
- 10/27 RSAR Band based at Keswick which supports the battalions' ceremonial activities as well as the wider ADF.
- 3 Field Squadron (Combat Engineers) based at Warradale Barracks, delivering integral engineer support to the battalion.

10/27 RSAR has a proud lineage, tracing its history to some of Australia's oldest and most decorated military units. The battalion was formed in 1987 through the amalgamation of the 10th and 27th Battalions, both of which have long and distinguished histories.

The 10th Battalion was one of the first infantry units raised for the First Australian Imperial Force in 1914 and famously landed at Gallipoli on 25 April 1915 as part of the ANZAC force. The 27th Battalion, known as the Unley Regiment, served with distinction on the Western Front during World War I. Both battalions also served with honour during World War II in campaigns across the Middle East, New Guinea and the Pacific.

Since its formation, 10/27 RSAR has provided Reserve soldiers in support of both domestic and international operations. Members of the battalion have deployed on operations such as INTERFET in East Timor, Operation Anode in the Solomon Islands and Operation Resolute for national border security. More recently, soldiers have deployed on operations in the Middle East and supported domestic responses including Operation Bushfire Assist and Operation COVID-19 Assist.

Today, 10/27 RSAR continues to serve the nation with distinction, upholding its proud South Australian heritage and the legacy of its forebears. The battalion proudly marches under the motto *Pro Patria* (For Country).

9 COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT BATTALION

9 Combat Service Support Battalion has its Battalion Headquarters and an Army Reserve sub-unit located in Warradale. It comprises elements of each logistic discipline to support the 9th Brigade Direct Command Units in South Australia. With the battalion divided across Warradale and Edinburgh, it maintains a role to provide combat service support to units which consist of a workshop platoon capable of medium grade repairs, a transport troop capable of supply distribution including bulk water and fuel, and heavy road freight, and a warehouse platoon that manages the supply chain for 9th Brigade units in the region.



↑ The 1st Armoured Regiment.



PHOTO: LACW Waddison Scott

↑ Two Army High Mobility Artillery Rocket System's are delivered by a Royal Australian Air Force C-17A Globemaster II to Avalon airport.



PHOTO: CPL Cameron Pegg

↑ An Army Hawk high-mobility launcher from 16th Regiment fires an AIM-9X Sidewinder missile at the Woomera test range in South Australia.



PHOTO: CPL Cameron Pegg

↑ Australian Army soldiers from 16th Regiment, Royal Australian Artillery load an AIM-120 AMRAAM missile at Bradshaw Field Training Area in the Northern Territory during Exercise Talisman Sabre 2025. Image has been digitally altered for security purposes.

↓ An Army soldier operates a machine gun during the direct-fire support weapons course at the Cultana training area.

OTHER EDP DEFENCE ELEMENTS

PHOTO: PTE Jack Kleinig



ARMY EDUCATION CENTRE

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

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

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

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

ARMY SCHOOL OF ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Since 2013, the Army School of Electrical Mechanical Engineering (ASEME SA), has maintained a presence within the RAAF Edinburgh precinct, in the form of a regional on the job training (OJT) cell. The cell manages and enables the up to 60 RAEME trainees as they complete the final phase of their apprenticeship and transitions them from the training force into the trained force. The cell also manages the training for fitter armourer, vehicle mechanic, technician electrical and technician electronic system trade groups.

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

The ASEME SA OJT cell currently operates out of the HQ 1 BDE building, which has fostered a fantastic relationship between all brigade units and ASEME; however, in the near future the OJT cell will be relocating to be within the Warrant Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, an exciting change.

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



ARMY PERSONNEL SUPPORT CENTRE

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

at Edinburgh Defence Precinct.

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

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

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

Warrant Officers assist Army personnel by providing advice on corps transfer, trade transfer, officer training (ADFA and RMC), service transfer (RAN and RAAF) and the transfer from SERCAT 7 to another SERCAT. Member support coordinators (MSCs) are located in support of Army units and also administrative commanding officers to support members in non-Army groups. MSCs are able to provide all commanders with the additional skills and resources required to ensure the appropriate level of support is provided to wounded, injured and ill members.

BATTLE SIMULATION SITE – ADELAIDE

Battle Simulation Site – Adelaide (BSS-A) is a Land Simulation and Wargaming function of The Army Battle Lab. BSS-A is located at the rear of the Monash Centre in the heart of RAAF Base Edinburgh within building H0832.

The BSS-A primary role is to facilitate and provide simulation support and training delivery to local Army units in the SA region, which also includes experimentation for DSTG and out-of-hours training for Army Reserves units.

Together with the six other regional battle simulation sites, BSS-A fields the nation's principal Defence capability for virtual and constructive simulation support and training. Utilising the latest versions of the military-off-the-shelf software (VBS3, Steel Beasts Pro and JCATS), units can realise arguably the highest return on training efficiency for their expenditure in time and finance without the usual WH&S, admin and resource constraints. For example, in a training session supported by the BSS-A staff, users initially grasp sufficient competency to control an entity or avatar in a tactical/operational training environment. From there users can then be integrated into their micro-teams and then subsequently macro-teams operating at the combat team level.

The artificial intelligence as well as the after action review (AAR) record functions within the software enable command and staff to analyse their courses-of-action, post decision-making and conduct rehearsal of concept drills. The AAR tool allows instant replay from every point-of-view – including the opposing force's – to optimise lessons-to-be-learned. While the BSS-A "fitted-for/not fitted-with" establishment does not permit turnkey solutions, the tailored train-the-trainer packages facilitate user units to attain the training required to support their desired end state. BSS-A staff encourage units to organise a time in advance to discuss their training programs and requirements prior to booking the BSS. This will allow the BSS-A staff to synchronise, support and facilitate units training outcomes.

The BSS-A staff look forward to demonstrating the resident capabilities, showing you throughout the facility to support your training outcomes.



PHOTO: ACW Halley Van Esen

↑ The official opening of the new Fuel Quality Control Centre at RAAF Base Edinburgh in November 2024. The project delivered a new capability to test the fuel quality at Edinburgh's Defence Fuel Installation, eliminating the reliance on contracted services and reducing the waiting time for results from seven days, to hours. The project was funded by the Joint Capabilities Group Minor Projects Program.

Please drop-in to BSS-A and/or e-mail your queries/bookings to group mailbox:
battle.simadelaide@resources.defence.gov.au

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

SEG has base management staff located at DST-E, RAAF Edinburgh and RAAF Woomera to provide advice on and oversight of, base service delivery. SEG develops and sustains the Defence Estate and is the consolidated security and service delivery organisation for Defence. SEG designs and delivers Defence infrastructure and manages a complex Defence Estate – maintaining environmental stewardship of more than 2.8 million hectares, the largest landholding in the Commonwealth with 70 major bases,

100-plus training ranges, more than 1,000 leased or owned properties and 30,000 built assets.

SEG provides Defence protective security, manages the Defence Industry Security Program and delivers security clearances to Defence, government and industry through the AGSVA. SEG delivers base services including access control, catering and hospitality, accommodation, building and grounds maintenance, firefighting, cleaning and laundry. SEG is also leading integrated and digital service delivery.

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



CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE

The Customer Service Centre (CSC) assists Defence members, APS staff, families, contractors and visitors to the Edinburgh Defence Precinct with a range of services. The CSC operates daily Monday to Friday from 0800 to 1600hrs.

How to get in touch:

- **Email:** yourcustomer.service@defence.gov.au (24/7)
- **Phone:** 1800 333 362 Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 0730-1900hr; Tues 0730-2200hr
- **Visit:** Building 304, RAAF Base Edinburgh.



↑ A DSTG Engineer attaches a radio frequency cable to the engineering model spacecraft during anechoic chamber testing of the Buccaneer Main Mission nanosatellite, which was launched from the United States into low earth orbit in April 2025.

DEFENCE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY GROUP

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

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

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

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

Employing approximately 2,100 people, DSTG provides scientific advice and technology solutions across all military domains, including:

- Maritime
- Land and joint warfare
- Air and space
- Sensors and effectors
- Intelligence and surveillance
- Cyber, intelligence and national security
- Information sciences
- Human and decision sciences
- Platforms
- Research technology and operations.

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

DSTG developed the Jindalee Operational Radar Network which provides 24-hour military surveillance of Australia's northern and western approaches. It was responsible for Nulka, an active missile decoy that protects ships from missiles. Nulka was sold to the US and Canada in the 1990s and is considered one of Australia's most successful Defence exports, earning revenue in excess of \$1 billion.

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

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

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

Keep up to date with Defence science news on LinkedIn and Instagram.



NO.1 SPACE SURVEILLANCE UNIT

No.1 Space Surveillance Unit (ISSU) was formed in January 2023 as the first dedicated Australian joint space

unit providing combat-relevant Space Domain Awareness (SDA) and Missile Warning effects in support of Joint and Coalition forces. The unit was established to absorb current space capabilities and build capacity for the introduction of new sovereign and international partnered space capabilities in the future.

ISSU operates a diverse range of Earth and space-based capabilities in order to perform dedicated observation and analysis of on-orbit and terrestrial events followed by timely dissemination to a range of customers. This is achieved through the effective operation of the Space Surveillance Telescope, C-Band Radar and the Space Based Infra-Red Systems - Australian Mission Processor. Additionally, ISSU recently stood up the Commercial Data Mission Centre (CDMC) which leverages commercial providers allowing the unit to contribute to the Joint Commercial Operations - Pacific Cell and sovereign tasking. The CDMC operates entirely in the unclassified environment and is currently based out of Lot 14 within the Adelaide CBD.



JOINT LOGISTICS UNIT (SOUTH)

Joint Logistics Unit (South) (JLU(S)) is a highly effective, fully integrated team

of skilled logisticians delivering essential logistics services to our regional and national dependencies. Together with Defence industry partners Linfox and Ventia, JLU(S) provides a range of essential logistics functions including: warehousing; distribution; materiel maintenance; loan and repair pools; combat kitting and issues; retail clothing; weapons storage and repair; hazardous goods management; electronic instrument repair; regional procurement; and operations and plans support. JLU(S) supports combat elements from all three Services that are either based or operating within SA including those exercising at training areas in Cultana, Murray Bridge, Port Wakefield and Woomera. JLU(S) is also the primary storage and maintenance unit for several critical platforms and capabilities within the SA region.



↑ No.1 Space Surveillance Unit, from left, Space Surveillance Telescope, C-Band Radar, SBIRS GEO Satellite and Commercial Data Mission Centre.



PHOTO: SGT Pete Gamble

↑ An aircraftman from No.462 Squadron works with a Cyber Security expert from the United States Marine Corps during Operation INCAA.



NO.462 SQUADRON

No. 462 Squadron sits within ADF's newly established Cyber Command under Joint Capabilities Group and is headquartered at DST Edinburgh.

462SQN's mission is the execution of cyberspace operations in order to counter cyber threats to the Defence mission, defend key terrain, and secure freedom of manoeuvre for friendly forces. 462SQN's cyber protection mission is enabled by a tactical intelligence flight (875QN), training flight, operations support flight and engineering flight. An additional cyber protection flight is now established at RAAF base Williamtown. 462SQN also provides an information assurance function to Air Force mission systems by providing ICT security assessments, as well as emissions security and vulnerability assessments for the integrated force. It supports initial employment training for ADF's cyber warfare workforce, generating personnel who contribute to operations and exercises across the world. Since its reform in April 2005, 462SQN has evolved from its proud Bomber Command history to a leading ADF capability in cyberspace operations.



JOINT SURVIVABILITY, TACTICS VALIDATION UNIT

The Joint Survivability Tactics Validation Unit

(JSTVU) was established in 2021. Its mission is to increase the survivability of ADF Maritime and Land forces against threats using the Electromagnetic Spectrum (EMS) to detect, target or attack in order to enable the Joint Force to complete its mission. JSTVU has a workforce of uniformed personnel supported by APS, specialist contractors and scientists from four DSTG Divisions. Its tasking involves obtaining and assessing EMS measurements of Navy, Army and Air Force platforms. This data is used to inform tactics and survivability development, including decoy effectiveness, tactics effectiveness and the net effectiveness of integrated hard and soft kill methods. JSTVU also conducts both synthetic and field trials based on adversarial threats, in order to examine critical data points, further informing survivability development.



PHOTO: SGT Murray Staff

↑ Chief of Joint Capabilities, Lieutenant General John Frewen DSC, AM officially opens the Pitt-Johnston Electromagnetic Warfare Research Centre at the Joint Survivability Tactics Validation Unit, EDP.

JSTVU personnel were recently awarded an ADF Gold Level Group Commendation as the Capability Assurance Team of the Year during the annual EngTech Awards in 2024. The award was conferred by the Deputy Secretary of CASG and highlights the significant contribution the unit makes to the larger Defence enterprise. Their hard work and exemplary dedication to survivability tactics validation has had a direct impact on enhancing the survivability of ADF personnel and assets across all warfighting domains.

JOINT HEALTH UNIT (CENTRAL), EDINBURGH HEALTH CENTRE

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

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

General enquiries and appointments are made by calling 08 7383 2424 or via email to jhu-ca.edinburghhc@defence.gov.au. In an emergency, please call 000.



THE 1ST JOINT MOVEMENT UNIT

The 1st Joint Movement Unit (1JMU) provides movement effects for ADF operations, actions and investments in support of force projection, sustainment

and redeployment. With detachments positioned across Australia, 1JMU provides support to a wide range of military operations, actions and activities each year.

Joint Movement Section South Australia (JMS SA) is responsible for movement support within the SA area of responsibility. With an integrated team made up of full-time members from the Navy, Army, Air Force, APS and reservist Army members; JMS SA has a breadth of knowledge and experience within ADF logistic operations.

JMS SA supports a variety of ADF exercises and operations. Some of our achievements involve supporting operations such as Op Lilia, Op Gateway and Op Kudu. JMS SA also provides ongoing support to ADF exercises, such as RIMPAC, Leadfoot, REDEX and Pitch Black. In supporting these, JMS SA has worked closely with several customer units to ensure effective movement support is provided.

JMS SA is located at RAAF Edinburgh in BLD 1256 and can be contacted via our group email at 1jmu.jmssa@defence.gov.au or duty mobile on 0411 236 820.



PHOTO: CAPT Joanne Leca

↑ J1MU members removing cargo from a US Air Force C-17 Globemaster III aircraft for the redeployment 1st Brigade force elements at Rockhampton Airport during Exercise Talisman Sabre 25.



↑ The new DMMF hangar complex, nearing completion.

JOINT MILITARY POLICE STATION - ADELAIDE

The Joint Military Police Force (JMPF) is a tri-service unit dedicated to providing mission-oriented, intelligence-informed policing capability across South Australia. JMPF supports commanders at all levels through the provision of law enforcement and the maintenance of discipline. JMPF are the primary point of contact for all Defence policing matters, providing general duties policing, investigative capabilities and the management of serious crime across the ADF.

Established in 2020, the JMPF integrates the former single-service general duties policing elements together with the ADF Investigative Service. The mission of JMPF is to deliver focused, integrated military police effects both domestically and internationally.

In South Australia, the JMPF operates primarily from the Joint Military Police Station – Adelaide, located in Building 333 at the main entrance to RAAF Base Edinburgh. However, military policing effects are delivered to all Defence Establishments across the State.

JMPF is available 24/7 to address your enquiries and reports. For assistance, please contact the JMPF Hotline at 1311MP (131167).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA WING, WARRANT OFFICER AND NON COMMISSIONED OFFICER ACADEMY

The South Australia Wing, Warrant Officer and Non Commissioned Officer Academy (WONCO-A) is an independent sub unit that manages four; eight week, Subject 1 Corporal Army course each year. With the motto *Lead, Mentor, Train*, South Australia Wing,

WONCO-A aims to qualify Private in the All Corps requirements of command, leadership, management, operations and training for the rank of Corporal.

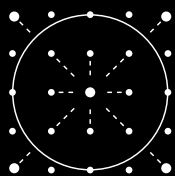
SURVEILLANCE AND RESPONSE SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE

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-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.

WIDE AREA AND SPACE SURVEILLANCE SYSTEMS PROGRAM OFFICE

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



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AND RESEARCH
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OUR EDP COMMUNITY

AIRMEN'S CLUB

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

SERGEANTS' MESS

The Edinburgh Sergeants' Mess is housed in an excellent, well-equipped, modern facility on the northern side of the combined mess complex. All members of the Sergeants' Mess and their families are welcome to make use of the facility. The Mess community is very active and services are provided to members every day of the week. Financial membership of the Mess is \$115 for members and \$55 for retired members and this entails you to:

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

Please contact the Sergeants' Mess for all your requirements on: raaf.base.edinburgh.snco.mess@defence.gov.au. Further SGT Mess



PHOTO: SGT David Cotton

↑ Celebrations for the 104th Air Force birthday and 71st birthday of RAAF Base Edinburgh, held in at RAAF Base Edinburgh Officers' Mess.

information can be found at: <http://drnet.defence.gov.au/raaf/AirForce/EDNSGTM/Pages/Site-Map.aspx>

OFFICERS' MESS

All officers stationed at the EDP can enjoy the state-of-the-art joint mess facility. Designed for easy communal use, members can grab a coffee from the espresso machine, snack on biscuits, and network with fellow officers during breakfast, lunch, or dinner. The facility includes a welcoming Dining Hall, an Ante Room and Bar for networking and relaxation, a Sportsman's Bar for after-hours enjoyment, a cosy TV Room with comfortable couches, a billiards room featuring table tennis and snooker, and outdoor areas equipped with barbecues and a playground. The Officers' Mess hosts weekly morning teas every Tuesday at 1000, raffles, and year-round social events like Dining-In Nights and Cocktail Evenings. Membership options include financial and non-financial categories, with an active team dedicated to ensuring a warm welcome for officers and their families.

GYM

The RAAF Edinburgh Gymnasium (Building 800), located on Harpoon St (between the Rugby Field and AFL Oval), is staffed from 0700 - 1600 Mon - Thu and 0700 - 1330 Fri, and currently open from 0530 - 2200 daily (24hr access available for those who require it). The pool is open, managed and supervised by qualified lifeguards from 0600 to 2100 daily (closed for breaks 1030 - 1100 and

1800 - 1830). Within the gym, Defence members and authorised users have access to some of the latest fitness equipment. Along with the gym and pool, there are also basketball, squash and tennis courts, as well as soccer, football, rugby, league and touch fields for Defence members and their families. All areas can be booked online through the RAAF Edinburgh Physical Training Instructor Share Point site, or if you don't have DPN access, by contacting RAAF Edinburgh PTIs. All users are required to complete the Gymnasium Induction Brief IAW the AFPTTMAN, which can be found at the SharePoint site. Air Force and Army Physical Training Instructors (PTIs) from 24SQN and 3HB provide safe, structured training for Defence members in order to help them achieve and maintain a level of fitness appropriate to their military and specialist duties.

ON BASE SPORTS

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

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

SA Defence Basketball (SADB) welcomes players of all skill levels. It runs informal scrimmages Tuesday and Thursday 1600 - 1800 at the RAAF EDN gym to build skills in a safe and welcoming environment. Each year, SADB conducts an Inter-Service Tournament, where service teams compete against each other. The

ADF Basketball Association conducts a Combined Services Competition in Nov-Dec, where each state sends a women's and men's squad to compete. Find out more via the SADB Group Mailbox (adfba.sabasketball@defence.gov.au) or join the ADFBA Teams Channel.

ADF Cycling Club supports all disciplines of cycling for all skill levels and is a great way to meet like-minded cyclist. ADF Cycling also supports entry to a range of cycling events around SA with your entry funded by the club. The National Cycling Carnival is held annually and includes free coaching, group rides, shuttles, and beginner and advanced races.

SA Defence Netball Association is a tri-service netball club run by a volunteer committee based at RAAF Base Edinburgh. We are passionate about netball and working together to make SA Defence Netball fun, inclusive and competitive. We welcome players, coaches, umpires and managers of all experience levels. Our netball squad, the SA Wombats, participates in social competitions throughout the year, as well as the annual ADF Combined Services Tournament where we compete against ADF teams from each of state. For further information, please contact the committee atsadna.committee@defence.gov.au.

Edinburgh Touch Football If you are interested in playing or learning more, please

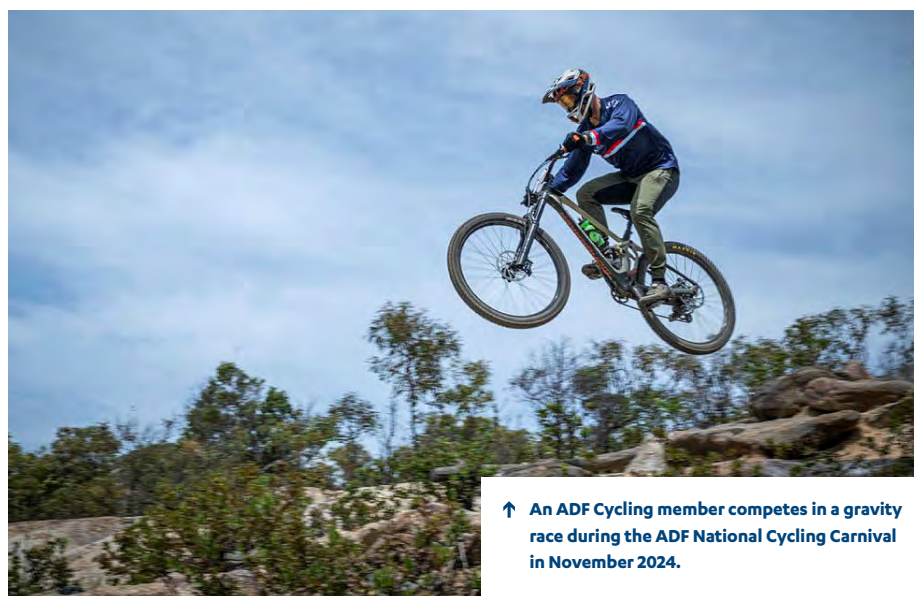


PHOTO: SGT David Hicks

↑ An ADF Cycling member competes in a gravity race during the ADF National Cycling Carnival in November 2024.

contact Gavin Schneider or SQNLDR Indra Garner. Throughout the year, the club runs a range of competitions including five-a-side, six-a-side, state of origin, inter-unit and inter-service. Games generally run Monday to Thursday 1145–1230. These competitions are open for anyone wanting to play, learn and/or referee. If you have never played please feel free to come down and

meet the team. The club is lucky enough to have a large number of coaches and experienced players who are willing to impart their knowledge. Edinburgh Touch club also helps select player to compete across the nation for the Defence Nationals Touch Football Competition as part of the Central Camels. Defence Nationals is held once a year and is open to Air Force, Navy and

COMMERCIAL AREA

RETAIL PRECINCT

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

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

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

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

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

AAFCANS

- Canteen 0700-1700 weekdays 08 7374 3276; edinburgh.manager@aafcans.gov.au
- Hanger Kiosk 0730-1230 weekdays
- Café BDG 733N 0800-1300 weekdays
- Sea Lion Café 0800-1300 weekdays

Additional specialist services such as postal, banking and hairdresser services are provided within the Retail Hub.

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

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

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

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



Army full-time members and active reservists.

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

Edinburgh Ski Club A friendly and social club that runs day trips and camping weekends to various locations. The club caters for all levels and abilities in skiing, wake boarding, wake skating, knee boarding, barefoot skiing, ski tubes. Camping weekends are also popular and offer a great way to socialise with a group of people with a common interest. If you are interested, please contact SGT Darrell Greig.

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

ADF Ice hockey is the best way to improve your fitness and join a welcoming community, and the ADFIHA has a significant presence here in SA. You don't need any prior skating experience, and loaner kits are available. Weekly training sessions at the ice rink in Thebarton involve skating and puck-handling drills, and friendly games of "shinny" to finish off. The yearly Tri-Service Carnival is a week of non-stop hockey, combining training, development games, a round-robin tournament between the service teams, and the opportunity to have a go at sled hockey.

If you'd like to play the coolest game on Earth reach out to adf.icehockey@defence.gov.au.



↑ Chaplain Chung with a Defence member.

CHAPLAINS

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

Our role is to provide holistic wellbeing engagement, which may include confidential pastoral counselling, grief support, help with workplace difficulties, relationship stress and breakdown, and practical assistance where possible. We also happily support spiritual growth, faith exploration and religious services like weddings and baptisms.

You are welcome to drop into the Air Force Chaplaincy Centre on base, building 426, on the left side of Harpoon St, across from the gym. Chaplains are available to answer any questions or guide you in the right direction.

Army Chaplains are embedded with 1ARMD and 10BDE. Navy Chaplains and Military Spiritual Welfare Officers are based at HMAS Encounter and Osborne, but visit EDP regularly.

You can reach Air Force Chaplains by emailing edn.chaplains@defence.gov.au or for urgent support contact the on-call 24/7 chaplain on (Air Force) 0438 761 403; (Army) 0419 823 743; (Navy) 0484 303 798.

EDINBURGH FORMATION WELFARE

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

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

Further information is available from the Internet website: ednwelfare.com.au.

BARMERA SHACKS

Edinburgh Formation Welfare manages two separate two-bedroom shacks at Barmera, approximately 200km northeast of Adelaide in



↑ ADF Ice hockey.



↑ Air Force Cadets with the Australian Air Force Cadets Diamond DA40 NG at the Australian International Airshow 2025.

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

Each shack can accommodate a family/group of six. As of late 2024, the shacks have been updated with all new furniture and include the following features:

- Two bedrooms (one with queen-size bed, the other with two bunks)
- Blankets, quilts and pillows are provided
- Lounge/dining with TV
- Reverse-cycle air conditioning
- Full kitchen facilities including all cutlery crockery and cooking utensils, microwave, oven, fridge etc
- Separate toilet/shower block (one bathroom for each shack)
- Gas barbecue
- Outdoor tables and chairs
- Two kayaks per shack and various sizes of life jackets are available.

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

ANNUAL EDINBURGH FORMATION WELFARE FAMILY DAY

The annual Edinburgh Family Day aims to

provide an entertaining and fun event as a thank you to families. It is held late in the year and is open to families of APS and uniformed members who work at RAAF Base Edinburgh and the Edinburgh Defence Precinct.

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE CADETS (AAFC)

The AAFC is a youth-development organisation set in a military and aviation environment, administered and actively supported by the RAAF. 6 Wing covers squadrons located within South Australia and Mildura. Activities include aviation, aircraft recognition, fieldcraft, radio communications, firearms safety training and science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) projects such as 3D printing and construction and operation of remote-controlled airborne drones. Cadets may choose to undertake leadership courses toward promotion, gaining skills in leadership and management, public speaking and organisational planning.

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

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

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

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

To find your local squadron, or to join as a cadet or staff, go to airforcecadets.gov.au/how-to-join.

DEFENCE FAMILIES OF AUSTRALIA

Defence Families of Australia (DFA) is the official ADF families advisory body to the Minister for Defence Personnel and the Chief of the Defence Force. DFA advocates for and provides advice to Defence and other stakeholders for ongoing improvement in policy and practical support in the best interests of ADF families across three core areas.

1. Family readiness Supporting families to be well-prepared in the face of the unique demands of Defence life. This includes advocating for systems and resources that equip families to manage absences, deployments, and relocations with confidence and stability.

2. Contemporary families Recognising and championing evolving family structures within the Defence community. Modern families are diverse and current policies and supports do not always reflect this. DFA is committed to ensuring inclusive representation that acknowledges single-parent families, blended families, same-sex couples and other non-traditional configurations.

3. Family wellbeing Advocating for services and supports that enhance the overall wellbeing of Defence families. This includes ensuring access to mental health resources, community connection, employment support and family-friendly policies that are fit for purpose and responsive to real-world challenges.

Follow DFA on social media for advocacy updates or go to dfa.org.au.



DEFENCE SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT GROUP

Defence Special Needs Support Group (DSNSG)

is a not-for-profit benevolent volunteer national organisation, established in 1993 to assist Defence and ex-serving families who have a dependant with special needs.

Local area coordinators assist members through collaboration, advocacy and promotion, peer support and networking to services, other support groups and activities. DSNSG members have access to regular local events organised by the Adelaide coordinator, along with a variety of programs offered by DSNSG. DSNSG's supporting

partners include Defence, Toll Government and Defence, Australian Military Bank, Defence Health, Defence Bank, Navy Health, Defence Housing Authority and APS Benevolent Society. To find out what is happening in the local area, email adelaide@dsns.org.au or to become a member email memberships@dsns.org.au. For further information see dsns.org.au.



NORTH EAST DEFENCE COMMUNITY

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

group supporting members and families from all services based at RAAF Base Edinburgh and surrounds. NEDC provide members with the opportunity to create social networks within their community, and an environment for social interaction, information sharing, skill building and support that is much needed due to the unique challenges of the Defence lifestyle. The NEDC has approximately 350 members and is always happy to welcome new members.

NEDC offers a wide variety of groups and events to cater for all demographics. This includes all ages and stages Playgroup (pregnancy - school age) three times a week, A Kids Club for primary school aged children meeting once a month, as well as activities for adults that meet regularly including Craft Club, Wellbeing Group, PC Gaming Club and Book Club. NEDC also runs school holiday events, adult nights out, holiday parties and other special activities. For further information email nedc.edinburgh@rocketmail.com, phone 0491 070 762 or find NEDC on Facebook by searching NEDCFamily.

KOOKABURRA KIDS

The Department of Veterans' Affairs is funding the Australian Kookaburra Kids Foundation (AKKF) to offer clinically designed mental health literacy programs that integrate fun and recreation with mental health education.

Delivered free to registered young people, our unique stepped-care model offers pre-early intervention mental health services and education designed to meet the needs of serving and ex-serving families in our Defence Kids program through camps, activity days and online connect sessions. Evidence shows these programs have a significant impact in improving the mental health literacy of the participating young people which will lead to better long-term mental health outcomes.

Every opportunity our Kookaburra Kids have to participate in our programs involves a genuine connection with other young people and aims



PHOTO: SGT Nicci Freeman

to empower them to thrive beyond the impacts of family mental illness. Camps and activity days are held throughout the year, providing an opportunity for children to connect, improve mental health literacy and improve help-seeking behaviours. Activity days can include ice skating, laser tag, bowling, movies, putt putt golf, beach activities and more. Two-night camps generally run from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, but may be held on weekdays during school holidays. Camps incorporate multiple recreational activities with a 45 minute "Chat Group" each day.

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

For more information on our programs, activity days and camps, as well as volunteer opportunities, see kookaburrakids.org.au.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY WIVES CHOIR – ADELAIDE

The Australian Military Wives Choir Adelaide is a choir for women who support Defence Force members. As a no-audition, no-experience-necessary choir, it welcomes new members at any time during the year. The choir welcomes any woman with a current significant connection

to the ADF, including spouses and immediate family members, and current full-time, part-time and reservist serving members. The choir was founded in Canberra in 2012, and has grown to more than 180 members nationally, including about 30 members in Adelaide.

If you would like to join the choir, email the coordinator at adelaide@amwchoir.com for rehearsal details. Rehearsals are held on the first, third and fifth Thursday of the month. Check out the Australian Military Wives Choir Facebook page and AMWChoir.com to learn more about the choir's music, and this supportive community of women brought together by song.

WOMEN'S INTEGRATED NETWORKING GROUP

The Women's Integrated Networking Group (WINGs) program was developed in 2011 to facilitate mentoring and networking among women at each RAAF base. WINGs offers topics on career development and growth in a friendly environment and provides opportunity to meet and network with other service women.

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



PHOTO: LACW Annika Smit

← An aircraftman from No.1 Combat Communications Squadron Edinburgh signs a booklet for a Para Hills Primary School student at the ADF display zone during the 2024 Adelaide 500 Supercars event.

a key focus is on veteran organisations such as the annual RSL Anzac Day and Legacy Week Appeals, other events are supported.

DEFENCE AID TO THE CIVIL COMMUNITY

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

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

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

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL / STARLIGHT FOUNDATION

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

STEM ENGAGEMENT

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

SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

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

DEFENCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

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

DEFENCE BLOOD CHALLENGE

Every year Edinburgh Defence Precinct responds to the Australian Red Cross Blood Service call to give blood. Mobile blood bank vans are established at both RAAF Edinburgh and DST-E several times a year. Timings and locations are published in the EDP Information Circular. Appointments require pre-registration due to site security. To book for the first time call 13 14 95. Once your preferred donor centre is set, you can book a donation via the Lifeblood website (lifeblood.com.au). Beyond the base, Defence members and families are encouraged to donate at any Lifeblood donor centre. From September 1-8 December 2025, those donations added to the tally for the annual Lifeblood Defence Blood Drive. Almost 10,000 donations were made during the three-month blood drive in 2024. From 2026, the Defence Blood Drive will kick off earlier, from 1 July to 30 September, helping boost blood stocks during the crucial winter period.

CHARITIES

The EDP supports local charities and not-for-profit organisations in various ways, providing an important means for Defence staff to support the less fortunate people in the local community and those organisations supporting them. While



PHOTO: SGT Nicci Freeman

↑ A RAAF aviator donates blood in support of the 2024 Defence Blood Drive.



PHOTO: ACW Halley Van Essen

OUR LAND, OUR SEA, OUR SKY

↑ Students of the Indigenous Youth Program in front of a Poseidon engine used for maintenance training, during their visit to RAAF Base Edinburgh.



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

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

INDIGENOUS LIAISON OFFICER

FLGOFF Jason Enchong, a proud Torres Strait Islander and Maori descendant, is the Indigenous Liaison Officer (ILO) for the EDP.

"I have had the privilege of being involved in this cultural space for a number of years throughout my 17-year Defence career," says FLGOFF Enchong. "My passion for culture, community, reconciliation and diversity lead me to transfer from the Australian Army to the RAAF to conduct the

ILO role, making culture and its contribution my full-time job, priority and focus. The RAAF, in my opinion, is leading the way in culture and diversity and I am honoured to be in a position to guide, strengthen, celebrate and positively influence our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the future generations of our ADF."

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

CULTURAL INITIATIVES

Our Place, Our Skies: Air Force's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategy is the Air Force

strategy that outlines initiatives to increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander contribution within Air Force, and develop understanding about connections to people and place, history and culture, spirit and belonging.



PHOTO: ACW Halley Van Essen

↑ Governor of South Australia, Her Excellency the Hon. Frances Adamson AC with FLGOFF Enchong during a visit to the Keeping Place.

KEEPING PLACE

The RAAF Edinburgh Keeping Place is the latest Defence Indigenous initiative with Kurna and the broader local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Developed through major collaboration with Kurna Custodians, the Keeping Place is designed to be the central place on base as a meeting place for our Defence and broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to come together for ceremony, education, kinship and heritage. The Keeping Place comprises of six key area: a Welcome Area which displays information about the space and includes a Scarred Tree; an Education Space; Yarning Circle; Indigenous War Memorial with silhouettes of members from RAAF Edinburgh; and two ceremonial spaces, one for men's and one for women's business.

BURIAL SITE

Here on RAAF EDN we have an Aboriginal Burial Site. The remains of a Kurna person were found in 2012 by a separate project, not far from the current AIR555 site. Landscaping and was incomplete and unable to be maintained. AIR555 became aware and, through consultation with Kurna over a location for the Keeping Place, were able undertake improvements to the site.

This site can be visited, however please do so appropriately, and be culturally respectful without disturbing the site. Nil photography in this space.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION & NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES

National Reconciliation Week 2025 commenced with UniHub's Roadshow on the Spencer Gulf with DST-G and DFR, Promoting STEM pathways into the ADF/Department of Defence. On 26 May, during National Sorry Day discussions, Salisbury City Council hosted a truth-telling session with Uncle Frank Wanganeen. Cultural Awareness Training was conducted on base with a number of new aviators and junior officers attending, improving their knowledge of local Kurna culture, encouraging questions in a safe environment. This was hosted by Anthony Wilson from Kuma Kaaru who is also the Indigenous Advisor to the AFL. Wrapping up the week, a commemorative service was held at the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Memorial. SGT Roger Morris (SRT-I) MCed the event with CPL Dakota-Lee Jarvis (3HB) reciting the *Ode of Remembrance*.

During NAIDOC Week 2025, RAAF Edinburgh came alive, not just in ceremony, but with culture. Kurna Elders stood along side Air Force leaders, sharing stories of culture, resilience and country. Sport became the bridge, touch footy turning team mates into family, reminding everyone that reconciliation is lived in moments of inclusion and

joy. It's more than a celebration, it's collaboration. It's First Nation people and the RAAF walking side by side on Country.

INDIGENOUS YOUTH & SCHOOLS ENGAGEMENT

This year, we hosted a number of school groups and organisation at RAAF Base EDN. These tours ranged from unit briefs and base tours to sports activities with the 24SQN PTIs. Through the volunteering of base members, this has been a big success with these organisations looking at continuing the relationship and doing more activities on base in the future.

The RAAF Edinburgh ILO has worked alongside DFR's Specialist Recruiting Team Indigenous and Defence Work Experience Program to build relationships with the local community, guiding and mentoring the younger and upcoming generation. This year, RAAF Edinburgh was able to host an Indigenous Youth Program. This was a combined effort with Defence Work Experience that saw young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders experience "a day in the life of a serving member". The group participated in PT, attended multiple units getting hands-on exposure to a wide range of opportunities that the RAAF and ADF can provide.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES

Through base engagement with ILO induction training and EDN SELT team, we have implemented the use of the Keeping Place to host meetings/visits/engagements. It will also be used for monthly Yarn Sessions for anyone and everyone to come down and talk – currently on the first Friday of each month.

RAAF Edinburgh hosts a number of government visits throughout the year. These are an important network between the members of RAAF EDN and the local/state governments. Visits are often started at the Keeping Place, introducing MPs to the base and its cultural hub.



↑ Reconciliation Week.



↑ FLG OFF Enchong chats to South Australian Minister for Trade and Investment, Local Government and Veterans' Affairs, the Hon Joe Szakacs MP, during his visit to RAAF Base Edinburgh.



↑ Students of the Indigenous Youth Program watch a Military Working Dog handling display.



↑ In partnership with the Clontarf Foundation, Edinburgh welcomed a group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

WELCOME FROM MINISTER FOR DEFENCE AND SPACE INDUSTRIES



ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to all personnel, families and staff newly posted to RAAF Base

Edinburgh. Whether you've come from another part of Australia or are new to the Defence Force, we are delighted to have you join our growing defence community here in the northern suburbs of Adelaide.

Edinburgh is more than just a base, it's a cornerstone of our national defence capability and a proud part of South Australia's identity. As the Minister for Defence and Space Industries, I am proud to lead a portfolio that is vital to our state's economic prosperity, industry capability and our national security.

The South Australian Government is committed to attracting investment, supporting workforce development, expanding local supply chains and advancing national defence priorities across all domains, and the results speak for themselves. Last year, South Australia's defence industry economic contribution grew nearly 30 percent to \$1.9 billion – the largest growth of any state or territory.

Central to this growth is RAAF Base Edinburgh and the broader Edinburgh Parks precinct, an integrated hub of air, land and surveillance power that is critical to Australia's national security.

RAAF Base Edinburgh hosts Australia's P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol fleet and the new MC-55A Peregrine, an advanced intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platform that is strengthening the electronic warfare support to naval, air and land forces.

The reformed No.9 Squadron, also based at Edinburgh, operates the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft system, providing high-altitude long-range surveillance and intelligence to protect our northern approaches.

These platforms extend Australia's reach across the Indo-Pacific, delivering capabilities in maritime surveillance, anti-submarine warfare, electronic warfare and intelligence gathering.

Adjacent to the base, the Deep Maintenance and Modification Facility – a joint initiative between the South Australian and Australian governments – is on track for completion in mid-2026. It will support complex maintenance, repair, overhaul and upgrades for RAAF Boeing 737-variant military aircraft and serve as a

regional hub for allied aircraft, reinforcing South Australia's role as a strategic defence partner in the Indo-Pacific.

Edinburgh is not just about air power. It is also home to the 9th Brigade and the new 10th Brigade of the Australian Army, which is central to the Army's long-range fires capability.

As the national base for long-range fires, we are ideally positioned to support this priority. Our geography provides both a strategic and logistical advantage, with access to highway, rail and air corridors that enable efficient movement of heavy equipment across the country – cementing our role as a critical partner to Defence.

Edinburgh is also home to the largest Defence Science and Technology Group contingent, making it a national hub for cutting-edge research, innovation and collaboration in defence science.

The broader Edinburgh Parks precinct hosts a thriving ecosystem of defence industry and advanced manufacturing. Local and international companies are delivering everything from electronic warfare systems to autonomous vehicles – advancing our national capabilities and generating highly skilled jobs for South Australians.

You are now a key part of our nation's strategic defence fabric at Edinburgh. Here you are contributing to something far greater than the sum of its parts; the advancement of our sovereignty and technological edge and strengthening Australia's position in an increasingly complex global landscape. Your presence here



PHOTO: Department of Defence

↑ **Turning the sod to mark the commencement of construction of the Deep Maintenance Modification Facility adjacent to the EDP. From left, Stephen Mulligan, Minister for Defence Industry and Capability Delivery Pat Conroy MP, and Air Domain Executive Advisor for Capability, Acquisition and Sustainment Group Air Commodore Ken Millar CSC.**

is helping to shape the future of our national defence capability.

Welcome to South Australia and thank you for being part of this vital mission and protecting your nation.

Stephen Mulligan MP
Treasurer
Minister for Defence and Space Industries



PHOTO: Department of Defence

↑ **The RAAF's first P-8A Poseidon, A47-001, flying in formation with an AP-3C Orion over RAAF Base Edinburgh.**



PHOTO: L3Harris

↑ The MC-55A Peregrine.

← Three RAAF MQ-4C Triton aircraft on the taxiway at RAAF Base Tindal, Northern Territory.

INDUSTRY PARTNERS

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

AIRBUS

With more than 800 employees across eight locations in Australia, Airbus supports aircraft for the ADF with maintenance, repair and overhaul centres for military fixed-wing and rotary wing aircraft.

Airbus has an enduring presence at RAAF Base Edinburgh, with a long-standing relationship with the RAAF initially supporting the P-3C Orion and now the P-8A Poseidon, the MC-55 Peregrine and the MQ-4C Triton. Airbus is a strategic partner for the ADF and delivers extensive fixed-wing air services to the RAAF. These services include intermediate level maintenance, repair and modifications, publication support, delegated engineering authority, material supply and logistical services as well as surge support at the operational bases.

Airbus is also the common services provider for

the Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Enterprise at RAAF Edinburgh.

The introduction into service of the MC-55A Peregrine and MQ-4C Triton programs, as well as the commencement of the P-8A Poseidon capability assurance and deeper maintenance activities, has resulted in increased pressures on skilled workforce shortages in the industry. The introduction of a number of common services is not only a strategic imperative to meet the operational requirements for ISR capabilities at RAAF Edinburgh, but also an opportunity to optimise existing resources, enhance interoperability and foster innovation.

ROLLS-ROYCE

Rolls-Royce is extremely proud to have powered the Australian Defence Forces for the past 100 years. The relationship began with the Rolls-Royce Eagle 8 engine fitted to the Fairey IID

in service with the Royal Australian Navy in 1920 and the RAAF in 1921.

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

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

NORTHROP GRUMMAN

Working alongside RAAF, Northrop Grumman Australia (NGA) delivers long-term aviation maintenance support for KC-30A Multi-Role Tanker Transport, C-27J Spartan and Special Purpose Aircraft fleets and provides sustainment services at its Electronic Sustainment Centre.

NGA expanded its presence at Edinburgh in preparation for the arrival of the MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft system, and will collaborate in the sustainment and maintenance of new capabilities at RAAF Edinburgh. In 2021, NGA delivered the Triton Network Integration Test Environment (NITE) to assist the Chief Information Officer Group to configure and test the array of Triton network interfaces and systems prior to the delivery of the first aircraft to Australia in 2024.

BOEING

Boeing's Australian business commenced in 1927 – just six years after the establishment of the RAAF. In South Australia, more than 200 employees support the ADF on existing programs and in emerging fields. At RAAF Base Edinburgh, Boeing Defence Australia delivers sustainment, engineering and logistics services for the RAAF's fleet of P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft. The company also supports the E-7A Wedgetail and Wakulda air battlespace management system.



↑ Aircraft Research and Development Unit personnel with WWII Bomber Command veteran Ray Merrill DFC during a visit to RAAF Base Edinburgh.

PHOTO: SGT David Cotton

PROMOTING MILITARY AVIATION HERITAGE

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

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

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

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

No.4 Initial Training School at Victor Harbor

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

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

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AVIATION MUSEUM



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

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

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

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



↑ RAAF F/A-18A Hornet A21-32 on display at the South Australian Aviation Museum.

PHOTO: LACW Annika Smit



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OUR MISSION

To support the Air Force Family through Advocacy, Assistance, Camaraderie and Commemoration.

OUR VISION

To ensure the needs of the Air Force Family are met and that the Air Force legacy is assured.

OUR PRIORITIES

- To recognise the needs of the Air Force Family and respond to those needs
- To provide advocacy in partnership with the broader veteran community
- To provide better representation and support for the Air Force Family
- To facilitate camaraderie and friendship
- To enhance South Australia's understanding of the Air Force story and the State's contribution to that story

Committed to our Air Force veterans and their families

THE VETERAN COMMUNITY

Supporting our current and ex-serving veterans.

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

Commemorations are a key support activity for EDP units where we work with community partners in commemorating those who have served in the defence of our nation and its national interests. In doing so, we acknowledge our role in recognising those sacrifices and embracing the legacy that those who have served before us have passed onto us and the stewardship of today's ADF. While our members participate as a priority in key national commemoration events such as Anzac Day and

Remembrance Day, they also support a variety of commemorations throughout the year. For example, RAAF elements are proud to partner with the Air Force Association (South Australia Division) in holding the annual Air Force birthday, Bomber Command and Battle of Britain commemoration services at the Air Force Memorial, Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide. EDP Defence members work closely with veteran's organisations at all levels.

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

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) is an Australian Government agency providing support to veterans and their families. Its services and supports include, but are not limited to:

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

DVA has been supporting the veteran community in Australia since the end of World War I, more than 100 years ago. Today, the government invests more than \$11.5 billion each year to support veterans and families. The department's services and supports are continually evolving to ensure that DVA looks after veterans, not just during their service, but through their transition into civilian life, and beyond. If you have served this country, they are here to help you.

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

Mental health support. DVA has a strong focus on mental health treatment. Under a program called Non-Liability Health Care, 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/get-support/health-support/health-services/mental-health-care/non-](http://dva.gov.au/get-support/health-support/health-services/mental-health-care/non-liability-health-care-mental-health-veterans)

liability-health-care-mental-health-veterans. In addition, mental health support including free and confidential counselling is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through Open Arms (openarms.gov.au).

Finding employment after the ADF. The Australian Government's Veteran Employment Program (VEP) promotes the skills veterans bring to the civilian workforce to increase employment opportunities and supports employers to recruit and retain veterans and to build veteran-inclusive environments. The VEP website offers information and practical advice on moving to civilian employment, finding a job, identifying skills, undertaking further education, or starting your own business. Resources include the Veteran Employment Toolkit, the Core Skills Identifier, and a searchable list of veteran-friendly employers. A wide range of organisations have joined the VEP's Veteran Employment Commitment – a growing network of employers who have demonstrated workplace policies and practices that support veteran employment. You can filter potential employers by organisation size, location (state and region), industries they work in and types of veteran employment practices they have in place – such as

employment programs, employee groups or on-boarding tailored to veterans. To find out more, visit veteranemployment.gov.au/veterans.

Veteran Health Check. Transitioning can be a busy and challenging time for veterans and their families. There are many competing priorities to sort out – from planning a move, finding a new home, new schools and a new job. Your health can often be forgotten. DVA understands these challenges and is committed to providing veterans with easier access to health care, particularly in times of crisis. All ADF members who transition on or after 1 July 2019, and served at least one day of continuous full-time service, can access a comprehensive fully funded health assessment from their GP each year for the first five years following transition. The Veteran Health Check is specifically designed for veterans and can be accessed through your community or family GP. It can assist you and your GP to identify and support the onset of physical and mental health conditions that are common in the years following transition and organise for early and targeted referrals. Your GP may also make referrals for additional tests, treatment or assessment by other health professionals, and can refer you to relevant DVA services or programs. You will need your DVA



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Veteran Card to access the annual Veteran Health Check. Make sure to check that your GP accepts Veteran Cards when making an appointment. If you transitioned from the ADF prior to 1 July 2019, you can still access a one-off comprehensive Veteran Health Check (also known as the One-off ADF post-discharge health assessment) from your GP at any time after you transitioned. For more information on the Veteran Health Check visit dva.gov.au/veteranshealthcheck.

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

On base support. DVA Veteran Support Officers (VSOs) visit more than 56 ADF bases nationally and offer members information and advice about the support and entitlements they might be able to receive through DVA. The support ranges from information on MyService through to instructions on how to submit a claim while you are still enlisted. VSOs are DVA staff – they are not Defence employees. The Edinburgh Veteran Support Office is located with Base Services at building 304. To find out more or to make an appointment, you can contact the Edinburgh Veteran Support Office by email at: vso@dva.gov.au. For general enquiries, DVA can be contacted (8am-5pm, Monday to Friday) on 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372).

VETERANS SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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

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

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

Veterans SA also supports the Veterans' Advisory Council, which is appointed by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs to provide independent advice on matters of concern to the veteran community in South Australia. The council meets regularly and represents a

diverse range of experiences within the veteran community, including senior representatives from the Royal Australian Navy, Australian Army and Royal Australian Air Force.

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

For further information about the agency and upcoming consultation activities visit veteranssa.sa.gov.au and subscribe to the monthly e-newsletter for updates. Alternatively, follow Veterans SA on Facebook (facebook.com/veteranssouthaustralia/), LinkedIn (linkedin.com/showcase/veteranssa) and Instagram (instagram.com/veterans_sa/). For general enquiries email veteranssa@sa.gov.au or phone (08) 8463 7140.



"The Legacy promise for a new generation." Heather Willis, President of the Legacy Club of South Australia and Broken Hill, relays the promise made by a soldier to his dying mate in the trenches of WWI "to look after the missus and the kids".

"This promise has been part of the DNA of Legacy for over a century and is still central to our mission today," says Heather. "Legacy strives to ensure that the partners and children of veterans who gave their lives or health in recognised military service can realise their full potential."

Legacy provides a bespoke service designed for each family's needs, whether that be social connection, support for schooling and higher education, youth development programs, health and legal referrals, and help navigating DVA and other support networks. These services are designed to support the families of today to live happy and fulfilling lives.

"At the heart of Legacy are our club members, called Legatees," Heather says. "Legatees can be all ages, backgrounds and capabilities who volunteer their time, energy and ideas. Legatees have as much involvement as time allows and they engage in all sorts of ways - through direct contact with Legacy families, fundraising and advocacy for our cause in the wider community. Being a Legatee is especially rewarding in the knowledge that Legacy's help can make a fundamental difference to the lives of veterans' families."

"If you are still serving in the ADF, or about to leave, or have already done so and you would like to explore how you can serve the families of those who served, I invite you to contact me or Legacy House at the Torrens Parade Ground in Adelaide."

Contacts phone 08 8231 9812; reception@legacysa.or.au; www.adelaidelegacy.org.au.



↑ Legacy family day at Monarto Safari Park.



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (SOUTH AUSTRALIA)

WHO WE ARE. The Air Force Association (AFA) is the peak veterans support organisation for RAAF and ex-RAAF members and their families in Australia. AFA is recognised by government and other veteran's organisations as the representative organisation for serving and ex-serving Air Force members, with a primary goal of providing assistance to fellow members. As one of the oldest veteran support organisations, the AFA has been influential in advocating for former Air Force members' needs resulting from service in World War I, World War II, post-war Southeast Asia, peacekeeping operations and the high operational tempo of today's modern Air Force.

The AFA SA Division is committed to supporting the welfare of current and ex-serving Air Force members and their families and ensuring their legacy of their service for generations to come. With its headquarters based at Torrens Parade Ground, the AFA SA is uniquely positioned to interact with other veteran's organisations,



PHOTO: CAPT Gregory Weller

↑ RAAF aviators talk with Woman Auxiliary Australian Air Force veterans Rae Harris and June Hunter at the Combined Ex-Services Mess, Torrens Training Depot in Adelaide.

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

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

Advocacy. At the federal and state government

levels, we provide an authoritative and influential voice in representing ex-Air Force members' needs on veterans' issues. We work with our National Board, state and federal veterans' 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



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The stage is set. The opportunity is yours. Build the lifestyle that suits you, your family and your future.

Discover more at veteranssa.sa.gov.au or scan the QR code.

VeteransSA

Veterans SA is the lead South Australian Government agency dedicated to supporting and advocating for the state's veteran community.

Working with partners across the South Australian community, we deliver programs and initiatives that strengthen wellbeing, foster connections and create opportunities.

From service to transition and beyond, we're here to support you and your family, every step of the way.

development of compensation claims and appeals.

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

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

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

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

- To recognise the needs of the Air Force Family and respond to those needs
- To provide advocacy in partnership with the broader veteran community
- To provide better representation and support for the Air Force Family
- To facilitate camaraderie and friendship
- To enhance South Australia's understanding of the Air Force story and the state's contribution to that story.

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

SOLDIER ON

Soldier On is proud to assist Defence families facing life's challenges by providing the right support. As a trusted collaborator with the Australian Government, defence industry and the broader Ex-Service Organisation community, our national team works alongside individuals and families to build resilience, positivity, and wellbeing through tailored, holistic services.

We continue to adapt and expand our support to meet evolving and individual needs. Soldier On is committed to ensuring all of Australia's Defence families can enjoy happy, healthy, and meaningful lives, during and after military service. Recent achievements include:

- Raising a record-breaking \$2.14 million to support veteran mental health through our annual March On appeal
- Strengthening our employment, training, and mentoring programs



PHOTO: Soldier On

• Being honoured in the Australian Defence Industry Awards 2025 for our unwavering commitment to helping members of the veteran community fulfil their potential. soldieron.org.au

VETERAN GAMING AUSTRALIA

Veteran Gaming Australia (VGA) is a national, Veteran-led initiative dedicated to strengthening social connection and wellbeing for veterans and their families – already reaching over 42,000 participants. Built by veterans and families, for veterans and families, VGA offers free digital and physical social initiatives designed to promote fun, connection and lasting camaraderie.

From evening digital game nights and 24/7 game servers to national esports teams in Sim Racing and Call of Duty, VGA provides opportunities for fun, teamwork and personal growth. Physical meetups, active Discord, Facebook communities and engaging events ensure there's always a way to get involved.

Whether you're looking to squad up in your favourite game, reconnect socially or enjoy a bit of competitive fun, VGA offers a safe, welcoming space for veterans and their families.

All programs are completely free. Discover more at veterangamingaustralia.org.au.

OPEN ARMS

Open Arms is Australia's leading national provider of mental health and wellbeing support to former and current ADF personnel and their families. Its workforce has an understanding of the unique nature of military service and the issues that face the military community – many are veterans themselves.

Open Arms has an office in the Elizabeth City Centre and a second in Eastwood, adjacent to the Jamie Larcombe Centre, Veterans Mental Health Precinct. Services are also provided out

of the Veterans' Wellbeing Centre, Daw Park.

Open Arms' lived experience peers work with veterans, family supports, community agencies and mental-health clinicians to provide a holistic client-centred experience.

With an increased focus on the lifetime wellbeing of veterans, Open Arms continues to expand its services with eMental Health products and applications. Access information on fitness, nutrition, sleep, social connections and much more through the self-help menu at openarms.gov.au. There are also resources on resilience, safety and PTSD available via mobile apps. If you or a family member need support, or to find out more, call 1800 011 046 or visit the website.

RSL SA

The Returned & Services League (RSL) was formed in 1915 by veterans returning from service in the Great War. As we continue to honour those who served and current serving ADF personnel, we value the key role we play in military commemorations and support programs. Our core mission has never changed, as we continue to evolve to meet the needs of each generation of servicemen and women, and their families.

RSLSA offers the following veteran services for veterans and families.

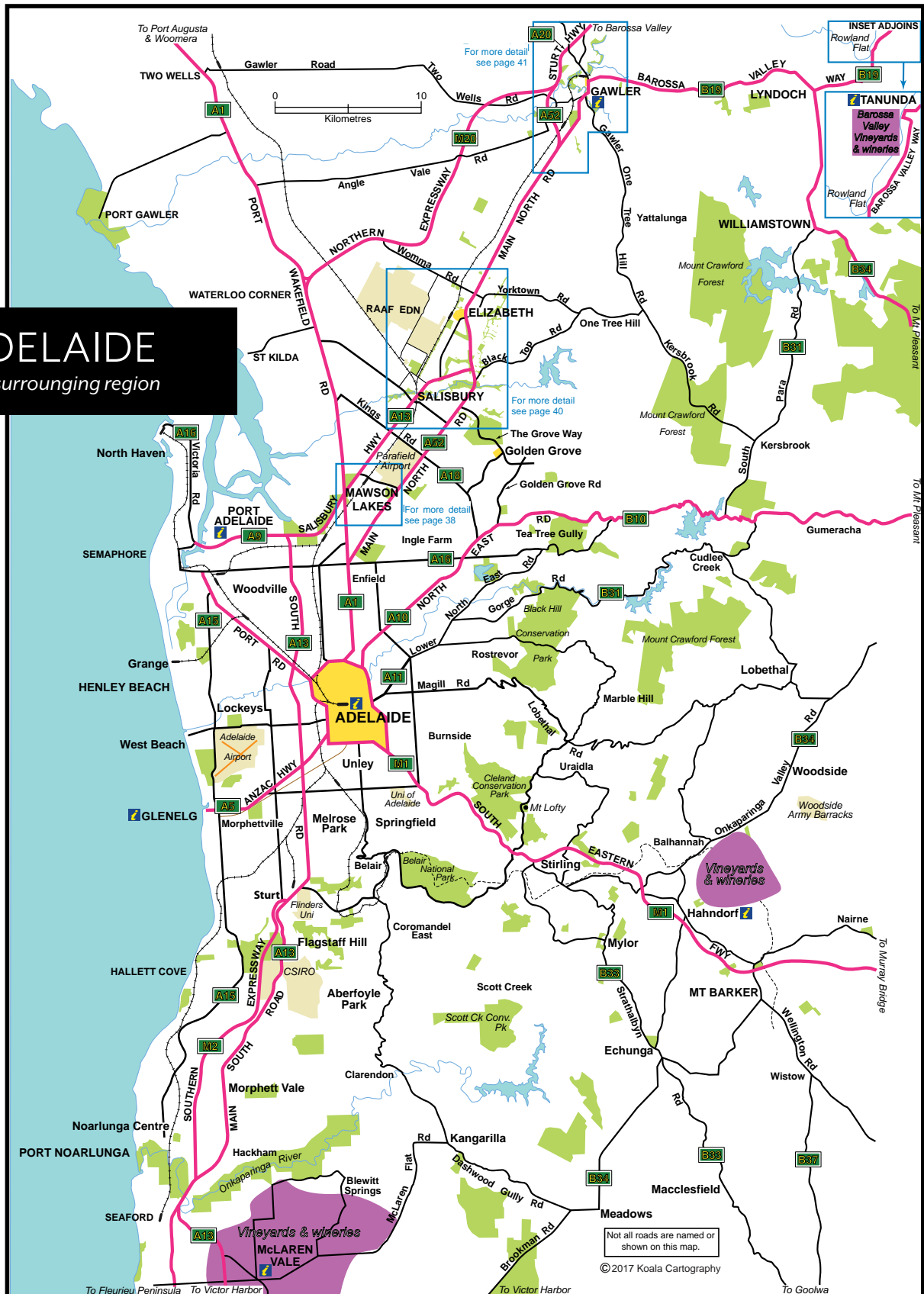
Advocacy: Assistance with DVA compensation claims (including income support); assistance with appeals processes; and wellbeing assistance.

Employment services: individual plans to transition into the workforce; assistance interpreting selection criteria; writing CVs and cover letters; interview coaching; position application guidance/employer connections; and skill updates/short-course assistance.

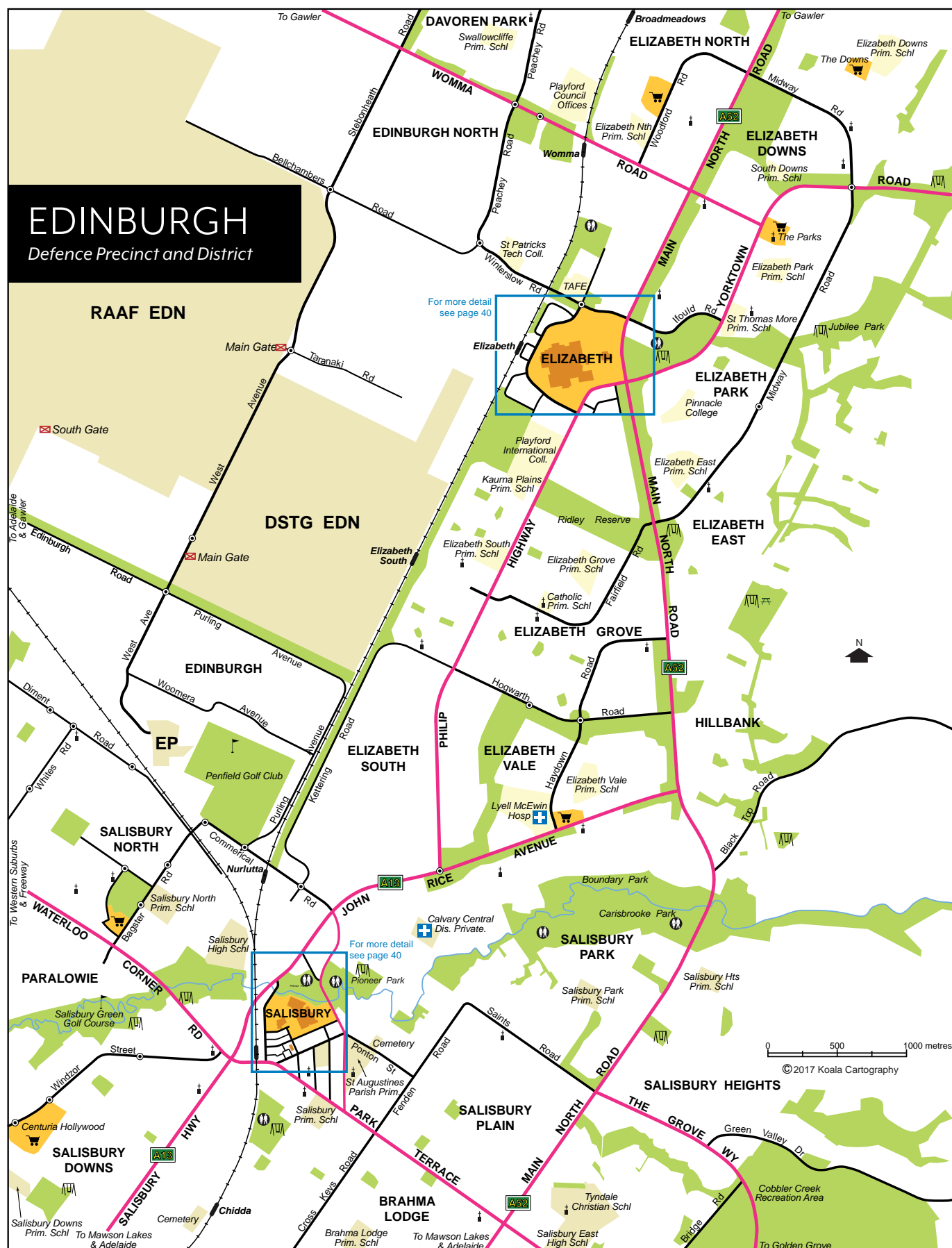
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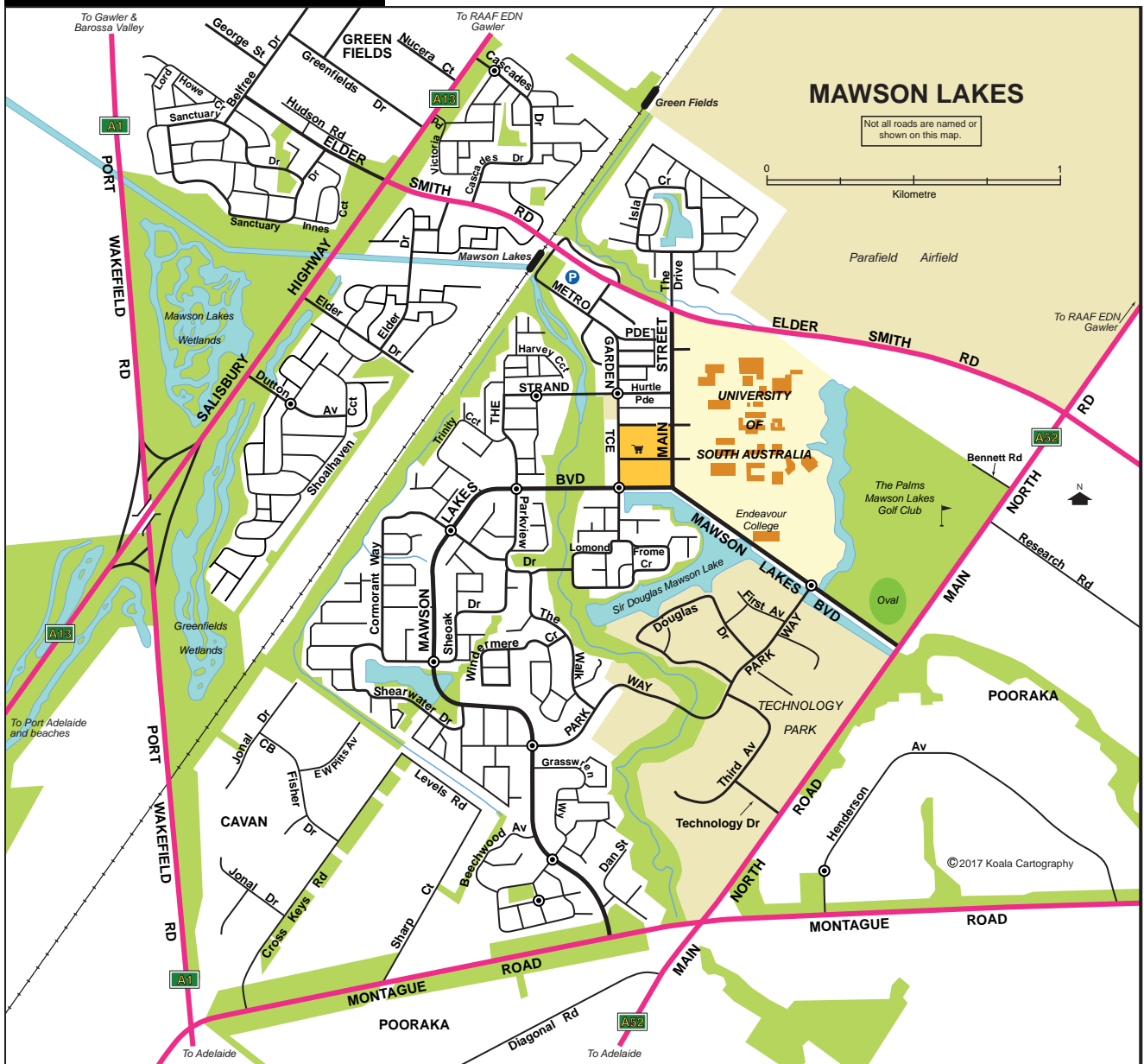
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Defence Precinct and District



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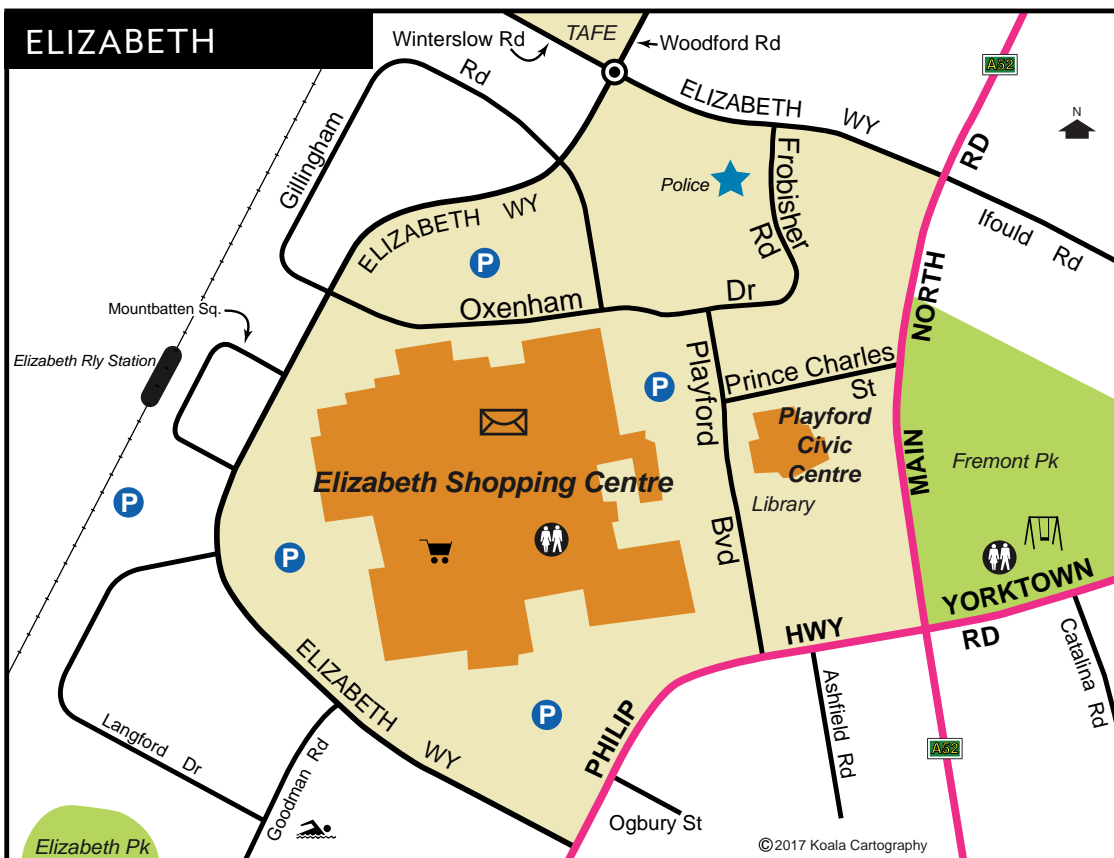
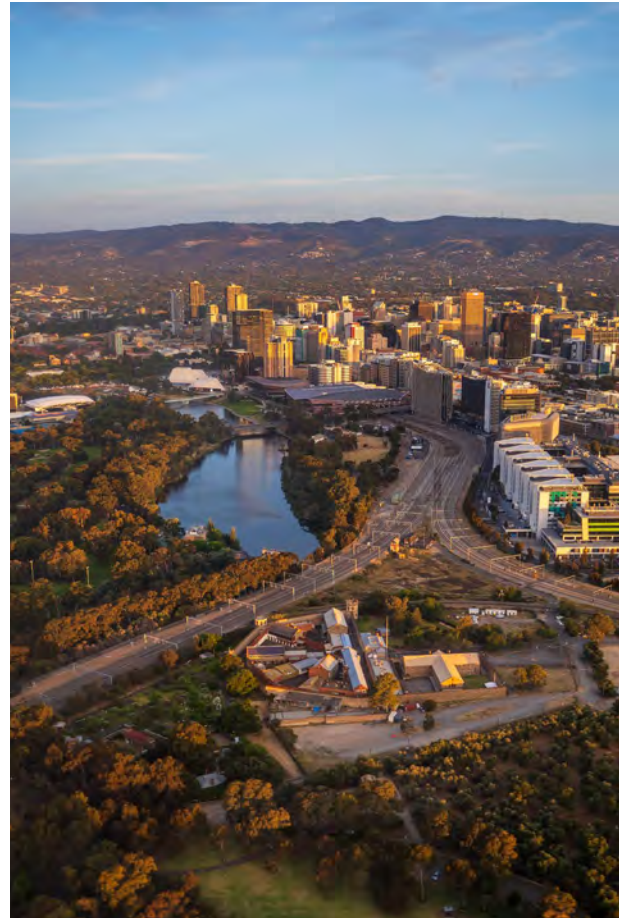
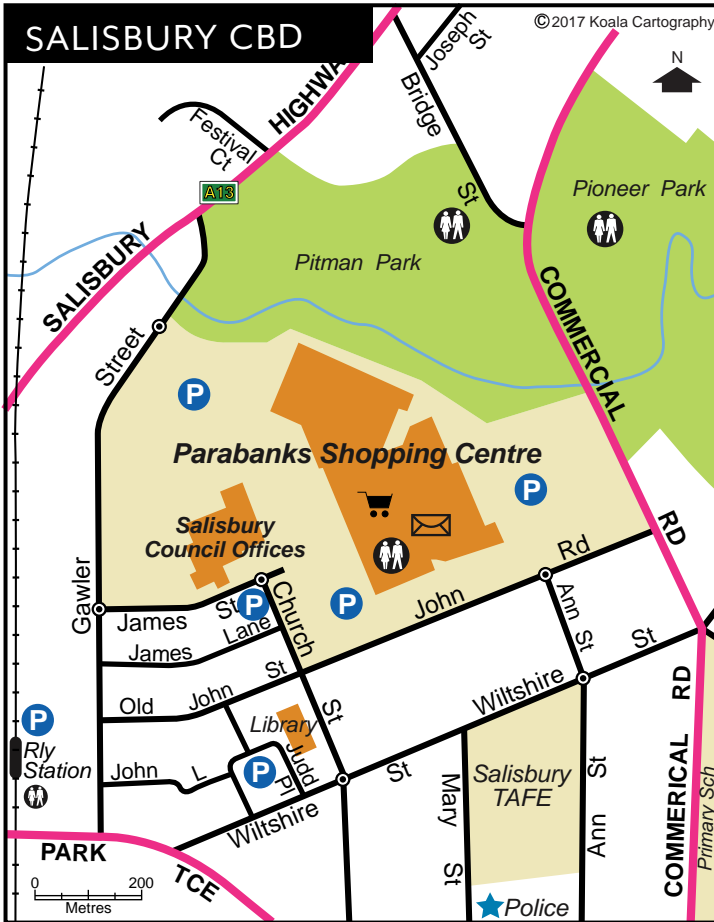


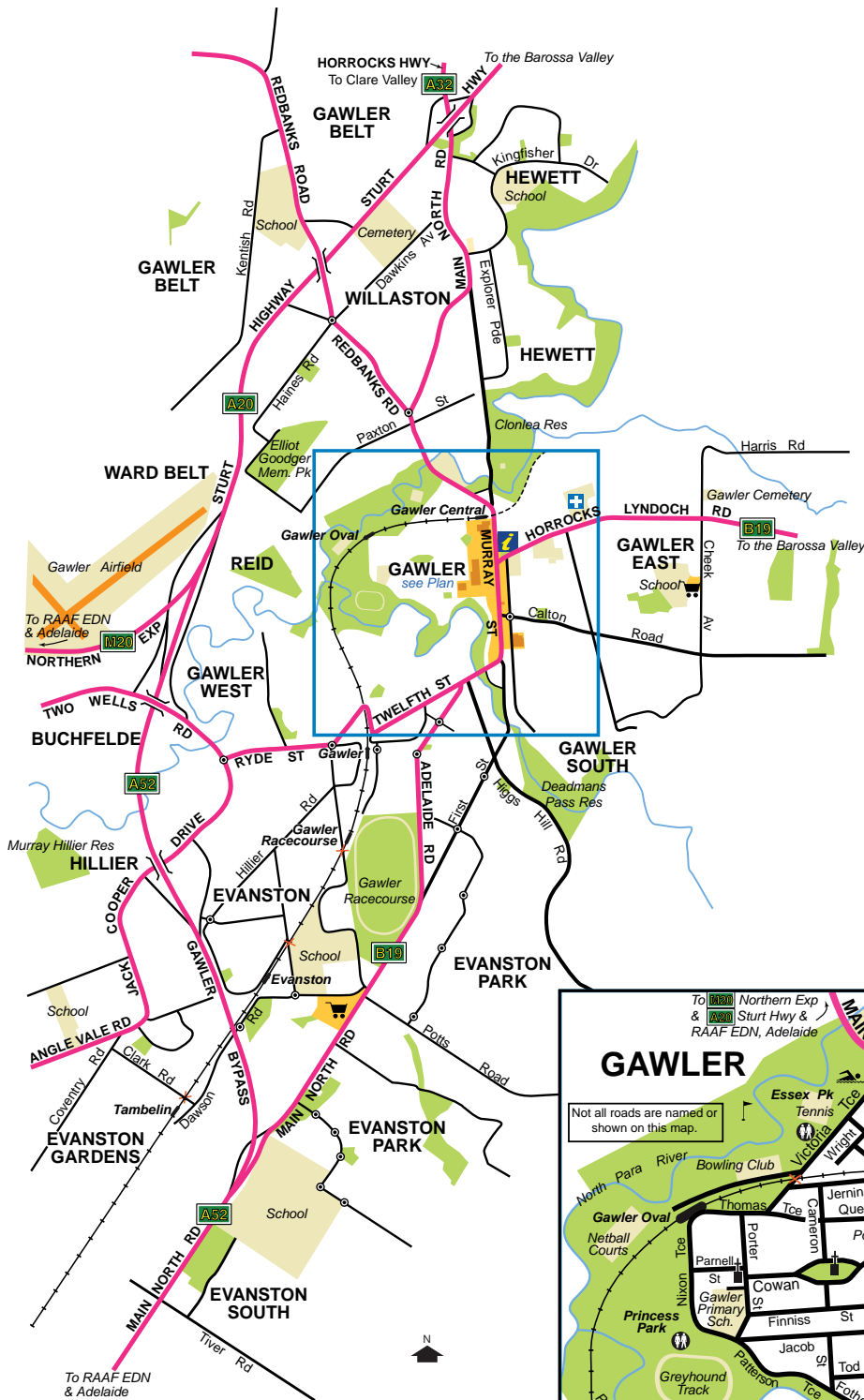
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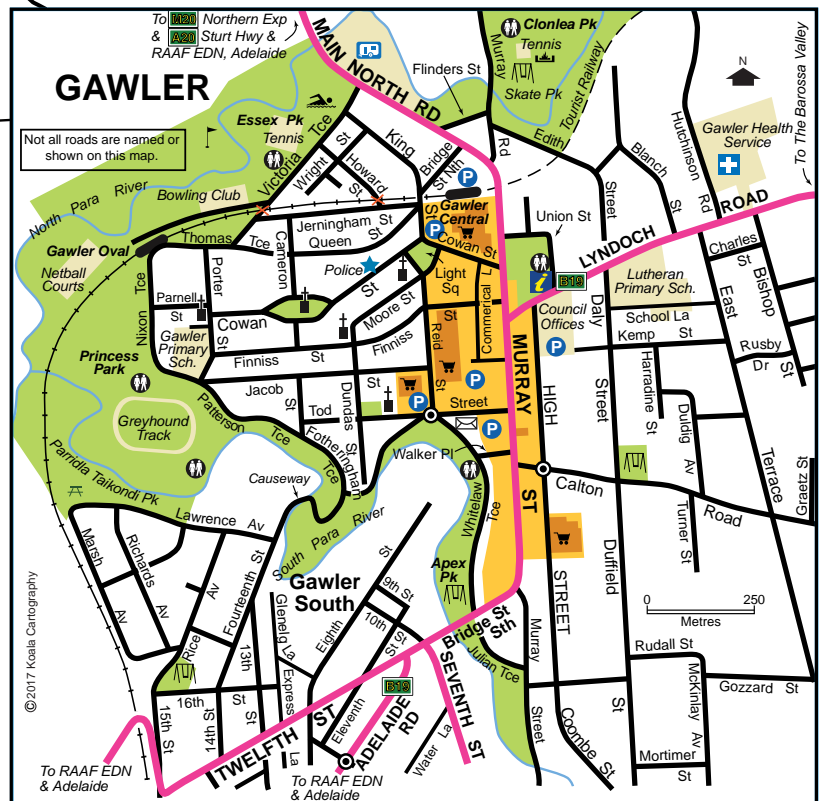


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DEFENCE SUPPORT

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

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

DMFS delivers national programs and services to ADF families across Australia. There's support available at every stage of the military life cycle, for every member and their families. Support available from DMFS includes assistance for partner's employment, help with deployment support, assistance for dependants with special needs, social work support, relocation, support for community groups, help for families during crisis/emergencies and education support for children. DMFS also holds a number of information sessions and social events throughout the year for military families in the region.

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

YOUR LOCAL DMFS TEAM

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

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

- support in times of crisis
- deployment and absence support
- mobility and relocation support
- professional counselling for personal, relationship and family problems

- information sessions, social or support groups
- local education advice and assistance
- special needs recognition and review
- partner employment assistance
- finding childcare.

Make sure you don't miss out on the virtual and face-to-face events DMFS hosts to build and maintain connection with other Defence families in the area. Scan the QR code to join



the DMFS Eventbrite page, to be notified of upcoming events and to secure your free tickets.

You can also follow us on Facebook and Instagram

and keep up-to-date with the latest DMFS news and events.

WHO CAN YOU MEET AT THE LOCAL OFFICE?

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

DMFS PROGRAMS & SERVICES

24-HOUR SUPPORT

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

PARTNER EMPLOYMENT

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

FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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

SUPPORT DURING DEPLOYMENT AND TIME APART

DMFS provides a range of services, practical assistance and products to help inform and prepare ADF members and families for every stage of deployment. Support includes advice and referral to local support services, access to resilience programs, assistance in emergencies and crisis, and connection to community groups. Families can also opt in to receive

regular deployment support calls by registering with the Defence Member and Family Helpline on 1800 624 608.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

DMFS has dedicated Education Liaison Officers to provide advice to families and funds Defence School Mentors to support Defence children through changing schools and parental absence. There is also the opportunity to enquire for tutoring support if you are new to the posting locality.

ACCESS TO CHILDCARE

Defence supports a network of childcare centres, managed by One Tree Community Services, where Defence families receive priority access. Families who are facing difficulties accessing childcare, such as when they move to a new area or change their work or care arrangements, can also access an individual case management service to help them find registered childcare services in their local community.

EMERGENCY AND CRISIS SUPPORT

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

TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE

Joint Transition Authority delivers support to members and their families transitioning to Reserves Service or separating from the ADF. There is a range of support programs to assist ADF members and their families when they transition to civilian life, enabled by a transition

coach. The coach helps to build a personalised package of support based on the circumstances and post-transition goals of the member and their family. The coach remains with the member and their family for up to two years post-transition. For more information, please email transition.sa@defence.gov.au

SUPPORT FOR RESERVISTS

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

PARENTS

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

CONNECTION WITH COMMUNITY

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

CONTACT DMFS

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

Phone 1800 624 608

Email memberandfamilyhelpline@defence.gov.au

Website defence.gov.au/adf-members-families



Scan the QR code to join the Defence Member and Family Services Adelaide e-newsletter mailing list and keep up-to-date with information.

↓ ADF families enjoyed Welcome to Adelaide at the zoo.



DMFS SOUTH AUSTRALIA WELCOME EXPO 2026

The DMFS South Australia Welcome Event is due to be held in the first quarter of 2026. The DMFS South Australia Welcome Event will host a large range of community groups and organisations providing information about assistance, support and activities available in the area. To ensure you don't miss out, scan the QR codes for our Eventbrite page and e-newsletter mailing list.

LOCAL SERVICES

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

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

RAAF Edinburgh sits in the City of Salisbury and borders the City of Playford, and many EDP personnel live in those two local council areas. Other nearby councils include:

Gawler 08 8522 9211

gawler.sa.gov.au

City of Tea Tree Gully 08 8397 7444

teatreegully.sa.gov.au

Adelaide Hills Council 08 8408 0400

ahc.sa.gov.au

THE CITY OF SALISBURY

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

salisbury.sa.gov.au

THE CITY OF PLAYFORD

The most northern local government area of metropolitan Adelaide, the City of Playford covers 346sq.km and includes 35 suburbs. Its commercial hub is the Elizabeth City Centre, where you'll find a large shopping centre and most banks and services.

Playford Civic Centre, 10 Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth. Phone 08 8256 0333. playford.sa.gov.au

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Trains run between Gawler Railway Station and Adelaide Railway Station via Smithfield, Elizabeth, Salisbury and Mawson. A number of buses also service the area. All Adelaide Metro buses, trains and trams accept the reloadable Metrocard.

To find timetables, maps, information and public transport apps, visit adelaidemetro.com.au

SHOPPING

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

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

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

LOCAL 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

THE WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

The Women's and Children's Hospital (WCH) is SA's leading provider of specialist care for children and the state's largest maternity and



↑ A RAAF aviator visits a young patient at the WCH.

obstetric service. It is part of the Women's and Children's Health Network which provides statewide services from more than 150 sites.

The WCH provides acute and outpatient care in areas such as paediatric medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, neonatology, mental health, aboriginal health, disability, rehabilitation and allied health.

It is currently located in North Adelaide's parklands, but planning is underway for a new hospital to be built close to the Royal Adelaide Hospital. For more information, see wch.sa.gov.au or call 08 8161 7000.

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

UTILITIES

You will need to arrange your own utilities such as electricity, gas, pay TV, internet services or telephone. You should contact your local service providers, or you may like to take advantage of the free Fast Connect service,

which will arrange for the disconnection and reconnection of utilities on your behalf. Contact them on 1300 661 464 or see fastconnect.net.au or access the service via Online Services on the Defence Housing Australia website at dha.gov.au.

FLOOD, FIRE & EMERGENCY

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

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

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

LIBRARIES

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

- **Burton Community Hub**, Waterloo Corner Road, Burton.
- **Ingle Farm Library**, Beovich Road, Ingle Farm.
- **Salisbury Community Hub**, 34 Church Street, Salisbury.
- **Mawson Lakes Library**, 2-8 Main Street, Mawson Lakes.
- **Para Hills Community Hub**, 22 Wilkinson Road, Para Hills.
- **The Hive Community Resource Hub**, 380 Waterloo Corner Road, Burton.

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

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

PARKS

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

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

RECREATION FACILITIES

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

MORE INFORMATION

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



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HOUSING

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

SERVICE RESIDENCES

Unless you own a suitable home in your new posting locality, your first port of call is Defence Housing Australia (DHA). DHA provides housing and related services for Australian Defence Force members and their families through its portfolio of service residences (SR). DHA's portfolio comprises modern houses, townhouses and apartments in selected locations. The majority are off-base, integrated throughout the local community and in reasonably close proximity to Defence bases and establishments, amenities and services. DHA maintains the currency of its portfolio by upgrading existing properties, sourcing new properties through a variety of construction activities, acquiring properties through traditional real estate markets and directly sourcing and leasing properties from private owners. You are eligible for a SR if you fit into any of these groups:

- You have a spouse, recognised interdependent partner or children who live with you (Accompanied Resident Family)

- You are a member with unaccompanied resident family and your dependants need housing (Unaccompanied Resident Family)
- You have Recognised Other Persons who normally live with you.

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

SINGLES

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

FINDING A SERVICE RESIDENCE

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

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

Once you have researched your options, you can reserve a home on Online Services. Note that, whether you are an Accompanied Resident Family

or a single, if you own a home in your current posting location which is suitable for you to live in, you will not be eligible for a SR or RA.

PRIVATE RENTAL

If DHA cannot provide you with a suitable SR, you may be eligible for RA. While DHA will manage your RA application, it is up to you to find a suitable rental property. Rental properties in the region can be sourced from local real estate agencies or on any of the following commercial websites:

- realestate.com.au/rent
- domain.com.au/rent
- rent.com.au
- property.com.au/rent.

BUYING A HOUSE

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

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

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

MORE INFORMATION

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

At times, finding the right housing solution can be challenging. The Directorate of Relocations and Housing is responsible for the provision and delivery of quality housing and related services to ADF members under national contracts and in accordance with Defence Policy. If you require additional support please email DRH.DRHM@defence.gov.au with your enquiry and your local Defence Relocation Manager will be in touch.

POSTING CONNECT

PostingConnect provides an online environment to manage your posting. The platform provides direct access to posting services and is accessible from any device. Log in to ServiceConnect via defence.gov.au to access PostingConnect.

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HEALTH MATTERS

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

ADF MEMBER HEALTH

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

EDINBURGH HEALTH CENTRE

Medical reception/appointments 08 7383 2424, jhuca.edinburghhmc@defence.gov.au

Open Mon - Fri, 7.30am - 3.30pm

After hours: 08 7383 2263

Medical sick parade Daily 9 - 10am;

Dental sick parade Mon - Fri, 7.30 - 8am

WOOMERA CLINIC

Medical Appointments 08 8673 7100, roxbydoctor@gmail.com

24-HOUR HEALTH SUPPORT

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

RECOGNISED DEPENDENTS

Members need to make arrangements for the health care of their families, but note

that financial assistance is available (see under: DEFENCE FAMILY HEALTH CARE).

FINDING A GP

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

DEFENCE FAMILY HEALTH CARE

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

PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE

Medicare makes adequate provision to cover all Australian citizens for their essential health needs. However, Medicare doesn't cover many 'extras' such as ambulance services, most dental

services, spectacles, contact lenses, hearing aids and cosmetic surgery. You may choose to take out private health insurance to provide your family with a wider range of options and more comprehensive cover. Health insurance policies can be either hospital or general treatment (extras) or a combination of both. Your decision to purchase private insurance is a personal one and will be based on a number of factors:

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

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

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

This article is published as general education and should not be taken as professional advice.

SOME USEFUL WEBSITES

Health insurance

- <https://www.accc.gov.au/consumers/specific-products-and-activities/private-health-insurance>
- www.privatehealth.gov.au
- choice.com.au/money/insurance/health

Medicare Levy

- Go to the Australian Tax Office website, ato.gov.au, and search 'Medicare Levy'.
- See the Pay and Conditions Manual at <https://pay-conditions.defence.gov.au/pacman/tax-alerts/div-4>

EARLY LEARNING

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

AS WELL AS PROVIDING CARE, child-care and early learning services provide an opportunity for your child to develop social, emotional and learning skills. A range of care and play-based learning options is available for babies and children up to six years of age. Some child-care providers also offer before- and after-school care to school-aged children. Child care may be offered by private providers, community groups, government agencies, individuals, babysitters or nannies. Visiting a number of local providers will give you an opportunity to observe and compare. 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?

- 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?
- What is the carer-to-child ratio?
- What are the guidelines around safety, health and nutrition?
- Does the service offer a preschool program?
- What learning and play opportunities do I want my child to have?
- Do I want the service to provide lunch?
- Can I claim the Child Care Subsidy if I choose a certain child care 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 child-care 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.

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FAMILY DAY CARE

Operated by the SA Department for Education, family day care services offers families affordable, personalised care by a qualified educator in a safe and nurturing home environment. It is small group care for a maximum of four children under school age and three children of school age.



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Family day care benefits

- Smaller groups of children means strong, trusting relationships with one main educator
- Siblings can be cared for in the same home
- Children will be in a home environment that will help them develop relationships that go from a young age through to primary school years
- Children with additional needs are welcomed into small, home-based care environments
- Access to a formal child-care 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 Child Care Subsidy to assist with fees.

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 department family day care coordinators who work at a local level and interact with children, educators and parents.

For more information phone 08 8343 6533, emaileducationfndcbusiness@sa.gov.au or see education.sa.gov.au/family-day-care.

PRESCHOOL

Preschool (or kindergarten) is not compulsory in SA, but it's recommended to help children develop skills in preparation for primary school. In preschool, children learn through play-based programs designed and delivered by qualified teachers. Preschools may be run by government, private or community providers. They may be a stand-alone centre, part of a school or located with another child-care service.

Children are entitled to access four terms (one year) of government preschool in the year before they start primary school. If your child turns four before 1 May, they can start preschool at the beginning of the year. If your child turns four between 1 May and 31 October, they can start preschool on the first day of Term 3. Those born after 31 October cannot start until the following year. The SA Government is rolling out universal preschool for three year olds in stages from 2026 to 2032. To find services that will deliver three-year-old preschool from 2026, see earlychildhood.sa.gov.au.

For more information on preschool, see www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/early-childhood-education-and-care/preschool-and-kindergarten

OCCASIONAL CARE

Occasional care is sessional child care for babies, toddlers and children under school age. It is offered at some government preschools and Children's Centres for Early Childhood Development and Parenting in rural and metropolitan areas.

Department for Education occasional care services are targeted to support children who are not accessing alternative early childhood education and care programs, including preschool, a child-care centre or family day care. It enables parents to book their child/children into care when needed. For more, see education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families/child-care-services

CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

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

RESPIRE CARE

The SA Department of Education operates a Respite Care Program, a specialised disability care service for children and young people. It is a provider for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, which provides funding for respite care for children and young people with a disability. For more information call 08 8416 7414.

MORE INFORMATION

To find child care services:

startingblocks.gov.au/find-child-care

For more advice:

education.sa.gov.au/parents-and-families

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S SCHOOL SYSTEM

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

IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA you can choose to send your child to a government/public school (education.sa.gov.au), independent/private school (ais.sa.edu.au) or Catholic school (cesa.catholic.edu.au). Children who turn five before 1 May can start school in term 1. If they turn five between 1 May and 31 October, they can start in term 3 (mid-year intake). Those turning five after 31 October start the following year. It is compulsory for children to be enrolled in a school by their sixth birthday. Full-time school attendance is compulsory from the age of six to 16 years. Teenagers must go to school or an approved learning program until they turn 17 unless they achieve their SACE or other qualification, or are in full-time employment.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Most government primary schools are co-educational. Children who start reception at the beginning of the year generally complete four terms of reception, while children who start reception through the mid-year intake will complete six terms of reception.

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

Children attending a public school usually attend one 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. For

independent and Catholic schools, parents should contact the school(s) of their choice directly.

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

FINDING A SCHOOL

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

To help you choose the best school for your child, look at the school websites for information about performance, mission, staffing, funding and resources. You can also get information and compare schools at the My School website (myschool.edu.au). Once you have a shortlist, it's a good idea to visit the schools.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

In the public school system, when you child is in Year 6, you need to register your interest for them to attend a secondary school the following year. You can register for your child to attend: their local/zoned school; a special-interest school; or an out-of-zone school. To learn more about your local/zoned school, attend an open day, principal's tour or information evening. See education.sa.gov.au/opendays.



Registering your child happens in two stages. Registering your interest at the school(s) of your choice starts in May and you'll receive an enrolment offer from your allocated secondary school in August. This process will allocate students to a high school. Final enrolment is subject to the consideration and acceptance by the high school. If parents miss the transition process, they can contact a secondary school directly regarding enrolment.

Your child will be considered for placement at each school you have applied for, in order of choice. However, popular metropolitan high schools may offer placement for only a small number of non-local students. If parents do not want their child to go to their allocated school, they can approach other schools directly. If there are available spaces, the school may accept a request for enrolment.

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

TRANSFERRING TO A NEW SCHOOL

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

If you are moving from another state, the



new school can request consent from you to obtain your child's information from the previous school using the interstate student data transfer note. This system enables the new schools to support the educational placements of new students.

When changing schools:

- consider the timing of the move and if the move can coincide with the change of term
- involve your children in discussions and decisions about moving – this may help allay any fears or concerns they have
- discuss the forthcoming move with your current school and collect documentation outlining student achievement levels and education history – this will help with appropriate placement at the new school
- prepare a list of your children's particular needs, for example their preferred subjects, sporting and other interests, transport needs, and favourite extracurricular activities
- consider subject choices, special education provisions, transport to and from school, vocational education programs, and cultural and sporting opportunities
- consider behaviour management, discipline and uniform policies.



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STARTING SCHOOL

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

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

SENIOR YEARS

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



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see www.sace.sa.edu.au. Students can choose to incorporate SACE studies with:

- Vocational Education and Training (VET)
- Tailored Learning.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

VET pathways allow students in Years 10-12 to develop skills and understanding for the workforce and get training in industry-specific skills. VET students can gain credit towards a nationally recognised qualification such as a certificate or diploma while undertaking their SACE and it may improve admission scores for those planning further education. Five SACE credits are awarded for successful completion of 35 hours of VET. Up to 150 of the 200 credits required for SACE can be earned through VET. The remaining 50 credits must come from undertaking a personal learning plan (10 credits), English (20), maths (10) and a research project (10), as they are a compulsory requirement of completing SACE. Students should find out about different industries before choosing a VET course, see skills.sa.gov.au for more.

TAILORED LEARNING

Tailored Learning supports young people who have disengaged from school or who

have poor attendance at school and may be experiencing: anxiety and depression; unstable accommodation; family complexities; pregnancy, parenting or young carers. Tailored Learning supports young people through a wrap-around support approach to address their personal barriers and help them re-engage with their learning in a location that best suits their needs.

Learning locations may include a dedicated facility at school, an offsite school-managed site, a community site, TAFESA, other registered training organisations or online.

MORE INFORMATION:

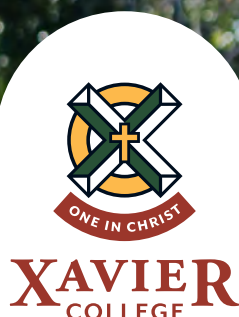
education.sa.gov.au;
www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning

SA SCHOOL DATES FOR 2026

Dates apply to South Australian public schools.

Dates for Catholic and independent schools may vary.

Term 1	Tuesday 27 January	Friday 10 April
School Holidays	Saturday 11 April	Sunday 26 April
Term 2	Monday 27 April	Friday 3 July
School Holidays	Saturday 4 July	Sunday 19 July
Term 3	Monday 20 July	Friday 25 September
School Holidays	Saturday 26 September	Sunday 11 October
Term 4	Monday 12 October	Friday 11 December
School Holidays	Saturday 12 December	Wednesday 27 January 2027



Welcoming all Defence Families

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SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

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

DEFENCE MEMBER AND FAMILY SUPPORT

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

ADF EQUIP

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

EDUCATION LIAISON OFFICERS

Education liaison officers are experienced staff who help Defence families as they move around the country, providing information, advice, referral and specialised assistance. They are located in each

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

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

DEFENCE SCHOOL MENTORS

DMFS's school mentor program provides support to the children of ADF members, particularly when moving in and out of a school on posting or when

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

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

To see a list of schools that are currently part of the Defence School Mentor Program, visit defence.gov.au/adf-members-families/family-programs-services/support-for-children/defence-school-mentor-program

CHILDCARE

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

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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

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

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

CONTACT DMFS

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

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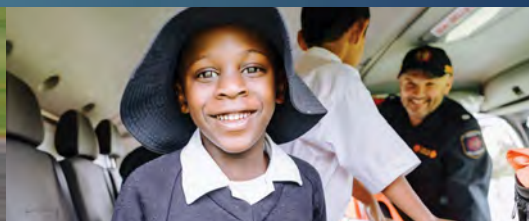


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GETTING AROUND

From the Adelaide Railway Station, you can walk to most of the city's attractions and there is a free city loop bus (city connector) and free tram travel within the CBD (adelaidemetro.com.au). Explore the city with a variety of self-guided tours (www.experienceadelaide.com.au/visit/things-to-do/city-trails/).

NORTH TERRACE

Stroll along tree-lined North Terrace to see many of the city's heritage buildings and cultural venues, including the Art Gallery of South Australia (artgallery.sa.gov.au), State Library (slsa.sa.gov.au), South Australian Museum (samuseum.sa.gov.au), Migration Museum (82 Kintore Avenue, migration.history.sa.gov.au) and the Centre of Democracy (www.centreofdemocracy.sa.gov.au).

BOTANIC GARDENS

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

ADELAIDE ZOO

Home to more than 2,400 animals and 200 species of exotic and native mammals, birds, reptiles and fish, including giant pandas Yi Lan and Xing Qiu, the zoo covers eight hectares,



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bordered by the Botanic Park and River Torrens. Kids enjoy riding the iconic Popeye along the river to or from the zoo (thepopeye.com.au). The zoo offers a range of up-close animal experiences including giraffe feeding, orangutan encounter and zoo keeper for a day. Frome Road, Adelaide. Open 9.30am-5pm daily. adelaidezoo.com.au

RUNDLE MALL

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

ADELAIDE CENTRAL MARKET

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

ADELAIDE RIVERBANK

Covering 380ha around the River Torrens, the Adelaide Riverbank hosts world-class arts, cultural and sporting events and has a variety of walking, running and cycling trails. On the city side of the river, you'll find the Botanic Gardens and Botanic Park, the zoo, University of Adelaide, Torrens Parade Ground, Adelaide Festival Centre (adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au), SkyCity hotel and casino, Adelaide Convention Centre and Adelaide Railway Station. To the north sits the North Adelaide Golf Course (northadelaidegolf.com.au), Adelaide Oval (adelaideoval.com.au), which hosts sporting events and concerts and offers experiences from the RoofClimb to fine dining at the Oval Hotel, and The Drive tennis centre (thedriveadelaide.com.au), home to the Adelaide International tennis tournament every summer (adelaideinternational.com.au).

EATING OUT

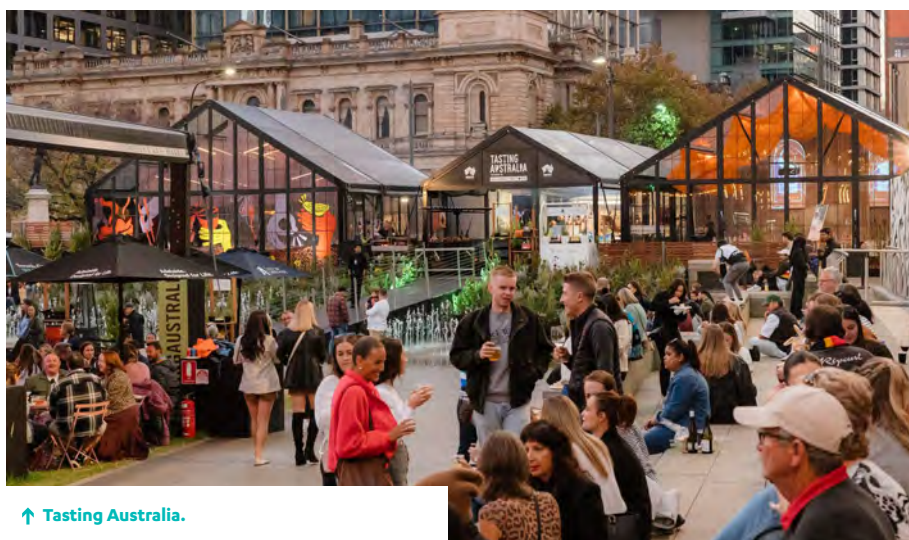
Adelaide is known for its award-winning restaurants and chefs. Some of the best places to grab a bite can be found on Gouger Street, Rundle Street and King William Road. Leigh Street, Peel Street and Ebenezer Place are small bar hotspots, with some of the coolest places tucked away in basements, behind secret doors and down unmarked alleyways. Every autumn the city hosts Tasting Australia (8-17 May 2026, tastingaustralia.com.au) one of the country's longest running eating and drinking festivals.



Jolleys Boathouse. PHOTO: joeyjones / SATC



Adelaide Zoo. PHOTO: Melissa Tonkin / SATC



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MORE INFORMATION:

Adelaide Visitor Information Centre, 25 Pirie Street, Adelaide.
experienceadelaide.com.au/visit/visitor-information-centre

BEACHES

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

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

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

West Beach offers the added attraction of Australia's largest aerial challenge course (West

Beach Adventure), while neighbouring **Henley Beach** has a wide sandy beach with cafes and restaurants around a grassed square.

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

The jetties at **Brighton**, Glenelg, Henley Beach and Semaphore are popular spots to fish for tommy ruff, salmon trout, mulloway, bream and squid. The **Outer Harbour Breakwater** is a good spot for snapper, tommy ruff, bream and garfish, and **St Kilda**, at the northern end of the Port River, is a good fishing spot for bream, yellowfin whiting, mullet, salmon trout and blue swimmer crabs. The SA Fishing app has information on fishing in South Australia, pir.sa.gov.au/fishing/recfishingapp

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



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↑ Second Valley, Fleurieu Peninsula.

NATURE & WILDLIFE

ADELAIDE DOLPHIN SANCTUARY

Home to more than 30 bottlenose dolphins, with another 400 dolphins visiting regularly, the sanctuary stretches from the Port River to Port Gawler and features a 10,000-year-old mangrove forest. Other wildlife includes stingrays, long-nosed fur seals and endangered Australian sea lions. environment.sa.gov.au/parks

ADELAIDE INTERNATIONAL BIRD SANCTUARY

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

CLELAND WILDLIFE PARK

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

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About an hour southeast of Adelaide, one of the largest open-range zoos in the world spans more than 1,500 hectares and is home to more than 500 animals and 50 species of mammals, birds and reptiles. Explore on walking trails or the Z-loop bus or spend a night at the Monarto Safari Resort. Open 9.30am-5pm daily. monartosafari.com.au

ST KILDA MANGROVE TRAIL

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

HEYSEN TRAIL

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

RAIL TRAILS

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

THE MURRAY RIVER

A bit over an hour's drive east from Edinburgh, the Murray is SA's largest waterway and offers plenty of water activities. Take a cruise or hire a houseboat to explore at leisure. Paddle

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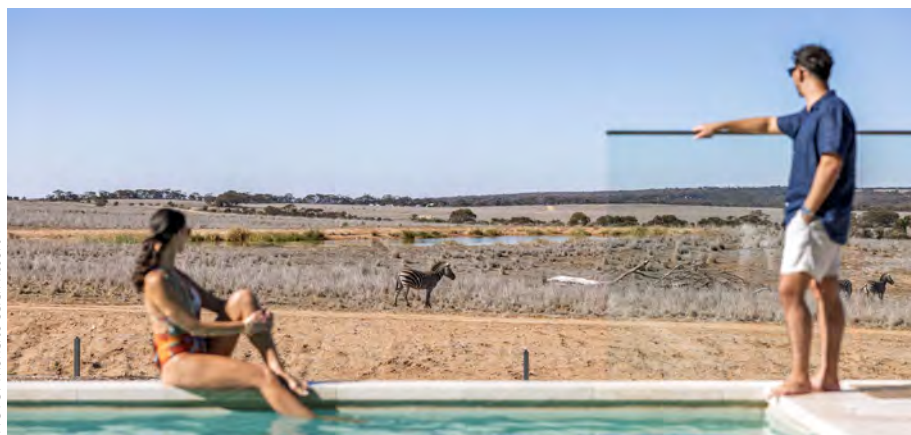


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through backwaters, creeks and lagoons on one of the many dedicated kayak and canoe trails or, if walking or cycling is more your style, try a section of the 450km Murray Coorong Trail. themurrayriver.com

LOCAL TRAILS

Little Para River Trail (16.5km), runs from the escarpments to the east of Northern Adelaide to Barker Inlet in the west. Remnants of natural landscapes along the river include eucalyptus woodland and golden wattle. A mix of sealed and unsealed trails link to the Dry Creek Trails.

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

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

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



↓ Behind the Scenes Experience Clydesdales, Victor Harbor.

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

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

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

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



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The Coorong. PHOTO: Tourism Australia

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AVIATION MUSEUM



The South Australian Aviation museum covers the history of flight from the rudimentary beginnings to the latest fast jets.

The hangars are jam packed with aircraft ranging from the 1910 Cessna 1, right through to the F/A-18A Hornet and General Dynamics F111C.

Around the perimeter are detailed displays of SA's vast and interesting aviation heritage.

There are two large hangars joined by the restoration area.

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WINE REGIONS

NATIONAL WINE CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA

With wine tastings, food and wine experiences, guided tours and an impressive collection of wine, the centre provides a unique opportunity to sample and learn about the diverse flavours and varieties that define Australia's wine regions. Corner Botanic and Hackney Roads, Adelaide. nationalwinecentre.com.au

BAROSSA VALLEY

With more than 150 wineries, the Barossa is home to the biggest names in Australian wine, including Penfolds (Grange) and Henschke (Hill of Grace), along with well-known labels such as Wolf Blass and

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

barossa.com

CLARE VALLEY

Famous for its Riesling, Clare Valley also produces fine shiraz and cabernets, along with other varieties. It has some of SA's oldest wineries; Sevenhill Cellars was established in 1851. The valley stretches along a 40km corridor between Auburn and Clare and is home to more than 30 cellar doors, plus great pubs and cafes.

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

ADELAIDE HILLS

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

Mount Lofty Visitor Information, Mount Lofty Summit Road, Crafers. visitadelaidehills.com.au; adelaidehillswine.com.au

MCLAREN VALE

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

McLaren Vale & Fleurieu Coast Visitor Information Centre, 796 Main Road, McLaren Vale. mclarenvaleandfleurieucoast.com.au

LANGHORNE CREEK

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

langhornecreek.com

ENTERTAINMENT

THE SHEDLEY THEATRE

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

NORTHERN SOUND SYSTEM

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

TREE TEA PLAYERS THEATRE

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

ADELAIDE FESTIVAL

The annual festival presents a mix of internationally acclaimed theatre, music, dance, writers and visual arts. The 2026 festival will run from 27 February to 15 March. adelaidefestival.com.au

ADELAIDE FRINGE

The month-long Adelaide Fringe is the biggest arts festival in the Southern Hemisphere, bringing together more than 8,000 independent artists in hundreds of venues across South Australia. The 2026 Fringe will run from 20 February to 22 March. adelaidefringe.com.au

WOMDELAIDE

WOMAdelaide – World of Music Arts & Dance is an open-air festival in the heart of Adelaide's Botanic Park, with live music, arts, dance and food from around the world. WOMAdelaide 2026 will run from 6-9 March. womadelaide.com.au

ILLUMINATE ADELAIDE

A celebration of art, light, music and technology brings late nights and bright lights to the city throughout July. illuminateadelaide.com

ADELAIDE PLANETARIUM

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



↑ Adelaide Fringe Rundle Street.

the night sky is projected onto a domed ceiling and an astronomer takes you on a tour of the constellations. University of South Australia, Mawson Lakes Campus unisa.edu.au

ADELAIDE TRAMWAY MUSEUM

The place to learn the history of Adelaide's trams. St Kilda Road, St Kilda. trammuseumadelaide.com

WELCOME TO WOOMERA

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

PHOTO: CPL Jacob Joseph



↑ An Army NASAMS High-Mobility Launcher fires a Sidewinder missile during a live-fire certification activity at Woomera Test Range.

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

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

Senior Australian Defence Force Officer,
RAAF Woomera

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

Operated by Air Force Test Ranges Squadron, the WTR is a highly specialised Defence 'test' range capability. Due to its specialist role, the WTR operates under separate Defence Force



Regulations, including special Federal legislation specifically guiding the use of Woomera for 'the testing of war materiel'.

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

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

HISTORY OF THE WOOMERA RANGE COMPLEX

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

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

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

The Woomera Rocket Range was renamed Woomera Instrumented Range on 1 March 1991

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

AIR FORCE TEST RANGES SQUADRON

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

HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION

Unlike other Defence bases, the housing at Woomera is not managed by Defence Housing Authority (DHA), rather all housing

is managed by the Security and Estate Group (SEG). Although not to DHA standard, Defence houses are comfortable standard brick-veneer residences comprising:

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

All Defence personnel posted to Woomera will be accommodated in Defence homes.

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

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

Rent, electricity and water

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

Telephone land lines, internet and mobile phones

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

Foxtel

Foxtel can be provided over ADSL 2+ through Telstra and may potentially be available via satellite. It is recommended you communicate directly with your preferred cable provider to determine availability. Foxtel dishes and connections are installed on the majority of Defence homes.



↑ RAAF Jindivik remote piloted aircraft at Woomera in 1956.



↑ Looking north across Woomera township.

→ The Woomera Cinema foyer and café area.

THE TOWNSHIP OF WOOMERA

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

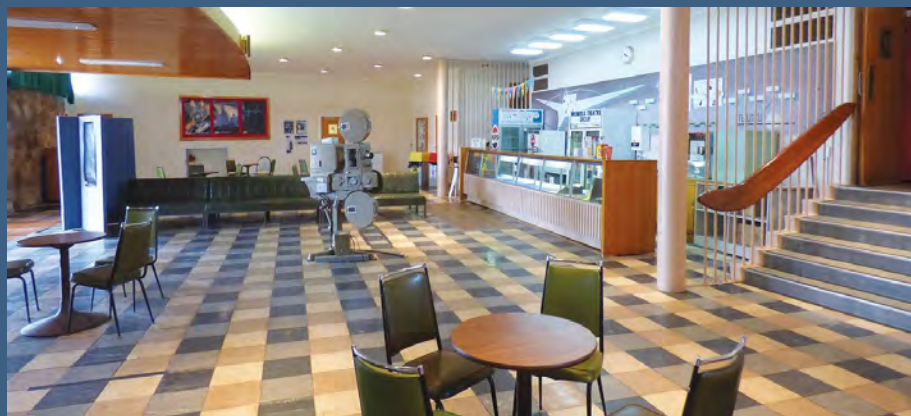
Commercial venues

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

- **The Eldo Hotel** offers counter-meal-style dinners
- **The Heritage Centre** provides café-style breakfasts (from 6am) and lunches, a museum and bowling alley
- **The Village Store** provides basic grocery lines and alcohol
- **Swimming pool**, 25m
- **Australia Post** offers general post office services, stationery items and mail delivery.

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

Pimba (6km south) is a small township known



as 'Spuds Roadhouse' which is the nearest fuel 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 and Country Fire Services run by volunteers. Individuals who volunteer to support these services can elect how much they become involved in community services and events. A chaplain from RAAF Base Edinburgh visits Woomera on a regular basis and a Skype service is available to communicate with a chaplain where immediate support is sought. During 2019, the Woomera Chapel was reopened. Services are held at the chapel by visiting chaplains from Roxby Downs.

Health

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

Emergency services

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

Sporting facilities

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

Woomera Area School

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

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

The small Woomera community provides the



↑ Woomera swimming pool.

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

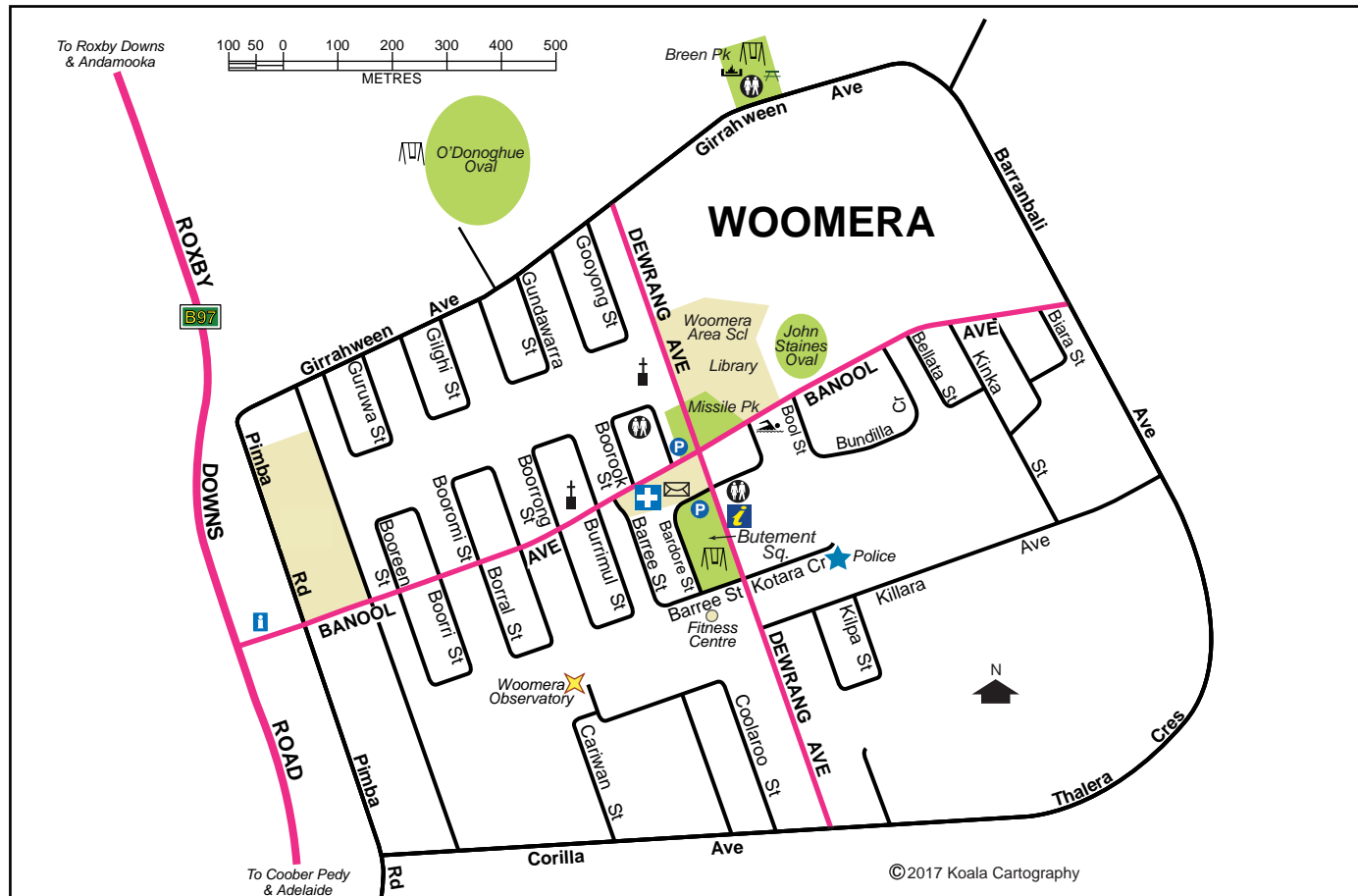
Living in Woomera is a unique opportunity for families to experience life in the outback while still having access to quality education. The connection between the school and our students' families is strong and continues to develop providing opportunities for parents to be involved in school activities.

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

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

Transport

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





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CONTACT 08 8368 3311, admin@endeavour.sa.edu.au, endeavour.sa.edu.au



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CONTACT 08 8287 1111, admin@hopecc.sa.edu.au, hopecc.sa.edu.au



ONE GIANT LEAP

One Giant Leap Australia has been established to advance education by providing opportunities for students and educators to develop and build their knowledge and understanding of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The continuation of studies in primary, secondary and tertiary education is encouraged by various activities, including providing education programs about space science, technology and exploration.

CONTACT 0412 326509, www.onegiantleapaustralia.com



ST COLUMBA COLLEGE

St Columba College is an independent Anglican and Catholic F-12 school, just 7km from RAAF Base Edinburgh. We provide a dynamic, inclusive learning environment where every student is valued. Our dedicated staff design programs that are relevant and challenging, while prioritising wellbeing. We aim to ensure students are joyful, resilient and respectful, making a positive contribution to our community.

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



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CONTACT 08 8209 3700, info@stpatstech.sa.edu.au
2-6 Hooke Road, Edinburgh North, stpatstech.sa.edu.au



TRINITY COLLEGE

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CONTACT 08 8522 0666; trinity.sa.edu.au



XAVIER COLLEGE

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CONTACT 08 8521 4500 Gawler Belt, 08 8520 4100 Two Wells, 08 8526 9600 Evanston, xavier.catholic.edu.au



SOUTH AUSTRALIA AVIATION MUSEUM

The South Australia Aviation Museum is a not-for-profit volunteer organisation dedicated to the preservation of South Australian aviation. Most of the 27 aircraft on display and hundreds of the other display items have a genuine South Australian connection and there is a large collection of RAAF aircraft that have a connection with RAAF Edinburgh. Open 10am-4pm daily except Christmas Day.

CONTACT 16 Bedford Street, Port Adelaide, 08 82401230, saam.org.au



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION SA DIVISION

The Air Force Association supports the welfare of the Air Force family with advocacy, assistance, camaraderie and commemoration. We assist with dissemination of information relating to compensation entitlements, and organise events for the Air Force family to remain connected and to commemorate those who have served and their legacy.

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CONTACT Damien Stewart, Damien.stewart@nab.com.au, 0452 097 962, nab.com.au/defence.



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VETERANS SA

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CONTACT (08) 8226 8552, veteranssa@sa.gov.au





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